



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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Volunteer Opportunities for Parishioners 2017-2018

As Christians, we commit ourselves to bringing God's kingdom to earth. One way to do that is to build up the Body of Christ, or the church. St. Margaret's is a dynamic, vibrant and growing place where we seek God by serving others. Will you help us build up this community, this Body of Christ?

Two ways in which we build up the Body of Christ are fairly common to us. First, we eat. Each Sunday, when we celebrate Holy Communion, we share a common meal and are fed by a reminder of God's love for us. Other times, we are fed by potlucks, coffee hours, chili cook-offs and dinners hosted by others in the church. Second, we build up this community through involvement. This brochure talks about the many ways you can feed, be fed and be involved at St. Margaret's. We hope you will take advantage of the many ways to serve and be served that we offer here.

Building the Body of Christ is a little bit like going to the gym: you get out of it what you put into it. As a community, we won't grow if we're not engaged, involved, and invested in ministry.



We ask that all parishioners step out of their comfort zone and try at least one new opportunity (and hopefully more) that is listed in these pages. If it doesn't work out, try something else. This is your chance to grow in Christ, and bring God's kingdom into reality!

--The Rev. Peter W. Mayer,
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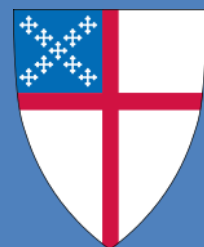
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Altar Guild

The Guild works diligently behind the scenes to prepare for all church services, Holy Eucharist and special services such as weddings and funerals. On a rotating basis, members launder and care for altar linens, polish silver and brass, set out wine and bread, and prepare the candles as they set up for Sunday and weekday services.

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Lectors

Lectors are members of the Church who provide readings of the day's assigned scriptures during a worship service.

Contact: Charlie Lang, Charlie.Lang@verizon.net

Eucharistic Ministers

A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements (bread and wine) at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist during a worship service with clergy.

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Acolytes

Children in elementary school grades through high school are encouraged to become Acolytes in the sanctuary worship services. The acolytes symbolically bring and carry the light of Christ (candle bearers) or the cross (Crucifer) during services. Practice and training sessions are held at 5:30 p.m. Monday evenings during our Faith & Fellowship program.

Contact: The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, peter@st-margarets.org

Flower Guild

Guild members create floral arrangements for worship services. No previous floral design experience is required, and novice arrangers are paired with experienced designers as they learn.

Contact: Mollie Benz-Flounlacker, mollie_benz@aau.edu

Ushers

Ushers at St. Margaret's greet worshippers before services, weddings, and funerals, making every attempt to help them feel welcome and at ease. They may escort members and guests to their seats and direct parishioners through the Holy Eucharist part of the worship service. They distribute materials related to the services such as bulletins, hymnals, handouts, etc. They also receive parishioner offerings and maintain an alertness for any emergency that may arise.

Contact: Gordon Piche, ggpiche@aol.com

**Music****Chancel Choir**

The all-volunteer St. Margaret's Chancel Choir serves as our church's "anchor" choir and sings at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services on the first and fourth Sundays of the month, as well as for special services throughout the year. Practices are in the church on Thursdays from 7 to 9:00 p.m., September through the first part of June.

Motet Ensemble

Specializing in music of the Renaissance and Baroque, as well as traditional Anglican choral anthems, the St. Margaret's Motet Ensemble provides music for the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services on the second Sunday of most months. Rehearsal is on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m., from September through the first part of June.

Childcare is regularly provided for rehearsals and services.

A/V Committee

From the sound system in the church, to the new equipment in the parish hall, there are numerous demands for use of this technology, and volunteers who would like to assist are most welcome.

Special Music

Instrumentalists are welcomed to accompany all services. From wind instruments to strings to percussion, music is greatly enhanced by those who can read from the hymnal and from special descant books.

Contemporary Christian Music Opportunities

Our Third Sunday Band has limited openings for vocalists and musicians. Special services offering Bluegrass and Celtic music make use of guest musicians.

