

# The

St. Margaret's Church - Annapolis

# Spire



Summer 2019



## Staying Connected This Summer

By the Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector

We're becoming increasingly aware that it is not money that makes the world go around. It is also not music, although if we all 'slide to the right' at the same time, it might tilt the earth's axis. Especially if you flow like me 😊. The world as we know it, is based on connection. As we become increasingly connected, it seems like the world goes faster and faster, right? But the issue is that the connection that makes the world go faster is a superficial one. It's social media, it's quick 'let's have lunch' retorts, it's shouting matches on tv news.

Deeper connection, I think, actually slows the world down. Deeper connection makes us think more deeply and carefully. Deeper connection takes time, and so coffees take 75 minutes instead of 45 minutes. Dinners last two hours instead of one. Pillow talk also increases in length.

Now, you may say 'NO, I DON'T WANT DEEPER CONNECTION!' It may sound too difficult, too fluffy, too....time-consuming. Well, in the words of Thomas Crowne, "what else have we got to do all day?" If you're like me, you complain that you don't have time to learn the chords to "Highway to Hell." But somehow I manage to find time to check Twitter on my phone about 40 times a day.

We don't have many choices in our lives, but we do have a certain amount of choice as to how we spend our time. What we give our time to. And I'm asking you this summer, to give some of your time to God. Come to church every Sunday you're in town. Don't miss. When you're out of town, check out a taped service on our YouTube channel. The point is to STAY CONNECTED. I cannot tell you how much it breaks my heart to miss you if I don't see you all summer.

One of the things we've done to make sure you stay connected is our Neighborhood Program. We've assigned all parishioners to neighborhood 'shepherds' who will call periodically to see how you're doing. It's a light touch to try to make sure you stay connected. We're also starting SUMMER CHILDREN'S HOUR starting on June 16. So you don't have the excuses of "there's nothing for the kids to do" or "no one calls on us." Own your faith. Own your schedule. Make time for the important things, like worship, and connecting with each other. Stay connected this summer.

*Transforming Lives in Christ through worship, formation, and giving*

## Love in Action this Summer

By the Rev. Patti Sachs, Assistant Rector

Thanks to all who are turning out for our Vacation Bible School! We are going to have a great time with 50+ children this year. (Registration closes May 17th, so there is still a bit of time to still sign up.) We are looking forward to learning some new songs and some Bible verses to help us remember Jesus' call to love our neighbor. Special thanks to all who have volunteered to make this week a special one for our children. There is a lot that goes into making this happen, and we are grateful for all your ideas and help. We remember that "Love is a Verb," and you all have been "Love in Action!" A heartfelt thanks to you.



And we have updates on how our "love in action" contributed to the legislative session this season. One way the Episcopal Church advocates for the least among us is through the legislative branch of our government. To be clear...this is not "political activism," this is advocacy for those who are less advantaged than we are. As an example, nowhere in the entire United States is it possible for, say, a single mom working a 40-hour week at minimum wage to afford a 2-bedroom apartment. Care to guess how many hours a week one would have to work at the current minimum wage to afford one in Maryland? 137 hours. That means that even two people working full-time at minimum wage cannot afford to rent a two-bedroom apartment in this state. So, a bill to gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15 has been floated several times in the past few years. This year, a bill to raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025, for businesses with more than 15 employees passed both the House and the Senate and was signed by the Governor. While this doesn't solve the affordable housing problem, it will go a long way to helping folks live decent, sustainable lives.

Another bill that passed by a veto-proof margin was the Clean Energy Jobs Act. Maryland ranks third in the nation for miles of coastline with over 3,000 miles in our state! We are very susceptible to sea-level rise around our cherished shoreline properties. The Clean Energy Bill will get us to 50% renewable use by 2030 with a mandate to investigate 100% renewable by 2040. Other important bills await the Governor's signature. One such bill is HB109/SB285 banning the use of plastic foam (Styrofoam). With passage of this bill, businesses would no longer be able to sell or provide food packaged in styrofoam-type plastic. If the Governor signs this, it will go into effect July 1, 2020.

