

The CONNECTOR

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Keep Awake

In place of my usual monthly and weekly reflections during the season of Advent, I would like to provide a little self-guided study as a means of the wakefulness to which our Lord exhorts us in the scripture lessons for this time of the year. We cannot currently gather in person for worship, and many of us are “zoomed out.” I would like, therefore, to provide each week one low-tech way of enriching our prayer lives at home, be it as individuals or with families. Each weekly reflection will introduce one possible method of praying at home and provide some guidance as to how to regularly practice this way of prayer. Next week, I will introduce the practice of reading *Forward Day by Day*, which will already prove familiar for many of you. The following week, I will review the “Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families” found in the Book of Common Prayer. For the final Friday of Advent, I will provide some guidance for reading through Morning and Evening Prayer, a liturgical pillar of our Anglican tradition.

As we move through these possibilities for prayer during Advent, I also invite anyone to share their experiences with me: which of these resonate with you? What did you try? What did you find? Have you heard the voice of God? Are you just bored? There are no right answers here, just your experience. You may call me, e-mail me, or arrange to meet me outside somewhere.

I intend these as practical possibilities for “wasting time,” as I shared in a previous reflection- not one more thing to do, but a way of grounding and centering all of our activities and pointing them towards God. Many of us may find our December schedules a bit more open this year, and my hope is that we can use this opportunity to find space for God.

“And what I say to you, I say to all: keep awake.” -Mark 13:37

Peace,
Nathan+





MERRY

CHRISTMAS!

**MAY YOU BE REMINDED
OF ALL THE MOST IMPORTANT
THINGS IN YOUR LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS.**

**MAY YOU BE SURROUNDED
BY ALL THE COMFORT AND JOY YOU
NEED DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON AND ALL
YEAR LONG. MAY THE LIGHT OF THE STAR THAT GUIDED
THE WISE MEN BE YOUR GUIDE TOO. MAY YOU BE AT PEACE
KNOWING THAT THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

**IS ALWAYS WITH YOU. MAY WE ALL SHOW EACH OTHER LOVE, RESPECT
AND PATIENCE THIS CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MAY YOU FIND A WAY TO
CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL SEASON WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY DESPITE NOT BEING ABLE TO
GATHER TOGETHER IN PERSON. MAY YOU NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE HOPE THAT WILL HELP
US GET THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT AND
CHALLENGING TIME. MAY YOU DISCOVER NEW TRADITIONS AND EMBRACE THE
OLD ONES THAT MEAN SO MUCH EACH AND EVERY YEAR. MAY ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS WISHES
COME TRUE. MAY YOU REMEMBER TO BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS. MAY YOUR HEART
AND HOME BE FILLED WITH THE LOVE AND JOY AND WARMTH THAT ONLY CHRISTMAS CAN BRING.
BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS AS WE ALL REJOYCE IN THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.**

**MAY LOVE, PEACE,
PROSPERITY, AND
GOOD HEALTH BE
YOURS IN THE NEW
YEAR COMING UP!**

Blessings,

Joan Shisler, Senior Warden



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020

We are holding 2 Christmas Services in accordance with the restrictions sited by Governor Hogan, Bishop Sutton and the Calvert County Health Department.

Both services will be live-streamed on Facebook and available anytime afterwards on YouTube.

Only participants in the services will be permitted onsite.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday, December 24, 2020

Family / Children's Service - 3:30 pm OUTSIDE Smith Hall. This service will include tree decorating and live nativity. (If you would like to view this service from your car and listen via the FM station you can do that, but you must stay in your car).

Christmas Service - 5:30 pm - Live-streamed from Smith Hall. This service will be the traditional Christmas service with Holy Eucharist. (Only participants in the service will be permitted onsite).

CHRISTMAS DAY - There will be no service at MSP. You are welcome to view the Christmas Services from the Cathedral of the Incarnation and the National Cathedral - information to access these services will be proved in the weekly and on the website.

On Sunday, December 27, 2020 we will resume the regular Sunday service at 8:30 am - live-streamed on Facebook and available anytime afterwards on YouTube. Regular additional worship opportunities are also available. Information to access these services is proved in the weekly and on the website.

