

Announcements for November 21, 2021

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Deadlines

Dragon Tales E-News
Monday afternoon

Sunday Announcements
Wednesday afternoon

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday-Friday - By appointment only

Worship Services

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

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, get in touch with us using our contact form on our Newcomers page of our website at www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html. And be sure and take a yellow bag from an usher. It will provide you with a lot of information about the St. Margaret's community.

Safety Protocols for Worship at this time

*Mask wearing is required while indoors.

*Hand sanitizer is available.

*We will continue to share an elbow bump and smiles during the passing of the peace.

As our Stewardship "Grateful" campaign for 2022 comes to a close we thank you for your generous pledges! We are closing in on our funding goals. Currently we have met 75% of the dollars needed by receiving pledges from 60% of our membership. **If you have not yet pledged for 2022, please do so today.**



2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Simply [access your account on Realm, select the Giving tab](#), and select the 2022 Pledge page; or

[pledge on our website](#);

or contact Elizabeth Radley in the church office,

elizabeth@st-margarets.org, to make your 2022 pledge.

MATCHING FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE! What gift giver doesn't like the Matching Funds option? We are grateful that funds remain to match your pledge if you increase from last year, are a returning pledger who needed to take a year or more off, or if you are a first time pledger.

Please Welcome Karin Ekholm

Our middle school formation leader Karin Ekholm is attending Virginia Theological Seminary and has been approved by the Diocese of Maryland to enter the Masters of Divinity track. It's very possible that next year at this time, St. Margaret's will be sponsoring our first postulant in over eight years. As Karin assists on the altar at the 9:00 am services, please welcome her, and pray for her time of discernment.

Coffee Hour Chats Begin TODAY

Our Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Task Force is offering several Coffee Hour Chats **between the 9:00 and 11:15 services** starting this morning. The first discussion is centered on why St Margaret's past matters today. Grab a coffee and go to the Formation Hall to hear information from the Task Force's report.

Advent Wreath Kits Now Available

St. Margaret's Church is offering an Advent wreath kit for St. Margaret's parishioners **in the narthex of the church sanctuary** while supplies last. The Advent wreath is the traditional centerpiece of the Advent season. If you wish to provide a donation for it, send a payment of \$20 with "Advent Wreath" in the memo line on Realm or with a check sent to the church office. Note -- We will not be holding a wreath making activity in the Parish Hall this year. We will post a video with instructions on using the wreath soon. Check out our video lesson on how to use the kit on our Facebook public page and YouTube channel.

Applications Now Available for 2021 Grants Program

Applications for our endowment grants program are now available on our website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/endowment-grants-program.html>. To date, our annual program has provided well over \$2 million in funding to nonprofits that are local, state-wide, all over the US, and throughout the world. If you know of a nonprofit that could use extra funding, please share the link with them. For questions, go to missions@st-margarets.org.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: November 30, 2021

Advent Studies Begin Next Week

Hope is Alive! - Sundays 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Led by the Rev. Peter W. Mayer

From Darkness to Light - Facebook videos

Led by the Rev. Patti Sachs

Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

www.facebook.com/smcannapolis

Coming Soon

Advent Lessons & Carols - December 12 - 5:00 p.m.

Children and Families

Our **nursery** is once again open on Sundays, with loving care by professionals offered from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages 0-4.

Children's Chapel is offered for children ages 3-7 at 9 a.m. service this morning, with children following behind the wooden cross before the sermon and returning at the Peace. Adult volunteers will offer a story and music activities on campus.

We offer our Sunday School in the formation building classrooms for ages 3-14! Contact Emily@st-margarets.org.

Faith & Fellowship Monday Evenings

Our Monday evening activities have resumed in person for the fall. All must wear masks indoors.

Note: There will be no Faith & Fellowship activities tomorrow except for the adult choir rehearsal at 7 p.m.

SCHEDULE

5:30 - 6:15 - Chorister Program (children's music)

(contact Jim Douglas music@st-margarets.org)

5:45 to 6:15 -Fun with Miss Emily for ages 0-4

6:15 to 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Dinner

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Activities for ages 5-10 with Miss Emily

6:45 to 8:30 p.m. - Youth Group (middle and high schoolers)

7:00 p.m. - Adult Study on *Deconstructing Prayer*

7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

(contact Jim Douglas at music@st-margarets.org)

Youth Programs

Middle and High school students are meeting in-person **wearing masks on Monday evenings from 6:45 to 8 p.m.** Middle and high school students are encouraged to foster their faith with Youth Ministries Leader Jeff Conover on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**. Our contact for all youth activities is Jeff Conover at Jeff@st-margarets.org.

Our youth group will be setting up their annual Warm Tree in the Narthex on **Monday evening, the 29th of November**. As a reminder, this is an annual youth-sponsored drive at Christmas time to solicit donations of warm wear such as hats, scarves, and gloves to young people in our community who need them during the coming months. Ornaments on the tree will have the age and sex of the student. **Alison Matthews of the Broadneck feeder system will be there that night** to discuss the hidden poverty and economic challenges facing our neighbors here on the Broadneck Peninsula.

Parish Prayer List

For your prayers: Suzie Clifton, Charley and Nancy, Amanda, Vanessa, Lynne, Charles Rector, John and Gail Morton, Vera Torrence, Gail and Wayne Mayberry, Roger Gilmore, Casey Pingle, Jim Murphy, Joey.

To make an automated prayer request, go to our website at www.st-margarets.org and click on the prayer request button at the bottom under Quick Links.

For pastoral emergencies only, call 443-837-5463.

A note on Prayer Requests -- We often remove prayer list names that have been on for a longer period of time. If a name has been taken off and you still want them on the list, email info@st-margarets.org.

Afghan Refugee Support Group

St. Margaret's is welcoming a recently arrived Afghan family by collecting for them new and gently used items to help start their lives in Maryland. Recently the father told us a little about them and their journey. They are 9 people: 6 daughters and 1 son, led by 2 courageous parents. Imagine these individuals around your table during the upcoming months, sharing in hospitality, and telling you of their love of learning, and pride in their family.

This is a link to an Amazon wish list for our friends. You may order and pay for items from this list and they will be delivered directly to the family. https://www.amazon.com/registries/holiday/2R0K359YRUR2Y/guest-view?ref=gr_search_page_result.

Here is a three page Sign-up Genius list of additional items. Look here to see suggestions for needed items. Put your name where you see something you can contribute, and bring it to St. Margaret's. **There are drop off zones in the narthex during the week and the Formation Building lobby on Sundays.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DADA82BA2F85>

Guild Luncheon on December 1

The Women's Guild is hosting a Christmas luncheon at Carroll's Creek at 11:30 a.m. on December 1, 2021. **The cost is \$40** per person and can be paid via check mailed or dropped off at the church office (office is open M-W from 9 a.m. -2 p.m.), credit card payments can be done thru Realm (designate it is for the Guild and add "luncheon" on the memo line) or pay at the door.

Judy Hall needs a head count by Nov.26th. Please let her know (judy.hall0404@gmail.com) if you are coming and how you intend to pay. Please feel free to bring a guest if you would like. Should you have any questions or need a ride, please contact either Janis Brewer at 410-991-3647 or Judy Hall at 410-533-1551.

Adult Formation Opportunities

No meetings this week due to Thanksgiving

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. - on campus - Deconstructing Prayer

Monday Study at 7:00 p.m. - via Zoom - Elizabeth Johnson's "Creation and the Cross"

Thursday Morning Book Study at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom - Peter Gomes' "Strength for the Journey"

To participate, email Laura@st-margarets.org for the Zoom link.