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Sunday Services
7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Service
7:30 a.m. now in Classroom A

Formation Hour
Sept. - May at 10:15 to 11 a.m.

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Publication Deadlines
Dragon Tales Weekly E-News
Monday afternoons
Sunday Announcements
Wednesday mornings

**Announcements for November 24, 2019**

**Stewardship Campaign Update**
All aboard...for pledging! To date, we have --
Current # of Pledges: 177 (68% of goal) and
Current Pledge Amount: $793,116 (86% of goal)

Please make a pledge today and get it matched from an anonymous donor!
*Fill out a pledge card either on the website or the printed one in your pew pouch place in the collection plate.

**Holiday Dinner Distribution This Thanksgiving**
Reminder for all those who volunteered to purchase items for Thanksgiving dinners--turkeys are available for pickup in the Parish Hall kitchen today. For questions, contact Barbara Marder at 410-518-9978 or at scubaesc@aol.com.

**Advent and Christmas**

**Advent and Wreathmaking Starts Dec. 1 - No Sunday School**
We invite you to attend our Sunday morning Advent class in the fellowship hall on Sundays, December 8, 15 and 22. On Dec. the 1st, we’ll be learning about the practice of the Advent Wreath and making our own wreaths in the parish hall. We need greens donations by the parish hall doors by 8:30 that morning.

**St. Margaret’s Guild Christmas Luncheon**
St. Margaret’s Guild will host their annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at noon at Carol’s Creek in Eastport. Tickets are $30 and include food and parking. Checks should be made out to “St. Margaret’s Church” with "Christmas Luncheon" in the memo line. Checks can be given to Judy Hall or brought to the church office.

**Third Sunday Band Christmas Concert on Dec. 7**
All are welcome to the Third Sunday Band’s annual holiday concert to be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. You’ll hear old favorites and new takes on other songs. Tickets are $5 at the door.

**Advent Lessons and Carols on Dec. 8**
The choirs of St. Margaret’s will lead the congregation in ushering in the season with the music program’s annual Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 5 p.m. in the church.

**Giving Tree Up by Dec. 1**
The Youth Group’s annual Giving Tree will go up in the Narthex before the 1st of December. The Tree helps serve students in need at Magothy & Severn River Middle Schools. There will be tags for scarves, hats, gloves/mittens, and blankets, and each will specify boy or girl, and the grade. **Deadline for donations is Dec. 17.**

**New to St. Margaret’s?**
Please fill out a Connect card found in your pew pouch and place it in the collection plate or give to a member of clergy. We are happy to have you here!

**Credit Card Giving - Text GIVESMC to 73256**
**BEST Program on Dec. 9**
On Dec. 9, parishioners are invited to a presentation by the Light House’s BEST (Building Employment Success Training) Program which provides training to prepare students to work in the high demand fields of culinary arts and building trades. The two distinctive tracks prepare students by providing classroom training and a paid work experience with employers.

Join us for a dinner prepared by the students at 6:15 p.m. and then the program begins at 7 p.m.

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**Christmas Eve Services**
**3:00 p.m.**
Holy Eucharist with traditional congregational Christmas carols

**5:00 p.m.**
Holy Eucharist with traditional Christmas carols
Sung by the Spirit Singers and Youth Chorale

**7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.**
Music Prelude and Holy Eucharist with traditional Christmas carols
Music for choir, organ, strings, harp and trumpet
Sung by members of the Chancel Choir and Motet Ensemble

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**Quiet Christmas Services on December 18**
Christmas is not as happy or joyful for many who have experienced some kind of loss. Our annual Quiet Christmas service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at noon and 7:00 p.m. and offers scripture, hymns, and prayers of comfort.

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**Call for Christmas Eve Volunteers**
Drivers will be needed.
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**For your prayers:**

**For long-term prayers:**
Tom Schall, David Schroeder, Gail Torrence, Pete Wright, Linda Larkin, Audrey Stover, Sheldon Levitas, Lolly Stewart, Ernest Freeland, Joyce Hall, Jean Calderone, Charles Rector, Danielle Krollick, Carol Ferguson, Deborah D., Lizzie Bracken, Anne Marie, Nicole, Stephanie, Natalie, Jake, Sam, Gabriel, and Kevin.

**For those in the military:**
Andrew, Tyler, Ryan, Nate, John, Geoffrey, Dave, Shelby, Slaci, Christiaan, Josh, Evan, Jon, Tom, Keith, Sarah, Chris, Jay, James, Ross, Philip, Jacob, Pele, Michael, Tim, Ryan, Glen, Matthew, Steven, Daniel, Heidi, Garrett, Joel, Justin, Joshua, Zachary, Conrad, Jake, Kevin, Victoria, Amelia, Ben, David, Paul and their families.

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**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. To add a name to the prayer list, please use our Connect cards in the pews (to put in the collection plate or give to clergy), make a request on our website using the “Prayer Request” green button toward the bottom of the homepage, or share with clergy.

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**2020 Grants Application Available**
The 2020 St. Margaret’s Church Endowment Grants application is now available on the church website. New this year, the committee will award one multi-year grant to a deserving organization. Applications are due by November 30, 2019. Pass this along to your favorite non profit!

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**Parish Prayer List**

**Christmas Day Service**
10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Lessons & Carols**
Sunday, December 29
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

**New Year’s Brunch**
Sunday, Dec. 29
10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Bring a breakfast casserole to share!

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**Upcoming Children/Youth Events**
**Joint Youth Activity with Bello Machre**
December 5 - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Caroling - Dec. 15**
Eat lunch after 11:15 service -- Drivers will be needed.

**Christmas Party - Dec. 16**
Last night of Faith & Fellowship in 2019

Questions? Email Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader at jeff@st-margarets.org.

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**$100 Gift Card to Our Children/Youth Events!**
Calling all angels, shepherds, and camels!

Our children will once again perform the story of the Nativity in a pageant on Epiphany Sunday, January 5, at 10:20 in the Parish Hall. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, January 4, at 9:00 a.m. We welcome adult and youth helpers for costumes and direction!