

Announcements for January 17, 2021

Newcomers Welcome!

If you are new to St. Margaret's, we offer a special welcome. Our parish is very dynamic where service is a priority, where you can question your own faith journey, and where everyone is welcome to receive communion. If you would like to know more about our church, please contact us by emailing our Rector Peter W. Mayer at peter@st-margarets.org.

Office/Service Changes

Due to the rising rates of Covid-19 related cases, St. Margaret's will not conduct in-person worship services for the foreseeable future. Should you wish to communicate with a staff member, please email them. If you need to get into the office, please make an appointment with staff. As a reminder, masks are required when on campus.

Sunday Coffeehour Fellowship

Please join us today following our 9:00 a.m. pre-recorded service for a virtual Coffee Hour. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will meet on Zoom for some fellowship time! A link to click on to participate will be sent out through Realm, in the same email you get the link for the service bulletin and announcements for the week. If you have troubles, send us a note on Facebook Messenger and we'll try to sort it out. The format will be a gathering welcome, then you'll be automatically ushered into randomly assigned smaller rooms, where you'll have a chance to visit with people for 3-5 minutes. We'll do that two or three times before time will be up. It will be fun, and a chance to visit with old friends as well as meet some new ones!

Annual Meeting 2021

We will be holding our **Annual Meeting for St. Margaret's Church on Sunday, January 24, 2021**. It will include a presentation on the challenges and successes of 2020 and the planning for 2021. The meeting will be hosted on Zoom and available to all online, with video reports from various group leaders. Look for more information in Dragon Tales and upcoming church announcements. We have a slate of new Vestry members for this coming year. They are: David Allen, Alden Gross, Kathy Lang, Chris Prender, and Susan Roberts. Bios can be found starting on page 3.

Stewardship: Connection. Compassion. Community.

There are still a few previous pledgers who remain silent in this current campaign. If you are in that group, we kindly ask that you reach out to one of our stewardship team members to let them know if you are bypassing a pledge this year, still need more time or if you have a number in mind for 2021. The current numbers are truly amazing, and we are grateful for the 187 pledges we have received for a total of \$895,845.



Adult Formation This Winter

Love is the Way by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

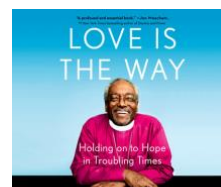
Monday Evening Book Study - 7:00 p.m. - on Zoom

Led by Beth Arruda and Mary Holstine

Contact: The Rev. Patti Sachs to participate - patti@st-margarets.org

Book available at online bookstores.

This winter, we are discussing this new book by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.



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Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17

In light of the pandemic situation, our Ash Wednesday offerings will be a little different. We will offer drive through **Ashes to Go** on campus (safely) from **9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.** An Ash Wednesday service will be posted online that evening at **7:00 p.m.** on our Facebook public page, YouTube Channel, and website.

Women's Guild Next Meeting Feb. 3

Our Women's Guild will have their next monthly meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 1:00 p.m.** Guest speaker will be Beau Breeden from the Broadneck Council of Communities. All are welcome! To join, contact Guild President Janis Brewer at brewerjanis@gmail.com.

Join us for online Sunday School!

Sunday School is available for children in grades preschool-age to 18 through online and on-site meetings. Classes include Godly Play for both Pre-School and K-1. Our Sparks class is for grades 2-3, and we have a Sunday School class for grades 4-5. We also have an active Middle School Class. Our High School class is led by Youth Ministries Leader Jeff Conover. To register for the High School class, email Jeff@st-margarets.org. To register for the other classes, email Gwen@llamaworks.com.

Day School Registration for 21-22 Year

Summer camp registration is now open. The school is offering New Family Tours on January 19th and 20th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. New family registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins on January 29. The school cannot accept any registrations before that date. Current students now have the opportunity to register. Kindergarten registration is open for the 2021-22 school year. The class is currently on a wait list for all new students. Please put in an application but do not pay a fee at this time to be added to the wait list.

Registration Link: [https://www.stmargaretsdayschool.org/store/p65/Registration Form and Fee .html](https://www.stmargaretsdayschool.org/store/p65/Registration+Form+and+Fee+.html).

Pop Up Pantry Needs

The West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry is a drive-through food aid effort that occurs each Saturday at Annapolis Evangelical Presbyterian Church, providing vehicles with four to five bags of groceries. This generally includes fresh fruits and vegetables, chicken, rice, beans, masa, dairy, pantry staples, and even diapers for those in need. Their mission was, and remains, to support members of the Hispanic community who lost their income due to COVID-19 and do not have access to federal aid such as unemployment, stimulus checks, or loans. The pantry can also deliver healthy and nutritious groceries directly to otherwise unsupported Hispanic families who are sick, elderly, pregnant, or without another means to feed themselves or their children. To date, they fed more than 20,000 people and delivered thousands of meals. Volunteers and donations are needed. Go to:

<https://www.marshallhope.org/>.

