



St. Margaret's Church
Annapolis, Maryland

The Spire

Summer 2021

A Note from the Rector

By the Rev. Peter W. Mayer

If our church ceased to exist, who would notice? It's a question we need to continually ask. Would the many people who pass our corner to drive down Pleasant Plains Road complain much if we were replaced by a Starbucks, or even a dry cleaners? Would our neighbors notice if our day school didn't attract over 100 kids a day? Who would miss our presence?

Would the Light House miss our gifts of volunteers and finances? What about our grant recipients? What about the food pantries? Surely there are other churches and organizations that could take our place and pick up our slack. How about the dance classes, the scouting troops and the support groups that meet in our formation building? How about the various community events, like fundraising dinners or Third Sunday Band concerts?

It's a question we need to ask continually because it speaks to our place in the wider community. Are we enmeshed in the community; in other words, how vital is the role we play?

In the midst of the pandemic, our church showed her resilience in prayer, and in giving. Many of you became more connected with our church through the internet, and many more of you gave your time, talents and treasures to various endeavors like feeding people and vaccination drives.

Coming out of the pandemic, St. Margaret's must find ways to become more enmeshed in the fabric of the peninsula. I don't know how to do that. I think some of you have some ideas about it, and I would love for leadership to hear them. We can't just exist for ourselves: we must exist for others.



Formation



Formation Time at St. Margaret's By the Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector

Summertime! It is so nice to be outside and be able to play again! So we WILL have **Vacation Bible School** this year. Yay! Even though it is a reduced schedule, each age group will get a whole day (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) to sing and play and create in our "Grow in God's Garden" VBS. We are really looking forward to this. All the details are on our website. Look in the top right corner of our homepage for VBS and sign up.

We had many parents volunteer to help us this year and we want to say "Thank you" to all who will be participating. If you weren't able to help out with Vacation Bible School, what about considering helping out with **Sunday School** this September? We will need teachers and leaders, and this could be you! Think about this. It is a wonderful way lead by example. We will be offering more details in the future, so start thinking and praying about possibly adding your time and talent to this important ministry. All classes are led by teams, so you would never be asked to lead by yourself. There is always someone to learn from on your team. We hope you will give this some serious thought! Contact parishioner Gwen Davis at gwen@llamaworks.com.

Another great opportunity coming up in the fall to be considered is joining the **Education for Ministry** class. Talk to any parishioner you know who has taken this course or contact our coordinator Jim Hall at jhhall1942@verizon.net to find out just how fundamental it is to our Christian education.

And how about this? Is your child between the ages of 7 and 17? How about considering being an **Acolyte**? This is a vital part of worship at St. Margaret's and we are all enriched by the participation of our youth in this program. We will begin indoor worship again on June 13th, so we are hoping children and youth will sign up. (You get to carry big sticks and play with fire!) Contact Julie Svendsen for more information at Julesannapolis@gmail.com.

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Growing in God's Garden Daily VBS
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration available at www.st-margarets.org and on Realm

For students going in to
PreK & Kindergarten
June 28, 2021
Grades 1-2
June 29, 2021
Grades 3-5
June 30, 2021

with
 *Bible lesson *Music *Crafts *Treasure Hunting *Games *Journaling *Beautifying our campus

Adult & Youth Volunteers welcome! Email: Patti@st-margarets.org



A four-year curriculum from the University of Swanee that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.

SMC Class meets Wednesday AM
September - May
Scholarships are available



Children/Youth
Help lead worship!

Become an acolyte to
assist priests during
services!

Ages 7-18

Upcoming Events



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
HOMECOMING

SATURDAY, JUNE 12
8:30 A.M. -
FELLOWSHIP WITH DONUTS AND COFFEE
CATCH UP WITH YOUR SMC FAMILY
9:00 TO 11:00 A.M. -
CAMPUS SPRUCE UP FOR REGATHERING
BRING YOUR TOOLS & WHEELBORROWS



Women's Guild's Spring Luncheon

St. Margaret's Women's Guild is sponsoring its annual Spring Luncheon at Carroll's Creek in Eastport on Wednesday, June 2. All are welcome. Guests will gather at 11:30 for fellowship followed by the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The cost will be \$35. Please let Judy Hall know if you are planning to attend by Wednesday, May 26. There will be a raffle as a fundraiser with tickets for \$2 each so be sure and bring some cash.

Church Camera - Tree Planting Ceremony - Honoring SMC Military and Veterans



A Musical Note

By Jim Douglas, Director of Music

Covid Guidelines & Regathering

We began regathering in person for outdoor worship for our 9:00am and 11:15am services on April 18 and will continue to do so until returning to indoor worship June 13. Not only has the weather cooperated these last several Sundays, but COVID restrictions eased, allowing us to sing as a congregation again, though wearing masks. Continued easing of restrictions now allows us to sing without masks, which we can all agree is a welcome change!



