

The CONNECTOR

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Coffee Filters

I am a tea drinker, but I make coffee for my husband each day and I recently ran out of coffee filters. I still make coffee the old-fashioned way in our house, using a Mr. Coffee maker, pouring in the water, adding coffee grounds to the filter, and waiting for it to trickle down into the glass pot. Fresh coffee aroma fills the kitchen. It smells delicious. I don't set a timer for the coffee to magically start on it's own. There is some satisfaction that comes from the manual labor and the step by step task to create a final product. There are also some mornings when that feels impractical, yet I still don't use a Keurig, ignoring the convenience of individual cups and the rapid result of almost instant coffee. Technically water still has to be added, but not as much, as well as the individual containers with seemingly endless choices of coffee types.



I remember back in my parents' day, making coffee required a real metal coffee pot full of water, a metal screen filter lid that fit over a perforated metal basket that held the coffee grounds which was held together by a long metal rod. This "percolator" was placed on the stove and eventually coffee was brewed. The pot had a small glass dome in the center of the lid through which you could see the coffee bubble when it was ready. Of course, the quickest way to make coffee is to use instant or freeze dried in a cup of water and a microwave. We have come a long way in the coffee brewing business. It is important to remember, though, that however you brew it or whatever you use to make it, it's still coffee.



Well, I was able to find some coffee filters in the supermarket, but they were different in color, texture and packaging. I knew they would work, at least for the short term, but I wasn't sure for the long term. I realized, then, that I might have to entertain some other options for making coffee in the future. Something more modern, more practical, more appropriate for our needs.



So what does this have to do with church exactly? Just as there are many ways to make coffee, there are many options for how we "do church" and who we should be looking for as a new rector, taking into consideration what our church needs now and for the future. For the interim, we will probably be happy with someone who is similar to our retiring rector, but like changing coffee filters, he or she will most likely be somewhat different. The Interim Rector will allow us to keep functioning and meeting our current needs as we take the time to evaluate what we will need in a new, permanent rector.

For that we should consider a person who has qualities and characteristics that embrace our traditions, but who also exhibits the ability and desire to move us forward and grow our congregation. We will always be an Episcopal church, but how we do it and what

we use to do it could and maybe should be different. We will have to ask ourselves some tough questions in this transition time. Are three worship services every Sunday sustainable? Can one rector realistically be capable of doing three services every Sunday? Do we need more than one rector to meet our pastoral and worship needs? Can we afford it? What are our strengths and weaknesses as a parish community? These and many other questions need to be asked and we will find the answers. The Profile Committee, which is currently being formed, will give all of us an opportunity to share our thoughts about who we are and where we want to go. When you are asked to participate in this process, step up to the plate. This transition time will allow us to evaluate what we have here at MSP, try some new things, I hear the groans and cheers already, and envision what a future at MSP could look like. We have to be open to all possibilities and challenge ourselves to do what is right for our future. We have a clean slate. Let's fill it up with ideas, hopes and needs. May the Holy Spirit be with us!



Blessings,

Joan Shisler, Senior Warden

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
@ 10:00 AM
JOINT SERVICE - SMITH HALL**



**CELEBRANT
THE REVEREND DR. LINDA M. KAPURCH**

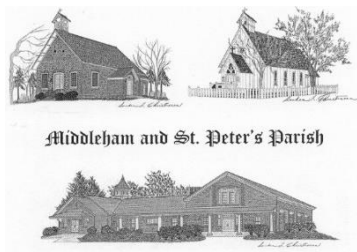


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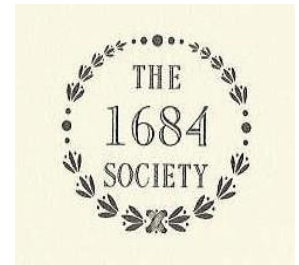
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IN SMITH HALL
WILL START AT
@ 10:00 AM**



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Welcomes You



An Update on Planned Giving and the Endowment at Middleham and St. Peter's



Fifteen years ago, our church initiated a planned giving program and established our endowment. As part of that, we also established a legacy society – The 1684 Society – to recognize and thank those people who made a planned gift to the parish. This article provides an update for you on each of these.

An updated set of policies and guidelines have been developed and approved by the vestry. Included are the enabling resolution setting forth the basic ground rules and the policies for the administration of the endowment. These are based on the recommendations of the Episcopal Church Foundation. Policies include how funds are to be invested and rules regarding how endowment funds may be drawn down and spent.

