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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 September 19, 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. 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 (unless service is outdoors).

*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.

Registration for Children's/Youth Formation

Children/Youth Formation registration for the 2021-22 year is now open. Options include Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Youth Group, Acolytes, Music, etc. Printed forms are in the narthex. Automated forms are on our website at

<https://www.st-margarets.org/registration-form.html>. **Adult Volunteers are still needed to join a team of teachers for the Kindergarten/1st grade, 4th/5th grade and Middle School classrooms, as well as an Acolyte Co-Leader.** If you can help, please contact Emily Delsordo at emily@st-margarets.org.

Sunday School Open House is scheduled at this current time for Oct. 3. Classes begin on Oct. 10. The formation hour is 10:15 to 11 a.m.

Faith & Fellowship Monday Evenings

As of now, our plan is to host our various activities on Monday nights starting October 11. That would include music rehearsals (children through adults), youth group, children activities and adult formation. Look for updated information in our weekly Dragon Tales e-news and in church announcements.

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.**

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.

Foyers/Supper Club Program Renewed for 2021-22

St. Margaret's Foyers program is being renewed this coming program year! St. Margaret's Foyers participants are assigned into small groups who spend time together throughout the program year getting to know one another outside of the St. Margaret's campus. To participate, you sign up either at church on a Sunday or email Ruth McKee Harmon at rhmckeyharmon@gmail.com. **Deadline to register is October 1.** All registrants are invited to a program kickoff event in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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 Patti@st-margarets.org. All are welcome!

Thursday Morning Book Study Resumes

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 pshall1@verizon.net. Here is a link to purchase the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Strength-Journey-Biblical-Wisdom-Living/dp/0060000783>

Women's Guild Information

The Guild's popular **fall mum sale will be held on October 3 and 10** between services. Plants cost \$10. Make sure to bring cash or your checkbook that day.

The Guild will hold their next monthly meeting on October 6th. Guest speaker will be Vincent Vaise, Park Ranger in Washington, DC, who will share information on the new aquatic garden. All are welcome! Location and time of the meeting will be determined next week.

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.

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. 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.

Join The Afghan Tiger Team

Our Missions Commission has assembled a temporary team to address the needs of Afghans who helped the United States or who are at special risk under the current Taliban rule. Last week the Tiger Team donated a gift card, diapers and wipes to a young mother and 6-month old baby that arrived 12 days ago with one suitcase in Frederick, MD. In addition, four team volunteers are helping a parishioner's neighbor who is working around the clock as part of a veteran's organizations rescue of military interpreters and others who are still in Afghanistan. The team members will help him with administrative tasks including organizing documents for special visas, promoting his efforts and coordinating a LGBTQ effort in Afghanistan. There is much more work to be done!

Here's how you can help:

- **Join** the Tiger Team which meets on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. both in-person and on Zoom. Contact Janice John: janicejohnrg@gmail.com or Fran Becker: franbecker10@gmail.com for more information.

- **Donate** gift cards to Target, Walmart, or Amazon to help families with basic needs. Please place your gift cards in Sunday's offering plate in envelope addressed to Mission Commission or mail to SMC

- **Donate** through check mailed to SMC (write Afghan Missions on memo line) OR donate online through Realm (click Giving, click Give, fill in \$ amount, under Fund click Afghan Missions).

Parish Prayer List

For your prayers: Suzie Clifton, Charlie and Nancy, Amanda, Vanessa, Lynne, Charlie Dobbs, Charles Rector, John and Gail Morton, Sarah Donnelly, Sarah Holmes, Sierra, Nick, Dan, Olgui, Frances Egelanian, Judy, Nancy Heacock, Sara Bonini, Megan Croft, Sarah.

To **make an automated prayer request**, go to our website at 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.

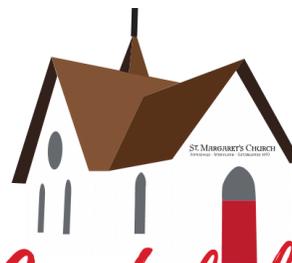
A note on Prayer Requests -- We often remove prayer list names that have been on for a longer period of time. If a name has been taken off and you still want them on the list, email info@st-margarets.org.

Needed: Classroom tutors at Broadneck Elementary School

Can you share ONE hour a week from October until June helping children in grades 1st through 3rd with reading, writing or math? For several years before the pandemic, SMC had a partnership with BES, logging in hundreds of hours of much needed help in the classroom, whether it was one-on-one tutoring or a class-wide project. No experience is necessary and you and the teacher decide what hour works best for the two of you! **This year you can tutor remotely and never leave your home!!!** In the words of a SMC tutor: *I don't know who benefits the most from me being in the classroom, the student, the teacher or me! I love seeing a student smile once s/he gets a math concept or wants to continue reading!* Please contact Fran Becker, fran.becker10@gmail.com for more details.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, **October 3 at 4:00 p.m.** on campus. Please bring your pets on leash or contained. All animals welcome! We've seen everything -- from a lizard to a squirrel to a horse!



Senior Sessions

Grateful

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.

Pledge today on Realm by clicking on the Giving tab. You can see your current giving and past pledge amounts. If you aren't comfortable using Realm, e-mail Elizabeth@st-margarets.org or call her during office hours.