

The Spire

Lent
2019

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Social/Sunday Study in Lent

With the Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector

What does the cross mean to you? What did it mean to God? Was it more about "fixing human problems or a culmination of God's disarming purpose to be with us no matter what." Join me as we delve into "Hanging by a Thread" by Samuel Wells this Lent. Weekly videos will be posted on our social media and we will be discussing the book and its topics Sundays in the Fellowship Hall starting March 10th.



Lenten Study
led by
the Rev. Peter

**Hanging by
a Thread**

The Questions of the Cross

SAMUEL WELLS

Sundays in Lent
10:20-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

This brilliant series of theological reflections from internationally known scholar and Anglican cleric Samuel Wells reflects on the challenges of our understanding of Christ's crucifixion that arise today using contemporary ideas in history, biblical studies, and philosophy. After reflecting upon six biblical stories, Wells discovers that the cross has an enduring power to shape how we live, how we relate to one another, and how we allow ourselves to be enfolded in God's story.

—Church Publishing, Inc.

Compline by Candlelight in Lent

**Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Starting
March 13**

For centuries, consecrated men and women have ordered their daily living by gathering at designated times of day for prayer, reading of scripture and the ordered recitation or singing of psalms and hymns.

Compline, the last ordered prayer of the day, takes its name from the Latin word *completorium*, meaning completion, as it marks the completion of the working day.

Compline is a contemplative office and places its emphasis on spiritual peace.

We invite you to enter into God's peace through the office of compline this Lent. Listen to the words, to the music prayerfully. Slow your breathing. Invite God in. Use this time to let go of the busy day and re-center yourself in God's peace.



Lenten/Easter Programs

March 5

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper

March 6

Ash Wednesday Services
7:30 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m.
Soup Luncheon after noon service

Sundays in Lent

Starting March 10
10:20-11:00 a.m.
Rector's Book Study

Mondays in Lent

Starting March 11
6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
The Bible & Handel's Messiah

Wednesdays in Lent

Starting March 13
7:00 p.m.
Lenten Evensong

April 14

Palm Sunday
No Sunday School
Meet in Parish Hall
@ 9:00, 11:15 a.m.

April 15-17

Holy Week Mon-Wed
Daily videos w/clergy
available online

April 18

Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m.
Music by Third Sunday Band

April 19

Good Friday Services
Noon & 7:00 p.m.

April 19

Way of the Cross @ Manresa
Noon

April 20

The Great Vigil of Easter
8:00 p.m.

April 21

Easter Sunday
Services @ 7:30, 9, 11:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:20 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5

Our Brotherhood of St. Andrew chapter will offer the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. (Pancakes were traditionally eaten on the day before Ash Wednesday because they were a way to use up eggs, milk, and sugar before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.) Dinner will include pancakes, sausage, and applesauce. Tickets are on sale on Sundays (for reduced price) and the day of.



Soup Luncheon on Ash Wednesday,

Our Women's Guild invite all to their annual Lenten soup and salad luncheon on Ash Wednesday, March 6, after the noon service in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday Adult Formation

The Bible and Handel's Messiah

6:45 p.m. on Mondays

Starts Feb. 25th

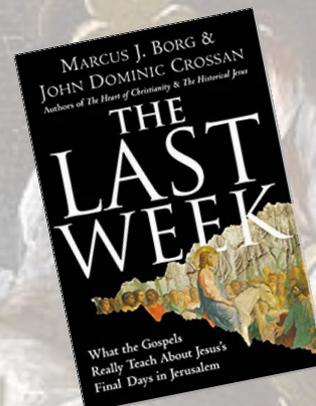
Without question, one of the most famous pieces of music ever written or performed is Handel's *Messiah*. Our Monday adult formation class for Lent will cover the pieces in the work that cover this season. A study for both the music lover and the biblical seeker, it explores the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah*. This study offers careful examination of the texts and opens doors to Lenten worship in a brand new way.

Independent booksellers would appreciate your purchase if you wish to order any of these books for our studies. Find them at biblio.com or conveniently order from Amazon.com.

**Resting in God: The Art of Being
A Centering Prayer Retreat**

led by the Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, bishop of Maryland,
Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St. Martin's in-the-Field, Severna Park

Reflect on the nature of prayer as relationship with God, and explore the levels of relationship that you can grow into. Learn and practice centering prayer as a way of contemplation - being guided by the Spirit beyond thoughts, words and emotions. And rest in the interior silence which is the root of all prayer. Learn more and register online at episcopalmaryland.org.

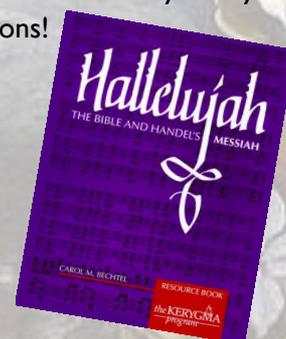


Thursday AM Study

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Childcare provided in nursery

Our Thursday morning bible study is offering the book "The Last Week" by Borg & Crossan during Lent. All are welcome to join this group made up of a variety of ages and backgrounds for always lively discussions!



Day School Silent Auction on March 2

Our Day School's annual and largest fundraiser of the year will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the Annapolis Maritime Museum starting at 6 p.m. Music will be provided by our own Third Sunday Band. To purchase tickets or offer donations, go to www.stmargaretsdayschool.org.

