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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. starting 10/13

## Announcements for October 10, 2021

### 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, contact 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

- \*There is no congregational singing - only Cantors will sing.
- \*Masks are required for worship in the sanctuary.
- \*Please sign in on the attendance sheet in the narthex.
- \*Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary.
- \*We will continue to share an elbow bump and smile during the passing of the peace.
- \*Please be conscious of physical distancing.

**NOTE: Next week's worship services at 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. will be held outdoors** (weather permitting) with Third Sunday Band. Please remember to bring a chair and a mask and to uphold our social distancing protocols.

### Children's Programs Have Begun

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 the 9:00 a.m. service, with children following behind the wooden cross before the sermon and returning at the Peace. Adult volunteers will offer a story and music activities in the All Saints Lounge in the Annex building, downstairs level.

Today, we offer our first day of Sunday School in the classrooms for ages 3-14! All classes will be held in our formation building - classrooms wing.

### Faith & Fellowship Monday Evenings

**Starting TOMORROW, our Monday evening activities will resume in person for the fall. All must wear masks indoors.**

#### Schedule

- 5:30 - 6:15 - Children's Music (contact Jim Douglas music@st-margarets.org)
  - 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)
- Nursery care available from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

### Women's Guild Information

The Guild's popular **fall mum sale takes place today** between services. Plants cost \$10. Make sure to bring cash or your checkbook.

### Youth Group Has Begun

Our youth program has begun the new program year! Middle and High school students are encouraged to participate **each Monday on Zoom at 7 p.m. It will be moved to in-person on October 11.**

Middle School students are encouraged to foster their faith with Youth Ministries Leader Jeff Conover on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. High School will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Our contact for all youth activities is Jeff Conover at [Jeff@st-margarets.org](mailto:Jeff@st-margarets.org).

### Applications Now Available for 2020 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 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).

# STARTING A NEW WORSHIP SERVICE

**Wednesdays, starting this week  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
in the church sanctuary**

**Please wear a mask.**

## **Search for New Bishop Begins**

Bishop Eugene Sutton announced on September 17 his plan to retire in the spring of 2024, and called for the election of a bishop coadjutor to succeed him. The diocese's Standing Committee has since named two co-chairs for the search committee, the Rev. Randy Callender of St. Phillips, Annapolis, and Ms. Vicki Willard, a parishioner at Trinity Church, ElkrIDGE. The Standing Committee also has created a special section on the diocesan website to keep the diocese informed about the process to unfold and the timetable leading to an election convention in 2023. The special section's web address is [episcopalmaryland.org/bishopsearch](http://episcopalmaryland.org/bishopsearch). You are invited to nominate yourself or another person to serve as one of the remaining 12 members of the search committee. You will find an electronic nominating form on the website. The deadline for nominations is October 13.

## **Thursday Morning Book Study**

All are welcome to join our Thursday Morning Book Study group @ **9:00 a.m. on Zoom** (to start with). The group is reading a **Peter Gomes book titled *Strength for the Journey***. It is a compilation of sermons he offers as spiritual resources for daily living. To participate, contact Pat Hall at

## **Monday Evening Adult Formation on Zoom**

Our weekly Monday night study on Zoom at 7 p.m. has started focusing on the book ***The Forgotten Creed- Christianity's Original Struggle Against Bigotry, Slavery & Sexism*** by Stephen J. Patterson. Discussions will focus on how human beings overcome the ways by which we divide ourselves one from another and whether it is possible beyond race, class, and gender. **To participate, email [peter@st-margarets.org](mailto:peter@st-margarets.org).**

## **Sewing Mission Returns**

The Sewing Mission is back in the mask making business and looking for more sewers! Anne Arundel County Public Schools has mandated masks for all students, teachers, staff and visitors for the beginning of school year 2021-22. We have confirmed a need for reusable cloth masks for some of the more diverse, largely populated schools in Annapolis. Children often arrive at school without their masks. The county is providing disposable masks but reusable, cloth mask are a welcome donation! If you can produce some youth sized masks, please contact Beth Kopack at 410-279-5136 or [esolchamp@icloud.com](mailto:esolchamp@icloud.com). Our mission team can supply new sewers with the patterns and materials needed. Please join us in this effort to protect our community's children while teaching the Earth friendly concept of reusability.

## **Light House Donations**

Needed donations for the Light House shelter pantry are found at <https://annapolislighthouse.org/get-involved/needs/>. Leave items in the narthex that is always open. Our donations will be picked up every two weeks and delivered to the Light House.

**Please Note: We will no longer collect clothes for the schools and shelters. Your donations have been very generous!**

## **Parish Prayer List**

**For your prayers:** Suzie Clifton, Charlie and Nancy, Amanda, Vanessa, Lynne, Charles Rector, John and Gail Morton, Sarah Donnelly, Sarah Holmes, Nick, Dan, Frances Egelanian, Megan Croft, Sarah, Jim MacGregor, Ellis, Vera Torrence, Gail and Wayne Mayberry.

**For those who have died:** Gina Kopack, Maureen Sullivan.

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).

## **Help Afghan Families and Refugees**

The Afghan Refugee Tiger Team, under the leadership of SMC's Mission Commission, is seeking volunteers to offer their **talents time** and/or **treasure** to address the desperate needs of Afghan families and refugees who are (a) either who have already arrived in the United States and will resettle in our community or (b) still in Afghanistan and attempting to leave the country or. Please consider participating in this critical mission. A more detailed description of how you can volunteer is in this week's Dragon Tales. If you can help in any way, or have questions, please contact Janice John ([janicejohnrg@gmail.com](mailto:janicejohnrg@gmail.com)), 410-871-2308 or Fran Becker ([fran.becker10@gmail.com](mailto:fran.becker10@gmail.com)). If you would like to donate to this mission, please donate through Realm (on Giving page, designate Missions under "Fund") or by check mailed to SMC, designating on memo line "Missions Commission-Afghan."

## **Weekly Prayer for the Afghan Crisis**

There are about 54,000 Afghan refugees that are currently living on military bases in the US as they await processing and relocation.

***We pray that God will lessen their fear, replace their grief with hope, and move Americans to welcome them through their transition to a better life.***



2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

What are you grateful for at St. Margaret's? The vestry will be producing the church budget for 2022 and need an estimate of parishioners' giving to adequately plan.

Our Stewardship Committee's goal this year is a budget of \$950,000 from 210 pledgers.

This year's Stewardship campaign is off to an unprecedented start! In just our first week, we have received 50 pledges totaling \$273,662 - tremendous progress towards our goals of 210 pledges and \$950,000. If you have not yet pledged, you can do so directly via the **"GIVING" tab in Realm** or by emailing Elizabeth Radley at ([elizabeth@st-margarets.org](mailto:elizabeth@st-margarets.org)).