

The CONNECTOR

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Every Perfect Gift 


STEWARDSHIP 2021

It's stewardship season again. Between October 3rd and November 7th our stewardship campaign hits its stride. That doesn't mean you can only give during that month. Being a good steward means actively giving throughout the year not only with treasure, but also with time and talent. The three Ts are good all year round. While it is important to intentionally focus on when, how and what you can give to the church, let's also talk about something definitely related to stewardship, but maybe even more significant; how you have been influenced by God's generosity. Everything we have at Middleham and St. Peter's and in our own lives is the result of God's generosity. In turn we should do everything we can to reciprocate and "repay" God, so to speak. There are many ways we can do that. Let's start with a few questions to ask ourselves.

How can we fulfill the mission and vision that God has for us and for our church? If we look back on the last 18 months there are so many ways, we at Middleham and St. Peter's have met the challenges of this year and a half and found ways to share our community of love and joy with others. THANK YOU! All of you!

The stewardship theme this year is Every Perfect Gift. Every one of us has gifts to share and we so generously offer them not only to our church, but also to our community and to each other in many ways. Giving to the church is not just about paying the bills and keeping the lights on. It's about acknowledging a calling to serve and help others that goes beyond our church walls and into the community and then into the world. It means that we set aside our sense of ownership and possession and realize that everything we have, everything that our congregation has, has just been entrusted to us to be used not for our own purposes, but for God's purpose. While the operating budget needs to cover the recurring and predictable expenses, what people give extends so much farther than that.

Our mission at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish is to be a welcoming, engaging and spiritual community of worship, fellowship, and service for all, providing an open door to all who reach out to God.

Our vision at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish is:

- ❖ To seek to provide a spiritual home for those who want to celebrate God's love, participate in joyful worship and fellowship and humbly serve those in need, near and far;
- ❖ To strive to love, nurture and support one another in all stages of life through prayer, education, pastoral care, and outreach;
- ❖ To encourage all to know Christ and in turn make Him known to others as we reach out through our gifts of time, talents and treasure;
- ❖ To embrace Jesus' commitment to the poor and marginalized, and through outreach to serve them;
- ❖ To seek a shared commitment to and love for God's wonderfully diverse Creation, without the usual human constraints of hospitality based on race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs;
- ❖ To increase our Christian family by providing diverse services, programs and ministries that will meet the needs and aspirations of all generations in our parish and in the community; and
- ❖ To be inspired by God and believing all is possible with God's help.

Another question to consider is what does “giving” to the church actually mean? According to Lynn A. Miller, “Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you.” This quote captures beautifully what Biblical stewardship is all about. It’s about giving of ourselves, and all we have, in a way that leaves no doubt about where our priorities are. I believe that in order to truly be good stewards, our stewardship must be intentional. We must begin with God, and find ways to fit our lives to Him, rather than fitting God into the rest of our lives. Pause and consider for a minute all of the many blessings God has given you. How are you giving those blessings back to Him? God has blessed us all so plentifully. It is our duty as Christians to look for ways to use those blessings to serve God. There is no such thing as a talent, length of time or a treasure that is so small or insignificant, that it cannot be used to serve God and our church.

How can we give? The people of Middleham and St. Peter’s are givers. We give our time, treasure and talent to the church and the community every day. This year has been so different from other years in terms of what has been asked of us as individuals and as a community. So many have stepped up to find ways to reach our parishioners and meet their spiritual, physical and material needs. Generosity is the perfect gift. We show that in everything we do at Middleham and St. Peter’s. You all are generous people and for that we are immensely grateful. That spills over into all that we do here. We make a difference. In order for that to continue we need you to pledge your support in any way you can. It is vital to the life of our church, and it is sincerely appreciated.

Blessings,

Joan Shisler

Senior Warden

“Thanks to all the giving people at MSP who brighten up the lives of so many in so many ways in Calvert County and beyond. You are the best!!!!!!” *Carolyn Steiner, Outreach Chairperson*

Thoughts From The Rector

Stewardship

It is hard to believe, but stewardship season is nigh upon us. Also at this time of year, we celebrate two saints about whom I have previously written in newsletters and spoken about in sermons: St. Therese of Lisieux (October 1) and St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). These two saints, both committed to a life of poverty in community, teach us an important truth about stewardship: it is different from ownership. I am afraid that American society today places a great deal of importance on the latter, and not much on the former. We define ourselves and our station in life by the things we own: first car, first house, etc. The things we own are now often built to be obsolete, and we throw them away or sell them so that we can purchase something newer and better. Ownership thus often has more to do with status than with care or compassion. St. Therese and St. Francis, by contrast, became who they were by renouncing everything and holding possessions only in community. St. Francis was sometimes rebuked by his brothers for giving away the brown sack that served as his only possession and article of clothing. But he told them that everything we have is given to us as a loan until someone poorer needs it. That teaching defines stewardship: taking care of what we are given for the sake of someone else.