END OF YEAR GIVING

December - the time of the year many folks contemplate what happened in 2020 and what may come in 2021. Year end for finance and accounting types includes closing the books for the year. A primary accounting principle is that revenue (in our case would include pledges or cash donations) is recognized and entered into accounting records at the time the funds are received. This is especially important for tax purposes. For example, if you wish to donate funds to Middleham and St. Peter's Parish, the funds should be donated no later than December 31st. However, Anne Gross, our registrar and assistant treasurer posts items to your pledge record if the funds are post-marked prior to or on December 31. Please consider this when finalizing any donations for the year.

Thank you so much for your support to MSP this year during these unusual times.

Jackie Vos, Treasurer

Anne Gross, Assistant Treasurer

Middleham and St. Peter's has an account on AMAZON.SMILE. Click the link for program information if you have not setup Middleham and St. Peter's Parish for your purchase donation. Your purchases on AMAZON.SMILE provides .05% sent to MSP. It's the same place with all the good stuff, but you must begin at AMAZON.SMILE.





Please remember during this time when Sunday worship at our locations is not possible for you, that you can mail in your weekly pledge if convenient.

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish
P.O. Box 277
Lusby, MD 20657



Also we have our online giving option through Vanco.

[Middleham and St. Peter's Online Giving Option Steps](#)

<http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org/giving/givingonline/>

SUSPENSION OF INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES AT MSP

UPDATE FROM THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND - NOVEMBER 24, 2020

"COVID-19 weekly update: Positivity rates and case rates continue to climb in all municipalities of the diocese, with the exception of Calvert County which for the time being is stable though still of concern. Rates in surrounding states are also high and hospital bed capacity continues to increase across the state at an alarming rate. A number of surrounding dioceses are now suspending worship though the end of the year. Given the projected further increase due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the lag in infection symptoms and reporting time, **we have made the difficult decision to suspend all indoor worship through January 1, 2021..."**

As we all continue to deal with these constant changes and uncertain times, please know that we at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish are always here for each other. If you have any Pastoral Care needs please don't hesitate to contact Father Nathan. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in maintaining the safety and health of the people in this parish and our larger community.

Wear a mask!

Wash your hands!

Stay safe!

Stay healthy!

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**TUNE IN TO THE LIVE STREAMING HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS
@ 8:30 AM ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**

[Middleham and St. Peter's FaceBook Page](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/middlehamandstpeters/>

[Middleham and St. Peter's YouTube Channel](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkgSo1YCBue01RuEWhH974g/>



MORNING PRAYER, FRIDAYS 7am

Middleham and St. Peter's is Collaborating with Ascension and St. George's

Start your day, once each week, with Morning Prayer. Started Friday, September 25 -- and continuing every Friday morning at 7am -- you're welcome to a brief service of scripture and prayer. On Zoom.

PLEASE NOTE NEW ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86096832378?pwd=VHFIRzNDL2NoWFZYa01lSFFTOURzdz09>

Meeting ID: 860 9683 2378

Passcode: 261730

Dial (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 860 9683 2378

Passcode: 261730



NIGHT PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS 7pm
Middleham and St. Peter's is Collaborating with Ascension and St. George's

Close your day, once each week, with the gift of prayer and Christian community. Night Prayer, also called Compline is on Zoom every Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome.

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Join Zoom Meeting

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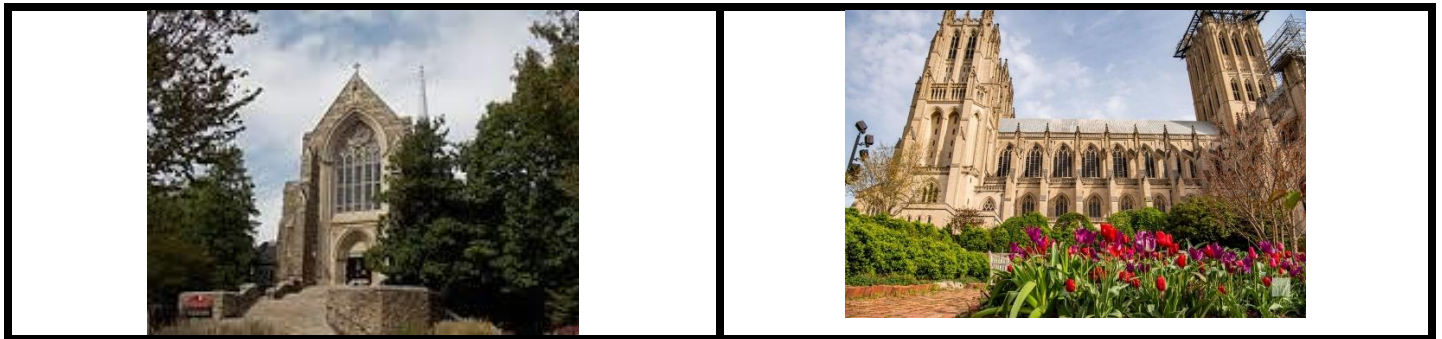
Meeting ID: 897 4122 7154

