

The Spire

Winter 2020

A Note from the Rector

By The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

When Bishop Ihloff visited us to start the year, he talked about dreams, and the idea that God can still speak to us through dreams. Recently, I began reading a book entitled "Dreams: God's Forgotten Language," a Jungian dream analysis that speaks of dreams from a spiritual perspective. So his sermon came at an apt time for me, and perhaps for you.

We use the same word "dream" for several things. They are the pictures and stories shown in our heads while we sleep. They are also the things to which we aspire and long for. And they are also the things we work for. W.B. Yeats once said that 'in dreams begin responsibility.' In other words, if you want something, you have to work for it. I might never have Brad Pitt's winsome smile, but I can come close to the physique he displayed as a 55-year-old stunt man in "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood." I can aspire to that, but ultimately it will come down to my commitment to being responsible for how I sleep, what I eat, and how I exercise that will bring that dream into reality.

The same is true in our spiritual lives. We may have dreams or aspirations towards being closer with God, or becoming more forgiving for example. Unless we are willing to make the hard choices, from busyness to silence, or from selfishness to selflessness, those dreams will remain just that: visions that fade. But when we are able to take responsibility for our own agency in our lives, and turn inch by inch towards God and the truth, we will find ourselves striving towards the kingdom and a new realization of our spiritual selves.

My prayer for you in this new year is that you dream. Dream big of what God can do in the world, and how you can play a part. And then DO IT. Go out there and try. And when you fail, or fall short, or miss the mark, try again. Never stop dreaming. That is where God will find us.



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More Learning Coming This Winter

By The Rev. Patti Sachs
Associate Rector

Winter? You call this winter?! I have to wonder if this is the “new normal”! Whatever it is, there have sure been some beautiful sunrises and lovely days lately. I hope you’ve had a few moments to notice and give thanks for the beauty of Creation, God’s first Word.

Now our seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany are past, and we have a bit of “ordinary time” before the crocuses rise and the season of Lent begins. Take time to breathe easy, to rest up, to ponder all the things we’ve just gone through in the seasons of preparation and incarnation. Take time to remember, to give thanks.

In Faith and Fellowship forums, we have been enjoying Rowan Williams’ book “Ponder This – Praying with Icons” on Monday nights. Our reflections on these icons have opened new avenues of vision and contemplation for us. I, for one, will be sorry to see this end. Our last two sessions will be February 3 and 24. **BUT – we will begin a most informative series of talks on Monday nights that will focus on mental health. Join us on January 27th for “Talk Saves Lives,” a forum featuring Kat Olbrich, Maryland and Delaware Area Director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).** We will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide and how, together, we can prevent it. That’s Monday, January 27th at 7:00. Come for dinner at 6:20 p.m. and stay for the first of several important seminars. All are welcome.

Kat Olbrich is the Maryland and Delaware Area Director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). She originally joined the foundation as a volunteer organizing the Washington DC Out of the Darkness Walk. It is AFSP’s mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide through research, education, advocacy and support for loss survivors. Talk Saves Lives is an introduction to suicide prevention. The community-based presentation covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, and how together, we can help prevent it.



I hope some of you can join me for the **7th Annual Episcopal Advocacy Day in Annapolis on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.** Learn about the Diocesan’s legislative priorities such as clean energy jobs, the environment, affordable health insurance, criminal justice reform and more. Meet your legislators and network with your peers. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The event is free to attend. Remember to bring your photo ID to enter buildings. **To register, go to: shorturl.at/rCEY6.** Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26, 2020
in the Parish Hall

12:15 p.m. potluck lunch

Last Names A to G bring entrees

Last Names H to N bring desserts

Names O-Z bring side dishes

12:45 p.m. - Meeting begins

Reports from Rector

& on the 2020 budget

Childcare provided.