This is what we strive to practice in the church, with our time, our talent, and our treasure. How would we spend our time differently if we considered it to be God's time, and not ours? Would we spend more time with our families? Would we spend more time serving at church or in the neighborhood? What if we considered our skills and education to be not ours, but gifts from God for the sake of others? Would we have less desire to "own" a ministry, and more of a desire to

carry it out and pass it on to someone else? What about our treasure? How would we give of our money if we did not consider it to be ours in the first place?

The second truth about stewardship that these saints teach us is that stewardship means caring for creation. St. Therese always saw the beauty of God in flowers, and described herself as a little flower in God's garden. St. Francis preached among the birds, and gathered animals together in a barn to teach the story of the Jesus' birth at the first Nativity scene in Greccio. Both saints remind us that we learn the goodness of the Creator from His creation, of which we are a part. In what is sometimes considered the first poem written in Italian, St. Francis praised God through every aspect of creation, beginning with the words, "Be praised my Lord, through Brother Sun." (The rest of the text can be found below.) What if we looked at the land around our house and church, and the waters around our county, not as resources to be used, but as parts of our family? How might we eat differently, transport ourselves differently, or care for the landscape differently?

I hope and pray for us to keep these two saints and these two truths in mind as we consider what we will give or pledge this season in the life of our church. What has God given you in terms of time, talent, and treasure? How might you give that to others so as to be good stewards of our church, and of our earth? Please let me know if you would like to talk or pray as you discern these questions. I have learned much from you about stewardship over the past year, and I look forward to learning more from your conversation and example.

Peace,

Nathan+

St. Francis' "Canticle of the Creatures"

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, yours are the praises, the glory, the honor and all blessing. To you alone, Most High, do they belong and no human is worthy to mention your name.

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially **Sir Brother Sun**, who is the day and through whom you give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of you, Most High One.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Sister Moon and the stars**: in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Brother Wind**; and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through which you give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Sister Water**, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Brother Fire**, through whom you light the night: and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be you, my Lord, through our **Sister, Mother Earth**, who sustains and governs us and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be you, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace: for by you, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be you, my Lord, for our **Sister, Bodily Death**, from whom no one living can escape: woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks
and serve him with great humility.

**MIDDLEHAM AND
ST. PETER'S PARISH
SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**SCHEDULE
THROUGH DECEMBER 2021**

**First Sunday of the Month:
Joint Service In Smith Hall at 9:30 AM
(No Christian Formation)**



**All services will include Holy Communion
Masks are Required
Live Streamed @ 9:30 AM**

Other Sundays:

**8:15 am – St. Peter's Chapel
9:30 am – Smith Hall
10:15 am – Fellowship Fifteen
10:30 am – Christian Formation
11:15 am – Middleham Chapel**



**ST. PETER'S CHAPEL
HEALING SERVICES**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

@ 9:00 AM

MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL

**14590 Solomons Island Rd S,
Solomons, MD 20688**



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

How to Use Text Giving

Giving is as easy as sending a text with Vanco.

Church Name: Middleham & St. Peter's

10-Digit Vanco Text #: 844-972-1850

1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



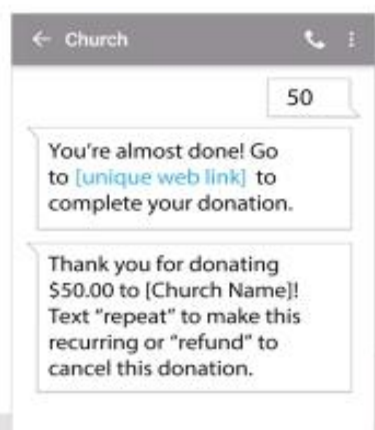
2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

A screenshot of a registration form for card payment. At the top, there are logos for VISA, Mastercard, DISCOVER, and AMERICAN EXPRESS. Below the logos are four input fields: "Name Of Cardholder:", "Card number", "MM/YY", and "CVV". At the bottom, there is a yellow button labeled "Process \$50.00".