Passcode: 539618

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Meeting ID: 897 4122 7154

Passcode: 539618



**SUNDAY STREAMING WORSHIP @ 11:00 AM SERVICE FROM
 THE CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION, BALTIMORE.**
[LIVE STREAMED from the Cathedral of the Incarnation](#)

<https://marylandepiscopalian.org/2020/03/18/episcopal-diocese-of-maryland-livestreamed-worship/>

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
 ONLINE SERVICES AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**

<https://www.facebook.com/WNCathedral/>



**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
 OF MARYLAND**

**Episcopal Diocese of Maryland
 At Cathedral of the Incarnation**

Every Tuesday Live on Facebook Noon Day Prayer

<https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalMaryland/>



The **Caring Network** is continuing to call parishioners on a weekly basis. If you are not receiving a phone call, please contact Diane Davies. 410-326-0370 daviesd@comcast.net

If you or someone you know should be on our prayer list please send it to office@middlehamandstpeters.org or daviesd@comcast.net

If you are having trouble accessing or logging on to view online worship opportunities, logging into zoom etc., please let us know and we will help you. Call Jim Yoe - 443-975-6797

If you have any questions, concerns or pastoral needs, please let us know. Thank you for your patience and stay healthy!

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Lay Pastoral Visitors Group

All of us in the Lay Pastoral Visitors Group are looking forward to the time when we can again visit people in person. In the meantime if you need pastoral care please contact office@middlehamandstpeters.org or 410-326-4948.

Pastoral care

**To be there in times of sickness and in joy,
in sorrow or celebration, in crisis or transition.**

To pray.

To listen.

To share.



Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish

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EPISCOPAL PARISH
The Caring Network



PRAYER LIST

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Prayers For All Our Essential Workers During The Pandemic

Dan and Mary Heflebower
Janice Miller
George Buckler
Stanley Buckler
Bill Gallagher
Colleen Davies
Rylie Seymour
Virginia Binger
Mary Wong
Destiny Banks

Susie Wheely
Phil Lemkau
Ann Davis
Dan Gross
Cindy Henning
John Darling
Eddie Maurer
Grace Worley
Joy Walters
Lisa Greenlee

Maryellen Kalivoda
Vivian Kilsheimer
Grace Korn
Jeff Walker
Tristan Beeson
Stanley Buckler
Frank Seibert
Evelyn Seibert
Rachel Ellison
Dorothy Swan
Freeda Stallings
Marilyn Caske

DECEASED

Anthony Brown
Bill Phalen
Mark Costanza

Paul Miller
Susan Mowder
Barbara Fetterhoff

Kerry White
Brad Thomas

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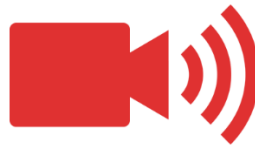


PRAYER LIST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Chris Parkinson
Joshua Kellerward
James Butler
Michael Taxiera
Matthew Blackwelder
Ryan Dement
Lisa Tomlinson
Brandon Marshall
RJ Brinegar
Jared Goff
Trey Fisher
Joseph Entzian
Isiah Jefferson
David Schul
Austin Cole
Thomas Parks
Wendy L. Love
David Thomas
Perry Peebles

Bruce Ussery
Adam Smith
Calvin Davies
Jaret Dement
David Tonacci
David Townsend
Renaldo Ramirez
Michael Ursic
Miles Manchester
TJ Dillon
Mason Garland
Andrew Terhark
Karl Townsend
Travis Park
Austin Libby
Garrett Libby
Alex Simmons
Chelsea Whealton

**LIVESTREAM
WORSHIP**



We are also looking for more tech people for the live stream, we had two more youth interested and I am very thankful for their help. I will pass those names along to Jim Yoe so that we can work on "training" them (If I'm being completely honest, the bulk of the work is handled by the software. It can sound very technical, but the huge majority is making sure the stream is still running, and that the camera is pointed in the right place).