Pentecost

Though our youth chorister rehearsals remain on hiatus until September, several adult choristers have been rehearsing on Wednesday evenings to prepare music for **Sunday, May 23**, which is Pentecost this year. Pentecost is one of the major feast days on our church calendar. Pentecost, which means the “fiftieth day” (after Easter), commemorates the descending of the Holy Spirit on the apostles after Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension. Music for the morning will have a Holy Spirit theme.

Bluegrass Mass

We are very much looking forward to our **annual Bluegrass Mass returning this year on Sunday June 6**, led by the Third Sunday Band and guest musicians Sue Tice and Keith Aronson. Note the special service start time of 10:00 a.m., but try to get there a little early for an extended musical prelude.

A New Instrument for St Margaret’s

As we continue towards our organ campaign fundraising goal, I cannot thank you all enough for your generous gifts and pledges thus far. As the project progresses, please visit the webpage on the church website <https://www.st-margarets.org/neworgancampaign.html> for everything you need to know about this exciting project. It is here where we will make updates and where you may view the series of archived short videos from members of the organ committee and others. Many thanks to Junior Warden Paul Schurke who has kindly agreed to oversee the project as project manager. As has been mentioned in recent Dragon Tales, if anyone is interested in taking a trip into Washington D.C. to hear a local Marshall & Ogletree installation, please reach out to me, Kristen Berthelotte or Paul O’Donnell about organizing a visit to St Stephen Martyr Church in Foggy Bottom.

Greater Annapolis COVID Memorial

Over the last several months, the Executive Committee of the Annapolis chapter of the American Guild of Organists has been working on creating something in memory of friends and loved ones who have been lost due to the pandemic. The memorial video, “Grief, Comfort, Hope: When Words Fail, Music Speaks” will premiere during Memorial Day weekend, and will consist of music, scripture, poetry and prayer. The video will be available for viewing from May 30 on at www.annapolisago.org/events.

The New Organ: Q & A with Church Leadership

By Anne Sessions. Organ Committee

A quick survey of leadership reveals some very interesting thoughts on the organ, and non-traditional music thoughts.

Question: What's the most "unlikely" piece of music you'd like to hear on the new organ?

Peter: I think there are two. The first is "Brain of J" by Pearl Jam. It's raw and aggressive, and I've often wondered if it could be rearranged for Advent to reflect on the chorus, 'why the whole world will be different...?' The second is good for funerals, a song from Cowboy Jukies called "Those Final Feet."

Kristen B: Well of course, "Stairway to Heaven."



Question: What musician, dead or alive, would you really like to hear jam on the M&O?

Peter: Of course I'd love to hear W.A. Mozart, Jimmy Smith or Pete Townshend. But I think above all, I would have to go with Page McConnell of Phish.

Kristen B: Charles-Marie Widor; his Toccata from Symphony No. 5 has been played at all the weddings in our family and I find it electrifying!

Question: Will Jim Douglas, Music Director, let you drive the new organ now and then?

Peter: I would probably just try to play the three chords that start "Baba O'Reilly." But seriously – I'm so happy that our church is getting this instrument!

Question: Is it true the console makes the organist look younger and slimmer, or just more intelligent?

Kristen B: Yes! This is scientifically proven – the happiness the console provides makes the organist younger, slimmer and more jubilant!

Question: What's your favorite key?

Kristen B: B-flat major. So many of my favorite, charming pieces for harp are in this key and it's a very happy one!

Peter: Any song in the key of life! (Stevie Wonder!)

Listening Tour

Would you like to hear an M&O instrument and learn why the Organ Committee chose this instrument? Contact Jim Douglas at music@st-margarets.com and ask him about a listening trip to hear the M&O organ at St. Stephen Martyr Church in Washington, DC.



Missions

Light House Dinner Volunteers Needed

On the 3rd and 4th Sunday of every month, volunteers from SMC provide dinner for Light House shelter residents. Meals must follow recipes found within the Light House recipe book, and recipes are designed to feed 25-30, the current dinner need count for Light House. This is strictly an offsite opportunity with the exception of dropping off the prepared meal. Volunteers are reimbursed for the cost of the groceries. Contact Marti Engstrom, Light House Dinner Coordinator for SMC at 770-685-5892 or martiengstrom@gmail.com, and she will send you an email with instructions and the Light House recipe book after you sign up.



The annual Annapolis Run for The Light House provides scenic Half-Marathon, 5K and 1.25-mile routes along the trails of Quiet Waters Park and through the beautiful Chesapeake Bay-front community of Hillsmere Shores.