Vestry Election at Annual Meeting

The Vestry is the governing body of St. Margaret's Church. The Vestry of the Church consists of the Rector, Associate Rector, and thirteen to fourteen members of whom twelve will be lay members chosen from among the Voting Members, with up to two additional Voting Members between the ages of 16 and 22, who will be young adult members of the Vestry. Of the twelve adult lay members, four shall be elected each year and shall serve three-year terms. Young adult members of the Vestry shall be elected for a term of one year. No lay member shall be eligible for re-nomination and re-election to the Vestry for a period of one year after the member's term expires; provided, however, that prior service on the Vestry in filling a vacancy shall not be disqualification for re-election. Vestry candidates are nominated to serve as Vestry members by a Nominating Committee.

Any Voting Member may nominate a candidate or candidates for the office of Vestry member by submitting such nomination or nominations to the Clerk at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. No person's name shall be placed in nomination without the prior consent of that person.

Vestry members are elected at the annual meeting by the Voting Members present. Those voting are communicants in good standing — a member of the Church over the age of 16 years who has received Holy Communion in the Church at least three times in the preceding year, and who for the preceding year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented. Voting by proxy or voting earlier is not permitted. Those receiving the highest number of votes for the vacancies to be filled shall be deemed elected. If there be a tie vote for the last of the vacancies, the tie shall be resolved by another ballot for the tied candidates; if there is then another tie, it shall be resolved by lot.

List of Candidates for the 2022 Vestry Slate

as of Jan. 12:

Kristen Berthelotte

Joan Crossman

Marti Engstrom

Elizabeth Kopack

Barbara Marder

Mitch Owens

Paul Schurke

Ella Tomko (Youth Rep)

Vestry meets the third Tuesday of every month except for August. Vestry members are assigned a specific area of church operations to assist and liaison with the Vestry during the program year.

Look for candidate bios in Dragon Tales and on our website.

If you would like to be added to the slate of Vestry candidates, please contact Paul O'Donnell, Senior Warden at paulwodonnell@gmail.com.



A Look Back and Ahead

By Jim Douglas, Director of Music

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany, a look back...

The very busy musical holiday season began on a high note December 7 with a great crowd for the Third Sunday Band's holiday concert. A day later, we offered our annual Advent Lessons & Carols sung by our combined adult choirs, with parishioner Kristen Berthelotte playing harp. Our Spirit Singers and Youth Chorale provided wonderfully sung music for our 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service, while our later Christmas Eve services featured our combined adult choirs, accompanied by Gary Kirkeby, the Annapolis Bay Strings, homegrown harpist Anna Dunlap and our own Mel Kessler on trumpet. Several members of our adult choirs also provided music for Christmas Lessons & Carols. The Christmas season concluded with Bishop Ihloff's visit and the annual children's Epiphany pageant, with an audience of families and parishioners serving as the "choir" to tell the timeless story of Jesus' birth. A huge thank you to the singers, choir, parents and instrumentalists for their commitment, hard work and preparation to musically lead our holiday services. It is because of their efforts that our worship experiences were enhanced, and we are very fortunate to have in our midst many who share their musical talents with the parish community.

Looking ahead to upcoming services and events...



January 26 Visiting Youth Choir: Madeira School

On Sunday January 26, we welcome the second of three visiting youth choirs to St Margaret's this program year. **The choir from the Madeira School, McLean, VA, will join our Youth Chorale in providing music for the 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services** that morning. St Margaret's is home to an alumna of Madeira, and their choir director, Heather Fetrow, is an old friend from our days at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. Both choirs will sing a piece together, and each one on their own.



February 2 Candlemas

Candlemas, also known as the Presentation of the Lord, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or the **Feast of the Purification, is a feast of our Lord that is celebrated every year on February 2.**

commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary forty days after Jesus' birth on Christmas. In the Gospel of Luke, the presentation of Jesus was the occasion of Simeon and Anna meeting Jesus. It had been revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had met the Messiah. When Simeon took Jesus up in his arms, he prayed the canticle Nunc dimittis, or "Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised." Simeon was then at peace and prepared to die. Nunc dimittis is Latin for "now let depart." This year, February 2 falls on a Sunday and that morning we will have a special procession at both 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services to commemorate this feast, sung by our combined adult choirs.

