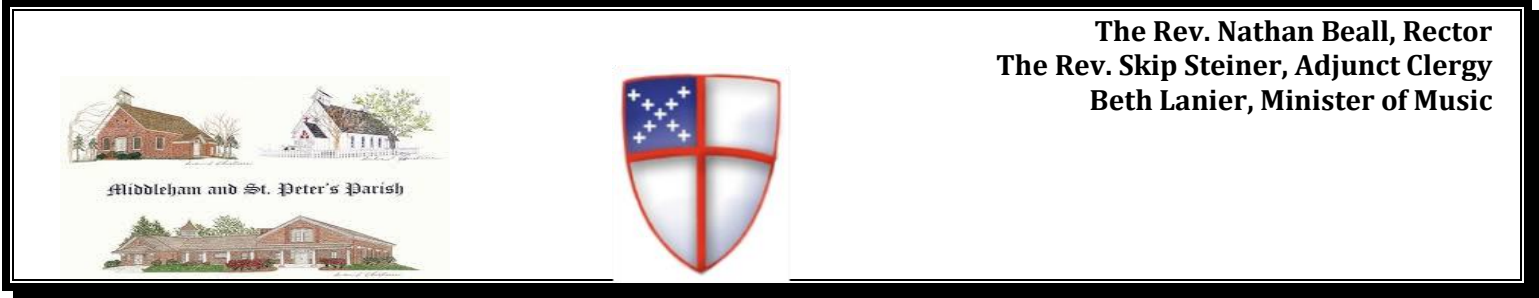


The **CONNECTOR**

Jim Yoe
Jr. Warden

Karen Timmons
Editor



DECEMBER 2021

COMING AROUND AGAIN

Christmas is coming around again. Thank God! While we celebrate Christmas and all that goes with it every year, this year especially, we need Christmas. Christmas this year will probably still not look like other Christmases, but we need it just the same. Maybe even more. We celebrate Christmas every year, but this year Christmas may be more important than ever and it's coming around again. Thank God!

We don't need to analyze Christmas or whittle it down to religious connotations versus a cultural, commercial event. It's not a competition between the Christian's steadfast focus on advent leading up to the birth of Jesus, along with giving to the poor and needy without expectation of receiving anything in return and the secular focus on decorating trees, Santa Claus, baking cookies, and giving and receiving presents. This year we need it all. We do need to understand and embrace how Christmas as a whole is going to save us this year. That's a lot of pressure even for a super holiday like Christmas.

Could it be that this year the true meaning of Christmas is slightly skewed? Maybe not. This year, the true meaning of Christmas is the same as it has always been. Christmas is a time to remember that Jesus' birth gave us a tangible connection to God. It gives us hope. We need hope because for all of this year we have not only faced challenges, injustices, anxiety, and uncertainty, but these are just the top four of the long list every one of us has of difficulties and just plain awfulness we have endured. And we're not out of the woods yet. What we all need is to figure out how to deal with, get through and recover from our lengthy list of life affecting lamentations that have plagued us for over a year and for what seems so much longer than that.

In years past, Christmas would normally be a time when friends and family gathered together to spend a joyous holiday celebrating the season with each other in close proximity to one another. You know, in the same house or room with hugs and such. Last Christmas, definitely not. This year, maybe we have some wiggle room.. How we spend time with family and friends has been tragically altered in 2020. Fortunately Christmas 2021 is coming around again and it reminds us that we need to make an extra effort to find a way to regain that connection. There's that hope, again. Thank God!

Christmas is like putting salve on a wound, eating chicken soup when you have a cold, taking medicine when you're sick, or receiving a vaccine to make sure you don't get sick. It makes you better. It's like being wrapped in an "I have faith" blanket or having an angel on your shoulder. It brings you comfort. It's like eating cake for breakfast, receiving a big bear hug from a loved one or helping someone in need. It makes you happy. Christmas is an endorphin booster. It elicits delight, not only in children, but in adults too.

