

Announcements for October 18, 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

We are pleased to once again open our doors for worship since we were shut down by the Covid pandemic. We appreciate you following all of the extra steps we must do to regather safely. 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.

Missions Fair on Oct. 25

At St Margaret's, one of the ways we love our neighbors is through acts of service. On October 25, the Missions Commission will host our annual Missions Fair online! We'll be highlighting parishioner outreach projects in 2020, and sharing opportunities for you to get involved in changing our local communities for the better in partnership with local non-profit groups. Please plan on joining us virtually Sunday, October 25 after the 9:00 service on our Facebook public page (www.facebook.com/smcannapolis).

Trick or Treat at St. Margaret's on Halloween

The Youth Group is going to create three or four of some inventive candy delivery devices and use stations in various places in the parking lot of St. Margaret's for trick or treaters **this Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.!** (Rain date is Nov. 1.) **All elementary age and Day School students and their families** can just drive through to Trick or Treat while maintaining their family space bubble. At each station we will safely send all sorts of goodies raining down into your bag without close contact! Wear your costumes! We will have LOTS of candy and hand sanitizer.

Youth Group Programs Now Up and Running

Our popular youth group under the leadership of Jeff Conover has begun. On Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. our youth group of middle and high school students) gathers primarily for fellowship on Zoom. There are now youth lessons led by Jeff for middle school students on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and for high school students on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (both on Zoom). To participate, contact Jeff@st-margarets.org.

Thursday AM Book Study

Our Thursday morning book study group continues to meet through Zoom at 9:00 a.m. to work through "Vintage Saints and Sinners" by Karen Wright Marsh with Zoom meetings. **The group will begin studying "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman on October 22nd.** The author demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. 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.

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.

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 this Tuesday, Oct. 27.

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, email Grants Administrator Christine Feldmann at missions@st-margarets.org.

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

Spencer Johnson, Luna Mei and the Rancourt Family, Dorothy Carter, Nancy, Amanda Freeland, Suzie Clifton, Shirley Greene, Betsy, Randy, Barbara, Joe, Rosemarie, David, Edlu Harper, Deb Doolan, Angie, Denny, Don and Maureen Jackson, the Eggleston Family, Karen, the Hounsell Family, Jim, Eric.

For those who have died: Anne Coleman Chambers.

Stewardship: Connection. Compassion. Community.

This year, the Stewardship team has raised \$57,000 to be used in our annual matching campaign. Starting this coming Sunday, October 18, any pledges from parishioners who did not pledge last year or which represent an increase over your pledge from last year, will be matched as part of this campaign. We have found that new, returning (after an absence) and increased pledges quickly capitalize and absorb the match amounts. With \$57,000 in our 2021 match campaign, we have our highest amount ever available. We are counting on the parish to take full advantage of this. Please contact Zack Greene, Greg Smith, Brad Callahan, Doug Seybert or Dan Tootle if you have questions. We are asking parishioners to pledge online using our Realm database. For a video on how the process works, go to our website and click on the Giving tab at the top and choose the Stewardship page. Pledge cards are also located in the narthex to place in the offertory plate.