Contact for all music activities:

James R. Fitzpatrick, Director of Music
james@st-margarets.org



The first thing I wanted to do when I came to St. Margaret's was to sing in the choir, as I love music, but I wasn't sure I was "good enough." James was welcoming, reassuring me and encouraging me to try it. I have made wonderful friends; I get to sing beautiful music; and I have learned so much. It is truly a spiritual experience to be surrounded by all that lovely sound! What a blessing.

—Nancy Kelly, Choir Member

Adult Formation

Education for Ministry Education for Ministry is a program of theological education-at-a distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students meet once a week on Wednesday mornings from September through May, under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work.

Contact: Karen Engelke, karenengelke@aol.com or Jim Hall, jhhhall1942@verizon.net

The Seekers

This group offers members the opportunity to engage critically with their faith through focused study of a wide range of biblical, theological and ethics writings. It meets each Sunday during the 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. education hour in the conference room of the administration building.

Contact: Spencer Johnson, wsjohnson63@gmail.com

Thursday Morning Bible Study

This group chooses a themed program every year and meets every Thursday morning at 9:15 a.m., to 10:30 a.m. with nursery care available from Sept. through May.

Contact: The Rev. Jane Hague, jane@st-margarets.org

Faith & Fellowship Adult Study

On Monday nights at 6:45 p.m., parishioners and special guests will lead book studies, presentations, and spiritual practices for adults in the new formation building. Participants are also welcome to enjoy a Fellowship meal at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

Contact: Valery Weekley, valery348@gmail.com

NEW-Senior Sessions

The first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m., adults aged 55+ are welcome to meet with clergy for a short prayer service and session to share personal joys and concerns, allowing participants to support each other. Contact: The Rev. Peter Mayer

Middle/High School Youth Group

Our youth group consists of middle and high school age participants who meet after the Faith & Fellowship meal on Monday evenings. Starting around 6:30 p.m. in the youth room, students participate in bonding activities, art projects, and community service activities, as well as discussion groups on important topics like self-image, racism, and stress. The group also participates in community programs, partnership activities with other churches, and diocesan youth events.

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



Children & Youth Formation

Contact: Jenelle Mejia, jenelle@st-margarets.org & jeff@st-margarets.org

Children's Chapel Leaders and Helpers

During the 9 a.m. service - for ages 3 to 6 - children proceed to a separate chapel during the Gospel hymn, where they hear the Gospel and a short reflection on one of the day's lessons, sing songs, and participate in other age appropriate activities. The children then return to "big" church for "The Peace" part of the service.

Sunday School Godly Play – Leaders and Helpers

For ages 3 through first grade, Godly Play teaches children the art of using Christian language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Curriculum and materials are provided every week.

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

For grades 2-5, we use the SPARKS curriculum that helps children see the Bible in a new light and learn the context & application of biblical text. The curriculum makes teaching easy and fun. Bible background sessions are given to provide support and a workshop coordinator is available if you have questions about the curriculum. Lessons can be easily downloaded any time from the Sparks website.

Middle School / High School Sunday School

Adult volunteers will guide middle schoolers through a series of lessons and activities using an exciting, new curriculum. Leaders would maintain open and clear communication with youth and their families, prepare lessons to be presented during the Sunday formation hour and provide youth with a safe environment to explore their faith free of judgement or apprehension.



Missions Commission

The St. Margaret's Missions Commission engages parishioners in outreach activities by organizing intergenerational mission projects throughout the year, supporting the individual interests and passions of parishioners, helping parishioners discern their gifts and strengths, acting as a clearing house for service opportunities and channeling participation, and seeking partnerships with other churches and organizations that will multiply the impact of our and their efforts.

Contact: Christine Duray Feldmann, cduray@comcast.net

Healing Team/Health Ministry

Healing team members offer support and prayers to parishioners during Communion and after services every second Sunday of the month at all three services. Serving is on a rotation basis. Health professionals are also needed for free blood pressure checks offered to the parish and other wellness support services.