We are stewards of creation. This means not only our households, but our communities, our state and "this fragile earth, our island home." (Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer C, p.370) When Jesus said "Love one another," he didn't add any exceptions. We have an obligation to God, to our neighbors, to our grandchildren to work for an equitable society and clean environment.

There are plenty of opportunities to help, to become involved. Read! Let yourself become aware of the challenges we, and others, face as a community. Investigate ways to help. Talk to your neighbor! We have become so insulated and isolated. Expand your vision! Go to an ACT meeting. (Regular postings are in our announcements.) Contact Joanna Tillman or Dalyn Huntley or Harry Caldwell or Al Todd and the Green Team about ways to get involved. This is not only our obligation, it should be our joy! This is living the Gospel! And I guarantee there is great joy in the living of it!!

Blessings on you all for all that you do!





## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

### Convention 2019— May 10-11, 2019 — Turf Valley, MD

Each year, representatives from around our diocese gather to review and discuss issues, policies and structures.



Our St. Margaret's Diocesan representatives: the Rev. Peter Mayer, Maggy Cullman, Joanna Tillman, and Kathy Lang.



The Rev. Patti strikes a pose at the convention.

Look for more info on the convention in *Dragon Tales* and our Facebook public and members' pages.

Registration is open for "Love God, Love Neighbor: Advocacy in Action," a two-day interactive training for clergy and laity interested in developing or improving their advocacy skills and having the opportunity to advocate directly to members of Congress and their staff about protections for refugees. The training is sponsored by the Office of Government Relations in partnership with Episcopal Migration Ministries, and will be held Thursday-Friday, June 27-28, in Washington, D.C., with the option to attend the One Journey Festival on Saturday, June 29. Go to <https://www.onejourneyfestival.com/>.

## Adult Formation



The Efm program invites you to join small, mentored communities that help us understand our lives and share our actions as we deepen our Christian faith. Through readings and discussions, we shape and define our personal ministry and spiritual growth. The setting is more "sharing" and discovery than "teaching". We learn and reflect through each other while having the advantage of texts to guide us. It is a safe, compassionate, and non-judgmental environment.

Part of our class time is sharing what we have read that week, not a book report, but how the reading touched us in some way. The chapter lessons have a common theme that crosses the four-year study. Another part of our discussion is called "Theological Reflections" in which we discuss sometimes words, sometimes issues, sometimes concepts.

St. Margaret's Efm meets on Wednesdays from 9 am until 11:30 weekly September through May in the Formation Building. Please contact iJim Hall ([jhhall1942@verizon.net](mailto:jhhall1942@verizon.net) or 410-956-5120) if you are interested in participating. The cost is \$375 and includes all texts. Scholarship help is available. Students who have completed a year or more previously are encouraged to rejoin the program; or if you want to explore Efm through the new texts, you are very welcome.

# Music

## What is the Royal School of Church Music?

By Jim Douglas, Director of Music



St. Margaret's Church is an affiliate institution of RSCM America, the branch of the Royal School of Church Music in the United States, whose goal is to uplift the spiritual lives of communities through high quality choral music. Singers receive musical education through structured choral music programming and summer music courses. Additional support is offered to music directors through an organizational forum which facilitates the exchange of knowledge and ideas. Through its efforts to raise the quality of choral music performance, RSCM has touched the lives of multitudes of singers and listeners.

### RSCM America offers:

- Annual summer music courses or "choir camps" for choristers of all ages in various regional locations;
- VOICE for LIFE, an acclaimed structured choral training guide that provides a framework for choral singers to develop their vocal skills, musical understanding, and knowledge of the repertoire;
- Access to RSCM America affiliates, a pool of experienced musicians who offer assistance to choral directors and individual singers on a wide variety of subjects; and
- A forum for enrichment and exchange of information and ideas among a group of highly qualified music directors.

### A Brief History

RSCM was founded in England in 1927 by Sir Sydney Nicholson, organist of Westminster Abbey. Originally called the School of English Church Music (SECM), the organization consisted of a training college for church musicians (called the College of St. Nicolas) and an association of affiliated churches committed to attaining high standards of musical performance. The operation of the college was suspended during World War II and reopened as the Royal School of Church Music in 1945 at Canterbury Cathedral. The College of St. Nicolas was closed in 1974. Thereafter, RSCM directed its focus to short courses and to developing "regional" affiliates worldwide run by voluntary committees. The RSCM has grown to become an international and ecumenical organization, with more than 11,000 affiliates in the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Nigeria and throughout Europe. RSCM America has more than 400 affiliates crossing denominational lines and the boundaries of nearly every state. RSCM America has its own board of directors supervising RSCM programs in the United States.