A new committee has been established to oversee the investment and monitor the distributions to insure adherence to the new policies. The committee includes a minimum of three members, plus the rector and wardens are ex-officio members. The initial three members are Hugh Davies, Steve Lyle, and Jim Shepherd. The committee also encourages contributions to the endowment through planned gifts, memorials and other sources.

Status of the endowment – the current value of the endowment at the end of the second quarter was just over \$400,000. The committee prudently oversees the investment of the endowment through UBS and its financial managers Don Chomas and Russell Rifkin.

Use of endowment funds – in accordance with the new policies, distributions of endowment funds are limited to capital improvements, ministries and grants, seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects, and such other purposes that are specifically designated by donors whose gifts are included in the fund. Fund distributions are not to be made to the operating budget, except within the purposes named above.

Currently, endowment funds are being made available through the endowment grant process. The deadline for submission of a grant request was August 15. Grants will be announced shortly.

Supporting the endowment is truly supporting the future of the parish. The committee encourages this to happen in a range of ways:

- A bequest – remembering the church in your estate through inclusion in your will or other means. It truly indicates that you care for our church in the same manner as you care for your family.
- Other planned gift alternatives – such as a charitable gift annuity.
- As a beneficiary – for a life insurance policy or other financial document that calls for the designation of a beneficiary.
- As a memorial – when remembering someone when they have passed.
- As a gift alternative – our own alternative giving is a good example. Think of giving to our church's endowment as a gift alternative.

The 1684 Society – we established our own legacy society – The 1684 Society – when we established the endowment and planned giving program fifteen years ago. Members of the 1684 Society know that they have looked beyond this life and made provision for the continuing financial support of their Christian community. The 1684 Society has been established by the Vestry of Middleham and St. Peter's Parish to recognize those persons who have made a documented planned gift to the Parish or to the Endowment Fund directly. Since the inception of the 1684 Society, 29 individuals and couples have made planned gifts to the church and endowment.

September 15 events – At the joint service on Sunday September 15, we will be pleased to welcome David and Brenda Hollweger and Pam Hawkins to the 1684 Society. We will also share more information about planned giving and the endowment and answer your questions. In the meantime, direct any questions to any members of the planned giving and endowment committee.

Treasurer's Corner

September is on our doorstep, so long summer.. Schools are starting on Tuesday September 3rd, if last minute items are needed don't forget AmazonSmile.



When purchasing school supplies for your own needs or anything else you buy from Amazon, please consider using AmazonSmile. It is so easy to order what you need and to help Middleham and St. Peter's in the process at no cost to you. Middleham and St. Peter's receives a half-percent back for every purchase you make through AmazonSmile.

Please go to: Smile.Amazon.com and follow the program details.

The Finance Committee is meeting quarterly and will be submitting our draft 2020 budget to the Vestry on September 3rd.

How many Episcopalians does it take to support a church? ALL OF US! Thank to you for being so generous with your time, talent and treasure.

Please remember the convenience of using our online giving. This is especially convenient for one time donations for any fundraiser item.



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ONLINE: To donate online:

1. Use the direct link for Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church Giving Online:

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

2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on GIVE NOW

3. At the bottom of the list, choose the Other line and enter donation amount

4. *IMPORTANT* In the box next to the donation amount entered, type what the donation is for, examples - "Labyrinth Project" or "Alternative Giving Market- specific item" or "Christmas Wreaths & Center Pieces"

5. Donation Frequency: Click on Choose One in the drop down box and select "One Time"

6. Click Continue

7. Fill out donation information

8. Click box for I'm not a robot

9. Click Process to submit donation

Jackie Vos, Treasurer



A Townhall Meeting

Maryland's Schools: A Blueprint for the Future



On Sunday, **September 29**, Middleham and St. Peter's will host an extraordinary opportunity for Southern Maryland- a **Townhall Meeting on the Future of Maryland's Education**. Specifically, the townhall is about the State Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education Report (The Kirwan Commission Report) which is approved 2019 legislation. Dr. William E. "Brit" Kirwan, chair of the Commission, will address the five policy initiatives in the report. Dr. David Hornbeck, former Maryland state superintendent of schools, will address what it will take to fund the new law. Dr. Kirwan and Dr. Hornbeck are part of the **Strong Schools Maryland** initiative; an organization focused on the full passage and funding of the Kirwan Report.