Contact: Pat Hall, pshall1@verizon.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members lovingly hand knit or crochet shawls for baptismal candidates and those who are grieving, ill, or going through a difficult time in their life. The Ministry's members gather on the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the administrative building conference room. Hand-crafted, beaded cross charms are also used to adorn the shawls as well as tags with suggested prayers.

Contact: Jane Piche, star2d2@aol.com

Monthly Light House Shelter Dinners

Youth and adult volunteers from St. Margaret's prepare food and serve dinner to residents of the Light House shelter of Annapolis on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Contact: Bill Saur, wgsaur@gmail.com

Meals Ministry

Through the Internet site MealTrain.com, volunteers can sign up to provide home-cooked meals to parishioners who are experiencing illness or other challenges.

Contact: Allison Mayer, allisonhmayer@gmail.com

My Brother's Pantry

St. Margaret's is the 10th local congregation to join My Brothers Pantry and distribute food to approximately 130 local families. Volunteers gather canned and frozen food from the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, bread from Foodlink, and purchase other groceries needed to complete that week's distribution and then sort and deliver the donations.

Contact: Russell Jackson, russell140.6@gmail.com

Grants Committee/Liaisons

The grants program was created after the vestry accepted an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Edwin and Zoe Hall. This is the 18th year that the church will issue grants from the endowment earnings. To date, St. Margaret's has issued over 200 grants amounting to \$1.5 million. The Grants Committee members serve three-year rotating terms and select grant recipients each year from a field of applicants that meet the posted criteria. Grant Liaisons are assigned a grant applicant and meet with applicants. Liaisons then make recommendations to the Grants Committee. Liaisons only require a one-year commitment.

Contact: Elizabeth (Izzy) Winn, ewinn421@gmail.com

Relay for Life

St. Margaret's is a regular participant and top fundraiser in the Eastern Anne Arundel County Relay for Life event in support of the American Cancer Society. Our Team Dragonslayers participates as walkers, supported financially by other members of the congregation. The event occurs in the spring.

Coordinator: Judy Hall, judy.hall0404@gmail.com.



Winter Relief

St. Margaret's partners with Arundel House of Hope in offering evening shelter and meals for homeless men and women one week during the winter season. Coordinator: Judy Hall, judy.hall0404@gmail.com

Holiday Meal Sharing

Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, volunteers of St. Margaret's purchase dinner fixings (with the Missions Commission providing turkeys and hams) and coordinate the delivery of entire holiday meals to local families in need.

Contact: Barbara Marder, scubaesc@aol.com

Camp Allen

For one week in August, volunteers of St. Margaret's Church sponsor a week of day camp – crafts, Bible stories, and day trips for under-resourced children of the Allen Apartments in Parole. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to chaperone and lead activities.

Contact: Sarah Hyde, smhyde@aol.com

Social Justice Interest Group—Refugees

This new group has been formed to support efforts for refugees entering our community. The Good Neighbors Team helps two recently arrived refugee families with settling in AA county. Group members, in coordination with ten other Annapolis congregations, advocate for human rights of refugees and immigrants, and assist specific refugees residing in AA County. The group has also organized teams of parishioners to volunteer at Centro de Ayuda to assist refugees and immigrants from Annapolis by teaching English, teaching citizenship, mentoring HS students, and supporting women's groups. Contact: Joanna Tillman, joannatillman@gmail.com

Social Justice Interest Group—Homelessness

This group will address the causality of homelessness, issues associated with long-term housing success, and the challenges and options of creating affordable housing in Anne Arundel County. Group efforts will provide support for advocacy and create a hands-on opportunity for parishioners to provide support to the underserved, work with other churches, and develop leadership skills for further outreach ministry. Contact: Harry Caldwell, hbcaldwell@comcast.net

Parish Life—Building & Grounds

Building and Grounds & Technology Committee

Parish volunteers who have experience with maintenance and landscaping issues are encouraged to assist this committee with securing and improving the overall condition of all church-owned buildings, grounds, and technological capacity of the church.