Annapolis Chamber Music Festival Winter Concert

St. Margaret's Church has become a favorite venue for the performers of the annual Annapolis Chamber Music Festival, a festival featuring world-class musicians and concert offerings each August. We look forward to hosting them for a special performance on **Saturday, February 22.** Stay tuned for further details and a start time.

March 1 Combined Choir Evensong

Join members of our combined adult choirs for a **joint Choral Evensong service at Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, Sunday March 1 at 5pm.** Choral Evensong is perhaps the most unique liturgy found in the Episcopal/Anglican Church. It is an elegant and contemplative 45-minute long service with a rich musical history dating back to the mid-1500s. It will be a treat to offer this service in Redeemer's stunning chapel.



About our Music Ministry...

New members are always welcome in any of our choirs, please speak with me on Sunday mornings after church or feel free to send a message with any questions to music@st-margarets.org.

We have recently added a music ministry calendar and music list to the music page of the church website. The calendar will appear at the top of the music page. Immediately below the calendar, you will find "MUSIC LIST." Click on that and a separate window will open, listing the offertory and communion music scheduled for the season. Contact me anytime at music@st-margarets.org.



mark  your **Calendar**



SPRING 2020 AUCTION:
March 28, 2020
at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Sponsored by the PTO
Tickets available soon at
www.stmargaretsdayschool.org

Do you have an upscale gift to donate as an auction item? Sports memorabilia/tickets, vacation homes, art, or gift certificates? Contact tricia@st-margarets.org to get in touch with auction volunteers!

*There's an active group on **Facebook** called **Moms for Mental Health** based in our area that now has over 1,000 women in its membership--a place of support, resource sharing and honest sharing for those struggling with or impacted by mental health struggles. Out of the Mental Health Action Team that's part of ACT, there is now also a men's group forming for those who would like to be part of a similar place for support and finding resources. Find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/744986022647498>.

*Starting on **Thursday, January 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**, the County's Dept. of Aging is offering a seven-week workshop at the Broadneck Library that **offers seniors information, strategies and physical exercise to reduce falls and increase self-confidence.** Registration is required, class size is limited. For additional information and to register, please call 410-222-4366 or register online at www.aacounty.org/aging.

*"Family First!" is an 8-week series that offers **middle school students and their parents a safe place** to discuss their fears, concerns, frustrations and hesitations while building closer family relationships. Parents and students will meet in separate groups for an hour and a half, once a week for 8 weeks to discuss family connection, social media, bullying, self-confidence, acceptance, conflict resolution techniques and more. It begins January 21, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 839 Bestgate Road in Annapolis. For more information, go to aahealth.org.

***Broadneck High School's music department** will perform the acclaimed musical "Guys and Dolls" on February 14, 15, 21, and 22 at the school. For tickets, go to bhsmusic.org.

*Historic Goshen Farm in Cape St. Claire will host their annual **Java Jazz and Tea & Tunes fundraiser** on March 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse.

Missions Going Strong this Winter

By Joanna Tillman, Missions Commission Chair

St Margaret's continues to be a leader at **My Brother's Pantry**, the Broadneck area's food pantry run by churches in the community, with parishioner Russell Jackson currently serving as Vice President on the Pantry's Board of Directors and with newcomer Sherrie Wise Thomas joining him this year as a second representative to the Pantry from our congregation. **St Margaret's will be responsible for the Pantry's operations in both February and March.** Parishioner volunteers are needed to pack and deliver bags of groceries to over 125 families in our community. Look for more information in an upcoming Dragon Tales e-news and in church announcements.