It's traditions. It's the Importance of family and friends. It is the significance of Mary and Joseph finding refuge in a barn, the baby's appearance to the delight of shepherds and wise men, and the star in the night sky that signifies guidance to the ultimate gift to the world. It also involves decorating a tree, and bringing out all the ornaments, garland and lights that brighten up everything inside and out. It's warm and fuzzy and whatever you think about that brings a smile to your face, and peace to your heart. It's Charlie Brown and Linus, the

Grinch's growing heart, and Scrooge's complete turn around from "scrooge" to "sentimentalist." It's comfort, joy, and hope, and it's coming around again. Thank God! Christmas is a time of spiritual and personal reflection. It is a reason to celebrate God's love for the world through the birth of Jesus, the Christ child. It's amazing how the birth of a baby, especially this one, can be a source of great news, wonder and awe. It's a joy to behold, a gift. It is hope and the reason for the season of Christmas. Christmas is all about keeping the faith and believing that God is watching over us and is with us in our lives every day. What is your reason for the season? What does Christmas mean to you? What will it mean to you this year? We gotta get that feeling of Christmas back again. So bring out the rituals of Christmas and embrace the traditions and memories. The glow of candlelight, the ringing of bells, the singing of songs, trimming the tree, the smells of baking and the joy of just being in the presence of the holiness, warmth and comfort of a divine moment that we allow to seep into the consciousness of our hearts and souls. Delight in the innocence, comfort, joy, and holiness. Nothing else feels like Christmas. We all need to feel that now. So do what you need to do to get into the spirit of Christmas. What would that be? Spend time doing festive activities which you enjoy, share your experiences with people you love and participate in traditions old and new that make you smile and light up your life. How will you celebrate that feeling this year?

Christmas isn't just about cookies, carols, cards, Santa Claus, sweaters, (ugly or not) or the Savior. It's about reflecting on the past, reveling in the present and rejoicing in the possibilities of the future. Christmas is here for us to soak up and then share that hope. We need it and Christmas doesn't disappoint. As always, it's coming around again. Count on it. Thank God!

Blessings,

Joan Shisler

Senior Warden

Thoughts From The Rector

Walk in Love

Advent is about new beginnings. It marks the beginning of the new liturgical year, when we start again in the cycle of readings. It anticipates the end of time, but simultaneously looks forward to the birth of Christ in the midst of human history. Advent plays with time, pointing to John the Baptist pointing to Christ and to our own baptisms, looking to the end even as we harken back to our beginnings. During this season, many take on some kind of spiritual discipline or period of study.

For our parish Advent study this year, I am inviting all of us to read together *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. Released by the same publisher as *Forward Day by Day*, this book gives an insightful and accessible exploration of the Christian faith in the Episcopal tradition. It introduces the practice of praying with a book, teaches about each of the Sacraments, and provides ideas for deepening one's own prayer practice and life of faith. For our Advent study, we will focus on the first five chapters:

- December 1: "Not Only with Our Lips, But in Our Lives" and "The New Life of Grace: Baptismal Beliefs" (chs. 1 and 2)
- December 8: "The Covenant they Have Made: Baptismal Practices" (ch 3)
- December 15: "A Wonderful Sacrament: Eucharistic Beliefs" (ch 4)
- December 22: "Be Known to Us in the Breaking of the Bread: Eucharistic Practices" (ch 5)

I ask that each person read the chapter(s) for the week ahead of time to provide for a richer discussion. But if the week gets away from you, and you have not been able to finish, come anyway. The book is available online, and we will have a few spare copies at the parish hall. If we decide as a group that we would like to keep going after Advent, we can continue reading the book as individuals or a group. If any of the content sounds unfamiliar to you, then I hope that you will join us to learn more. If it sounds as if you have heard it all before, I hope that you will join us to rediscover what it means. All of us, including clergy, need the basics again and again, and rediscovering the meaning of Baptism and Eucharist may help us to rediscover the joy of Christ in our lives, and experience renewal. We grow deeper in this mystery together, so each person reading this will have something to teach and offer to our group, including me.

So I hope that you will join us to rediscover the meaning of the Sacraments in your own life, and help others in their spiritual growth. This may be the beginning of something new.