Contact: Phil Graham, phil@abodeswell.org and Steve Brennan, steve@ilimer.com

Faith & Fellowship Monday Nights (Sept.—June)

Our Faith & Fellowship Monday evenings provide an array of activities for the entire parish on Mondays from September through May. Students can choose to participate in musical activities, acolyte training, youth group meetings, and arts & crafts, and adults are offered formation studies. All are invited to come enjoy a meal at 6 p.m. with other St. Margaret's parishioners in a welcoming setting. Activities include:

Spirit Singers - a chorus for children in the elementary grades who will perform during special services throughout the year. (Parent chaperones are needed for rehearsals.) Contact: James R. Fitzpatrick, james@st-margarets.org

St. Margaret's Chorus - a chorus for middle and high school youth who help to mentor the younger Spirit Singers and learn to perform with members of the adult choirs. (Parent chaperones are needed for rehearsals.) Contact: James R. Fitzpatrick, james@st-margarets.org

Wire Choir - a group of youth and adults who provide instrumental accompaniment during services periodically throughout the year. (Adults are needed to lead or help lead the groups of young and adult players during practice.) Contact: James R. Fitzpatrick, james@st-margarets.org

Arts & Crafts - for young participants who love to create and enjoy fellowship. (Leaders are needed). Contact: Arvilla Wubbenhorst, arvilla1223@gmail.com

Family Dinner - A family dinner is served at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Assistance with meal preparation, serving and cleaning up is needed. Contact: Allison Mayer, allisonhmayer@gmail.com

Adult Volunteers Needed

Though childcare for younger children is offered on Monday nights, adult volunteers are needed to welcome guests at the sign-in table and make sure children are escorted to and from their various activities. Contact: Jenelle Mejia, jenelle@st-margarets.org

Youth Group

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Newcomers Committee

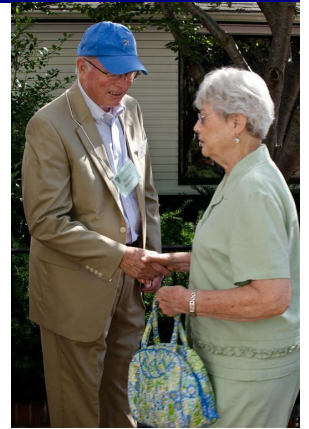
The Newcomers Committee is charged with welcoming guests into the parish, making them feel comfortable and following up to encourage newcomers to become involved in parish life and to grow in faith through life at St. Margaret's. The Committee also hosts Newcomers dinners throughout the year, allowing new families to meet other parishioners, to learn about opportunities for growth and fellowship at St. Margaret's, and to get to know clergy and other church leaders.

Contact: Jane Piche, star2d2@aol.com

Sunday Greeters

Our greeters are at the front door of the church every Sunday before and after the service. The greeters are there to welcome all who enter, to offer assistance and to answer questions. Our greeters focus on newcomers, striving to make them feel welcome while spreading St. Margaret's hospitality.

Contact: Jane Piche, star2d2@aol.com



History/Archives Committee

The History Committee preserves, organizes, and shares with the congregation any information, source materials, and artifacts that detail the history of St. Margaret's. The group sponsors workdays in the conference room, usually from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays, periodically throughout the year and seeks volunteers for work that can also be done at home. The group is planning special events leading up to the church's upcoming 325th anniversary.

Contact: Barbara Breeden, bkbreeden@comcast.net

Environmental Green Team

Members who join St. Margaret's Green Team provide information and opportunities for the parish to take an even more active role in protecting our local environment. Their goal is to provide education about what we can do as consumers, support local projects, and pursue ways we can "green" our own facilities and practices.

Contact: Al Todd, hydroman1037@gmail.com

St. Margaret's Guild

A service and spiritual enrichment group, the Guild raises money throughout the year for community and youth outreach programs, and for improvements to St. Margaret's buildings and grounds. The group meets once a month, the first Wednesday of the month, in the fellowship hall, usually at 1 p.m. from Sept. to June. Members enjoy food and fellowship, and hear information on a variety of topics of interest from parishioners as well as local leaders and experts in various fields. They also sponsor annual Christmas and Summer luncheons for all parishioners and sponsor the annual Holiday Bazaar.

