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THE TOP 20 REASONS WHY GOD SHOULD LET YOU INTO HEAVEN

Have you ever asked yourself why God should let you into heaven? I'm sure on occasion you have bargained, contemplated, and expected that you would get into heaven based on any number of reasons, the least of which would be certain acts you did or plan to do to gain favor from God. Think about that now and see how your list compares to this list here...

20. You prayed – How often? Regularly? Just when you needed something? Basically, it's a direct line to God and one worth doing. It makes a difference.

19. You went to church – Again, how often? Regularly? Just when it was convenient or a major holiday? Attending church is not the only place or way to be spiritual or have a faith based relationship, but it has its benefits.

18. You were not judgmental – Most slip up here occasionally.

17. You were not selfish – Most slip up here more than occasionally.

16. You followed the Ten Commandments – Really? All of them?

15. You helped the poor – This is doable when the opportunity presents itself. It makes you feel good when you do. It also makes the people you help feel good too.

14. You spread the Good News - A tough task, but it can be done. Certainly not every day.

13. You volunteered your time - Once in awhile. It still counts. It also makes you feel good when you do. And your assistance is enormously appreciated.

12. You donated money to good causes - Maybe at the end of the year for a tax break. At least you think about it. There are many good causes out there that can use the help. And





even though it's not stewardship season, please don't forget to support your church. Couldn't resist the plug...

11. **You followed the Golden Rule** – This is also doable, and it sounds good since it's been drilled into you since you were a little kid. Sometimes, though, it's not reciprocated.

10. You were neither mean to nor hated anyone. Kudos to you if you catch yourself on this, but sometimes "those thoughts" do creep into your head; you just can't help it. But try.9. You were kind to people – When the opportunity comes up or do you really make the

9. You were kind to people – When the opportunity comes up or do you really make the extra effort?

8. You helped people in need – Ditto.

7. **You did selfless things** – This happens once in awhile, but it doesn't really feel real unless someone notices.

6. **You loved your family unconditionally** - Just because they're family it's expected, but sometimes they really get under your skin.

5. **You opened your heart** - This takes practice, but it is transformational when it does happen.

4. You gave thanks to God for your many blessings – Such an easy one to do every day, but sometimes we forget.

3. **You believed** – Once in awhile something happens that proves this or at least leans in this direction. When it does, the "aha" is priceless.

2. You had faith – You do, or you don't.

1. **God loves you** - Undeniable. Indisputable. Unquestionable. Already done. Free pass. Whatever you do or don't do in your life, this is the only one that really counts.

So how did you do? If you're human and not perfect, yes and yes, you probably have a few things to work on, but basically it is up to you to live the kind of life you want to live and be the kind of person you want to be. Whatever stage you are at in your life, it is never too late to be a better person, care deeply for others and have a relationship with God in some form or another. Ultimately, Jesus died for all your sins, yes we all have them, and God gets it. There's hope for us all.

Blessings, Joan Shisler, Senior Warden

Thoughts From The Rector *Confirmation*

This month, we hope to complete the preparation of some of our teenagers and adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the rite of Reception into our Church. That occasion bids our prayers as the community of faith supporting these persons, but also bears some explanation.

In the first centuries of the Church, including the New Testament, baptism included the laying on of hands by the Apostles or their successors, the bishops. After washing with water in the name of the Trinity, the laying on of hands and anointing with oil confirmed the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the baptized believer through physical contact with one whose flesh had touched the flesh of Jesus. As the Church grew, two important shifts occurred that affected this rite: baptism for infants became standard practice, and bishops began to delegate some of their responsibilities to priests. So it is in our Church that priests perform baptisms, while Confirmation requires the presence and touch of a bishop.

