

Announcements for September 13, 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.

Pre-Recorded Services Continue Through September

Due to popular demand, we will continue sharing pre-recorded services on Sunday, this time at 7:00 p.m. on our Facebook public page. If you missed the live-streamed morning service or simply services shared in this way, here is an option.

Youth Group Programs Begin

Our youth group under the leadership of Jeff Conover will begin meetings this week. Tomorrow, Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m. is the first youth group gathering but mostly for the new participants. The regular Monday youth group meeting for all middle and high school students (primarily for fellowship) will resume on Zoom on Monday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. There will also be 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.

Preparing Children for Regathering at Church

Hannah Graham, chair of the Diocesan Christian Formation Council, has created a four-part video series to help children understand how things will be different when we regather in our worship spaces. The series includes short episodes on wearing masks, social (physical) distancing, toys and snacks in church, and communion and singing. They are designed to help young children be leaders in their congregations by knowing what to do and doing it to keep their communities safe. See it here: <https://marylandepiscopalian.org/2020/07/20/regathering-forworship-for-kids-a-video-series-for-children/>.

Adult Formation Study This Fall

We will continue our adult study on Monday evenings this fall through Zoom, starting tomorrow, Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m.. We are excited to be studying Diana Butler Bass' popular book titled "Grateful." We will discover paths and develop habits that lead us to a more grateful, thankful life. If you would like to participate, simply email her 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

Thursday AM Book Study

Our Thursday morning book study group continues its work through "Vintage Saints and Sinners" by Karen Wright Marsh with Zoom meetings. All are welcome to join! Email the Rev. Patti Sachs at patti@st-margarets.org to let her know you wish to be added. The group meets from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Sewing Missions News

Parishioners are producing much-needed masks, surgical caps and gowns for Anne Arundel Medical Center. You can help in 2 ways - join this fun group and sew these medical supplies or donate to defray the costs of the supplies. To outfit a health care worker with a mask, cap and gown for cost is \$40 or contribute \$5 for a mask, \$10 for a surgical cap or \$25 for a surgical gown. The more that is contributed, the more we help our medical heroes on the front line! To volunteer to sew, contact Beth Kopack at esolchamp@icloud.com. To donate by credit card, please go to <https://onrealm.org/smcannapolis/Give>, choose missions, and then notate it is for the sewing mission or you can send a check to St. Margaret's Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. Please note Sewing Mission on the memo line.

Citizenship Classes

Under the auspices of the Missions Commission, volunteers from St. Margaret's teach applicants to prepare them for the Civics Test portion of their citizenship interview. Offered through the Center for Help, the classes cover everything from the 18-page Application for Citizenship (USCIS N-400) form to U.S. geography, government, history and holidays. With students from Mexico to Pakistan to China our volunteers present 13 units to students covering the 100 potential questions which may well be asked. If you are interested in joining our teaching team, please contact Robert Thomas at thomas.byrom@gmail.com or 757-408-1225 to be blessed by meeting and helping a group of wonderful potential new U.S. citizens.

Feeding the Flock in Anne Arundel County

We have multiple ways that St. Margaret's parishioners can get involved with feeding those in need in our own community.

- The West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry feeds hundreds of families per week with donations of food and volunteers to deliver the donations to families in the area. To help out in either roles, go to the sign up list at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49abad28a20-west3>.
- Feed Anne Arundel, a program through Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT), welcomes financial donations to pay restaurants (who need the funding) to deliver food to hundreds of families every week in different neighborhoods. To donate, go to www.facebook.com/feedannearundel.
- And there is a new one located at Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Bay Dale Drive. To participate, go to https://broadneckepccbchurch.com/goto/forms/63/responses/new?fbclid=IwAR3yQweLwBnXmAv8jMerQBF_wA10Db9zd3jtcvCRGI156EzCOUZ2W3RNa_7o.

Senior Sessions continue 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, discussing the Gospel reading of the week and sharing joys and challenges, contact the Rev. Patti Sachs at patti@st-margarets.org. Next meeting is Sept. 22nd.

Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 4

We will hold our annual blessing of the animals service at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4. All animals are welcomed but should be leashed or contained. The service will be held in the garden area next to the administration building and is WEATHER PERMITTING.

Annual Women's Guild Mums Sale

Plan to stop by the Parish Hall between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, October 4 and October 11 for the Women's Guild annual mums sale. Beautiful mums will be available for your choosing.

Stewardship: Connection. Compassion. Community.

This year's annual Stewardship campaign is kicking off on September 27th and the theme for this year is "Connection. Compassion. Community." Look for a digital pledge card soon either through Realm, an email or on our Stewardship page of our website at (under the Giving tab at the top).



Altar Flowers Dedications

Would you like to offer thanks for or remembering a loved one through purchasing the altar flowers on a Sunday? Simply email info@st-margarets.org with the date, the name(s), and whether it is to honor or remember the person. We will give you information on how to purchase either online with a credit card or by mail with a check. Cost is \$50. A dedication will be included on Sunday bulletins.

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

Richard Gragg, Myaumi Gragg, Spencer Johnson, Stacey Sickles Locke, Luna Mei and the Rancourt Family, Dorothy Carter, Peter Hounsell, the Kolb family, Debora Maale, Nick Goldsborough, Thomas Pederson, Amanda Freeland, Suzie Clifton, Fran, Shirley Greene, Morgan, Betsy, Ian, Solomon, Randy, Ruth, Barbara, Joe, Rosemarie, David, Debbie Kish.

For those who have died: Mary Mills.

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View our Sunday Service at 9 a.m. at www.facebook.com/smcannapolis