Contact: Pat Hall, pshall1@verizon.net

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

A men's missionary and evangelism ministry of the Episcopal Church, the Brotherhood at St. Margaret's focuses on service, fellowship and Bible study. From flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to burgers at the annual church picnic, members actively support the mission and parish life of our church. Members meet for Bible study at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the formation building.

Contact: Jim "Tug" Knorr, tugknorr@aol.com

Daughters of the King

Founded in 1885, the mission of The Order of the Daughters of the King is to be an extension of Christ's Kingdom through daily prayer, service, and evangelism. The All Saints in Prayer Chapter welcomes all women from the Episcopal churches in the Greater Annapolis area. Current members worship at St. Margaret's, St. Philip's, and St. Martin's-in-the-Field. They meet three months at a time usually on Saturday morning.

Contact: Pam Roth, rothsbythebay@verizon.net

Holy Folders

This wonderful group of volunteers assists with preparing mailings to the entire parish throughout the year. Commitment is usually a couple of hours on a weekday. Refreshments and great fellowship promised!

Contact: Laura Tayman, laura@st-margarets.org

Office Volunteers

With the growth of the parish over the past few years, the St. Margaret's staff welcomes volunteers who wish to assist with the day-to-day operations of the parish, such as welcoming visitors, answering phones, and performing other clerical duties.

Contact: Elizabeth Radley, Elizabeth@st-margarets.org

Hospitality/Coffee Hour Volunteers

At St. Margaret's, teams of volunteers prepare the Parish Hall every Sunday morning for the coffee hour (10:15 a.m. in the parish hall, or in the church after the 7:30 a.m. service). Volunteers make coffee, set out goodies for all to enjoy, and welcome all guests in friendly fellowship. Teams serve one Sunday every other month and assist with special parish-wide events including picnics and receptions.

Contact: Kathy Lang, Kathy.Lang@verizon.net

Foyers

St. Margaret's offers the opportunity for members to participate in foyers, groups (including adults and families) that regularly socialize through planned events throughout the year. Patterned after a concept developed at Coventry Cathedral in England, foyers are small informal groups that gather in individual members' homes to share a light meal and relaxed conversation. Here at St. Margaret's we have an active Foyer program. Groups of 6-8 people, both singles and couples, meet for brunch, lunch or dinner throughout the year, with groups re-shuffled and new parishioners added periodically.

Contact: Vera Torrence, vdtorrence@verizon.net

55 or Better

Our active seniors (ages 55 or better) gather periodically to enjoy social outings and activities together, including local theatre shows, speaker engagements, and musical concerts. Volunteers are desired to research potential activities and coordinate details.

Contact: The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague, jane@st-margarets.org

Annual Events

We are in need of volunteers to assist with these parish events —



Annual Bluegrass Mass/Parish Pic-nic—Usually held in the beginning of summer in June, this event features our Third Sunday Band performing in a mass held outdoors with parish picnic afterwards. Help is needed with set up, clean up, and kitchen help.



Epiphany Pageant—The pageant takes place on a Sunday morning during formation hour in early January. The coordinator would assist the Family Ministries Director with the program, costumes, communication with parents, and the actual event.



Summer Bible Camp—Adult planners and leaders are needed to assist with the parish's annual camp activity for children.



Advent Wreathmaking—The Sunday after Thanksgiving at the beginning of the Lenten season, our parish gathers together to make their own Advent wreaths. A coordinator would order materials and supervise set up and take down for the event.

Contact: Jenelle Mejia, jenelle@st-margarets.org

Easter Egg Hunt—The hunt takes place on Easter Sunday during the formation hour. The coordinator would order and prepare materials and communicate details to helpers,



Finance

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee works to help parishioners commit to increasing gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the parish. It organizes the annual fall fund drive and nurtures year-round stewardship awareness within our parish community.

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