This physical contact speaks both to the reality of the Incarnation and the unity of the Church. God took on flesh, and others touched his flesh, and their flesh touches ours through the centuries. We thus maintain physical contact with the Lord himself, who said above the bread, "this is my body," and whose body we become with our bodies as a Church. God holds the unity of this Church through its bishops, who are the teachers of the faith, stewards of its mysteries, and heirs to the Apostles themselves. We commit to a particular part of that Church through our local congregation at baptism, but our baptismal vows find their completion in commitment to the universal Church. Thus, the rites of Confirmation and Reception sometimes occur, as they will this month, at a cathedral. A cathedral means the church where a bishop resides- in our case the bishop of Maryland—but in many people's minds, it simply means a really big church. There is some truth in that perception. A cathedral is often large, because it intentionally conveys the sensation of being swept up into something larger than ourselves.

Confirmation, therefore, signifies a mature commitment to the body of Christ through physical contact with a bishop, who signifies the unity of that body. Reception signifies a movement from one tradition to another within that body. People come to the Episcopal Church through a variety of paths, and some have already been confirmed by a bishop in another tradition. We therefore both recognize that Sacrament and recognize when a person joins our expression of the one body of Christ, as some plan to do this summer.

We hope that you will join in prayer this month for those in our parish and our diocese about to be received or confirmed. We hope that you will pray for them, encourage them with a letter or a spoken word, and let the commitments they make remind us of our own: to seek and serve Christ in all persons, love our neighbor as ourselves, and to commit ourselves to the Apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers. This we will do, with the help of God.

Peace, Nathan+



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Starting on June 20th through August, there will be a single service at Smith Hall at 9:30 AM. Services will continue to be Live Streamed on the MSP Facebook and available on our YouTube Channel.

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/



Single Service At Smith Hall June 20th & Picnic Rain Date 27th



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 <u>Planned Giving and Endowment |</u> <u>Middleham and St. Peter's Parish</u>.



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 <u>daviesd@comcast.net</u>. The digital directory will be emailed to you.

Building Trust in Our Health Care Systems



Webinar Session III

Sunday, June 13 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Session III - How we can reimagine future healthcare for Southern Maryland. How we can implement it.

Register for Session III – https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/event/5075376

We encourage attendance at all three sessions. To participate in Session III, you should attend at least one other session.

Speaker Steven K. Ragsdale continues the exploration of issues around building trust in our health care systems begun in Session I on April 25.

Steven Ragsdale has more than 25 years of experience in developing health care innovations and advancing pathways to better, safer, and more equitable care. His work with local hospitals, healthcare and other organizations in diversity, equity, and inclusion is guided by his steep understanding and desire to appreciate concepts that drive difference in society. He has enabled research, policy, and community efforts that expand services to underrepresented and vulnerable populations since 1997. Mr. Ragsdale is an associate faculty member at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Brought to you by the founder, Middleham and St. Peter's Parish with **The Big Conversation Partners in Dismantling Racism and Privilege in Southern MD** including: All Saints Episcopal Church, Calvert County Public Schools, CalvertHealth, Calvert Interfaith Council, Community Mediation Centers of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, College of Southern Maryland, Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co, Emmanuel SDA Church – St. Leonard, Historic Sotterley, Inc., NAACP Branches of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, Patuxent Friends (Quaker) Meeting, Public Libraries of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, Remnant Center of Excellence, Inc., St. Mary's Co. Health Department and St. Mary's Co. Public Schools.



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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/

UPCOMING SCHEDULE Date and time Thu, June 17, 2021 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CDT

Big Tech and the Church: Imagining Opportunities & Challenges Going Forward

About this event

The pandemic forced the Church to move online to a greater extent than ever before. Suddenly worship was moved from in-person to online. Fellowship, community-building, and Christian education all became hybrid experiences. Much was good in this forced evolution. Positivity and creativity emerged as experiments found success or failed to capture the needs of the moment.

With the end of our current health pandemic in sight, questions remain about the relationship between the Church and technology (and, not just the technology tools but the companies that run these platforms as money-generating enterprises). During this panel, our participants will tackle questions like:

- Is 'online church' simply about accessing the tech needed for online services or are we baptizing Facebook, Instagram, whatever, and calling it 'church'?
- How do we avoid re-creating Christian subcultures online while imagining different and better futures in which all can contribute towards a new understanding?
- How can attention to relationship and a 'beyond in the midst' when online encourage us to pause and reflect?