St. Margaret's parishioners continue to support the **Light House** shelter through preparing a monthly dinner for residents (led by Marti Engstrom) and participating in food drives. The Light House shelter has several recent improvements, including re-designing the pantry to be "Client's Choice" to promote a greater variety of food. The organization now offers more opportunities for job training.



In December, St Margaret's (led by parishioner James Hanrahan) hosted a special meal and Adult Forum. Culinary Arts students of The Light House's B.E.S.T. employment training program prepared the meal for Faith & Fellowship, followed by a presentation by Jo Ann Mattson, Executive Director of the Light House.

The Missions Commission seeks to further their support of the Light House shelter in 2020 by establishing a Light House subcommittee led by Marti Engstrom to coordinate SMC involvement, as well as seek SMC parishioner help in additional areas including dinners, donations, food drives, and other opportunities such as resume and job training assistance. Contact Marti for more information or to participate.

Winter Relief @ St. Margaret's - Coming in February!

For several years St. Margaret's has joined with 70 churches and synagogues in Anne Arundel County to provide shelter from the cold for homeless individuals. Many of our guests work full- or part-time, but cannot find affordable housing in our county. This has become a national challenge, especially in large metropolitan areas. If you have questions about any of the volunteer roles, contact Judy Hall at judy.hall0404@gmail.com.

Over 100 volunteers are needed for everything from set up and clean up to transportation to meals preparation, hosting, and laundry duty. Sign up to volunteer by going to the church website (www.st-margarets.org), find the "Quick Links" section at the bottom of the page and click on "Winter Relief sign-up." You can also sign up during coffeehour on Sunday mornings. Just look for the winter relief table.

Grants Committee Work Underway

This year's Grants Committee is already hard at work. The 11 members are reviewing 38 grants from as far away as Africa and South America and as close as the Broadneck Peninsula. Twenty of the applicants are first-time applicants. Members of the committee include: Barbara Freidmann, Christine Frost, Charlie Grayston, Jim Hall, James Hanrahan, Katie Leavy, Kim Morrow, Jim Reising, Hutch Robbins (chair), Richard Schwappach and Lyn Sloan.

After review of the applications, the committee will narrow the pool to a dozen or so finalists. These potential applicants will be visited (or Skyped) by grant liaisons, working in pairs during February. Organization representatives will then visit (or Skype) St. Margaret's for an interview with the entire committee in March. Final decisions will be made after all the interviews are complete. The Missions Commission and Vestry will approve the slate of recipients and the winners will be notified in April.

New this year, each grant recipient organization will receive a post grant liaison from the church to help them over the next year. The intention is to strengthen the relationship between St. Margaret's and its grant recipients.

Grant liaisons are still needed for this year. If you are interested in this very short term commitment, please contact Christine Feldmann at missions@st-margarets.org.

Dageno Safari – Time is running out! **March 14-27, 2020** **Only 8 spaces remain!**

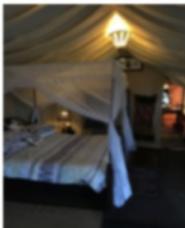
In 2019, 24 intrepid souls visited the Dageno Center and enjoyed an amazing Serengeti safari. The 2019 trip sold out by December. *Now is your chance to go at the same heavily discounted price!* The Dageno Girls Center is a residential school in Tanzania, Africa that St. Margaret's has helped since 2014. We funded on-site water storage tanks, bunk beds and more.

11 nights' accommodation with Full Board (3 meals per day), Guide, Driver & Unlimited bottled water. Regularly \$6,000, only \$3,800 PP double occupancy. \$450 single supplement.