Because of code regulations, the church campus playground must be replaced and upgraded. Costs of this kind are great, and the school is trying to raise the required \$70,000. Our Day School is truly one of the best in the state, nationally recognized by the National Assn. of the Education of Young Children. But more importantly, it is a mission of St. Margaret's - meeting the needs of the community and fostering the love of God for local families. Through the school, we have welcomed numerous families into our congregation. If you wish to contribute to the cause, please contact School Director Tricia McVeigh at tricia@st-margarets.org.



Silent Movie Concert with Michael Britt on March 10

Noted organist Michael Britt returns to St. Margaret's accompanying Buster Keaton's silent movie classic "Sherlock Jr." on Sunday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The event is free and open to the public.

In 1991, *Sherlock Jr.* was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." In 2000, the American Film Institute ranked the film #62 in its list of the funniest films of all time!

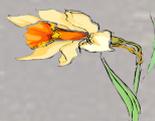


Honor/Remember a Loved One This Easter

Help us capture the joy of Easter by decorating the campus. Purchase Easter flowers and your donation will be acknowledged in all Easter bulletins. Use this form or those in Sunday bulletins with a check payment to "St. Margaret's Church" with "Easter flowers" in the memo line. Order forms will also be in Sunday bulletins and on the church website (for credit card payment) at www.st-margarets.org.



Cost: \$40 Due Date: April 14



Your Name: _____

_____ **In honor of** _____ **In memory of**

Loved One(s) Name(s): _____

Other Programs

March 2

Day School Auction
Annapolis Maritime Museum
6:00 p.m.

March 2, April 6

Prayer Shawl Ministry Session
Admin. Building
9:00 a.m.

March 6

Women's Guild Soup Luncheon
after the noon service
Fellowship Hall
All welcome!

March 9

Bishop Prayer Retreat
St. Martin's in the Field
9:00 a.m.

Bishop Unplugged Youth Event
St. Martin's in the Field
2:00 p.m.

March 10

Silent Movie Concert
with Organist Michael Britt
4:00 p.m.

March 10

Friends of the Light House
Chili-Fest
Doubletree Annapolis
1:00 p.m.

March 12, April 9

Senior Sessions
10:00 a.m.

March 15-17

Diocesan Women's Retreat
Claggett Center
Register at claggettcenter.org

March 17

Celtic Services
w/Third Sunday Band
9:00, 11:15 a.m.

March 25-April 1

Winter Relief @ St. Margaret's

April 3

Guild/Day School Activity
Noon, Fellowship Hall

Winter Relief @ St. Margaret's...

Creating a warm, safe place for our homeless brothers & sisters in Christ

**March 25-April 1 — Volunteers needed for *Meals *Laundry
*Transportation *On-site support *Supply donations**

**Go to www.st-margarets.org & look for volunteer sign-up
or sign up at the winter relief table during coffeehour
Volunteer Training on March 10 & 17, 10:20 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

Confronting Homelessness Before Winter Relief By Harry Caldwell, Winter Relief Co-Chair

In 2018, the 70 faith communities that support the county's winter relief effort initiated Security Deposit Assistance Program. The program helps qualified residents obtain rental housing by providing full or partial security deposits directly to the landlord. Recipients who maintain the property in an acceptable condition receive the security deposit refund when their lease expires, thus incentivizing good care of the property. The program includes no administrative costs.

The creation of the program followed several adult education presentations at St. Margaret's Church, focusing on homelessness and affordable housing needs in our area. In recent years, we have seen a large increase in the number of newly homeless among us, many gainfully employed, who simply cannot find affordable rental housing in our area. Many, even those who find an affordable situation, lack the cash needed to pay the security deposit, generally the equal of one or two month's rent. Housing vouchers can be used to help pay rent, but cannot be used for security deposits. This lack of ready cash becomes the final hurdle for those in need to gain stable, secure housing. The Security Deposit Assistance Program has been instrumental in helping overcome that final hurdle.

All grant recipients are referred by case workers from one of several housing organizations in Anne Arundel County. All decisions are made by a Governing Board, made up of representatives of five churches involved in Winter Relief. St. Margaret's chairs the Governing Board. The Arundel House of Hope administers the program and provides regular financial reports to the Governing Board.

Since its inception, contributions have been made by 10 churches involved in Winter Relief and several generous individuals. To date, this program has been incredibly successful. Since April, 2018, we have helped place 13 households representing 24 people, including children, into rental housing. Some of the recipients were previously homeless, some have come from dysfunctional households, including situations involving domestic abuse, and some are simply seeking to relocate to be closer to jobs and educational opportunities. In all cases, the recipients are achieving stability in housing to stabilize and improve their lives and the lives of their families. To date, all recipients remain successful in their housing situation. The Governing Board continues to work with case workers to assess any special needs of the recipients; i.e. any additional services or mentoring, to ensure their continued success.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to the St. Margaret's Missions Commission, some wonderfully supportive parishioners, and the entire church for its continued support of this and other initiatives to help provide shelter to our underserved neighbors. This program is showing the way for faith communities to leverage their resources in support of government agencies and non-profits seeking to help those who are at risk in our community. It is carried out directly in accordance with the words of Jesus to his Disciples in Matthew 25..."When you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto me".

A formal request for continued financial support has been made to all churches involved in Winter Relief. If you wish to provide financial support independently, donations are gratefully accepted at: Arundel House of Hope, att: Security Deposit Assistance Program, 514 Crain Hwy N #K, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. If you have any questions or suggestions for the enhancement of this program, please contact Harry Caldwell at hbcaldwell@comcast.net, or simply speak to me at church. Thank you.

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