For information contact Jim Yoe - jmyoe@comcast.net

IN-REACH OPPORTUNITIES



We are continuing with our in-reach mission opportunities where we will be helping parishioners with home repairs. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact

Jim a Yoe 443-975-6797

jmyoe@comcast.net

The Big Conversation Committee Presents

Award to Calvert Library



On September 13, over 220 individuals convened by Zoom to hear an expert panel and then meet in small groups to explore inequities in health care in Southern Maryland. This eighth Big Conversation was led by Middleham and St. Peter's Parish and its 21 community organization partners spanning the three Southern Maryland counties. The success of the forum in this time of COVID-19 was attributable to how well the partners contributed their talents and resources. In particular, the Big Conversation steering committee acknowledges the work of the Mediation Centers of Calvert, St. Mary's, and Charles Counties and Calvert Library. The mediation centers served as small group facilitators. Calvert Library provided the technology resources needed to turn the annual Big Conversation into an online event. The Library is committed to this partnership and taking an active role in making the community stronger.

The purpose of the Big Conversation is to bring the community together to address national issues on a community level. The past three years the focus has been on dismantling racism. This year's focus was on health care inequities in Southern Maryland titled "Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care Inequities – How Does it Affect Me?". The forum resulted in a comprehensive set of findings and recommendations that will guide the partners and the health community in addressing these inequities by providing better health care for all.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

As I write this we are in suspension from in person meeting. I can honestly say that by the time everyone is reading this, I have no idea what the format will be. What I do know is, as we have done so many times this year, we will still be making the best of the situation and keep moving on. We have found ways to be engaged off the computer as well, we have incorporated them into the services in a variety of roles. We now have more teens that will be assisting in bringing the live stream to life on Facebook and YouTube, and advent will bring the grand return of the acolytes. We are still active with in-reach projects, and other forms of outreach.

In a current world of chaos, we have chosen to find the good. We may not always have the ability to meet in person, but our zoom meetings have still yielded insightful conversations and many laughs. When the group sees each other after a break of weeks or months, they display genuine excitement to have all gotten through something together and remain together on the other side.

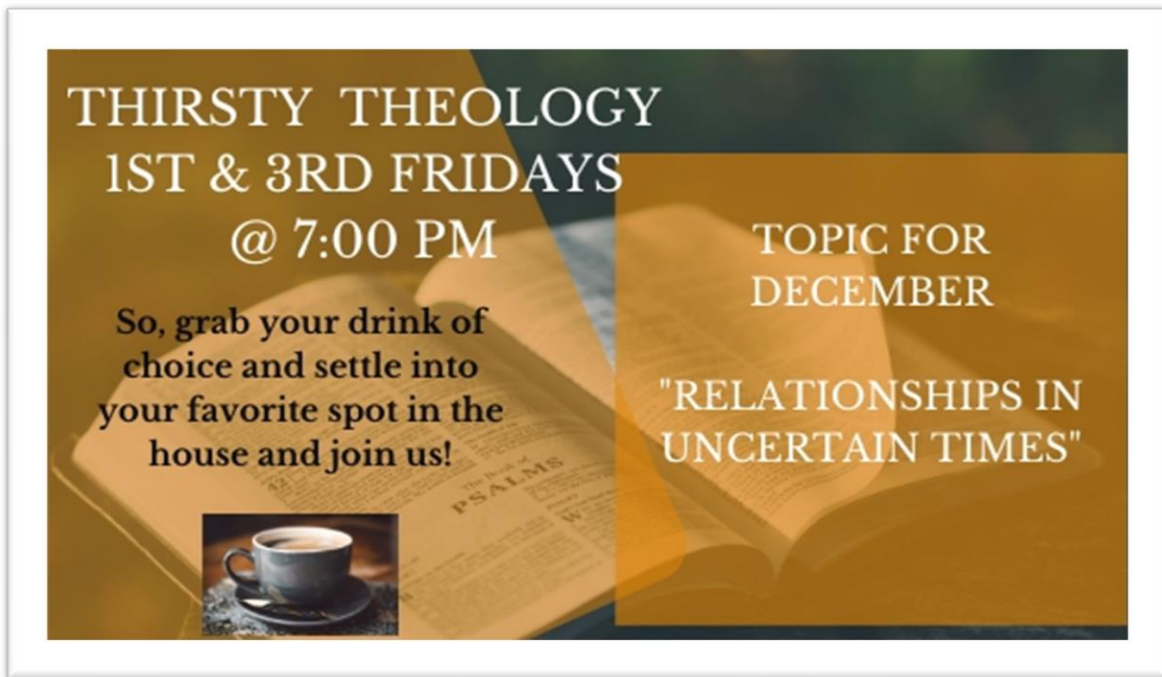
So the best update I can give for the youth, is we are still standing strong, no matter what has been thrown our way.