What is this all about? Maryland is in the midst of a once in a generation opportunity to dramatically change its public education system from birth to college and career. Presently, Maryland's educational system ranks 26th among the states. Last January during the "Community Conversation on Dismantling Racism: Progress and Challenges in Our Schools", the Kirwan Report was raised numerous times. "Kirwan Commission Report" is the shorthand for The State Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education established by the State Legislature and Governor Hogan in 2016. The commission was charged with assessing what it would take to create a world-class education system. Its charge has two parts,

- (1) to examine policies, practices, and levels of resources necessary to ensure every student in Maryland has the opportunity to succeed and
- (2) to review and recommend any needed changes to update the current education funding formulas.

After almost three years of study, the Commission produced a bold report, that if fully implemented and funded, will transform Maryland's education from middle of the pack to world class. The first part of the Report was passed during 2019 State Legislative session. But to create this world class system, the Legislature and the counties must fully fund the law with adequate funding.

What is adequate funding? The work group defined adequate funding as "sufficient funds to acquire the total resources needed to reasonably expect that all students can meet the standards." Using this definition, Maryland schools were underfunded by \$2.9 billion annually from 2008 to 2017. Why are schools so underfunded? According to an Education Law Center study, Maryland ranks 11th for highest wealth, but 37th for how much of our wealth goes to school funding compared to other states. The Kirwan Commission will seek approval of the second part of the report during the 2020 Legislative session.

The purpose of the town hall is to better inform us on this important issue. Once again, Middleham and St. Peter's is leading the way as a "Center for the Community". Come out and bring your neighbor to hear for yourself, from the experts, about legislation that could greatly impact Maryland's educational and economic future for all.

Where: **Middleham and St. Peter's Smith Hall**

When: **Sunday, September 29, 2:00 – 4:00p.m. Doors open at 1:30**

Audience question and answer session will follow the presentations.

Information at:

www.strongschoolsmaryland.org / bigconmsp@gmail.com / www.dismantleracism.org

Hosted by Middleham and St. Peter's Big Conversation and its Partners for Dismantling Racism and Privilege in Southern Maryland



Southern MD Townhall Meeting



Maryland's Schools: A Blueprint for the Future



Sunday, Sept 29
2 - 4 pm (doors open at 1:30)
Middleham and St. Peter's Smith Hall
10210 HG Trueman Road, Lusby

Maryland is building a world class public education system based on the work of the Maryland Commission on Education and Innovation, known as the Kirwan Commission.

Why is this so important?

- Maryland has dropped behind other states and countries in critical education measures.
- Maryland is the only state with 4th and 8th grade scores dropping in reading and math.
- Public schools are underfunded by at least \$2.9 billion annually. 53% of Black public-school students are in underfunded schools.

Hear:

Dr. William E. "Brit" Kirwan, chair of the "Kirwan Commission" address the five policy initiatives in the report.

David Hornbeck, former Maryland state superintendent of schools, explain what it will take to fully implement the new law.

A question and answer period will follow.

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Hosted by Middleham and St. Peter's Parish with **The Big Conversation Partnership for Dismantling Racism and Privilege in Southern Maryland** including: All Saints Episcopal Church – Sunderland, Calvert County Public Schools, Calvert Library, Calvert NAACP, Community Mediation Centers of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co, Emmanuel SDA Church – St. Leonard, Harriet Elizabeth Brown Scholars, Patuxent Quaker Friends, St. Mary's NAACP, St. Mary's County Public Schools

Children & Youth Christian Formation



Sunday School for children and youth resumes its regular schedule on **September 8th**. Come and meet the teachers and see your classrooms. Classes begin following the 9:45 AM service in Smith Hall at 10:30 AM and ends at 11:30 AM.

The Curriculum for 2019 - 2020

Holy Moly produced by Sparkhouse.