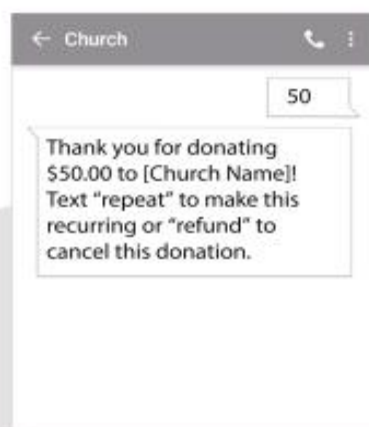
3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



VANCO
FAITH



The perfect early Christmas gift is available through MSP's Holiday Evergreens sale. There is information about how to order in each worship site. Orders will be taken through the month of October, and Evergreens will be delivered the first week of December. There are several different wreaths, garland, swags, and center pieces available. You can order items to come to the church for pick up, or you can select a wreath, swag, garland, or centerpiece to be directly delivered anywhere in the continental US.

What a great and beautiful gift for family and friends who are not near you!

Order forms will be available in Smith Hall at the Joint Service, Sunday October 3rd.

Contact Carolyn Steiner if you have any questions.

at 443-618-7934 or email jsteineriv@comcast.net.

Thanks in advance for your support with this annual fundraiser.

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MIDDLEHAM CHAPEL PROJECT

One afternoon during the pandemic Father Nathan and I got into a discussion about the history of Middleham Chapel. We talked about work that had previously been done in the building and the work still needing to be done. One item was the carpeting and what it would take to have it replaced. Several years before we had received an estimate of approximately \$5,000 to have it replaced. It had been in the building longer than most could remember. We also discussed the historical significance of the building, it's registry as a historic landmark and of course Elizabeth (Elizabeth is a story for another day).

Following the discussion, we went to the chapel with the intent of pulling up a little piece to see what was underneath and to determine the condition of the floor. We pulled up a corner and were amazed at what we saw so we pulled up a little more. As you can see by the photo, we got a little carried away and took it all up! And, along the way we found a friend under the carpet. (very much deceased)



The next step was to find someone to refinish the floors. We chose Well's flooring from Huntingtown, a family-owned business for several generations and one that others in the congregation have used. The estimate was less than recarpeting and more in keeping with the history of the Chapel. While these floors came much after the Chapel was built, they more accurately reflect what it might have looked like in 1748.

When the pews were being removed to refinish the floors, we turned them over and discovered they were hand sawn with hand cut nails holding them together. The nails were dated back to between 1680 and 1730 which was around the time the original Chapel was built. Nails were a scarce commodity during that period and it could be concluded that some of the nails were probably from the original Chapel, if not all of them. The scarcity of nails in colonies led Virginia to the enactment of a statute in 1645 prohibiting settlers from burning down old buildings for their nails. Most nails during this period had to be imported and were quite expensive.

Some minor restoration work was done on the pews to tighten them and cover the scratches with wood stain that matches original color. Note that the pews have a crackle finish which is consistent with a shellac that was used during a previous restoration.

Lastly, the large organ speakers were replaced with much smaller ones and relocated to the top of the walls in the rear of the church.

It never ceases to amaze me what you find during these projects. The nails and their history are in a shadow box in the back of the Chapel. Thanks to everyone who helped me with this project.

Submitted by, Jim Yoe, Junior Warden

Middleham Responds to the Earthquake and Hurricane in Haiti

Our Haiti team here at Middleham and St. Peter's was in touch with our partners at the Nursing School in Leogane shortly after the disastrous August 10 earthquake. In conversation with Dean Hilda Alcindor, she indicated that they would be responding with a team going into the epicenter of the earthquake, but they needed funds. Father Nathan was on the call, and he decided that there would be a special offering at his welcoming service on September 12. Our parish responded generously, with \$3000 sent through our stateside partner, the Haiti Nursing Foundation, directly to support the teams. The school sent a team of doctors, nurses and student nurses which initially provided health care, food, and clothing for well over 300 individuals – see the picture below. Just a week later they sent a second team, and with our support and HNF, they will be sending as many as eight more relief teams.



Below is a letter of appreciation from the Haiti Nursing Foundation:



HAITI
NURSING
FOUNDATION

1100 N. Main St., Ste. 209
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.887.6359
haitinursing.org
facebook.com/haitinursing

September 9, 2021

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish
C/O Hugh Davies
PO Box 277
Lusby, MD 20657-0277

Dear Hugh,

"Nous Sommes La Difference". That is FSIL's* motto and it means, "We are the Difference." It really does mean the difference between a future where Haiti will have enough health care professionals, or one where it remains woefully lacking. To the students who attend, it means the difference between a safe place to study and achieve professional success that will be felt for generations, or an uncertain future with little hope for change.



Thank you for your church's disaster relief donation to Haiti Nursing Foundation. Your congregation's contribution comes at a critical time. Haiti is being battered by natural disasters, the Covid-19 pandemic and gang violence that has made it dangerous to live and work throughout the country. Middleham and St. Peter's Parish's gift will specifically assist with lifesaving mobile clinic outreach to areas affected by Haiti's recent natural disasters.