Thirsty Theology

Thirsty Theology will continue on zoom, but will now only be on the first and third Friday of the month at 7pm. (December will be the 4th and the 18th). In December we will be talking about relationships in uncertain times. Throughout the year we have learned new things not only about the people we live with, but about our family, friends, and coworkers. This year has stressed even the closest of relationships and given new dimensions to the phrase “I will always love you, but right now, I do not know that I like you”. So, join us as we discuss ways to cope with learning that your spouse pours milk in the bowl before the cereal, that you now know all of your co-workers home décor and hobbies outside of work, and which friends you were forced to vote off of your island to keep the number under 10.

Anne Hayes

mspyouthleader@middlehamandstpeters.org



1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS @ 7:00 PM

Join us on Friday nights at 7pm via zoom

If you ever have any questions, or you would like to hear more about any of the information above, you can reach me at 443-624-6959.

Anne Hayes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3770715758>

Meeting ID: 377 071 5758

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,3770715758# US (Germantown)

+13126266799,,3770715758# US (Chicago)

Anne Hayes, Youth Ministry

mspyouthleader@middlehamandstpeters.org



Coffee and Conversation at Asbury

Come Join Us! By Zoom on Friday **DECEMBER 18th at 10:00 am**

We will send you the study materials and zoom instructions the week before the meeting. Program leaders Dr. Charles Bennett, Claude Martin and Hugh Davies want you to know that, while our program has a foundation of Bible study (the Reading Between the Lines curriculum), our focus is on the discussion.

Call Hugh if you have questions at 410-326-0370.

daviesh@comcast.net

Hugh Davies, Charles Bennett and Claude Martin

Living Well Through Advent 2020



*Practicing Hope with All Your
Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*

A Living Compass Seasonal Resource

- **Enroll for free to receive each day's reading via a daily email**
- **Join our closed Facebook discussion group and Advent retreat, hosted by Robbin Brent, Jan Kwiatkowski, and Scott Stoner**
- **Access all past daily readings through our archive online**
- **Purchase our Advent devotional as an e-book from Amazon for .99 cents (we cannot make these free as the price is controlled by Amazon).**
- **Also for those that prefer...the downloadable PDF version is also available on Amazon as E-Book for Kindle. Total \$1.07.**

THIS INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE BELOW BOOKLET.

ALSO AT LIVING COMPASS... @ www.livingcompass.org

The free downloadable PDF “Living Well Through Advent”, is available in the Weekly Email and also on our website in resources.

www.middlehamandstpeters.org/resources

Excellent CEEP Webinar Opportunities

Middleham and St. Peter's is a member of the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP), which is a national organization that provides training and education for Episcopal and other churches. During the period of the pandemic, they have offered excellent webinar programs that may be of interest to many of you. Try one or more that interest you!

CHECKOUT MORE UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

<https://www.ceepnetwork.org/upcoming-webinars/>

Subject: Stewardship

Asset Stewardship and Addressing Racial Diversity

Monday, December 7

3:00pm EST

Taking proactive action to manage environmental and social risks to portfolios through corporate engagement and proxy voting has been a significant aspect of the work of many asset managers, especially those overseeing significant resources of many institutional clients.

Please join the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) as it hosts representatives from State Street Global Advisors (SSGA) and to learn how SSGA has made Asset Stewardship such a large part of their work and how SSGA is focusing on a variety of issues such as diversity on corporate boards and most recently addressing racial diversity in a variety of innovative ways.

We will also hear about State Street Corporation's own efforts to enhance efforts to enhance the racial diversity of its staff.

Panelists Include:

- Pam Yang - Managing Director of Charitable Asset Management, SSGA;
- Holly Fetter - Assistant Vice President - Asset Stewardship, SSGA;
- Dail St. Claire - Board Member and Finance Committee Chair, ECF;
- Jim Murphy - Managing Program Director, ECF;
- Carsten Sierck - Program Director, ECF;

Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/128575481727>

To participate in any of these, just go to the website below and sign up!

<https://www.ceepnetwork.org/upcoming-webinars/>



Deaconess
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
Ministries

December- time to remember and reflect

This month can be an incredibly happy time as we look forward to the birth of Christ, but this year may be a sad time as well.