How it works

Each Holy Moly lesson is divided into four equally important parts:

Discover - Introduce kids to the Bible story characters and begin to discover the story by watching an animated Bible story video

1. Relate - Discuss what surprised them, what makes them wonder, and how they feel about the story they just saw

2. Connect - Open Bibles and explore the day's story
3. Create - Imagine and reflect on the Bible story through hands-on activities or games using their learner leaflet

[Checkout the curriculum video with this link](#)

Middle and High School Youth

On Sunday mornings, youth in grades 6-12 meet in the lower level of the Parish Hall at 10:30 AM. Using a mixture of big group and small group activities, youth engage a variety of topics that connect their faith and real life questions based around the Re:form Ancestors. [Curriculum samples](#)

How it works

Each re:form session follows a three-part sequence:

Encounter – Gather your youth together to watch a hilarious animated video (we promise it'll make them laugh!)

Engage – Tap into their creativity for activities like doodling, constructing, and journaling that help them dig deeper into their faith

Respond – Share thoughts and ideas about the session's question

Youth Group

Once a month, middle and high schoolers gather for a Youth Group evening activity. The first of these is on **Sunday September 15th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM!**

For More Information

Anne Hayes MSPYouthLeader@middlehamandstpeters.org or 443-624-6959

Hidden Benefits Of Being An Acolyte



When you think of leadership in the church, what roles do you think of? Priests and deacons? Lay Chalicists? Church staff? Ministry leaders? And absolutely Acolytes! These young people, whose often unnoticed presence facilitates almost every service, embody true servant leadership.

- 1. Acolytes are essential:** Think of services where no acolytes are present. Much of the beauty and the glorious pageantry is missing. Processions without torches and crosses? Not as impactful. Furthermore, services without acolytes means clergy have less support when preparing Communion and facilitating worship.
- 2. Being acolytes allows young people to be active participants in worship:** The acolytes I have spoken with echo this. They feel much more engaged in the worship service when they are playing an active role rather than sitting in the pews. Even young people who reported that their parents had at first “forced” them to acolyte, expressed a newfound connection to worship and an enthusiasm for being at church.
- 3. Acolyting is intergenerational:** A young person who acolytes is more likely to feel a connection to adults serving in other worship-related ministries: clergy, altar guild members, greeters, ushers, lectors, lay eucharistic ministers, and choir members. Young people who connect to generations of adults

in the congregation – rather than only forming relationships with youth peers – are more likely to feel a deep connection to their church community. Faith formation is strengthened by these intergenerational relationships.

4. Acolyting is relational: Being acolytes helps young people form bonds with their peers, and with older and younger teens at church. Faith is meant to be practiced in community, and when a young person finds community for themselves, they are more likely to grow in faith. Young acolytes spoke proudly of having older teen friends who they knew through acolyte service; older teens spoke proudly of acting as role models to the younger teens on their acolyte teams.

Faith is meant to be practiced in community, and when a young person finds community for themselves, they are more likely to grow in faith.

5. Acolyting is a family affair: Many young people recalled that they began to acolyte as a way of emulating older siblings. Families are more likely to attend and be connected to a church community when their children serve at the altar.

6. Acolytes are invited to play with fire: Admit it, everybody likes to play with fire. But more importantly, when we trust young people with significant and potentially dangerous tasks, we show them that we see them as capable and competent. Inevitably they then live up to our expectations.

7. Acolyting makes a young person the center of attention: This surprised me. Many young people commented on how they enjoyed the feeling of having all eyes on them as they walked down the aisle with the cross. But isn't it supposed to be about God? Yes. So are we raising a generation of egomaniacs? I don't think so. Everyone's deepest desire is to be known, accepted, and loved. We want to have value in the eyes of others. Consider scripture and the many instances where Jesus paused to truly see and engage people who were otherwise invisible in society. Often our young people feel unseen and unimportant in our faith communities. Acolyting allows them to be seen, to be important, and to make a difference in our communal worship.

8. Acolyting makes young people nervous: When asked what they wished other people knew about being an acolyte, many young people said they wished others knew how seriously they take their role. They try very hard not to make mistakes, and when they do, it weighs heavily on them. Yet in talking about lessons learned as an acolyte, one young person told me the following: "Whatever I do, even if I'm not sure of what I'm doing, as long as I do it with confidence, it will be ok." Or as Julian of Norwich wrote, "All shall be well."

9. Acolyting is formational, and it teaches liturgy: In conversations replete with teenage slang, I also heard vocabulary that reflected a deep knowledge of liturgy and church tradition. In fact, one of the many reasons youth enjoyed being acolytes is that they learned more about the shape, structure, and flow of liturgy and worship traditions. Young people even mentioned some of their favorite services: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – services often under-attended, especially by young people.