Itinerary

- Arusha 1 Night Planet Lodge – Lovely grounds!
- Tarangire 1 Night Maramboi Tented Camp – Amazing views of Lake Manyara. Free happy hour and infinity pool!
- Karatu 2 Nights Eileen's Trees – Pool and beautiful gardens!
- Central Serengeti 2 Nights Tanzania Bush Camp – Luxury Camp INSIDE SERENGETI PARK!
- South Serengeti 2 Nights Tanzania Bush Mobile Camp – Moves with the GREAT MIGRATION!
- Karatu 3 Nights Happy Days Bungalows, a social enterprise run by Dageno graduates

NOTE: All travelers must be willing to check a 2nd suitcase for Dageno (provided by St. Margarets).



Space is limited - \$500 secures your spot
King George Travel P.O. Box 611, Dahlgren, VA 22448.
540-760-8178, KingGeorgeTravel@gmail.com

Day School



Happy New Year from the Day School!

By Tricia McVeigh, Day School Director

December was an exciting month here with our holiday celebrations and annual Christmas Pageant.

This month we celebrated the New Year with our own resolutions and learned about the Chinese New Year, dental hygiene, and Martin Luther King, Jr. We also hold our annual Breakfast with Dads program.

Open house visit dates for prospective families are January 16 and 17 from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Come and visit us! We will begin taking new family registrations for fall 2020 on January 24 starting at 7 a.m.

On February 10th, we'll celebrate our 100th day of school! And Valentines Day parties will be celebrated on Thursday, Feb 13th and Friday, Feb. 14th.

SAVE THE DATE:

The annual SMDS PTO-sponsored Silent Auction will be March 28 at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation with special musical guests—the Third Sunday Band! Look for more information in church Sunday announcements. Do you have an upscale auction item (i.e., sports tickets, restaurant certificates, vacation home options, etc.)? Contact Day School Director Tricia McVeigh at tricia@st-margarets.org.



June 8th - August 7th

Ages 2 - 9

Themes include "Under the Sea," "Superheroes," "Legos," and "Pirates."

Registration now available at www.stmargaretsdayschool.org.

Camps are already filling up!

St. Margaret's Day School
Chili Cook Off
February 1st 2020 from 4-6:30pm Parish Hall at St. Margarets



To Enter: Make a pot of chili and pay \$20 submission fee and your entire family can partake.
To Eat without Cooking: Pay the \$30 submission fee per family and your entire family can partake.

This is a family friendly event.
There will be plenty of activities for children (arts and crafts; apron decorating; games; kid friendly movie...etc) and pizza will be provided for the kids.
Sides such as hot cider and corn bread will be provided. Feel free to use crock pots for chili.
Attire is favorite football team as the Superbowl is the next day.



The annual Day school Christmas Pageant was a great success!

Faith & Fellowship Monday Nights

- 5:15 - Spirit Singers Rehearsal - Classroom C
- 5:30 - Youth Chorale Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 5:45 - Acolyte Practice - Sanctuary
- 6:00 - Arts and Crafts - Parish Hall
- 6:20 - Fellowship Dinner - Parish Hall
- 6:45 - Youth Group - Classroom D
- 7:00 - Adult Formation Session - Formation Building
- 7:00 - Motet Ensemble Rehearsal - Choir Room

Childcare available from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Help is needed for meal preparation & clean-up

Fellowship meal donations encouraged.
No Faith & Fellowship on Jan. 19.

Wanted: Easter Egg Hunt Helpers

Easter Egg Hunt (for ages toddler-grade 3) occurs
 Easter morning on campus at 10:30 a.m.

- *Manage Easter Egg stuffing
- *Organize locations of age searches
- *Manage youth assisting assignments
- *Manage set up and clean up



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

Scouts Sunday



Sunday, February 9

Boy and Girl Scouts are welcome to attend and assist
 at the 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services.

Wear your uniform, assist ushers,
 and be proudly recognized



BECOME AN ACOLYTE!

When you serve God by being an acolyte, you are doing more than carrying a flame to the altar candles. You are symbolically bringing the light of Christ's spirit into the worship service. Many acolytes believe they are filled with a sense of spiritual meaning and fulfillment. Participants make new friends, have fun, and through their commitment, grow in service to our church.