We may not be able to spend our time with family and friends as we usual. Some of our family and friends may be missing. We are finding it difficult to get gifts for others and we may not be getting the Christmas cards and well wishes that we are used to.

You can certainly talk to the clergy, a friend who listens well or now a member of the Pastoral Care team. We will all be here and able to speak to you personally and confidentially. Feel free to call the office at 410-326-4948.

There are also Community resources available in the Southern Maryland area.

Hospice has a Grief support group. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person drop-in groups are not meeting. The drop-in grief support groups are meeting in a virtual format using Zoom. The groups



are free to attend, but you do need to pre-register to receive the Zoom meeting details. To register for an adult group, contact Trina Goffe at tgoffe@calverthospice.org or 410-535-0892, ext. 2201. To register for a children's group, contact Jess Foster at jfoster@calverthospice.org or 410-535-0892, ext. 2206.

The is also a **Crisis hotline #410-535-1121 and a teen helpline #410-257-2216.**

Just remember to seek help if you need it- or call if you are worried about a friend. We are always here.

Dale Yoe, Parish Nurse

Certified Community Health Worker





The PARISH HEALTH Ministry of
Middleham and St. Peter's
Parish presents:
Walking to Bethlehem!

UPDATE

Thanksgiving is over, now a great time to walk to
Bethlehem, and work off the turkey and pie.
Please consider joining us on this walk to Bethlehem, so
we can reach our goal.
Keep going!

WHERE TO WALK

Middleham lot= .10 mi (10 time around= 1 mi.)

Solomon's' boardwalk= .3 mi

High School tracks= .26 mi

From Solomon's PO, around island
and back= 3 miles

From the

Calvert Marine Museum- around the island
and Back=3 mi.

From OLSS- around the island and back= 2 mi.

Cove Point Park= @ .13 mi.

Calvert Cliffs State Park = main trail= @ 2 mi.

*Yellow trail=.7 mi

*Blue trail=1.1 mi.

*Red trail= 1.8 mi.

*White trail= 1.7 mi.

*Orange trail= 2.4 mi.

*Silver trail= .7 mi.

Ann Marie Garden Walking Path= .25 mi

Asbury: around the perimeter= 1.5 mi



CalvertHealth™

Dental Screenings

Patuxent High School Students

Date: December 3rd, 2020

Cost: FREE

What is being offered?

Screenings, Sealants, and Fluoride!

Calvert Community Dental Care (CCDC) is funded by CalvertHealth and a grant through The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The CCDC provides preventative and routine dental care in addition to oral health education to low income and under-served individuals and families in Southern Maryland. Our mission is to provide affordable high quality dental care and oral health education to the Southern Maryland Community.

Call Calvert Community Dental Care **TODAY** to schedule your appointment for this important health opportunity.

410.535.8402

We are here to make you smile 😊



CalvertHealth™

Dental Screenings

***Seniors call and schedule your
FREE DENTAL SCREENING***

Date: December 9th, 2020

Cost: FREE

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OUTREACH

Alternative Giving Market



Shopping for gifts can be a real challenge. What can you give someone who really needs nothing? What will be meaningful to that person? An “alternative gift” might be the answer you need! This is the fourteenth year Middleham and St. Peter’s has sponsored an Alternative Giving Market.

When you support the Alternative Giving Market, at least two things happen: a charity or outreach project gets needed financial support, and you get a unique Christmas present for that person on your list who has it all. Would your uncle or aunt appreciate that you have donated towards providing Mosquito Nets in Africa or supporting SMILE in their name? Maybe your grandchildren would appreciate knowing that a donation in their names was made to provide food for a weekend for a needy child in our community through the backpack program.

Please look at the Alternative Giving Market order blank elsewhere in the Connector for a list of items supported. Please contact the parish office, 410-326-4948, if you have comments or questions.

The Outreach Committee hopes you will find this an answer to any gift giving problems.