## RSCM America Regional Choir Festivals

Each year, many RSCM America affiliates host a weekend choir festival, which attracts area choirs for a day of fellowship, rehearsals and a combined choirs Evensong, all under the direction of a guest clinician. In May, several of our Chancel Choir and Motet Ensemble members participated in one held at the Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore. The Director of Music at Redeemer is Bert Landman, current President of RSCM America. The guest clinician was Garmon Ashby, a native South African who is the current Music Director at Episcopal High School and St. Thomas the Apostle, both in Houston, TX. Fun and challenging repertoire was programmed, including a festive setting of the evening canticles (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis) by contemporary South African composer Peter Klatzow.

Photo: RSCMA Choir Festival May 2019  
rehearsal, Baltimore, MD



## What is Voice for Life?

-VOICE for LIFE is the RSCM's acclaimed guide to training choirs and singers of all ages.

-The VOICE for LIFE scheme provides a framework for choral singers to develop their vocal skills, their musical understanding, and their knowledge of the repertoire.

The completely revised and updated VOICE for LIFE is:

- A structured guide to vocal training;
- Based on graded targets with informal assessment;
- Complete with supporting resources to enable teachers and choir trainers to deliver the program with confidence;
- Designed for use in schools, churches, and other community choirs;
- Easy to use with a clear layout; and
- Fully compatible with the RSCM Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards;

There are five levels in the VOICE for LIFE scheme providing training from beginners to advanced singers. The levels are designed to be used by both children and adults.

The levels are **White**, **Light Blue**, **Dark Blue**, **Red** and **Yellow**.

Each level comes complete with:

- Teaching material in the Choir Trainer's book to enable the teacher or choir trainer to provide the appropriate training for each level;
  - Clear targets that state exactly what a singer should have achieved and be able to demonstrate in order to complete each level;
  - Singer's workbooks containing questions, exercises, and puzzles; (On completion, the workbook is signed and dated by the choir trainer.) and
  - Ribbons and medals/lapel badges to award singers on completion of each level.
- For school choirs and other non-robed choirs, there are colored lapel badges.
- For church choirs and other robed choirs, medals can be worn on the appropriately colored ribbon.
- Each level is assessed informally by the choir trainer and the badge/ribbon and medal is awarded once the singer has reached the targets and finished the workbook.

## RSCM America Summer Training Courses

Each summer, RSCM America sponsors a number of training courses throughout the United States. Each course is as unique as its setting. All courses provide the opportunity for choral training and exploring wonderful choral music in liturgical and/or concert settings. Some courses offer master classes in organ performance, choral conducting and composition. Several courses offer adult seminars, activities, and opportunities for networking and fellowship. The courses take place in cathedrals and other large churches in major cities with choristers residing in hotels, university settings, small private schools or rustic, lakefront facilities. All course locations are chosen for the safety and comfort of the participants. Each course includes additional activities. These activities can include sports, recreation, crafts, field trips and boat races. There are customs unique to each course that generate fun and enthusiasm. The music directors are renowned in their field and offer excellent leadership for youths and adults to learn new techniques and skills. In addition, significant opportunities for spiritual and theological enrichment are also offered.

St. Margaret's Director of Music Jim Douglas serves on the music faculty of the King's College Summer Training Course, held in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The largest of its kind in North America, the King's College Course regularly attracts more than 170 participants, music and residential staff, ages ten and up, from across the United States and internationally. St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral and King's College of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, are the hosting sites. Dorm rooms, dining facilities, a chapel, and rehearsal spaces are provided by King's College. Choral services and concerts are held at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral. Both choristers and adults enjoy a week of music-making, fun, prayer and fellowship in beautiful Wyoming Valley. Nestled in the Appalachian mountains, Wilkes-Barre is an historic city on the east side of the Susquehanna River. King's College is within walking distance of downtown shopping, movies, riverfront parks, and historic churches. Along with daily rehearsals and sung evening prayer, highlights include sublime Compline services, a staff recital and a "camper" talent show.