Acolytes are walked through their roles on Monday nights before the Sunday service.

For more information, contact Julie Svendsen at julesannap@gmail.com or call the church office.



Upcoming Holy Baptism Dates:

- *Feb. 23 *April 11 *April 19
- *May 31 * July 19

Go to www.st-margarets.org.
 Click on "About Us" tab at top.
 Click on "Baptisms"



Christmas Giving Led by St. Margaret's Youth Group

All of our parishioners' Warm Tree donations were picked up by the amazing Allison Matthews, Pupil Personnel Worker for the Broadneck area public schools who looks after at-risk students in our local community. She distributed all of your wonderful donations before Christmas. What many of you may not know is that the Women's Guild also funded and created packages of basic toiletries for teen-aged boys and girls who don't have a permanent home, knowing how often these children can be overlooked at this time of year. Often times, when we give, we never get any feedback on our gift. But here is a note from Allison:

Just wanted to update you! I was able to offer each Back Pack Buddy a blanket, hat, scarf and gloves/mittens to take home. They were so happy and loved picking out the color and style they wanted.

I had some left over so I brought everything to Evening High School at Glen Burnie High School where I work on Tuesday and Thursday nights. I set up a "Take One-Give-A-Way Table." After a slow start, they came over and were able to select something for themselves or to give to someone for Christmas. I brought all of the toiletry kits and handed out all 10 of them. They were so thankful! I gave out six initially and then when they went back to class they told teachers they really wished they had picked one but they did not feel comfortable so the teachers came and got the last four and gave them out. One kid said to the teacher, "I'm not going to lie. I don't have any of that stuff."

This has inspired me to do this at least once a month so we have these basic toiletry items for the kids that attend Evening High School. These kids are sometimes our most marginalized kids so they really appreciated these items. Please tell parishioners that they truly made a difference in our local community and with teens that live in our county that need support and help."



St. Nicholas Visit

We thank St. Nicholas for visiting St. Margaret's last month to explain how he became a Saint and began the tradition of giving during the Christmas time period.

Episcopal Youth Event (EYE), July 7-11, 2020 - Youth 10th grade and older at the Univ. of MD College Park

A gathering of over 2,000 young Episcopalians that only happens once in every three years! Our youth and parent chaperones are offered this once-in-a-lifetime experience. We will gather with people of faith from across the globe to have worship, workshops, public forums, and fellowship! Learn more and register online at <http://episcopalmariandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>.



**Martin Luther King
Lock-in**

**January 19-20, 2020 (grades 6-12)
Sunday 6 p.m. -Monday 3 p.m.**

Cost:
Donations for the food pantry or warming bags.

This lock-in celebrates the life and mission of Dr. MLK Jr.! Participants will have an evening focused on the sin of racism, how to continue our work to dismantle it, a film about overcoming racism, and discussion. There will also be time for fellowship and food. On Monday, youth will take time to create posters, work on a service project, and march in the MLK parade alongside Memorial, Bolton Hill. It's taking steps for the Jesus Movement! Find the registration form online at the Diocesan Events page - <http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>

**Bishop Unplugged: Spring
March 7, 2020**

Saturday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$5

Location: All Saints, Frederick.

Spend the afternoon with Bishop Sutton in fellowship and fun! Hosted in part by All Saints, Frederick. A revamp of our annual Bishop's Bash: we will gather for a few hours of music, Bible study, and time to talk with our bishops. We ask that all adult leaders join us for a special gift and prayers of thanks! Join us for this time to gather with youth from the region and have fun.

REMINDER — Youth Group for Middle & High School ages meets in Classroom D every

Faith & Fellowship **Monday**
at 6:45 p.m.



For questions about any of these or other youth programs or activities, contact Jeff Conover, our Youth Ministries Leader, at Jeff@st-margarets.org.