Social Justice and Reconciliation

Bishop Sutton has asked all Maryland churches to participate in the Diocese's Trust and Reconciliation work. SMC is forming a committee of interested congregants ready to begin this important work. To learn more, visit our diocesan website at <https://episcopalmaryland.org/social-justice-and-reconciliation/>

If you are ready to begin this journey, please contact parishioner Beth Kopack @ 410-279-5136 or esolchamp@icloud.com.

Prayers of the People

Pray for: the Jackson family, the Edson family, Erin, Jane, Charlie and Nancy, Suzie, Joe, Jan, Barb, Walker, Amanda, Gerry, Jim, Vanessa, Gibby, Magee, Gerrett, Michael, Aimee, Donna Salmi, Bianca, Rosalie, Jerry, Nancy Titus.

For those who have died: Karen, Robert, Marge Reeves.

To request someone be put on the prayer list, you can fill out the [prayer request form on our website](#) or email/call the Rev. Patti Sachs (patti@st-margarets.org).

As a reminder, if you have a pastoral **emergency** and need to reach clergy, call 443-837-5463.

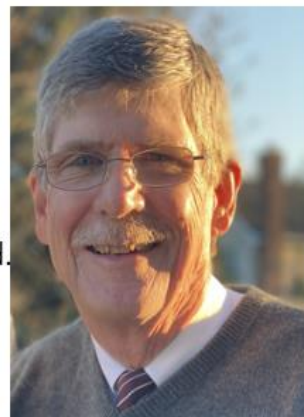


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2021

DAVID ALLEN –

I moved to this area shortly before Janet and I married in 1982. We have two wonderful children with whom we are very close. I retired in May of 2020 after practicing law for 44 years. My three favorite past-times now that I am retired are walking with Janet, running and reading. I was baptized as an Episcopalian while in high school, but it wasn't until after Janet and I married that I became truly engaged. We joined St. Margaret's more than 14 years ago, and have served as Eucharistic ministers for several years. I have served on vestry twice at another parish, and would be grateful for the opportunity to serve St. Margaret's as a vestry member, in thanks for all that St. Margaret's has given to us.



ALDEN GROSS –

My wife Ruth and I live in Severna Park where we are micro-managed by 19 month old Benjamin and 2 month old Charlotte. We have been attending St. Margaret's since 2016 when we moved to the area. Outside of personal life, I am associate professor of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins, where my teaching and research focus on cognitive and mental health in older adults.

KATHY LANG –

I have been a member of St Margaret's since 2002 and have been involved with multiple ministries since then. Currently I lead the coffee hour teams, am a member of the Flower Guild, the History and Archives Committee and the Women's Guild. In the past I have been a member of the choir, served on the rector search committee in 2010, and was a member of the Joust committee. In my professional life I had two careers. I am a retired Air Force officer who served as a communications-electronics officer all over the world with my last assignment at Ft. Meade. Afterward, I obtained a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and worked as a librarian at the Naval Academy. Most recently I am a volunteer at the Jennifer Rd Detention Center teaching GED classes to inmates. St. Margaret's has been a center to my life both spiritually and socially. For me, worship is the most important part of St Margaret's, and I look forward to the opportunity to provide leadership in this area or any other area that is needed by the parish.



CHRIS PRENDER –

I was born in Gaithersburg, MD, and lived there throughout high school. While living there, I attended The Church of the Ascension, where I was an acolyte. In 2000, I opened FreeState Martial Arts in Millersville with my father. I worked there for six years, before changing careers and working at Sheehy Infiniti of Annapolis. After working there for 15 years, I became the General Manager of Sheehy Infiniti of Annapolis in 2019. I live in Arnold with my wife, Amanda, and my two boys Emerson, 3, and Bennett, 1. In my spare time, I enjoy boating, fishing, cooking, taking on home improvement and construction projects, watching The Washington Football Team and having cookouts with family and friends. I started attending St. Margaret's in 2016, and now bring my boys with me to the 7:30 a.m. service where they have made so many close friends.

**SUSAN ROBERTS —**

My husband, Jim Barnett, and I joined St. Margaret's Church in November 2010 after moving here from Northern Virginia in 2009. We were members of St. John's Lafayette Square and knew Peter when he was serving as a Seminarian. When we heard Peter was the new Rector of St. Margaret's, we headed right over.

My early career was in education where I developed a passion for teaching. I worked in the Pentagon in various capacities before retiring in 2010. Once we knew St. Margaret's was our church home, I volunteered at the Day School. In 2013, I was elected as Chair of the Day School Board. I served for six years, overseeing the construction of the school portion of the new Formation Building, expanding the financial aid/scholarship program, and establishing a merit-based policy for staff salaries. I currently serve on the Altar Guild and coffee hour teams, as a lector, and as a weekly office volunteer (when the office is open). I am a member of the Book Study Group and attend Senior Sessions. We participate in community outreach through the holiday baskets, Light House donations, and other volunteer opportunities.

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