Photo: King's College Course Photo 2017, Wilkes-Barre, PA



# Missions News

## A Summer of Outreach

### Ice Ministry

Once again, St. Margaret's is partnering with the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services to provide ice for our homeless brothers and sisters this summer. If you are interested in participating in these weekly drop-offs to homeless camps, contact Joanna Tillman at [joannatillman@gmail.com](mailto:joannatillman@gmail.com).



### Backpack Buddies

Once again, St. Margaret's will support our local students by providing backpacks of school supplies for those in need. As in the past, parishioners will be asked to purchase items on the school supply list and the Missions Commission will pay for the backpacks. Last year's collection benefited students at Broadneck Elementary where a number of St. Margaret's parishioners tutor. Stay tuned for details in early August.



## Food Drive This July — Help Stock the Light House Food Pantry



Throughout the entire month of July, St. Margaret's is charged with helping to stock the food pantry of the Light House shelter in Annapolis. Please leave donations in the designated box in the narthex of the sanctuary.

### Suggested Items:

Canned Goods—Oatmeal—Coffee—Peanut Butter—Fruit Juice—Ramen Noodles—Tea Bags—Pasta—Syrup—Jelly—Canned Tuna—Cereal—Rice—Salad Dressing—Applesauce—Canned Fruit—Pancake Mix—Ketchup—Mustard—Cases of Water—Paper plates—Powdered Creamer



Thanks to the Missions Commission, Christine Duray Feldmann delivered \$1,000 in food gift cards to the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families to use in their count of homeless youth in the county. There are about 200 teens living in homelessness, and connecting with them in this count is a good way to get them access to services and build relationships. Please pray for these teens and the social service providers trying to help.



6:30 am Registration

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Light Breakfast, Complimentary Beverages, Delicious Lunch, Raffle, Prizes and Awards

Proceeds benefit The Light House -  
A Homeless Prevention Support Center

Contact: Mike Winn, [mwinn421@gmail.com](mailto:mwinn421@gmail.com)

## 2019 Grant Awardees

By Izzy Winn, Grants Administrator

Many years ago, parishioners Ed and Zoe Hall left an endowment gift to St. Margaret's Church. St. Margaret's is now in its 20th year of using those gifted funds to provide endowment grants organizations that transform lives in Christ both here and around the world.

After four weeks of interviews and careful consideration of the transformative work these vastly differing groups are doing, the Grants Committee is very pleased to announce its recommendation (accepted and approved by the Vestry) to funding for the finalists as listed below:

**Kenya Connect, Elkridge MD**—\$9,700 for extending the library program "The Village that Reads!" in rural Wamunyu, Kenya to 10 additional schools (increasing from the current 55 schools), adding 1,200 books to the existing 6,000 volume library and allowing 1,500 students and teachers to enroll in the program.

**Charlie's Place at St. Margaret's Church, Washington DC**—\$7,600 supporting the breakfast program for homeless, and formerly homeless, incorporating health care, art therapy, bible study, and other programs for more than 450 people annually.

**Siempre Unidos, Honduras**—\$10,200 funding for HIV education and testing for 2,000 more people and treatment for 80 newly identified patients.

**Green-Valley—Sahuarita Samatarians, Arizona**—\$7,500 towards purchase of a replacement van for delivering humanitarian assistance to migrants in the Arizona-Sonora borderlands.

**Acts 4 Youth, Baltimore**—\$5,000 for the "Foundations" in-school resource program addressing healthy relationships, character, and emotional development of at risk 4th – 8th grade Baltimore City students.

**Center of Help, Annapolis**—\$12,000 to hire a STEM teacher for middle and high school students in the after school tutoring and enrichment program.

