

COMMUNITY MISSIONS & OUTREACH
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SMC Missions Commission 2020-2021

ST. MARGARET'S
CHURCH



ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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The St. Margaret's Missions Commission strives to engage every parishioner in outreach by:

- (a) Organizing overarching, intergenerational missions projects that involves many parishioners in a single endeavor;
- (b) Supporting the individual interests and passions of our parishioners;
- (c) Helping parishioners discern their gifts and strengths;
- (d) Acting as a clearing house for community service opportunities, coordinating and channeling parishioner participation;
- (e) Seeking partnerships with other churches and organizations that will multiply the impact of our and their efforts.

The Commission's focus is centered on supporting organizations and volunteer activities that involve any of these four priorities:

- (1) Endow the poor and hungry with the means to feed, shelter and clothe themselves;
- (2) Restore the ill to health and heal the broken;
- (3) Promote, preserve, and sustain environmental health; and good practices; and
- (4) Improve access to educational opportunities.

> The COVID-19 crisis has altered the usual landscape of volunteer opportunities in a variety of ways. This document is a list of current opportunities to volunteer through St Margaret's. Other ongoing projects that are currently fully staffed are not listed here, but will be added as needs arise in the future.

> *The Missions Commission is actively seeking new parishioner-led projects to support - if you have an outreach project idea, please contact Missions Commission Chair Joanna Tillman: joannatillman@gmail.com*

Annapolis Pride Parade and Fair 2021

Website: www.annapolispride.org

SMC Contact: Joanna Tillman joannatillman@gmail.com

In 2019, over 60 St Margaret's Parishioners participated in the first Annapolis Pride Parade by walking in the parade together as a church, and hosting an information table about St Margaret's at the fair. **We are currently looking for a core group of volunteers to help us plan and organize SMC's involvement in the 2021 parade.**

Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT)

Website: www.actiaf.org

SMC Contact: Dalyn Huntley at cinque2gen@gmail.com or on Realm

What keeps you awake at night? What is one specific change that would make life better for you and your family? What story can you share that illustrates why you care so much about the issue?

ACT is a non-profit that is non-partisan, multi-faith, and multi-racial. ACT organizes and engages with people in power-building efforts that improve our community. Mutual concern and stories, coupled with ACT community leaders, provide the equation for ACT's organizing for change in Anne Arundel County.

ACT is currently building power for change around important goals with issue-focused teams in the following areas: **Gun Violence, Behavioral and Mental Health, Education, Affordable Housing and Immigration.**

COVID has magnified many of the issues our community members face. **Campaigns to meet the need like Feed Anne Arundel (pop up pantries/food assistance) have been established and are always in need of volunteers.**

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Light House: A Homeless Prevention Center

Website: www.annapolislighthouse.org

SMC Contact: Marti Engstrom martiengstrom@gmail.com or on Realm

The Light House exists to rebuild lives with compassion by providing shelter and services to prevent homelessness and empower people as they transition toward employment, housing and self-sufficiency. Its vision is to be a national model for how a community cares for its neighbors experiencing homelessness. Light House strives to break the cycle of homelessness by providing a place of belonging, life-changing programs, and a broad continuum of support to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Donate Needed Items (food and clothing):

All donations of food or supplies should be brought to the back door of The Light House, ring the doorbell and staff will speak through the intercom acknowledging the drop-off and will collect the items after you have left.

Currently accepted new items for men & women:

Hats / Gloves / Socks / Boots

Clothing Drop-Off Days: Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 7:00pm

Please see the list of pantry items and other items on Light House's Urgent Needs page here:

<https://annapolislighthouse.org/get-involved/needs/>

Please note that ONLY items on these lists can be accepted by Light House.

Prepare Dinner for Light House Residents:

On the 4th Sunday of every month, volunteers from St. Margaret's Church are providing dinner at the Light House Shelter for residents once again! This program requires all meals to be prepared offsite, delivered and cooked but cold to The Light House, by 5pm on the date of scheduled service. 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.

Sign up here to provide dinner as part of the Modified Dinner Program:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4badae2aa2f85-stmargarets3>

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My Brother's Pantry

Website: www.mybrotherspantry.org

SMC Contact: Russell Jackson russell140.6@gmail.com & Sherrie Wise Thomas sherrie.wise@gmail.com

My Brother's Pantry is a cooperative effort between St Margaret's and 10 other nearby congregations to support the hungry on the Broadneck Peninsula. The Pantry provides about 150 local families with a monthly delivery of groceries, and also has an emergency hotline (410-757-5190) that anyone can call for one-time emergency groceries. **St Margaret's takes complete charge of running My Brother's Pantry for one or two months every year.** 2021 dates TBD.

St Margaret's Endowment Grants 2021

Website: www.st-margarets.org/grants-program.html

SMC Contact: Christine Feldmann: missions@st-margarets.org or 410-353-2862.

Applications are now being accepted until November 30 for the 2021 grants program. A parishioner-led committee will review and award grants that:

- Endow the poor and hungry with the means to feed, shelter and clothe themselves
- Restore the ill to health and heal the broken
- Promote, preserve and sustain environmental health and good practices or
- Improve access to educational opportunities

At least three committee members are needed for the 2021 season. Additionally, liaisons are needed to interview potential applicants.

St Margaret's Green Team

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As stewards of God's creation, the Green Team works to learn about environmental issues and advocate for solutions, use natural resources wisely, promote living in a way that sustains our environment, and to work with others in the community to offer our gifts in care of the earth.

How you can help:

- Green Team Leadership
- Develop restoration projects on the SMC Campus and help to care for our native plant gardens and forest restoration areas
- Help organize Blue Jean Sundays
- Organize and host educational films, seminars or forums on relevant environmental topics, outreach to the community
- Work with Clergy and Vestry to integrate environmental and climate change awareness in spiritual formation and worship

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St Margaret's Sewing Mission

SMC Contact: Beth Kopack esolchamp@icloud.com

The Sewing Mission has produced and donated 1000+ masks & 50+ isolation gowns thanks to your generous donations. Parishioners are producing much needed masks, surgical caps and gowns for Anne Arundel Medical Center & clients of West Annapolis Pop up Pantry. All products we donate include a SMC label that declares "All are welcome" with hope that we grow the church & spread the good news of Christ.

You can help in 2 ways:

- Join this fun group and volunteer to sew medical supplies
- Donate to defray the costs of the supplies. To outfit a health care worker with a mask, cap and gown for cost is \$40 or contribute \$5 for a mask, \$10 for a surgical cap or \$25 for a surgical gown. The more that is contributed, the more we help our medical heroes on the front line!

To donate by credit card, please go to <https://onrealm.org/smcannapolis/Give>, choose Missions, and note that it's for the sewing mission; or mail a check to St. Margaret's; note Sewing Mission on the memo line.