In-Person is Sunday, September 19th while Virtual athletes may run anytime between 9/11 - 9/19.

Half Marathon (In-Person)

5K Jogging Joe Shafran Memorial Run (In-Person)

1.25 Mile Walk (In-Person)

Half Marathon (Virtual)

5K (Virtual)

Doggie Dash (Virtual)

Additional race information can be found at <https://friendslhs.org/runforthelighthouse/>.



Their restaurant has opened for business again!

www.lighthousebistro.org



7:30 am Registration
9:00 am Shotgun Start
Raffle, Prizes and Awards

To join a St. Margaret's team, email peter@st-margarets.org.

My Brother's Pantry - a food relief organization founded in 1986 to aid the hungry on the Broadneck Peninsula. Contact: Russell Jackson russelljackson@alumni.duke.edu

West Annapolis Pop-up Pantry - feeding hungry families in the Annapolis area - <https://www.marshallhope.org/>



Join St. Margaret's volunteers as they assist with the distribution of food on Thursdays for the West Annapolis Pop-Up Pantry at Annapolis Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Contact Barbara Marder at scubaesc@aol.com or Janice John at janicejohnrg@gmail.com. Other members pictured are Izzy Winn and Pam Roth.



Annapolis Pride celebrates the LGBTQ+ community, engaging local residents, businesses and groups to unite in welcoming and embracing diversity in Annapolis.

Annapolis Pride is committed to supporting the LGBTQ+ community by using its resources to aid in the advancement and education of our community, lawmakers and public institutions around issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. Visit our Anti-Racism Resources page for resources on dismantling white supremacy and ending racism in our community.



Mark your calendar!

Next Annapolis Pride Parade
Saturday, October 30
Stay tuned for information on how
St. Margaret's will participate.

Support the AACPS LGBTQ+ Policy

Annapolis prides asks for your help to support LGBTQ+ students! The Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) Board of Education will have the second read of the draft LGBTQ+ policy for students on June 2, 2021 at 12 p.m.

6 Ways to Support LGBTQ+ Students

Learn how to testify live or submit written testimony at the next board meeting here. View written testimony from the previous Board of Education meeting here: <https://aacpschools.org/boardpolicies/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/DRAFT-JQ-Safe-and-Inclusive-Environments-2021-v1.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2eSMg3G2Buq2Ui57hpVweul8xbkOBqk3JlZ2UEyDmNpz0DGilwesHi4A8M>

Join the Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students with the option to submit a video testimonial here. Please check the [PRIDE 2021 webpage](#) for registration, sponsorship, entertainment, and volunteer opportunities.

RSVP and share the Facebook event for the second read of the LGBTQ+ policy on June 2nd. Support the group's advocacy efforts - donate to Annapolis Pride.

Discoveries: the Library at the Mall

MAY 7TH - JUNE 7TH

FILL OUR MOTHER & BABY PANTRY

Donate:

Diapers

Wipes

Pads & Tampons

Drop off at Broadneck, Busch Annapolis, Eastport &
Discoveries libraries

Day School

SMDS Families Raise Thousands for St. Jude's

Kudos to St. Margaret's Day School students and families for their support in raising over \$8,000 for St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN. The hospital advances cures, and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. No child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. Whether they rode bikes, trikes, or scooters, the students and their financial supporters learned an important lesson of giving.



St. Margaret's Day School Art Walk

Though the school could not hold their annual auction fundraiser for the second year in a row, the school held an Art Walk, a collection of art pieces created by St. Margaret's families and students. From watercolor paintings to wood carvings to marble creations, the selections included the participation of SMDS students. Thanks go out to St. Margaret's parishioners who took part in the fundraising effort.

St. Margaret's Day School Summer Camps

Register at www.stmargaretsdayschool.org

All summer camp sessions for 4-10 year olds run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Session 1: June 14-25
Under the Sea

Session 2: July 5-16
Unmask the Hero in you

Session 3: July 19-30
Build it, Design it, LEGO Camp

Session 4: August 2-6
Ahoy, St. Margaret's Pirate



Dedicate Your Amazon Purchases to SMDS Amazon Smile program

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support St. Margaret's Day School every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.



Claggett Summer Camps Resume in 2021

The Claggett Center offers week-long, residential, camp programs for youth from completed 2nd grade to recently-graduated high school seniors. Whether climbing high on the ropes course, or diving deep at the pool, there's something for everyone at Claggett. From adventures on the Monocacy River and Sugarloaf Mountain, to swimming, games, campfires and classic skits, campers are sure to create new friendships and renew old ones year after year. All campers and staff will work together to create a safe and holy environment with Covid pre-cautions in place.