Underlying these questions are societal and ethical issues raised by the actions of Big Tech companies like Facebook, Google, and Twitter. As we think about using these platforms for the Church, how do we account for the business models of friendship platforms, the platforms' monetization of data, and discerning approaches to free speech and taxation. Finally, with all this complexity, how can the Church be a counterpoint to the neglect that comes from both instant responses and an assumption of human control? Join our panel for this important discussion. Panelists include:

- Genelle Aldred Head of Communications, The Pipeline, Owner, GA/C; London, United Kingdom
- Stacy Williams Duncan Founder, Learning & Change Strategist at Learning ForTE, Rector, Little Fork Episcopal Church; Charlottesville, Virginia
- Mark Howe CEO, MVH Solutions; Avignon, France
- John Reader Associate Researcher, William Temple Foundation and Diocese of Oxford; Stockport, England, United Kingdom

REGISTER

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation

Christian Formation, Sunday School and Youth Group, has ended its program year and will start back up in the fall. There will still be many opportunities for us to see each other, the youth will still participate in running the tech for the summer services and will still be coming out to take part in various In-Reach projects. If you have a project that you need some help with, contact Jim Yoe and we will gather our group together and come help :)

Outdoor Children's Service

The outdoor children's service will continue to run through the end of June. In July and August we encourage all families with children to attend the other services made available on Sunday mornings

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held at Christ Church Port Republic, and this year the theme is Rocky Railway! The dates will be July 12th - July 16th, from 9am- 12pm. Registration for youth will open on June 1st, and volunteers are always appreciated. If you would like to help in some way, please contact me (Anne Hayes) at 443.624.6959

Thirsty Theology

We are still having our campfire gatherings on the first and third Fridays of the month at the fire pit behind Smith Hall. In the event of rain we will not be holding thirsty theology. If you have any questions, about the program or the weather, reach out to me at 443.624.6959 or mspyouthleader@gmail.com

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

Middleham and St. Peter's Youth Group 2021

We held our last youth group until September, and it was definitely a year to remember. Thank you to all the wonderful people who supported us, encouraged us and loved us. A special thank you to all the adults that helped make things happens. And of course, thank you to all the youth that came out to play, to learn, that step out of their comfort zone to learn audio equipment, live-streaming software, public speaking, gardening, baking, tent making, cable running... the list goes on.

Every year these kids do amazing things on their own, and within the church. This year was absolutely amazing to watch them step up to help us all come together, even when we physically could not. So, thank you kids, we could not have asked for a better youth group.





JULY 12TH-16TH 9AM-12PM

PREK-RISING 6TH GRADERS

Middleham & St. Peter's with Christ Church in Port Republic

REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1ST

CONTACT ANNE HAYES TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER MSPYOUTHLEADER@MIDDLEHAMANDSTPETERS.ORG 443.624.6959

VBS is located at 3100 Broomes Island Rd. Port Republic, MD





Come Join Us! By Zoom on Friday JUNE 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

PENTECOST 2021 PICTURES





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 <u>daviesd@comcast.net</u>

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

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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Anne Gross 410-610-2706 grossanne@comcast.net office@middlehamandstpeters.org

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 <u>office@middlehamandstpeters.org</u> 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.