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish		
Alternative Giving Market – Shopping List Christmas 2020		
Name: _____		Phone: _____
<p>The Alternative Giving Market is a wonderful opportunity to see how dollars can be spent to give a meaningful gift. You may drop your order form and payment into the collection plate any Sunday or mail it to the parish office. Checks should be made out to Middleham and St. Peter's Parish, with AGM marked in the memo field. When you select an "item" to "buy", you can get a gift card to give to a friend, co-worker, or family member. If your donations will be Christmas presents, please indicate how many gift cards you would like at the bottom of this form.</p>		
Ministry Area	Suggested Donation	Donated
ALTAR GUILD: <i>Supplies such as linens and hangings for our altars, candle supplies, wafers and acolyte vestments. \$20 will buy a purificator. \$70 will buy a cassock for an acolyte.</i>	\$20 - \$70	
CHRISTIAN FORMATION: <i>Materials and programs for Sunday school, youth programs, VBS, Adult Education, and the Big Conversation. \$25 will buy supplies for a class.</i>	\$15 - \$50	
ECHO HOUSE: <i>\$60 can reimburse a parishioner for a portion of the cost of preparing a meal for the county homeless shelter.</i>	\$20 - \$40	
ERD (EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT): <i>\$12 will buy one mosquito net. \$15 will pay for someone to visit a Health Clinic. \$100 will buy a pig for a family.</i>	\$12 - \$100	
HAITI SCHOOL NURSE PROJECT: <i>We are supporting a new school nurse program serving four schools and 2,000 children in Leogane, Haiti.</i>	\$20 - \$100	
HEALTH MINISTRY: <i>Work to advocate and inform parishioners about stewardship of our bodies through exercise programs and to others in the community less fortunate through Health Fair screenings.</i>	\$10 - \$50	
HEART FELT BACKPACK MINISTRY: <i>Funds to purchase food to fill backpacks for children in our area who otherwise would not have food over the weekends. \$330 will buy food for one child for the school year.</i>	\$10 - \$330	
LABYRINTH: <i>Support the beautification of the outdoor Labyrinth on the Middleham Campus: Benches, landscaping.</i>	\$10 - \$50	
INREACH VENTURES: <i>Funds to support Middleham and St. Peter's work to repair housing, etc., for parishioners or others in this area with a need.</i>	\$20 - \$50	
OUTREACH: <i>\$25 will be used to support one of our outreach programs.</i>	\$25 - \$50	
SMILE: <i>Enable SMILE to help our neighbors in need and to purchase food for the needy in our community.</i>	\$10 - \$100	
OTHER: <i>YOU MAY DONATE TO SOMETHING NOT LISTED ABOVE IN ANY AMOUNT</i>	\$10 - \$50	
I would like _____ gift cards.	Total Donated:	



Calvert County Christmas Tree of Angels provides gifts for children in Calvert County who otherwise would not receive any presents this Christmas. MSP has provided gifts for several years and is continuing this year. If you would like to sponsor a child but are not able to do the shopping Carolyn Steiner is willing to shop for you. Each child gets a toy item and some clothing.

Because we have not been meeting in person it has been hard to get the wish cards to people, and we still have 12 tags left. So, if you are willing to support this effort call Carolyn (443-618-7934) or the church office and let us know if you would like to support this giving opportunity. Thanks in advance for all the giving MSP does to support people in our community.

If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Angel Tree Program this year, contact Carolyn Steiner for information.

jsteineriv@comcast.net or 443-618-7934

2020: A Year to Remember—and a Year to Remember Seafarers!

We can't know in July whether public health concerns will limit our service to crews in December. How can YOU help?

Please help us prepare for the worst while hoping for the best:



1. Please put items in ONE-GALLON SEALED PLASTIC BAGS (NOT boxes this year).

- ★ Why? if public health is a concern again, few of us might be available to deliver gifts. So they'll need to be lighter and more portable.
- ★ And if circumstances prevent any delivery before 2021, we wouldn't have space for an accumulation of 1600 bulky boxes!

2. No food, no food, no food! Please: NO FOOD of any kind.

- ★ Why? "No food" has always been our policy. Our store-room is hot, and so are ships' storerooms. Candy melts, and gum overpowers the room with spearmint fragrance.
- ★ But 2020 gifts might not be delivered till 2021 if conditions worsen. Now, more than ever, we can't store food.



3. Then what can you include?

- ★ A one-gallon bag accommodates a pocket or paperback New Testament (modern English if possible), a warm hat if not too bulky, warm socks or gloves, small sealed toiletries (gender-neutral), pad and pen, post cards or magnets of Baltimore or D.C., and/or pocket calendar.
- ★ Please don't over-fill, so bag won't come open, and do seal carefully.
- ★ Christmas stickers (no bulky bows) on the outside and/or cards on the inside are options to make your package more festive.