## 2019 Grant Committee Members

- Caroline Bontempo (2019)
- Karen Engelke (2019)
- Barbara Freidmann (2020)
- Charlie Grayston (2021)
- James Hanrahan (2021)
- Catherine Kelly (2020)
- Katie Leavy (2021)
- Casey Pingle (2019)-Chair
- Jim Reising (2021)
- Hutch Robbins (2020)
- Richard Schwappach (2021)
- Lyn Sloan (2020)



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**Strong City Baltimore, The Club at Collington Square**—\$10,000 to the inner city “Scholars” middle-school tutoring/mentoring program where 112 students safely study and get a hot meal 7 days a week.

**Civic Works/ Real Food Farm, Baltimore**—\$2,000 for urban and educational farming that provides locally grown food, job training, nutritional education, and sustainable community-focused agriculture in low-income communities.

**El Ayudante Missions, Honduras**—\$7,500 to refurbish donated computers for the use of the students in the EA Scholars Lab serving schools in 12 impoverished rural communities.

**Annapolis Immigration Justice Network**—\$7,500 to the Legal Assistance Fund for immigrant families.

**Connect Rwanda, Annapolis, MD**—\$7,000 for technology and teacher training, including a teacher exchange program with teachers in Anne Arundel County, MD and the APACOPE comprehensive school (1,300 students) in Kigali, Rwanda.

**Carpenter’s Shelter, Alexandria, VA**—\$5,000 for the immediate needs of approximately 650 homeless people a year with residential, day and winter shelter, education and employment services, health and mental health services and transition support for sustainable independence.



## Camp Allen 2019

The 20th annual St. Margaret’s Camp Allen will be held on August 5-9 at for the families of Allen Apartments in the Parole area of Annapolis. It is a half-day camp for the mostly Hispanic children of the low-income housing in and around the apartment complex. This project was begun by Rev. Wes Wubbenhorst and Arvilla Wubbenhorst as an outgrowth of Wes’s mission work in Honduras. The families look forward to Camp Allen as a highlight of their summer.

To put on this very successful program, we are seeking volunteers for a wide variety of jobs at the camp. We need youth counselors, Spanish speakers to help with registration on Monday and Tuesday, other volunteers to help with purchasing, preparing and serving snacks and lunches, people with large vehicles to help with transportation of tables and supplies, people to help with crafts and games on Monday or Tuesday, or two volunteers to help chaperone field trips on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We always also need extra hands to do whatever needs to be done. Any amount of time you would like to devote to the program, we can put you to work! It is always an amazing experience for all. In the coming months there will be sign-up opportunities in the parish hall, or you may contact Sarah Hyde directly at 410 280-6737 (home) or 410-562-9904 (cell) or by e-mail at [smhyde@aol.com](mailto:smhyde@aol.com).



# Upcoming Events



## Bluegrass Mass & Parish Picnic Sunday, June 2 - 11:15 a.m.

*featuring Third Sunday Band & special musical guests*

*Bring a blanket/lawn chair & dish to share*

*Hamburgers & hot dogs provided*

*Last Names A-F - bring an entree or chips & dip*

*Last Names G-O - bring a dessert or fruit tray*

*Last Names P-Z - bring a side dish/salad*



## St. Margaret's Women's Guild Wednesday, June 6 -11:30 a.m. Carrol's Creek - Annapolis

Tickets \$30

Make checks out to "St. Margaret's Church" with "Guild Luncheon" in the memo line

All are welcome! Orders due May 29

## Photos Wanted! New Photo Directory Coming This Fall!



Check your email from St. Margaret's to see if we send you a photo request this summer!

St. Margaret's staff will be switching to a new database system this summer and will be working on a new photo directory to distribute for the 2019-20 program year.

With all of our wonderful newcomers who joined our family parish this past year, we need individual/family photos. Also, if anyone would like to update their photos from years past, we welcome all submissions!

To provide a new photo, email a digital copy to [laura@st-margarets.org](mailto:laura@st-margarets.org)

or

you can catch Laura Tayman, our communications assistant, after a 9 a.m. service where she livestreams most Sundays or stop by the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday during the summer for a quick pic.

# Day School

Ending Our Program Year on a High Note  
by Tricia McVeigh, Day School Director

Our students and staff have been hard at work as we move toward the end of the school year. We celebrated Earth Day by planting and sprucing up our outdoor classroom and garden. We also hosted a team of evaluators from the National Assn. of the Education of Young Children to earn our re-certification as a school of excellence.