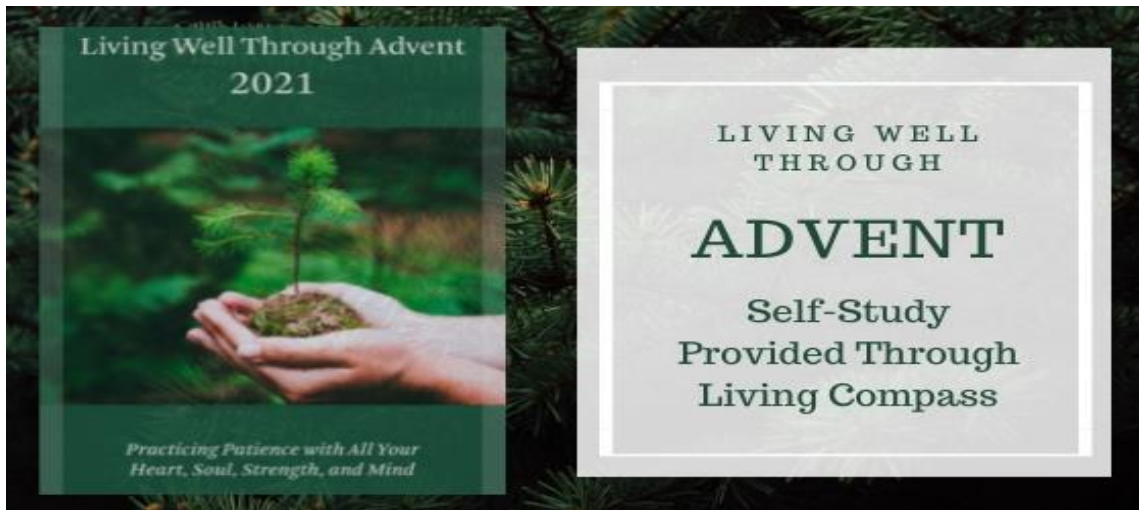
"We shall not cease from exploration

And the end of all our exploring

Will be to arrive where we started

And know the place for the first time." -T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"

Peace, Nathan+



This year we will be providing two options for “Living Well Through Advent”.

All materials are available to download on MSP Website under resources. In addition, for those that use Kindle, highly recommend downloading the program on Amazon for 99 cents.

Option 1 – You may use this excellent program as an Independent Study.

Option 2 – You can support your journey with the Living Compass materials and other resources, in addition launch videos throughout the 4 Weeks of Advent, created by the facilitator.

Karen Timmons will be the Facilitator.

If you have any questions, please send email to communications@middlehamandstpeters.org

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

[LIVING WELL THROUGH ADVENT Videos can be found on](https://vimeo.com/middlehamandstpeters/videos)

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Living Compass Spirituality and Wellness Initiative is also offering multiple ways you can engage with their resources.

Join their private Facebook discussion group for an Advent E-Retreat experience.

Follow along this Advent season with the daily devotional and engage in discussion in our private facebook group moderated by Robbin Brent, Carolyn Karl, Jan Kwiatowski, and Scott Stoner.

In this group, participants will have a chance to share their responses to the prompts in the daily readings, and also the chance to receive additional material for reflection.

**THEIR PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP OPENED FOR DISCUSSION
THE WEEK BEFORE ADVENT**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/711010743632388>

Every Perfect Gift

Dear people of Middleham and St. Peter's Parish,

Thank you for your contributions to our stewardship season this year, and to the life of the Church in our part of Calvert County. We have had many pledge cards come in, and deeply appreciate our willingness not only to give, but to commit to giving in the coming year. This is an invaluable part of the planning and vision process for the life of our church. You have heard from me about the meaning of stewardship, and have seen examples of it in the lives of our parishioners. Stewardship means taking care of what has been entrusted to us. Your time, talent, and treasure make our life together possible. By pledging and contributing, you provide for our common life of worship and formation, and keep our buildings open and our grounds clean and safe. All of this makes ministry in the community possible.

If you have not yet pledged, we hope that you will prayerfully consider doing so. It is not too late! If you need some help discerning about that, please contact me at the office. May God bless you in this season and always.

Peace,

Nathan+

Treasurer's Corner

December - the time of the year many folks contemplate what happened in 2021 and what may come in 2022. 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 and to me this year. Serving as your treasurer is a privilege.

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.