Summer Camps at Claggett are Christian formation ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Camp is grounded in Scripture and tradition, and encourages campers and staff to use their whole selves as ways to explore the Christian Story. Each week a chaplain participates in all camp activities, and supports the ministry of camp through prayer, participation and spiritual direction.

Senior High Camp: June 20-25
[Grades completed: 9-12]

Middle School Session 1:
June 27-July 2 [Grades completed: 6-8]

Middle School Session 2: July 5-10
[Grades completed: 6-8]

Youth Camp: July 11-16
[Grades completed: 2-5]

Adventure Camp: July 25-30
[Grades completed 4-8, special focus on outdoor skills and activities]

Family Camp: July 25-30
[For families of all shapes, sizes, and ages!]

Camp Spirit Song: August 1-6
[For youth grades 4-8 impacted by a family member's opioid substance abuse]



Mental Health Resources

During the Pandemic:

AA County Mental Health Agency
<http://www.aamentalhealth.org/>

CRISIS WARMLINE/ADDICTIONS HELPLINE:
410-768-5522 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline
1-800-422-0009
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

National Suicide Prevention Hotlines
1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Student Safety Hotline
1-877-676-9854 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Behavioral Health Administration
updates on COVID-19:
<https://bha.health.maryland.gov/Pages/bha-covid-19.aspx>

End of the School Year Event

Friday, June 18

6:00 p.m.

*Fun *Faith * Fellowship

Contact Jeff Conover,
Youth Ministries Leader
jeff@st-margarets.org

Communications Quiz

How will you do?

From Laura Tayman, Director of Communications

Try and answer these questions first before you scroll down to look at the answer. Let me know if you learn anything.

1. How can I find Dragon Tales Weekly E-News, weekly announcements or the latest Spire newsletter?

2. How can I make a prayer request?

3. What all can I do in Realm?

4. How can I use communications for giving?

5. How can I find the readings for the week?

6. Where can I find a sign up to attend a Sunday service?

7. How can I submit a newcomer interest form?

8. How can I find instructions for wedding and funeral planning?

9. Where can I find the worship schedule to see if I am supposed to serve?

10. Where can I find the minutes to Vestry meetings?



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1. Our latest communications (Dragon Tales, Spire, Announcements) can be found under “Quick Links” on the bottom of our website homepage. (www.st-margarets.org).

2. To make a prayer request, click on the “Prayer Request” button on the top portion of our website. It will take you to an automated form. Once completed, the form is sent in email form to the office to notate in weekly announcements.

3. Though Realm can seem daunting at first, it is really a gift to parishioners and staff. Users can change their address or phone number on their own, check their giving amount, find other parishioner contact information (if they have agreed to share their information), register for events, receive notes and resources from any group they are a part of, send a note to a fellow parishioner, and receive important and convenient emails from the office.

4. You can text GIVE SMC to 73256; give online through Realm (which will be recorded in the system); initiate automated online giving from your bank.

5. The readings for the week are usually posted on the Monday before under the “Quick Links” section of the website.

6. Registration to attend a service is done through Sign-up Genius, with a link posted on the website homepage the Monday before the service.

7. Newcomers to St. Margaret’s can initiate communication with the parish by filling out the automated form located on the Newcomer page on the website. To get there, one could use the Newcomer button on the homepage or click on the About Us tab at the top and click on Newcomers.

8. Our wedding and funeral planning guides (customaries) are available by clicking on the About Us tab at the top of our website and choosing either weddings or funerals.

9. In Dragon Tales towards the bottom there is a section that alerts worship servers who are scheduled for the coming Sunday and the Sunday after that.

10. The latest Vestry minutes are located on the Vestry page of the website. Just click on the “About Us” tab at the top and choose the Vestry option.



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- Kathy Wiernicki, Treasurer
- Jim Barnett, Clerk

Vestry Liaison Assignments 2021

- David Allen - By-Laws
- Stacia Bontempo - Communications
- Marti Engstrom - Missions
- Barbara Friedmann - Missions
- Cory Greene - Formation
- Alden Gross - Worship
- Beth Kopack - Stewardship
- Kathy Lang - Day School
- Luke Morgan - Formation
- Chris Prender - Parish Life
- Susan Roberts - Neighborhoods
- Ella Tomko - Formation

Social Media Links



www.facebook.com/smcannapolis



www.youtube.com/c/saintmargaret



www.instagram.com/stmargaretsannapolis



www.onrealm.org/smcannapolis



- ✓ By check addressed to the church
- ✓ By texting GIVSMC to 73256
- ✓ Automated giving from your bank
- ✓ By credit card on Realm at <https://onrealm.org/smcannapolis/give>

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