

Announcements for November 8, 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.

Re-Gathering at St. Margaret's

As a reminder, there will be a limited number of parishioners that can safely attend each of our services on Sundays. A sign-up form is posted on our website and in Dragon Tales. We will STILL livestream the 9:00 a.m. service every Sunday. Please note there is no nursery care or children's chapel here on Sunday mornings while Covid guidelines are in place. Children's Chapel and Sunday School lessons for ages 3-18 are now online. Email info@st-margarets.org if you wish for your child to participate and don't receive an email from the leaders.

Thanksgiving Meals Program

Again this season, members of the parish will have an opportunity to provide holiday meals for neighbors in need. We will receive the names of those requesting help in purchasing their holiday dinner from the A.A. County Dept. of Social Services. As in prior years, the Mission Commission will provide the turkeys; and parishioners will provide for the rest of the meal. You or another parishioner will deliver the food basket to the recipient a few days BEFORE Thanksgiving Day. NO COOKING INVOLVED. For those who are comfortable making direct contact (social distancing and masks observed) the procedure will be the same as prior years: we will pair our donors with the names of recipients. The donor/family will make contact, shop for the dinner ingredients and arrange a convenient time to deliver to the recipient's address. Turkeys will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Nov. 22, or by separate arrangement. In advance, participants will receive the name of the recipient and delivery instructions. Those who are uncomfortable making this direct contact this year may arrange to leave your donation food at the church for another volunteer to pick up and deliver OR order food from a store and have it delivered directly to the recipient OR provide a gift card from one of the markets in the local area, i.e. Graul's, Green Valley, Safeway OR send a specific donation to the church, clearly labeled for Holiday Sharing—Thanksgiving.

All donor parishioners/families are asked to contact coordinator Barbara Marder. For questions, call Barbara Marder at 410-518-9978 or email scubaesc@aol.com.

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 Denny, jendenney@gmail.com or 410-271-5346.

Virtual Christmas Card

We know it's still a way off, but we wanted to give you plenty of time to plan for our St. Margaret's video Christmas card! We know you miss seeing your fellow parishioners over the past few months, so this will allow us to share the images of our friends and families in 2020. Whether in your Christmas finest or ugliest sweaters, send those photos to Laura at laura@st-margarets.org. She will assemble a video montage of all of our St. Margaret's families for our very own Christmas video card! Get your pictures in to Laura by December 1.

Thursday AM Book Study

Our Thursday morning book study group that meets at 9 a.m. through Zoom is studying "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman. Thurman was an African-American minister, theologian, and civil rights leader. All are welcome to join! Email the Rev. Patti Sachs at patti@st-margarets.org to let her know if you wish to be added.

#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 and a worldwide community of believers 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.

Adult Formation Study This Fall on Mondays

We continue our adult study on Monday evenings this fall through Zoom, studying Diana Butler Bass' popular book titled "Grateful." We are discovering paths and developing habits that lead us to a more grateful, thankful life. If you would like to participate, simply email the Rev. Patti Sachs at patti@st-margarets.org and let her know so you will get the link to participate. You can order a copy of the book at biblio.com or Amazon.com.

This Advent, the Monday evening study will be led by parishioner David Allen. 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.

Senior Sessions Continues on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

As we continue to physically distance ourselves during the pandemic, our clergy are committed to keeping in touch with our senior parishioners. Our "Senior Sessions" are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. If you are 65+ and wish to participate with clergy, discuss the Gospel reading of the week and share joys and challenges, contact the Rev. Patti Sachs at patti@st-margarets.org. **Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 10.**

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.

Day School's Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

The school's annual fair will be online this year November 4th-17th. It's a great way to purchase book-related Christmas gifts and support the school at the same time! Click on this link that **will not be LIVE until Nov. 4th** -

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=stmargaretsdayschool>

The school is also having a sale of beautiful wreaths, centerpieces, tabletop trees, garland and other specialty products from **Lynch Creek Farm**. Here is the link for more information:

<https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/teams/247519-st-margarets-day-school-holiday-fundraiser-2020>

Stewardship: Connection. Compassion. Community.

Need to change the amount your 2021 pledge?

Want to take advantage of the funds matching program by increasing your pledge from last year? Please send Elizabeth Radley an email at elizabeth@st-margarets.org. It is easy to change but can only be done by a system administrator. Or fill out a card in the narthex to put in the offertory plate or send to the church office.



We are roughly halfway through the Stewardship campaign, and to date there have been 108 pledges totaling \$625,000. Of the 108 pledges, 20 are new or increased pledges and thus eligible for the Matching Fund, adding \$16,000 to the overall tally. There is still \$41,000 left in the Matching Fund, so please consider making a new pledge if you haven't in the past, increasing last year's pledge or converting your plate donations to a pledge. Every new or increased dollar will be matched. And as a fun way to celebrate our Stewardship progress, Peter has agreed to complete "challenges" as we hit pledge milestones. As a result of receiving 100 pledges, please check out the latest Dragon Tales e-news of Peter putting his substantial oratory skills to the test. We all know Peter to be a sweet guy, who knew he could be so salty? When we hit 150 pledges, Peter will attempt his next challenge. Hint: it involves a wet suit. Let's get those pledges in!

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, Tommy Engstrom, Vera Torrence, Lucy, Vicki and Pete Layman.

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