Thank you! *Jackie Vos, Treasurer*



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](#)

MIDDLEHAM AND ST. PETER'S PARISH NEW VANCO FAITH TEXT GIVING OPTION



Video Link - How To Setup Text Giving Option

[Text Giving for Your Church Members on Vimeo](#)

<https://vimeo.com/262291796>

This information will also be available on our website.

<http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org/giving/giving-online/vanco-faith-text-giving/>

Solomons Celebrates 38th year of Christmas Walk! Saturday, December 4th, 2021



Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish will be participating again this year at St. Peter's Chapel, starting at 5:00 PM.

Cookies To Go

If you would like to provide cookies this year, please place 2-3 cookies in each baggie. You may drop them off at the office between November 29th thru December 3rd or bring them to St. Peter's Chapel on Saturday December 4th by 5 PM.

We will have a Sing Along and Crafts for kids.

Solomons Business Association...

"We urge you to keep social distancing and mask wearing precautions at all times during your visits to Solomons."



Deadline for donations December 5, 2021.

Thank you for supporting these much needed ministries.

Any questions ask Carolyn Steiner. jsteineriv@comcast.net

Christmas Decorations



If you would like to contribute to the beautification of the Chapels and the Smith Hall for Christmas, please provide the information below. Contributions may be made in any amount.

Name of Donor (as you would like it listed in the Christmas bulletin):

Amount donated: _____

Please indicate: Flowers are in memory of / in honor of / in thanksgiving for / etc.

Please place your form along with your donation in the collection plate or deliver it to the church office no later than Sunday December 12th.

You may use the form in your Sunday Bulletin or print out this form which can be found in the Weekly Newsletter and on the website in resources.

For more information...

Please contact the Parish Office (410-326-4948).

office@middlehamandstpeters.org

DECEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH

JOINT SERVICE @ 9:30 IN SMITH HALL

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH & 19TH

ST. PETER'S CHAPEL @ 8:15 AM

**MIDDLE SERVICE @ 9:30 IN
SMITH HALL**

MIDDLEHAM CHAPEL @ 11:15 AM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

HEALING & HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

ST. PETER'S CHAPEL @ 9:00 AM

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24, 2021
Family Friendly and Holy Eucharist Service 6:00 PM
in Smith Hall**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday December 24, 2021 Holy
Eucharist Service 10:00 PM @ Middleham Chapel**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday December 25, 2021
Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 AM @ St. Peter's Chapel**

**1 CHRISTMAS - Sunday December 26, 2021 Holy
Eucharist Service 9:30 AM in Smith Hall**

THE CEEP NETWORK

STRENGTHENING LEADERS FOR A CHANGING CHURCH

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 EVENTS

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

The End is Near! Planning your year-end giving strategy

Wednesday, December 8

3:00pm EST

[Register Here](#)

About this event

With year-end fast approaching, stewardship professionals and volunteers are working to close out 2021 giving campaigns and plan for appropriate follow-up in the new year. In this second of our webinars on year-end giving strategies, we will hear from practitioners in parishes from around the country and across the church. These stewardship and development professionals will share where they are with their plans and how they will work to close out the year strong. Our leaders from St. Matthew's Pacific Palisades; St. Luke's Atlanta; Saint Michael and All Angels Dallas; St. Mark's San Antonio; and, Saint Thomas New York will share their insights and take your questions. Join us for a thoughtful discussion with time reserved for your questions.

Panelists include:

- **Andrea Bostick - Director of Development, Parish of St. Matthew; Pacific Palisades, California**
- **Caroline Marak - Director of Stewardship, Saint Michael and All Angels; Dallas, Texas**
- **Dina Aboul Saad - Director of Advancement, St. Mark's Episcopal Church; San Antonio, Texas**
- **Bruce Smith - Chief Advancement Officer, Saint Thomas Church; New York City, New York**

Additional panelists to be announced



A Reminder from the Planned Giving and Endowment Committee

Remember to apply for an endowment grant and / or a personal growth award. These resources can help our ministries grow or support your own or your family's personal growth. Applications are on the parish website at [Planned Giving and Endowment | Middleham and St. Peter's Parish](#).



New 2021 Middleham and St. Peter's
Parish Directory Available for Parishioners

To request a PDF version of the MSP Directory, send an email to daviesd@comcast.net. The digital directory will be emailed to you.