Throughout its 15-year history, FSIL has risen to meet all of the challenges it has faced. Natural disasters, political unrest, and now COVID-19 have not stopped the unflappable courage and determination to improve health in the republic of Haiti. Yet, FSIL's virtues and track record of success continue to be nurtured by the generosity of the entire Middleham and St. Peter's congregation.

Hugh, your parish's generous \$3,000 gift is making a difference. You are bringing hope to Haiti. And for your church's commitment to the nursing school and each and every one of her students, we are endlessly grateful.

With heartfelt thanks,

Thom Bales
Executive Director

Submitted by Hugh Davies

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/>

Nation in Crisis: Haiti Today

Tuesday, October 5

3:00pm EDT

[Register Here](#)

About this event

The people of Haiti are experiencing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. Those watching or reading our international news will be familiar with the challenges this Caribbean nation has faced over the last decades. From extreme food insecurity, increasing COVID infection rates, violent political unrest, and devastation and damage from earthquakes, Haitians face challenges many of us can't imagine.

During this workshop, our panel will share with you about these ongoing challenges and how you can help the Haitian people in this moment. We will hear from our ministry partners at Food for the Poor about their work in Haiti. Bishop Oge Beauvoir, Executive Director of Food For The Poor in Haiti, will provide an overview of the crises and steps Food for the Poor, the largest NGO in Haiti, is taking to help the nation.

The panel will also have representatives from St. Vincent's Center for Children with Disabilities in Haiti (SVC). SVC was founded in 1945 by Sister Joan Margaret, a physical therapist with the Episcopal order of the Sisters of St. Margaret. Today SVC is a tri-partite ministry: a school for 200 children who are deaf and/or blind and/or in wheelchairs; a downtown Port-au-Prince Medical Clinic - staffed by five orthopedic surgeons, five pediatricians, an ophthalmologist, a psychologist, and a Brace Shop making prosthetics and braces for the poorest of the poor. Representatives from SVC will share how the ministry continues working during the crisis, often in conjunction with Food for the Poor.

Panelists include:

- **Oge Beauvoir** - Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti and Executive Director, Food for the Poor
- **Carola von Wrangel** - Manager of Episcopal Mission and Development, Food For The Poor
- **Kevin Mayne** - Expansion Ministries, Food For The Poor
- **Jisabelle Garcia-Pedroso** - Director of Disaster Relief, Food For The Poor
- **Elizabeth Lowell** - Trustee and Chair of Development and Communications for St. Vincent's Center, Trustee, Haiti Nursing Foundation
- **Alan Yarborough** - Church Relations Officer, The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations; Washington, D.C. (*moderator*)



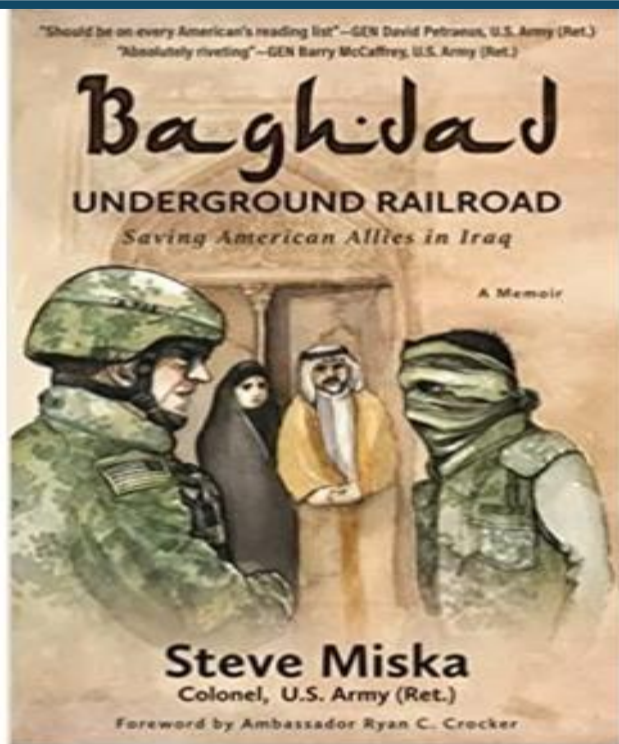
A Reminder from the Planned Giving and Endowment Committee

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.



What's Next:

On October 13th we will be hosting a talk from the author of the book, Steve Miska.

In 2007, on his second of three combat tours, Steve led a team that established an underground railroad for dozens of interpreters from Baghdad to Amman to the United States. These people were allies to our service men and women serving in the Middle East. This book helps you understand what a huge effort this was then as well as what it may have been this time, as well.

