Volunteer Opportunities for Parishioners 2019-2020

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, Rector

Mission: Transforming lives in Christ through worship, formation, and giving.
Worship

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.
Contact: Nancy Saroch, nsaroch@verizon.net

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.
Contact: Joan Rich, bojohbf@verizon.net

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 6:00 p.m. Monday evenings during our Faith & Fellowship program.
Contact: Julie Svendsen, julesannap@gmail.com

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: Ray Feldmann, rayfeldmann@comcast.net

Music - Adults
Contact: Jim Douglas, Director Of Music, music@st-margarets.org

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 Sundays of the month, as well as for special services throughout the year. Practices are in the choir room weekly September through the first part of June on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., from September through the first part of June.
Childcare is regularly provided for rehearsals and services.

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.

Wire Choir – a group of youth and adults who provide instrumental accompaniment during services periodically throughout the year.

Contemporary Christian Music Third Sunday Band
Our Third Sunday Band has leads the music of services on the third Sunday of the month from Sept. - May. They also provide music for special services like our Bluegrass Mass and Celtic Mass as well as community events...
Contact: Al Todd, hydroman1037@gmail.com.

A/V Committee
From the sound system in the church, to the new equipment in the Fellowship Hall to livestreaming services, there are numerous demands for use of technology and volunteers who would like to assist are most welcome.
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Music Chorister Program for Children & Youth

Spirit Singers & Youth Chorale

The President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities highlights important information on arts programs in its report Champions of Change: The Impact of the Arts on Learning. Researchers found that learners “attain higher levels of achievement through their engagement with the arts...when well taught, the arts provide young people with an authentic learning experience that engages their minds, hearts and bodies. Engagement in the arts...nurtures the development of cognitive, social and personal competencies.” Learning and discovery in other areas of discipline often focus on a specific talent or skill, whereas children regularly active in the arts like a chorister program develop numerous talents and skills.

The Chorister Program at St. Margaret’s provides a transformational experience for youth in kindergarten through high school, regardless of religious affiliation or background. ALL ARE WELCOME! Choristers sing in three ensembles, Spirit Singers Cherubim, Spirit Singers Seraphim and Youth Chorale. Graded choral curriculums focusing on age-appropriate vocal training, sight-singing, and music theory are offered in a professional and nurturing setting. Fun and challenging repertoire is then employed to put into practice the musical skills that are taught.

**Spirit Singers Cherubim (K-2)**
- Novice or Chorister in Training
- Sing twice a program year (end of fall & spring terms)
- Rehearse on Mondays 5:15-6pm
- Classroom C

**Spirit Singers Seraphim (grades 3-5)**
- Junior Chorister
- Sing most 4th Sundays during the program year
- Rehearse on Mondays 5:15-6pm
- Classroom B

**Youth Chorale (grades 6-12)**
- Chorister/Senior Chorister or Advanced Chorister
- Sing all 4th Sundays during the program year with and in support of younger choristers
- Sing various services with combined adult choirs
- Two weekly rehearsals (choose one) on Mondays/Wednesdays 5:30-6:20pm
- in the Choir Room

Missions

**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: Joanna Tillman, joannatillman@gmail.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 recently arrived refugee families with settling in AA county. Group members also assist the Annapolis Immigration Justice Network, advocating for human rights of refugees and immigrants, and assisting specific refugees residing in AA County. Teams of parishioners 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 addresses 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
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

LGBTQ Causes
St. Margaret’s is supportive of all causes and events that support local LGBTQ persons and causes in the area. One of our parishioners is on the board of Annapolis Pride, the board has met on our campus, and dozens and dozens of parishioners marched in their first ever Pride parade in 2019.
Contact: Joanna Tillman, joannatillman@gmail.com

Project ACT - Anne Arundel Connecting Together
After two years of listening to communities, congregations (including ours) and individuals, including 2,800 one-on-one conversations, over 1,100 leaders from Anne Arundel County have pledged to meet and work together to commit to making Anne Arundel a better place for everyone to live. Six broad issues were identified as priorities for the newest IAF organization, Anne Arundel Connecting Together: affordable housing, safe and effective schools, efficient and useful public transportation, freedom addiction and mental health challenges, and fair and just immigration policies.
Contact: Dalyn Huntley, cinque2gen@gmail.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

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

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: Marti Engstrom, martiengstrom@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 over $2 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: Christine Feldmann, cduray@comcast.net
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: Jim Hall, jhhall1942@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.

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: Sarah Westcott, sarahcwestcott@gmail.com

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: The Rev. Patti Sachs, patti@st-margarets.org

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, peter@st-margarets.org

Children & Youth Formation

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.

Contact: Emily Delsordo, emilypdelsordo@gmail.com

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.

Contact: Gwen Davis, gwen@llamaworks.com

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.

Contact: The Rev. Patti Sachs, patti@st-margarets.org

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.

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

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 6:45 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, jeff@st-margarets.org
**Parish Life**

**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: Libby Cook, eycrbc@verizon.net

**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 Parish Hall basement, 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.

Contact: Barbara Breeden, bbbreeden@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. Team members also organize and lead Blue Jean Sundays campus cleanups.

Contact: Al Todd, hydroman1037@gmail.com

**St. Margaret's Women'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 12 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, hold a Lenten soup luncheon, and sponsor the annual Holiday Bazaar/White Elephant Sale.

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: Rodger Findiesen, rfindiesen@gmail.com

**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: Web Chamberlin, webbeth@me.com

**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.

**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. Three to four times a year. Refreshments and great fellowship promised!

Contact: Laura Tayman, laura@st-margarets.org
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 6:20 p.m. with other St. Margaret’s parishioners in a welcoming setting.

Activities include:
- 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. - Spirit Singers for grades K-2 and then grades 3-5
- 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. - Youth Chorale
- 6:00 to 6:20 p.m. - Acolyte run-through rehearsal
- 6:00 to 6:20 p.m. - Arts & Crafts in Parish Hall
- 6:20 p.m. - Prayer Circle in Parish Hall
- 6:25 p.m. - Fellowship Dinner
- 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. - Youth Group
- 7:00 to 8:15 - Adult Formation
- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. - Motet Rehearsal

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

**Family Dinner** – A family dinner is served at 6:20 p.m. in the parish hall. Assistance with meal preparation, serving and cleaning up is especially 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: The Rev. Patti Sachs, patti@st-mragarets.org

### Other Parish Life Events Needing Volunteers

- **Annual Bluegrass Mass/Parish Picnic**—Usually held at 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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Vacation Bible School**—Adult planners and leaders are needed to assist with the parish’s annual camp activity for children. Held the last week of June.

### 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.
Contact: Doug Seybert, doug_seybert@yahoo.com

### Building & Grounds

**Building and Grounds & Technology Committees**
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. IT professionals in the parish can assist with planning and implementation.
B&G Contact: Phil Graham, phil@abodeswell.org Tech Contact: Jim Weekley, jcweekley@gmail.com
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