This month our students took part in our annual Trike-a-thon, running laps on their trikes, bikes, and scooters through many laps to raise thousands for St. Jude's Hospital. We also held a special "Muffins with Mom" allowing our students and their family members to enjoy a special time together.

As I write this, we are preparing for our annual field days for students. Led by parents, the event allows our students to demonstrate a variety of physical skills they have learned at the school over the entire year.

We are now practicing our graduation exercises for our Kindergarten class. Their robes have been delivered and we are preparing their "diplomas" for the big day on June 6. Graduation day is a true celebration for all of our Day School families as we celebrate with a fun day of activities on the St. Margaret's campus.



SCIENCE, ART, EXPLORATION, THEME-BASED FUN  
AND FIELD TRIPS FOR AGES 2-9!

Children are welcome to join us from June to August for our fun-filled day camps! Every two weeks we will have a new, exciting camp theme with crafts, projects, games, science explorations, and more.

Registration can be found at [stmargaretsdayschool.org](http://stmargaretsdayschool.org).



Our students were hard at work planting in our vegetable garden in celebration of Earth Day.



Kudos to our students who raised over \$4,000 for St. Jude's at their annual Trike-a-thon this month!



Our new playground has been enjoyed by children of our school, our parish, and our neighborhood!

# Children & Youth

St. Margaret's Vacation Bible School

June 24-28, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Ages 4 to 10

\$50 participation fee - \$25 if parent volunteers that week  
Scholarships available!

Nursery care provided for parent volunteers.

Register Now! Some classes full already!  
Youth Helpers & Adult Volunteers are needed!

Contact The Rev. Patti Sachs at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org).

Automated registration for students & youth helpers at  
[www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org)



## Summer Children's Hour

10:20 to 11 a.m. on Sundays - starts June 16th - Fellowship Hall  
for young children and their families  
(Youth helpers will always be welcome!)

\*Gospel lesson with clergy

\*Activities related to the message of the day

**We are in need of families to commit to assisting with set up and clean up just one week in the summer.**

\*Go to our "Quick Links" section at [www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org) and click on the sign-up link.

\*Choose any week when you are in town.

# acolyte

ministry

Acolytes are young members of the parish who help the clergy with leading a worship service. There are a variety of roles available depending on age and strength. It is a great way for young parishioners to grow in faith and leadership.

**A summer sign-up is available for every Sunday, the 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services. Just go to [www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org) and look for the link under "Quick Links" at the bottom.** Julie Svendsen, acolyte coordinator, can answer any questions and can help train new acolytes in their duties. Contact info is [julesannap@gmail.com](mailto:julesannap@gmail.com).



Parent of toddlers are welcome to come and fellowship with other parents during coffee hour (Sundays from 10:15 to 11 a.m.) as the small children play in the lobby of the new formation building.

Youth Mission Experience in Central Appalachia with Appalachia Service Project (ASP), for youth age 14 and up, June 23-29. Become the hands, feet, hammers and heart of Jesus making homes warmer, safer, drier in central Appalachia. Adult leaders are also needed. Cost for one week (includes transport, food, lodging, training, all materials) is \$600. Contact the Rev. Matthew Hanisian, [mhanisian@smartinsinthefield.org](mailto:mhanisian@smartinsinthefield.org) or [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org).

**Youth Mission to Support Brethren Disaster Relief in Lumberton, NC,** July 7-13, 2019. Trained construction leaders and household leaders provide volunteer orientation and instruction on the work site, as well as meals at the volunteers housing. Unskilled volunteers willing to learn are invited to work alongside those who are skilled and willing to teach. Volunteer housing is provided, often at local churches or community buildings. [Learn more here.](#)

**LOCK WITH  
In BUBBLE BALL!!**



*for Middle and High School Students*

**Friday, June 14**

**Meet at 6 p.m.**

*Bring your sleeping bags  
& \$5 for pizza dinner  
Pick up Sat. morning at 8 a.m.*

**Please contact  
[Jeff@st-margarets.org](mailto:Jeff@st-margarets.org)  
if you can attend!**

**Children's Communion  
Class**



**Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m.  
Sunday, June 9, 9 a.m. service**

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer will lead young children through the importance and meaning of Holy Communion, first with a class on Saturday morning, June 8th at 10 a.m. and then as a follow up on Sunday, June 10th at the 9 a.m. service. The children will get a close up look at the process.