Steve is a husband, father and (most importantly to all) the son of Betty Eble.

Come join us for desserts and a talk by Steve- October 13th @6 PM in the Parish Hall! Call the office for more info.

Middleham and St. Peter's
Smith Hall.

10210 HG Trueman Rd.

Lusby, MD

For more information call 410-326-4948

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Youth and Young Adult

We have been fortunate enough to be able to return to a “normal” schedule, in most regards. The elementary school has been meeting in their classroom to sing songs, do crafts, and bible lessons. The older children have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather, and meeting outside and in the Parish Hall to continue our journey through Think. Believe. Do. As we get to the end of the month, we are looking forward to some Halloween themed lessons on Ghost and Spirits, and will hopefully be heading off campus for our annual Graveyard Scavenger Hunt. Our Graveyard Scavenger Hunt is an amazing opportunity to learn the history of some of the people that reside in our graveyards, but the different traditions, folk lore and legends that surround some of the areas. As part of the scavenger hunt, the older youth will also be picking up trash, sticks and branches and doing anything else we can do clean up and respect those that have gone on before us. Last year, we were set to go to St. Mary’s to explore the cemetery at Trinity Episcopal, but the weather did not work out for us. This year, we are hoping to have the weather on our side as we travel to do our hunt through history.

mspyouthleader@middlehamandstpeters.org

Thirsty Theology

We will continue to have our campfires outback of the parish hall on the first Friday and Third Friday of the month. As the weather cools off, there is nothing better than enjoying an awesome night at dusk, drinking your beverage of choice, making s’mores, having thought provoking dialogue and sharing funny stories. We start at 7pm, and the conversation is free flowing and always a great time to be had. All are welcome to join us.

Lay Readers and Acolytes

As you may have noticed at some of the services, we have had to hybrid the acolytes and lay readers. Some of our wonderful volunteers have been doing two jobs for us on certain Sundays. If you would like to be involved in either one, we would love to have you. Please call me at 443-624-6959 to learn more about this awesome group.

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 Parish

SUNDAY SCHOOL
2021-2022
CHILDREN & YOUTH

Please contact Anne Hayes
for information.

MSPYouthLeader@middlehamandstpeters.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWS
9:30 Middle Service in Smith Hall
EXCEPT 1ST SUNDAYS

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish

**COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION**
2021 - 2022
ADULTS

Contact Hugh Davies
for information.
daviesh@comcast.net

FOLLOWING 9:30 SERVICE
IN THE PARISH HALL
EXCEPT 1ST SUNDAYS

THIRSTY THEOLOGY
1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS
@ 7:00 PM

Bring a friend and join
our little campfire
community and
conversation.

Join us on Friday
October 1st
and
October 15th
at the firepit behind
Smith Hall.

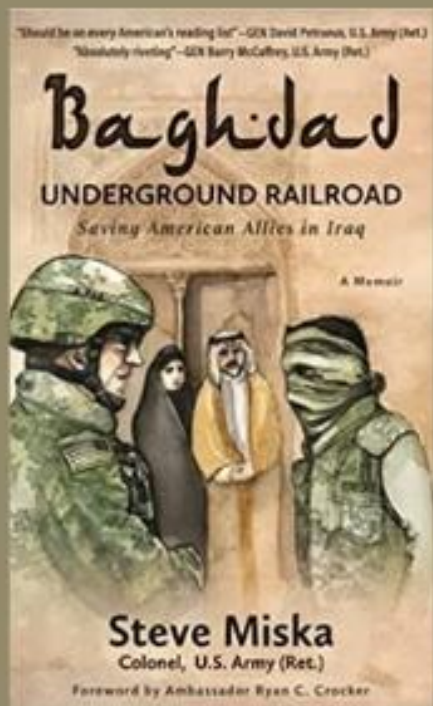
Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church
10210 HG Trueman RD Lusby, MD 20657



**ASBURY COFFEE
&
CONVERSATION**

3RD FRIDAY EACH MONTH
@ 10:00 AM
3RD FRIDAY EACH MONTH

For information contact Hugh Davies @
daviesh@comcast.net



ASBURY EPISCOPAL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON THURSDAY OCTOBER 14TH

IN THE RIVERVIEW DINING ROOM

AT 11:30 FOR EUCHARIST, NOON FOR LUNCH

"Baghdad Underground Railroad: Saving American Allies in Iraq"

COLONEL STEVE MISKA, US ARMY, RETIRED

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON 9/30/21

RESPOND @ 410-394-3162 OR TO mbdentcssm@gmail.com

OR CUBBY 412, to Mary Beth Dent.