February 2020 - Happening #13

February 7-9, 2020 (grades 9-12)
Arrive Fri. at 7 pm-Parent pick-up Sun. 3 pm
Cost: \$95 —Deadline: January 24th

Happening is a national program designed, staffed, and run by Episcopal youth! This weekend will deepen your relationship with Jesus and connections with those on similar spiritual journeys. Most of this weekend is kept a surprise for those attending so they can fully live into the moment and the community. General activities include large group talks, small group discussion, prayer through art, and games! This retreat is similar to New Beginnings for middle schoolers and Cursillo for adults. Happening is being held at Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD.

Summer 2020

We are gathering up speed for our summer service trip! We will be journeying by car to the coast of Maine **July 6-13**. While in this place of incredible natural beauty, we will focus on three aspects. First is to recognize the amazing environment, understand how fragile it is, and learn a number of ways we can tread very lightly on this planet God has entrusted to us. Second is to recognize that, while we are in a wonderland of nature, it is also the home to people. To many of these people, the concern is not their impact on the environmental impact, but the environment's impact on them. Many of the people we will encounter depend on seasonal work, and shifting climate and economic models, along with a rapidly aging population, leaves pockets of hidden poverty just below the surface of the gorgeous scenery. We will work on service projects that will highlight this. Third, we will explore spiritual practices that help connect us to nature and to our fellow travelers on Earth. After the Youth services are over, I will hold an information meeting for everyone interested. Much of the remainder of the year will have a focus on getting ready for our journey. There will be discussion for planning and fundraising (though I am attempting to keep that to a minimum), and along with everything else happening, we will have our hands full! So, are you ready for the next leg of the race?

YOUTH EVENTS



Faith & Film

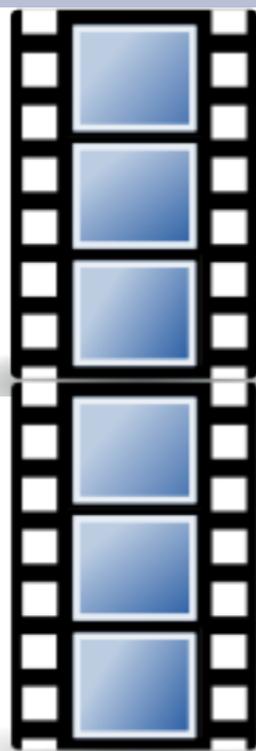
LESSON SERIES

*A look at the films of 2019
with the Rev. Peter W. Mayer*

*Just in time for the 2019 Oscars
Sun, Feb. 9*

10:20 a.m.

Fellowship Hall



Meets the first Saturday of the month
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Prayer shawls bring the care for others and the love of knitting and crochet together into prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. All skills welcome. Contact is Dibble Hammar at dibblehammar@yahoo.com.

Epiphany Pageant 2020



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 25
 Parish Dinner
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Parish Hall

Burying Alleluias and
 Burning of the Palms
 7:00 p.m.

Don't Miss it!

Silent Movie
 Comedy featuring
 organist Michael Britt
 Sunday, February 9
 4:00 p.m.
 Free for the public!

Family-Friendly!



Wednesday, February 26

Day School Families - 9:00 a.m.
 in the Fellowship Hall

Noon Service
 Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
 in the Sanctuary

St. Margaret's
 Women's Guild

March Lenten
 Soup & Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, March 5
 Fellowship Hall
 Noon

All welcome!



*A monthly program of connection & sharing with
 clergy & parishioners aged 65+* **February 11**

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

*Senior
 Sessions*

10 a.m. - Classroom E



with the Rev. Peter W. Mayer
 Mondays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 3

RSVP with peter@st-margarets.org

Getting to Know You

By Jim "Tug" Knorr

Melanie Carson and Paul & Clara Schurke

In 2019, the family of Paul Schurke, Melanie Carson and Clara Schurke have become active members of SMC. We thought it a good idea to let you know a little background info on this new and busy threesome in our congregation.

