

# Announcements for November 28, 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](http://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 64% 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](mailto: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.

## Advent Discussions with the Rev. Peter

Starting today and every Sunday in Advent

10:30 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our discussions will center around how everyone is searching and finding hope in the busyness of the holiday season. All are welcome.

## Holiday Christmas Dedications Now Available

We are once again providing the opportunity for parishioners to purchase a poinsettia (\$25) or Christmas wreath (\$40) to decorate the church for Christmas. Simply purchase by credit card on Realm or by check made out to St. Margaret's Church. In the memo line please indicate it is for "Christmas flowers." Once you have made the donation be sure and email [Laura@st-margarets.org](mailto:Laura@st-margarets.org) to give her the names of those being either honored or remembered. **Deadline is December 19.**

## 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](mailto:missions@st-margarets.org).

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS THIS TUESDAY: November 30, 2021**

## **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](mailto:Emily@st-margarets.org).

### **Faith & Fellowship Monday Evenings**

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

#### **SCHEDULE**

5:30 - 6:15 - Chorister Program (children's music)  
(contact Jim Douglas [music@st-margarets.org](mailto: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](mailto:music@st-margarets.org))

**Nursery care available from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

## **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](mailto:Jeff@st-margarets.org).

Our youth group will be setting up their **annual Warm Tree** in the Narthex **tomorrow evening.** 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** to discuss the hidden poverty and economic challenges facing our neighbors here on the Broadneck Peninsula.

## **Adult Formation Opportunities**

**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](mailto:Laura@st-margarets.org) for the Zoom link.

### **Support for West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry**

For December the West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry will distribute food, baby and personal supplies on two Thursday afternoons: December 9 and December 23. Volunteer help and/ or donations of food/ baby goods are needed. Check their website at [marshallhope.org](http://marshallhope.org) to volunteer and see a list of items needed or contact Barbara Marder. We especially thank Bay Hills Nails for providing 30 turkeys in the name of St. Margaret's Church to this organization.

## **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](http://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](mailto:info@st-margarets.org).

### **Afghan Refugee Support Group Update**

Help us welcome a recently arrived family of 9, from Afghanistan. Their experience under the Taliban, then democratically elected leadership, and again Taliban rule had been unsettling and now became dangerous. We are honored to welcome them here, to safety, and a new life.

Their father tells us this about his background and drive: He completed his high school work in a Peshawar refugee camp and learned English via private coursework in Pakistan, but the Taliban denied him entry into Kabul University. After the overthrow in 2001, the family returned to Kabul, and 2010 he received entry to American University of Afghanistan. He is a computer specialist, with English language specialty, most recently working with USAID in Kabul.

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](https://www.amazon.com/registries/holiday/2R0K359YRUR2Y/guest-view?ref=gr_search_page_result)

Here is a 3 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 and the Formation Building lobby on Sundays.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DADA82BA2F85-smcthanksgiving>

### **Special Seasonal Services**

\*Sunday, December 12 - 5 p.m. - Advent Lessons & Carols

\*Wednesday, December 15 - Noon - A Quiet Christmas

Saturday, December 18 - Third Sunday Band

Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 20 - A Visit from St. Nick - 6:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve**

\*3:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service

\*5:30 p.m.-- Christmas Lessons & Carols

\*7:30 p.m. -- Traditional Candlelight Service

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 26 at 10:00 a.m.

\*=This service will be live-streamed on our Facebook public page and our YouTube channel.

**NOTE--For our popular Christmas Eve services, we are offering a SignUp Genius registration link to limit the number of attendees for safety protocol. Look for the Sign Up Genius links in Dragon Tales and the church website soon.**