MSP PRAYER LIST



Grace Korn
Douglas Pardoe
George Buckler
Marjorie Caya
Russ Horton
Dick Hu
Sue Hu
Janey Knox
John Cole
Jimmy Holesapple
Becky Dingle
Mark Dingle

Jimi Stanton Mary Ellen Elwell Dorothy Swann Lisa Greenlee Stanley Buckler Phil Lemkau Colleen Davies Maryellen Kalivoda Mary Heflebower. Susie Wheely Bill Gallagher

Departed List



Vivian Gwynette Kilsheimer Curtis Moore



MSP MILITARY PRAYER LIST



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LYME DISEASE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Please take the time to look at the brochure from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease, Control and Prevention. Important information about Lyme Disease is presented and will inform you of:

HOW IT'S SPREAD WHERE IT'S FOUND HOW IT'S PREVENTED HOW IT'S DIAGNOSED HOW IT'S TREATED

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE BROCHURE

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

Submitted by Betty Eble on behalf of Parish Health

If you want more here is a blurb from https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/index.html

Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* and rarely, *Borrelia mayonii*. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected blacklegged ticks. Typical <u>symptoms</u> include fever, headache, fatigue, and a characteristic skin rash called erythema migrans. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system. Lyme disease is <u>diagnosed</u> based on symptoms, physical findings (e.g., rash), and the possibility of exposure to infected ticks. Laboratory testing is helpful if used correctly and performed with validated methods. Most cases of Lyme disease can be <u>treated</u> successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics. Steps to <u>prevent</u> Lyme disease include using insect repellent, removing ticks promptly, applying pesticides, and reducing tick habitat. The ticks that transmit Lyme disease can occasionally transmit <u>other tickborne diseases</u> as well.



PARISH HEALTH THANK YOU MSP VOLUNTEERS

In preparation for coming together and having more activities, we have completed the checks on the supplies. Thanks to Betty Eble for checking the AED and First aid supplies and replenishing them at St. Peters. Thanks to Janet Werner for checking the supplies at the Parish Hall and I checked the ones at Middleham. All are up to date and ready to go.

Dale E. Yoe, Parish Nurse Certified Community Health Worker



OUTREACH AT MSP

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 July - December 2021. 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. <u>office@middlehamandstpeters.org</u> *Submitted by Carolyn Steiner, Outreach Chair*

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

FOOD DROP TUESDAY MAY 18TH

The box is from the United States government of agriculture had about 30 pounds of food a piece. There were dairy products, meat, fruit, meat and eggs in most of the boxes.

17,500 lbs. were distributed to 1,399 individuals.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that assisted with this much needed community resource.

Thank you, Dr. Bennett and Kristin Sandusky for providing the pictures.

Thanks again, Kristin Sandusky Mark Pesola, Food Drop Coordinator <u>mark pesola@hotmail.com</u>



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 JUNE 15, 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 <u>mark pesola@hotmail.com</u> OR 410-610-8495

NEEDED VOLUNTEERS AT COMMUNITY GARDEN Saturday Mornings @ 8:30 To Help Harvest Vegetables For Smile





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/episcopaldiocese-of-maryland-livestreamed-worship/

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EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON ONLINE SERVICES AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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

Episcopal Diocese of Maryland At Cathedral of the Incarnation

Every Tuesday Live on Facebook Noon Day Prayer

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



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/resources/

JULY AND AUGUST WILL BE A COMBO EDITION OF THE CONNECTOR



ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING JUNE 15TH Thanks so much, Karen Timmons, Communications communications@middlehamandstpeters.org





Happy Anniversary

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Kristina Jedrey	06/01
Dan & Anne Gross	06/05
John & Karen Pardoe	06/11
George & Norma Lee & Buckler	06/12
Robb & Jennifer Hupp	06/13
David Showers & Bruce Calvin	06/15
Richard & Jayci Dale	06/16
Brian & Kathryn King	06/18
Jim & Anita Shepherd	06/22
Russ & Martha Horton	06/30

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!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

George Eble	06/04
Linda Kapurch	06/07
Stuart Simmons	06/09
Mark Pesola	06/10
Jackie Vos	06/13
Claude Martin	06/15
Martha Horton	06/18
Sarah Akes-Cardwell	06/18
Jim Wilson	06/23
Mary Heflebower	06/24
Deborah Cole	06/25
Sharon Cargo	06/28
Barbara Barrett	06/29