Christian Formation

In December Christian Formation will continue our trek through the Old Testament and come together to make a meal for Project Echo. The Middle school and High school youth have had a different schedule set up for the last few months, and we will continue to keep that schedule heading into next year. We now meet at 6pm in Smith Hall, and play a game together before going into our Bible lesson of the night. We have ended every session with their favorite “Rose, Bud, Thorn” prayer. For those not familiar, they say something good about the past week, something bad about the week, and something they are looking forward to in the coming week. It’s a great way for them to be able to keep each other updated in events of their lives, and let us know what thoughts and prayers should be kept in our hearts for them.

Thirsty Theology will be taking a break in the month of December. It has gotten much colder, and so much darker, that we decided that we would take the month off. Starting in the New Year we will be back indoors and off campus. Stay tuned for more information on what to expect.

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.

mspyouthleader@middlehamandstpeters.org

Submitted by Anne Hayes, Youth Representative

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING YOUTH GROUP PIE FUNDRAISER



<p>Middleham and St. Peter's Parish</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>2021-2022</p> <p>CHILDREN & YOUTH</p> <p>Please contact Anne Hayes for information.</p> <p>MSPYouthLeader@middlehamandstpeters.org</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWS 9:50 Middle Service in Smith Hall EXCEPT 1ST SUNDAYS</p>	<p>Middleham and St. Peter's Parish</p> <p>COFFEE AND CONVERSATION</p> <p>2021 - 2022</p> <p>ADULTS</p> <p>Contact Hugh Davies for information. daviesh@comcast.net</p> <p>FOLLOWING 9:30 SERVICE IN THE PARISH HALL EXCEPT 1ST SUNDAYS</p>
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Bible Study: Middleham Campus In The Parish Hall

Bible Study is on Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM in the Conference Room.
Father Nathan Beall will be leading this.

If you have any questions he can be reached at the main office,
410-326-4948 or you can email him at, Fr.Nathan.Beall@middlehamandstpeters.org

ASBURY SOLOMONS EPISCOPAL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, December 16, 2021
IN THE RIVERVIEW DINING ROOM
AT 11:30 FOR EUCHARIST, NOON FOR LUNCH, 12:30 FREE PROGRAM

Speaker is The Rev. Matt Humm from St. Paul's, Prince Frederick who will talk about St. Nicholas.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON 12/2/21

RESPOND TO 410-394-3162 OR CUBBY 412, to Mary Beth Dent
\$11 PAYMENT BY A/S FOOD POINTS; NON RESIDENT \$11.66 BY CASH OR CHECK
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE HONORED. ONLY EXCEPTION IS ILLNESS.



Diane Davies and Diana Beall picked the boxwood from the cemetery and made the wreaths for Middleham and Smith Hall.
The Hayes family lights the candle at November 28th service, in Smith Hall.



Lay Pastoral Visitors Group



If you are interested in having Lay Pastoral Visitors come to be with you, please contact the Parish Office.

PHONE :410-326-4948 or EMAIL office@middlehamandstpeters.org

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
CARING NETWORK

If you or someone you know
should be on our prayer list please
send it to...

office@middlehamandstpeters.org
or Diane Davies @
daviesd@comcast.net

office@middlehamandstpeters.org or daviesd@comcast.net

Names from the Prayer List and the Deceased List will be removed after six weeks. If you would like to re-add a name, please let Diane Davies know.

daviesd@comcast.net



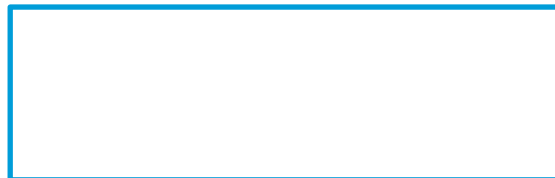
MSP PRAYER LIST



Grace Korn
Douglas Pardoe
George Buckler
Marjorie Caya
Dick Hu
Sue Hu
John Cole
Jimmy Holesapple
Penney File
Evan Hoisington
Tom Hogenson
Melissa Keener
Anthony & Betty D'Agostino
Joy Plaine
Raymond
Betty Anne Moore
Lee Garland
Donna Binger
Dan Gross
Dale, Sandy, Skye Chasko
Betty Hatfield
Michele Chelednik

