

Announcements for November 22, 2020

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.

Thanksgiving Hymn Sing This Afternoon

Director of Music Jim Douglas and parishioner Sarah Westcott will host a special Thanksgiving Hymn Sing physically distanced from the sanctuary **today at 4 p.m.** Those who join via the Zoom link will be muted, thus allowing for those viewing to only hear the organ being played and trivia read aloud. The chat feature will be enabled to allow for virtual fellowship. Feel free to print out the hymn packet and robustly sing from home!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83310221234?pwd=Yjd0b2hyTnBGRzlyQW9aaXVjdElzZz09>

Hymn Packet: https://www.st-margarets.org/uploads/2/8/8/6/28869061/withheartandhandsandvoiceshymnsing_1.pdf

Winter Wear for Woodside/Allen Apartments

Winter will soon be upon us, and St. Margaret's has been asked to donate new hats and gloves for the residents of Woodside Gardens and Allen Apartments in Annapolis. While the communities have a partner supplying winter coats, they are in need of all sizes of new hats and gloves. We will be packaging the hats and gloves, along with cloth face masks, hand sanitizer, and laundry detergent (items requested by the community liaison) to be distributed in early December. Please drop off new items in the hats/gloves box in the narthex or at the office, labeling items "For hat/glove drive" by Friday, December 4th. A non-contact way to support this drive is to donate through the [Amazon Wish List](#). **Any questions, please contact Jen Denney, jendenney@gmail.com or 410-271-5346.**

Virtual Christmas Card

We know our parishioners are missing each other over the past few months. If you send us your Christmas photos, we will produce a St. Margaret's video Christmas card in our St. Margaret's Facebook private members group. Whether in your Christmas finest or ugliest sweaters, send those photos to Laura at laura@st-margarets.org. **Get your pictures to Laura by December 1.**

Christmas Teen Boxes

The Women's Guild is collecting supplies to fill Christmas shoe boxes for the homeless teens of the Broadneck Peninsula through the county school system. There is a list of items in the Narthex which is always open through the week. Please pick up a copy and leave your donations in the box marked "Christmas Shoe Boxes."

Advent

Advent Wreath Kits

We have several Advent wreath kits for parishioners to use during the upcoming Advent season. Just pick one up in the narthex starting this coming Sunday. The narthex is open all of the time. If you wish to give a donation, go through Realm or write a check and send to the office with "Advent Wreath" in the memo line.

#AdventWord 2020

Did you know that [St. Margaret's Church has an Instagram account](#)? The Rev. Peter W. Mayer is using this social media app to share stories and information through photos. The Rev. Peter will be sharing thoughts and photos every day in Advent in our Instagram account. Each day from the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, he will use the theme of [#AdventWord](#) to offer meditations and images to inspire and connect individuals to the themes of Advent. You are invited to participate by posting your own images using the hashtag #AdventWord and the word of the day in your own social media account.

Monday Bible Study for Advent

This new study will be led by parishioner David Allen and will take place Monday evenings at 7 p.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21. Titled "What are we waiting for?" this study conducted through Zoom provides an opportunity in this year's Advent season to contemplate how our faith in God's kingdom fires our hopes, eases our fears, and guides our interactions with one another. Email patti@st-margarets.org if you would like to participate.

Advent & Marvel on Wednesdays

On Wednesday evenings, we will be offering discussions between Andy Engstrom and the Rev. Peter W. Mayer on the themes of Advent as found in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). Andy is a high school senior and avid MCU fan, who will share thoughts with you. Questions will be offered for discussion with your family and friends.

Online Services for Advent and Christmas

All of these programs will be available on
our Facebook public page (www.facebook.com/smcannapolis)
our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/c/saintmargaret)
our website's Advent/Christmas page (www.st-margarets.org)
*Means the service will be live-streamed.

Stewardship Christmas with the Third Sunday Band

Saturday, December 12 @ 7 p.m.

A celebration of the gifts and talents of St. Margaret's parishioners.

*Blue Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Noon

For those who are experiencing sadness during Christmas time.

Compline for Advent

Sunday, December 20 @ 8 p.m. Led by Sarah Balcom and Jim Douglas.

Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Service at 5:00 p.m.

*Christmas Eve

Traditional Service with music and candlelight at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

A special message from clergy at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 27, 9:00 a.m.

Now Soliciting Grants Program Applications

Applications for St. Margaret's endowment grants program have been posted on our website (under missions tab at the top). **Deadline is Nov. 30.** For questions or to volunteer to be a grants liaison for the program, email Grants Administrator Christine Feldmann at missions@st-margarets.org.

Stewardship: Connection. Compassion. Community.

We are roughly halfway through the Stewardship campaign, and to date there have been 135 pledges totaling \$709,655. As a result of receiving 100 pledges, the Rev. Peter put his substantial oratory skills to the test. When we hit 150 pledges, JUST 15 MORE, Peter will attempt his next challenge. Hint: it involves a wet suit. Let's get those pledges in! Go to our Stewardship page on our website (click on the logo above) at www.st-margarets.org to view how to pledge.



Send us Your Prayers

Please send your prayer requests to the Rev. Patti at patti@st-margarets.org. She leads a live-streaming prayer service on Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m. on our Facebook public page. As a reminder, if you have a pastoral EMERGENCY, you can reach clergy at 443-837-5463.

Prayers of the People

The Rancourt Family, Dorothy Carter, Nancy, Amanda Freeland, Suzie Clifton, Shirley Greene, Betsy, Randy, Barbara, Joe, Rosemarie, David, the Day family, Don and Maureen Jackson, the Eggleston Family, Karen, the Hounsell Family, Jim, Liza, Lucy, Vicki and Pete Layman, Mickey and Kathy Turken, Esther Edson, Patrick John, Erin Obermeier.

For those who have died: Rob Rex.

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