It's very clear from the Gospels that Jesus loved children, welcomed them into his kingdom, and commended their faith. "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."



**Nellie Bowers**

Daughter of Elizabeth  
& Tommy Bowers  
from Broadneck High

**Molly Enriquez**

Daughter of Jon Enriquez &  
Dibble Hammar  
St. Timothy's

**Lena Hanrahan**

Daughter of Anne Sessions  
& James Hanrahan  
Annapolis High School

**Gloria Herman**

Granddaughter of Russ Philipi  
Winston Churchill High School

**Rita Veno**

Daughter of Carol Heaton  
& Rich Veno  
Broadneck High School

**Kimdahae Wenz**

Daughter of Tom and  
Seung Won Wenz  
from Annapolis High

Don't see your grad?  
Email info to  
[laura@st-margarets.org](mailto:laura@st-margarets.org).

# Church Camera

Youth Sunday 2019

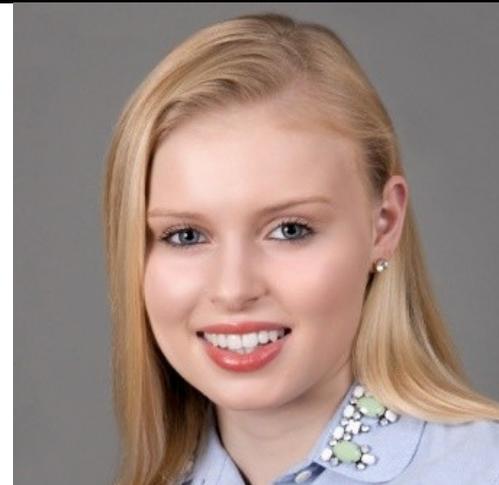


Easter 2019



# Checking In—Former St. Margaret's Youth Else Drooff

*Background: Else is a recent Dartmouth graduate who grew up in Annapolis with St. Margaret's as her home parish. (Parents Eric and Leah Drooff still attend St. Margaret's when not traveling for work.) Else started working for the Santa Fe Dreamers Project in March after leaving her job in tech operations in San Francisco. The Santa Fe Dreamers Project provides free legal services to immigrants, including DACA clinics, domestic abuse protection, asylum representation and removal defense, naturalization & citizenship representation, etc. We wanted to "check in" with Else to see how her faith has affected her during her recent career change. We hope for this feature to continue in the Spire as our youth leave home and use their faith in their adult lives.*



It might be easy to assume that I career-hopped into immigration law due to my liberal politics. I don't believe in building a wall. I don't believe in closing ports of entry. And I don't believe in detaining refugees that are fleeing gang violence, failed governments, and political persecution. Yet, you would be hard-pressed to find any liberal diatribes (I mean posts) on my social media. This is because I do not want to give the impression that my partisanship defines who I am or the relationships I have with other people---because it doesn't.

Informed by Stanley Hauerwas, a well-known American theologian, I believe the Church (specifically my Episcopalianism) stands as a political alternative when partisan politics stop feeling like an authentic compass toward personal and communal righteousness. In other words, I fight for immigration reform because Christian hospitality dictates that every human being is a dwelling of God, so we should treat them accordingly (you were ready for Matthew 25, weren't you). My work is far more biblically-inspired than it is politically-strategic, and although I cannot speak on behalf of my coworkers (nor am I aware of their religious affiliations), I know they are not in this line of work simply as a form of political protest. We are called to do this work because something deep inside of us, deeper than politics, (and which so happens to be Christian doctrine for me) tells us that this is our mission, this is our injustice to make right.