Mary Ellen Elwell
Dorothy Swann
Lisa Greenlee
Stanley Buckler
Phil Lemkau
Colleen Davies
Maryellen Kalivoda
Mary Heflebower
Susie Wheely
Bill Gallagher
Elizabeth (Libby) Wheeler
Donald Jones
Cherie Jones
Austin Jones
Evan Grabus
Betty Hainkie
Steven Butler
Sherry & Jim Burcham
Chuck Beitzell
Sabrina Moran
Matthew Butler
Malcolm Funn

Departed List



MSP MILITARY PRAYER LIST



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

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



When it comes to toys and gifts, it is critical to remember to consider the safety and age range of the toys.

Prevent Blindness America has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to consider if the toys they wish to give suits the age and individual skills and abilities of the individual child who will receive it, especially for infants and children under age three.

This holiday season (and beyond), please consider the following guidelines for choosing safe toys for all ages:

- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Avoid those that shoot or include parts that fly off. The toy should have no sharp edges or points and should be sturdy enough to withstand impact without breaking, being crushed, or being pulled apart easily.
- When purchasing toys for children with special needs try to: Choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture; consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others; and think about the size of the toy and the position a child would need to be in to play with it.
- Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check them for age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing them to be played with.

- Look for labels that assure you the toys have passed a safety inspection – “ATSM” means the toy has met the American Society for Testing and Materials standards.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (give a helmet with the skateboard)
- Keep kids safe from lead in toys by: Educating yourself about lead exposure from toys, symptoms of lead poisoning, and what kinds of toys have been recalled; being aware that old toys may be more likely to contain lead in the paint; having your children wash their hands frequently and calling your doctor if you suspect your child has been exposed to lead. Consult the last two websites listed below for more information.
- Do NOT give toys with small parts (including magnets and “button” batteries which can cause serious injury or death if ingested) to young children as they tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the piece can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is not appropriate for kids under age three.
- Do NOT give toys with ropes and cords or heating elements.
- Do NOT give crayons and markers unless they are labeled “nontoxic”.

For more information:

Call Prevent Blindness America at 800-331-2020 or visit www.preventblindness.org/safe-toy-checklist

http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/home/safe_toys.html

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002473.htm

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Submitted By Karl Garland For Parish Health



COMMUNITY OUTREACH VEHICLE:

Calvert County Health Department will have our mobile vaccination van on various sites throughout Calvert County.

Moderna/Pfizer Tuesday November 30, 2021 from 9 AM-2 PM at Southern Library Lusby

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6137030912>

Moderna/Pfizer/Flu Monday December 6, 2021 9 AM- 1PM at Calvert Library Fairview Branch

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6012871369>

Moderna/Pfizer/Flu Monday December 13 from 9AM-1PM 7/11 Sunderland

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0113862298>

Moderna/Pfizer/Flu Monday December 20 from 9AM-1PM 7/11 Prince Frederick

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/2638247109>

Moderna/Pfizer/Flu Monday December 27 from 9AM-1PM Calvert Library Southern Branch

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/4223918061>



OUTREACH AT MSP

THANK YOU to everyone who supported all the outreach and In-Reach opportunities that have happened this fall and throughout the year. These include:

Youth group Thanksgiving Pies

Christmas Greens sale

Seafarer's goodie bags

Calvert County Christmas Tree of Angels

Meals for Echo House

Heartfelt Backpack program

Safe Nights

Monthly Food Distribution

Many Parish Health offerings

Haiti Nursing Program

Parish garden that supplies produce to SMILE

And all the other things MSP does throughout our community and the world!

Submitted by Carolyn Steiner, Outreach Chair - jsteineriv@comcast.net

ECHO Dinners

The fourth Monday of every month members of the church make dinner for the residents of Echo House. This is a greatly appreciated outreach that provides a dinner for people in transition who need a safe place to live as they work being able to support themselves.