\$11 PAYMENT MAY BE BY CASH, CHECK OR A/S FOOD POINTS.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE HONORED.

ONLY EXCEPTION IS ILLNESS.

MIDDLEHAM AND ST. PETER'S BELL CHOIR



When and Where are Rehearsals? Rehearsals will started on September 16th. We rehearse in the Balcony of Smith Hall on Thursdays from 6:15 -7:00.

I'm Ready to Ring – What Do I Do Now? Previous members should confirm with Beth that they want to continue. New members should let Beth know that they are interested.

If you are still interested talk with her at church, leave a message at the church office 410-326-4948 or:

office@middlehamandstpeters.org

Beth Lanier

music.ministry@middlehamandstpeters.org



NEW Bible Study: *Women's Voices in Scripture* - This fall come learn about, and listen to, Biblical female prophets, leaders, teachers, disciples, apostles, and sponsors, whose word and actions demonstrated their faith in God.

"*Women's Voices in Scripture*" is held on Wednesday nights between 7:00-8:15 pm via zoom only.

This class is a new collaborative venture between Middleham & St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and Christ Church and is open to all members of all three congregations. The class leader is Cheryl Garcia who has been leading bible study at Christ Church for three years and is being led to open the class to a wider membership.

Classes began Wednesday, September 8th.

Contact Cheryl Garcia if you are still interested in participating, to register. Please feel free to ask her for help accessing/learning about how to use zoom. ccgarcia.va@gmail.com and 703-349-9319

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



MSP PRAYER LIST



Grace Korn
Douglas Pardoe
George Buckler
Marjorie Caya
Dick Hu
Sue Hu
John Cole
Jimmy Holesapple
Penny File
Anna & Jeff Hall & Family
Tommy Hoisington
Tom Hogenson
Melissa Keener
Anthony & Betty D'Agostino
Joy Plaine
Raymond
Betty Anne Moore
Karen Reumont
Lee Garland

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

Departed List



James Russell (Russ) Horton
Janie Knox

MSP MILITARY PRAYER LIST



Chris Parkinson
James Butler
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
Justin Forrest

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
Saif Hasan



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FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
Ministries

Love Thy Neighbor

To say that health has moved to the forefront of our minds within the last year or more, would be the understatement of the year. We now can find information about health everywhere we turn. We know of the new shots, we know of lists of symptoms and remedies, and all of the CDC guidelines. We have spent a year being inundated with wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance, take your temperature, and the list goes on. In my 35 years, I have been fortunate enough that this is the first time that I have seen a health push this strong, and the unfortunate side effect is that health is not a one-size-fits-all for everyone. For anyone that started at the title, it says to Love Thy Neighbor, which especially now is sometimes hard. The reality is that if you love all your neighbors too much, you're probably now a super spreader of different viruses. If you love your neighbor too little, you may be very cavalier with mask wearing and hand washing, so again a super spreader. We all have to be in the middle ground of loving our neighbor, the type of love where we show great restraint and sometimes have to do things that make us uncomfortable, in hopes that our decisions will help someone else from an uncomfortable fate. We wash and sanitize our hands until they are dry, we greet people with a wave instead of a hug or handshake, we wear a mask over our nose and mouth instead of showing off the beautiful smiles that all of us are capable of producing. We do all of this because we love. When you see someone waving, with the mask over their face and the twinkle in their eyes, we need to see that for what it is, and that is an abundance of love for a fellow man. For the first time we can see love from miles away, we can see how much people love and care about us, just by the actions they take for not only themselves but to all those around them. We have enough that could bring us down with fear and concern, isn't it beautiful to see how many people are willing to put their own comfort aside to show you, if even for a minute, that they love you, they care about you, and how much you matter to them?

Anne Hayes for Parish Health

CALVERT COUNTY RESOURCE FAIR

FREE!



FRIDAY, OCT. 15 | 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAMILY LIFE CENTER

105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Join us for a **FREE** event showcasing local resources and programs available to Calvert County residents and families including:

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE | FAMILY-BASED RESOURCES | FOOD RESOURCES
EVICTIONS AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION | JOB SEEKER ASSISTANCE | AND MORE!**

Shuttles will be available at Main Street and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide transportation to and from the event. Call DSS at 443-550-6900 for a bus pass.

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 **October - November 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. office@middlehamandstpeters.org

Submitted by Carolyn Steiner, Outreach Chair

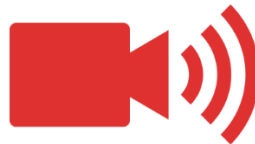


IN-REACH OPPORTUNITIES

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

**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

HeartFELT 2021/2022 School Year



We are supporting Southern and Mill Creek Middle Schools for 17 students total, this year.