My coworker at the Santa Fe Dreamers Project (and current partner) is a proud Texan, a second-generation Mexican immigrant, a libertarian, and a Dartmouth graduate. He voted for President Trump in 2016 (a rarity at Dartmouth) and now he tries to get transgender immigrant women out of detention every day. I was profoundly confused when I met him, and even he would admit that he's still sorting it all out. Through it all, his church (shoutout to Hope UC!) and his Christian faith serve as his political alternative when it comes to immigration. He has taught me that you don't need to be a supporter of social welfare or foreign aid to recognize the morality of our border policies. His Christian theology transcends his politics, and there is no requirement that he be in political alignment with his colleagues, the majority of whom are (unsurprisingly) liberal, to be a bona fide immigration reform crusader.

"The cross is not a sign of the church's quiet, suffering submission to the powers-that-be, but rather the church's revolutionary participation in the victory of Christ over those powers. The cross is not a symbol for general human suffering and oppression. Rather, the cross is a sign of what happens when one takes God's account of reality more seriously than Caesar's." - Stanley Hauerwas, Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony

We are all implicated in the humanitarian crisis happening at our southern border. We are all jointly responsible for the men, women, and children detained in prisons (I've been to three 'detention centers' thus far and can attest they are horrendous places) because they seek refuge. And we are all Christians that need to do more for our neighbors in the name of Christ.



1) Tune in to NBC Nightly News on May 21st to watch one of our clients, Dulce Rivera Montero, talk about the year she spent in solitary confinement during her asylum case. Many of our transgender clients are put in solitary confinement because of the high rates of violence they experience in general male population.

2) Interested in prison divestment? Don't know what it is? Visit our campaign website:  
<https://www.prisondivestnewmexico.org>

3) Contact [elsedrooff@gmail.com](mailto:elsedrooff@gmail.com) if you're interested in hosting a screening of our short documentary film Refuge(e). Refug(e) traces the incredible journey of two refugees (and former clients), Alpha and Zeferino. Each fled violent threats to their life in their home countries, made the long, dangerous trip across most of the Western hemisphere to the US/Mexico border, and presented themselves at the border asking for political asylum only to be incarcerated in a for-profit prison in Cibola County, New Mexico for months on end without having committed any crime.

4) Donate to the Santa Fe Dreamers Project at <http://www.santafedreamersproject.org/>.

## Getting to Know You

## Lisa, Alan, & Evelyn Chaney

By Tug Knorr

We welcome the Chaney family to St. Margaret's! Dad Alan, was born in nearby Lothian MD, and did his undergraduate studies at the Univ. of Arkansas. For four years he toiled as Manager for their basketball team cleaning uniforms and becoming a sanitation expert. Earning his MBA as a Terp at the U of Maryland brought him closer to home. Mom Lisa grew up in Winchester, Md, studied Law at McDaniel Univ. and is now studying Public Health at Johns Hopkins Univ.

They met while attending the Maryland Assembly in 2016 and were married in March of 2017. They have resided in Winsgate area of Annapolis ever since. Baby Evelyn was born in April 2018. Since then, Alan has been working at Reliable Contracting Co. in Gambrills as an estimator, but with wife Lisa studying "full time" to take her bar exam, he puts into practice his skills at cleaning, etc. for baby Evelyn.



This young couple reports that St. Margaret's has been their church of choice over the past two years because:

- A. Both rectors' sermons have been to their liking;
- B. They have met many young couples with similar interests;
- C. When daughter Evelyn settles into walking, talking and bible studying they know that SMC will meet their needs; and
- D. Mom, when she passes the bar, will be more relaxed with the friends they have met at SMC!

The Chaney Family certainly has felt "at home" at our church and Alan has expressed an interest in being an usher and being involved with financial matters. He also, in addition to playing tennis, maintains his involvement with basketball as a spectator sport. Lisa has athletic interests as well, and very recently, with some help from Alan, entered a March Madness bracket and won 2nd Place — spending money for a future European cruise!



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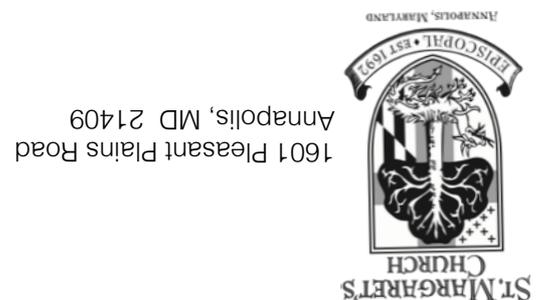
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