Dad Paul grew up in Olympia, Washington where he played the viola in the youth symphony and ran track. Getting a brochure from West Point one day got him thinking about getting into service academies and after one year at the University of Washington, he accepted an offer from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.



He is now a Commander in the Coast Guard with 18 years of service that has taken him to duty stations in Honolulu, Hawaii; Norfolk, Virginia; Key West, Florida; Alexandria, VA; Lockport, LA and finally Baltimore

Melanie Carson was born in Cantonment, FL near Pensacola and had a successful academic career leading to dual master's degrees from the University of West Florida and George Mason University. She is a social worker, focusing on older adults.

After marriage in 2007, Melanie and Paul went where the Coast Guard dictated; Key West, Alexandria, New Orleans, and finally Annapolis. Their daughter Clara Schurke was born in Alexandria in 2012. Clara was a 7-year-old "Wise Woman" in the Epiphany Pageant just performed at SMC. She is also a multi-talented tap and jazz dancer as well as a singer...and novice knitter! She is following in her parents' footsteps by getting involved early in church.

As youth, both Paul and Melanie were active in their home churches – though at opposite ends of the country. Melanie attended Gonzalez United Methodist Church in Florida, and Paul grew up at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia, WA. As adults, they both found a home in the Episcopal Church, attending Episcopal churches in Key West, Alexandria and New Orleans. They were very happy to find St. Margaret's and experienced an instant comfort here.

Parents Paul and Melanie have spent most of 2019 in our Foyers program. Melanie is a regular in Thursday Morning Book Study and Paul a Saturday AM Men's Breakfast attendee.

He has also been recruited by Rev Patti to help with 'church' chores,' which fits in fine with his hobbies as a woodworker. He also plays the viola when not at sea.

Let us say that we have been blessed to have The SCHURKE-CARSON Family aboard

Winter Retreats for Adults

Jan 17-19, Weekend for Women

Keynote speaker: The Rev. Dr. Lucretia Mann is an Episcopal Priest, clinical psychologist, community organizer, and transition minister.

Come to worship and enjoy fellowship with women of all ages who seek to walk in Christ's footsteps, using Presiding Bishop Curry's "Way of Love" as a tool to guide their steps.

Feb 1-3, Men's Retreat

Keynote speaker: The Rev. Matthew Hanisian is rector of St. Martin's-in-the-Field in Severna Park, a Cincinnati native, and graduate of Indiana University School of Journalism and Virginia Theological Seminary. He has served several churches in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland.

Join men from around the Diocese for a weekend of fellowship, worship, and prayer at the Claggett Center! Explore the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself:" recalling God's deep and abiding love for us, where we can be better equipped to show God's love to others in our lives.

Youth Summer Camps

High School Week: (grades completed 9-12)
June 21-26

Middle School Week: (grades completed 6-8)
July 5-10

Youth Week: (grades completed 2-5)
July 12-17

Adventure Camp: (grades completed 4-8)
June 27-July 3

Welcome back, Bishop Ihloff!

On January 5, 2020, the Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff began his return to the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland with a visit to St. Margaret's. Bishop Ihloff, former Bishop of the Maryland Diocese, has returned to support Bishop Eugene Sutton as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese.

Retiring in our Diocese in 2007, he served as president of Province III (13 diocese in the mid-Atlantic area). In 1996 to 2009, he was a member of the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops. Upon returning to St. Margaret's, he commented on the energy and vitality of the parish.



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March 13-15, Women's Retreat

Join women of all walks of life for an intimate weekend of fellowship, worship, and study. This retreat is centered around small-group sessions, in which participants reflect on and discuss teaching from a plenary session. A special opportunity to dive into scripture and connect with friends old and new, the 2020 Women's Lenten Retreat will be on the theme "Covenants, Commandments, and Creeds."



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