We can use food donations of:

Shelf Stable Milk

Juice Boxes

Individual Size Cereal Boxes or Pouches

Oatmeal Packets

Granola Bars

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



MSP will once again help with CCCTOA (Calvert County Christmas Tree of Angels). As soon as information is available about this opportunity to help a Calvert County child have a present to unwrap on Christmas Day it will be available at each worship site.

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS

2021: Building on Our 2020 Miracle!

In 2020, the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center changed our Christmas at Sea gift instructions, to make gifts easier to handle while the pandemic limited available personnel.

And every single one of you followed our new guidelines! On top of all the other challenges of 2020, this careful attention to lonely seafarers was a true Christmas miracle. Thank you!

We're using the same guidelines this year because they worked so well. If you're new to Christmas at Sea, or need a refresher:

Please put items in one-gallon sealed plastic bags* (not boxes). Seal tightly, without over-stuffing. 25 moderately full bags are better than 20 bursting open.



NO FOOD, not even gum, because the smell is overpowering in warm storage rooms.

Please include a paperback New Testament in modern English if possible. (Hardbacks weigh too much. King James is difficult for many foreign seafarers.) Groups whose workplaces don't allow Bibles to be purchased could include an uplifting calendar.

A WARM HAT is the other most popular item.

Then add some of the following, depending on budget and space: warm gloves or warm socks, hand warmers, pad and pen, post cards or magnets of Baltimore or D.C., flash drive, small sealed gender-neutral toiletries. Large bottles weigh too much! Combs, toothbrushes, etc. should be individually sealed in original packaging, for the reassurance of seafarers.

Options to make your gift more festive: you could sign a Christmas card and insert so the picture shows through the bag, or line the bag with colored tissue, or put Christmas stickers on the outside. Please, no bulky bows, as they'll be crushed.

Please contact Carolyn Steiner with all questions or deadline information @ isteineriv@comcast.net

There will be boxes at each worship site to put filled bags, or just items to include in bags. Carolyn Steiner can help you out if you have questions.





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.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

Thank you so much to those able to help out at the food distribution on Friday, September 17th. Together, we served 339 families, 1,353 individuals. ~ *Kristin Sandusky*



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**



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

NEEDED VOLUNTEERS AT COMMUNITY GARDEN

We will continue the MSP annual sweet potato harvest this coming Saturday morning.

When: Saturday, Oct 2, beginning around 8:30 AM until the job is complete (hopefully by noon).

Rain Date: If heavy rain is forecast, we will reschedule for the following Saturday, Oct. 9TH, Otherwise, we will proceed as planned.

Where: Garden in the parking lot behind SMILE

What to bring: something to dig with (shovel, spade, potato fork, pitch fork).

If you don't have one, we have extra.

What to wear: gloves, hat, old clothes and shoes that can get dirty

Harvested sweet potatoes will be distributed through SMILE food pantry.

Thanks, Kristin Sandusky



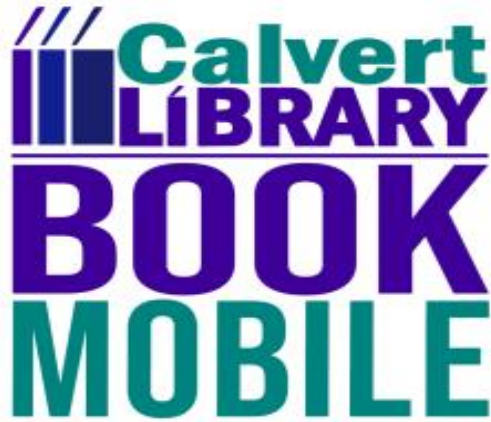
The Southern Maryland JobSource Mobile Career Center

Looking for employment and job search assistance? The JobSource Mobile Career Center and staff are available to assist you the First Wednesday of Every Month, 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Middleham Campus parking lot next to SMILE Ecumenical Ministries

The Southern Maryland JobSource Mobile Career Center is a free job search and placement resource. The Center makes job-hunting tools available to everyone in our community. Center staff helps you plan job searches, apply for jobs on-line, create resumes and cover letters and answer career development questions. The center has 12 computer stations where you can search for local, state and national jobs.

The Mobile Career Center is provided by The Southern Maryland Job Source with the support of Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish and SMILE Ecumenical Ministries.

CALVERT LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER, THE 2ND WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH, STOPPING @ SMILE, TIME TBD.



The Bookmobile will be making monthly stops throughout the county...bringing a mini-library experience.

- Wi-Fi access
- Computers
- Printing
- Library card services
- Crafts to go
- Storytime & other events
- And of course, materials for check out

The vehicle also includes a wheelchair lift to make the vehicle accessible and an awning for comfortable outdoor service and events.