4. What if you've already wrapped boxes?

- ★ Please contact baltseafarers@aol.com to find out if we can accommodate. NO FOOD please! Boxes must total UNDER 3.5 POUNDS (no hardback books, no large toiletries.)



**Thank You To The In-Reach Team Which Included Our Youth.
They Were Busy With Fence Installation At The Home Of Louise Smith, This Past
Month.**



**Thank You Goes out to Volunteers and Youth for baking the Thanksgiving Pies, and
all those who supported this fundraiser.**



Food Distribution on Tuesday November 17th

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE

1,183 served from 274 families including 639 children, 401 adults, 143 seniors. Total weight was 8,820 lbs.

Next Food Distribution is December 15th. Please remember we need drivers.
Contact Mark Pesola for more information mark_pesola@hotmail.com



Food Drop Delivery Driver Opportunity- Safely Help Others



We need volunteers to deliver Food provided by Maryland Food Bank to recipient homes. No-contact food pick-up at church, food is dropped off outside of recipient homes to avoid contact, routes include up to 5 closely grouped addresses in SMILE service area. If

interested and would like more detail or are ready to sign up as a driver.

Next distribution is Tuesday DECEMBER 15th.

For safety and coordination efforts please contact Mark Pesola in order to volunteer, do not arrive without checking in first, thank you.

Please contact Mark Pesola at mark_pesola@hotmail.com OR 410-610-8495



HEARTFELT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY UPDATE

HeartFELT packed bags for 39 kids (78 bags!) this week. Each child received two bags stocked with full size items of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, vegetables, rolls, fresh fruit, etc. for the long holiday weekend.

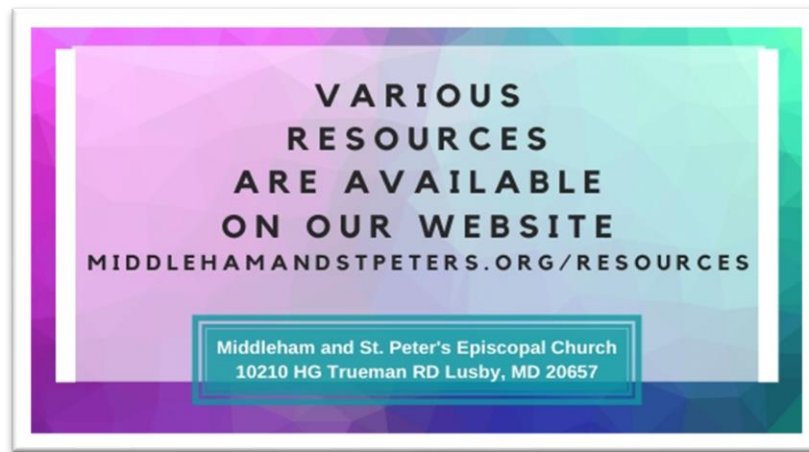
Claude Martin made the delivery.

Thank you for all those that support this ministry.

Elizabeth Broadus, MSP HeartFELT Coordinator

elizabethruggles@comcast.net





<http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org/resources/>



**JANUARY CONNECTOR ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS
MONDAY DECEMBER 14TH**

Thanks so much, Karen Timmons, Communications
communications@middlehamandstpeters.org





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Betty Eble	12/01
Tom Hogenson	12/02
Robert Swann	12/04
Brayden Walker	12/04
Debbie Chapman	12/07
Will Broadus	12/08
Nathan Beall	12/09
Avery Kury	12/09
Debbie Bowen	12/11
David Arbuthnot	12/12
Jess Davis	12/12
Mimi Rivers	12/13
Sara Shisler Goff	12/16
Skip Steiner	12/20
Matthew Truitt	12/21
Tom Surles	12/21
Mary Shea Converse	12/22
Joan Hogenson	12/22
Russ Horton	12/25
Dick Hu	12/25
Jeffrey Lewis	12/27
Emily Carpenter	12/28
Eileen Curley	12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gordon & Leah Patten	12/15
Ricky & Anne Hayes	12/25
Paul & Julie Fuller	12/27
David & Sally Arbuthnot	12/29
Doug & Susan Smith	12/29
Bill & Dy-Anna Gallagher	12/31

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Each month birthdays and anniversaries of parishioners are listed in the Connector. But our records are not perfect. Even some very long-standing parishioners are not listed. Have you seen your date(s) listed? If not or if you are not sure, please call the office (410-326-4948) to check. We want everyone included!