We need volunteers to sign up for **MONTHS IN 2022**. There are funds available provided by an Endowment Grant to help cover your costs. You can team up with someone to make a dinner. Contact Anne Gross to volunteer to provide a dinner. 410-326-4948. office@middlehamandstpeters.org

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 Yoe 443-975-6797 jmyoe@comcast.net



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

HeartFELT 2021/2022 School Year



HeartFelt is now serving 19 students at Mill Creek and Southern Middle Schools. We are packing weekly with a team of volunteers and delivery drivers that rotate monthly. Weekly food donations are always appreciated and you can be creative - one of our parishioners ordered non perishable food (granola bars, oatmeal packets, juice boxes) on Amazon and had food delivered directly to the Parish office. If you prefer to buy and deliver, food can be left in the HeartFELT Backpack room of Smith Hall. Special Requests for the bonus Christmas bags:

1. Peanut Butter & Jelly (no glass)
2. Pasta - 1 pound
3. Pasta Sauce - Can or plastic (no glass)
4. Cereal (full size boxes)
5. Christmas Candy

Thanks,
Elizabeth Broadus, MSP HeartFELT Coordinator
elizabethruggles@comcast.net

HEARTFELT THANKSGIVING PACKING AND DELIVERY



Middleham and
St. Peter's Parish

**FOOD
DISTRIBUTION
NOW ON FRIDAYS**

**BAGGERS
NEEDED**

CONTACT MARK PESOLA

at

**mark_pesola@hotmail.com
OR 410-610-8495**

**Middleham & St. Peter's
Episcopal Church**

10210 HG Trueman RD Lusby MD 206577

**VOLUNTEER
DRIVERS
NEEDED!**



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 DATE IS FRIDAY DECEMBER 17, 2021

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



BOOKMOBILE WILL BE AT SMILE EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM – NOON

Computers & Printing, Library Card Services, Wi-Fi Access,

Wheelchair Lift and more.



PLASTIC BAG COLLECTION FOR BENCHES

Carolyn Steiner is asking MSP to collect plastic bags (grocery, cleaner, bread, newspaper, etc) for a project she is doing for Benjamin Banneker Elementary School. This is where she worked as a Physical Therapist for a number of years, and now does substitute work. Her family and high school friends have donated money as a start up for a butterfly garden for her 70th birthday. TREX, the deck board company, has a program that if you collect 500 pounds of plastic over a 6-month period they will give you a TREX bench for free. If you collect as a school you have to compete with the whole mid-Atlantic area, but if you are a nonprofit, you just have to collect the 500 pounds and you get a bench.

So, MSP said she could collect in their name, but have the first benches go to Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, and when they have some, we can get some for MSP. These benches require no maintenance and are perfect around butterfly gardens, labyrinths, vegetable gardens, and churches.

There are collection bins at St. Peter's and the Smith Hall, and Anne will bring any from St. Peter's to Smith Hall. This is another way we can all be stewards of God's world.

Thank you, from Carolyn, for help with this project.

Contact Carolyn Steiner if you have any questions.

at email jsteineriv@comcast.net.



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/>



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



JANUARY EDITION OF THE CONNECTOR

ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS

NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING DECEMBER 14TH

Thanks so much, Karen Timmons, Communications

communications@middlehamandstpeters.org



In situations where weather conditions may make travel perilous, some combination of the Rector, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden together with advice or recommendation from parishioners (depending on the circumstances) will make a decision about closing Middleham and St. Peter's facilities (the office or cancelling services). The decision will be publicized by any or all of the following:

- **Notice on the parish web site.**
- **Email to all receiving the weekly Parish emails.**
- **Putting a special message on the office telephone.**
- **Telephoning key parishioners and asking them to spread the word.**

**When Calvert County Schools are on a two-hour delay or closed
due to inclement weather,
Healing Service on Wednesdays at St. Peter's Chapel and Bible Study on Tuesdays
at the Parish Hall will not be held.**



#StNicholasDay

December 6th
NATIONAL DAY CALENDAR

St. Nicholas Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

#PearlHarborRemembranceDay

December 7th
NATIONAL DAY CALENDAR

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#DrunkAndDruggedDrivingPreventionMonth
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REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

WREATHS
across
AMERICA

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

December 18, 2021

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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
Sara Shisler Goff	12/16
Skip Steiner	12/20
Matthew Truitt	12/21
Tom Surles	12/21
Joan Hogenson	12/22
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!