Visit calvertlibrary.info or call 410-535-0291 for more information.





**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/>



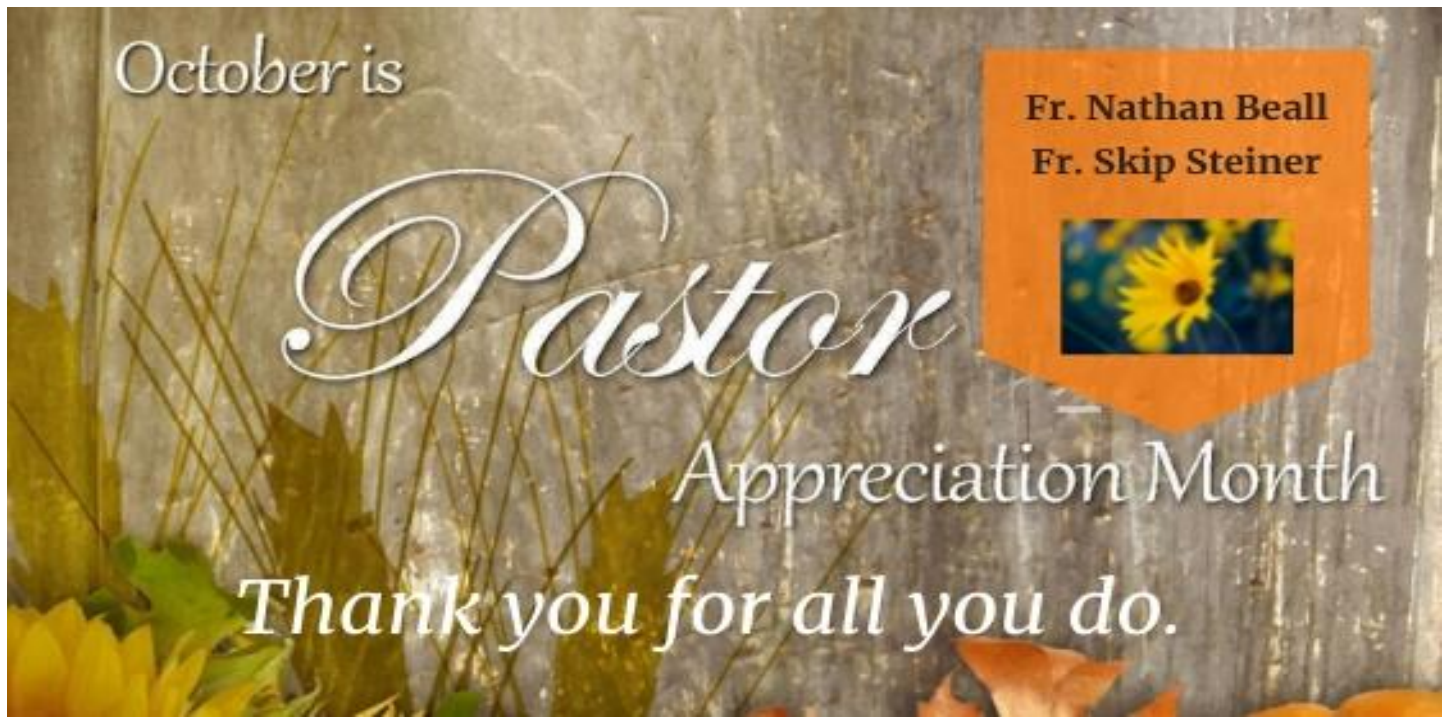
NOVEMBER EDITION OF THE CONNECTOR

ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MORNING OCTOBER 15TH

Thanks so much, Karen Timmons, Communications

communications@middlehamandstpeters.org





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Dale Yoe	10/03
Nancy Favor	10/04
Jess Kury	10/05
Brendan Truitt	10/07
Nancy Warren	10/07
Karen Pardoe	10/08
Doug Smith	10/08
Alden Gross	10/10
Taylor King	10/13
Abigail Simmons	10/13
Jeanne Vote	10/13
Penney File	10/17
Dorothy Swann	10/19
Hannah Connolly	10/21
Anne Gross	10/22
Flo Russell	10/22
Kristin Sandusky	10/23
Anne Hayes	10/24
Zachary Connolly	10/24
Karen Wilson	10/29
Channing J. Hall (CJ)	10/31



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Alden & Ruth Gross	10/01
Jeffrey & Autumn Lewis	10/01
Mark & Lucy Tonacci	10/05
Jon & Mary Ellen Davis	10/11
Russell & Rachel Clift	10/20
Bernard & Eileen Curley	10/22

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!