10. Acolytes are leaders: A component of good church leadership is being able to grow more fully into a ministerial role. The young people I spoke with reflected on their evolving acolyte responsibilities, and how moving from torch to crucifer or Lay Chalcist is “...a big leap.” One crucifer explained how managing her acolyte team was an opportunity for her to demonstrate maturity and responsibility. Some young people spoke proudly of how being an acolyte encouraged them to seek out other roles in the church – as altar guild members, lay chalcists, vestry members, and more!

So Let There Be Acolytes!

Acolyting is an essential ministry, and one that imbues our worship with beauty, solemnity, and pageantry. Acolytes support both clergy and laity, ensuring that the behind-the-scenes tasks and logistics of worship flow smoothly.

Most importantly, our acolytes, whether they are 9 or 19 years old, are leaders in our communities, worthy of appreciation and respect. Next time you see a young person who is an acolyte, please compliment them and thank them for their ministry!

Interested in serving? Please contact Anne Hayes, MSPYouthLeader@middlehamandstpeters.org or call @ 443-624-6959.

Adult Acolyte Opportunities

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Adult Christian Formation

Coffee and Conversation



Come Join Us!

We want to invite you to coffee and conversation - which is really what we do in adult Sunday School. 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 discussing how the study fits into our everyday life. Many who participate say that it is what spiritually feeds them on Sunday morning!

You certainly do not have to be a student of the Bible to learn in the sessions, or prepare ahead of time. All who have participated appear to enjoy the conversation. We will have coffee and munchies available. We meet in the parish hall large meeting room from 10:30 to 11:15 AM.

So come join us!

Hugh, Charles, and Claude

BIBLE STUDY

Join Fr. Skip Steiner with a small group study each Tuesday @ 11:00 – Noon in the small conference room. We look at the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Then we reflect based upon “Feasting on The Word”, and engage in discussion. Please join this small group whenever it fits your schedule. It’s informal, and all are welcome.

Asbury Solomons Episcopal Fellowship

Asbury Episcopal Fellowship will meet on Monday, September 16, 2019 at noon in the Riverview Dining Room. Reverend Matt Humm, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, In Prince Frederick.

Noon day prayers & lunch start at 12:00 PM. The program starts at 12:30, Holy Eucharist will follow about 1:00 PM.

Reservations should be made by Thursday September 12th to Mary Beth Dent at mbdentcssm@gmail.com or call 410-394-3162.

Asbury Coffee and Conversation

Coffee & Conversation is on Friday September 20th at 10:00 AM in the clubhouse at Asbury. Mark your calendar for third Fridays at 10:00 AM for the rest of the year.

Sessions have been well received. Prior to each gathering both the reading and the lesson for that upcoming Friday are emailed.

Remember to bring a friend! Coffee and munchies provided.

If you need any information you may contact Hugh Davies @ daviesh@comcast.net.

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Claude Martin

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MUSIC MINISTRY

BELL CHOIR

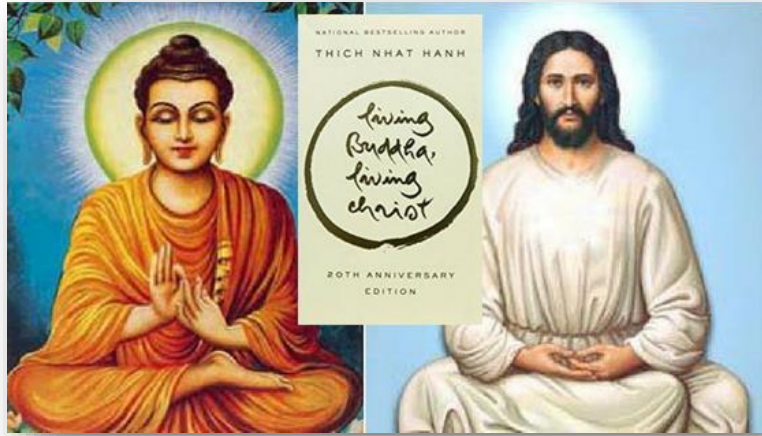


The Handbell Choir of Middleham and St. Peter's welcomes new members this Fall. Some musical experience is helpful, however, with an enthusiastic mindset and a good sense of humor anyone can find success in bell ringing! Rehearsals are held in Smith Hall in the balcony on Thursday evenings from 6:15 - 7:00. We perform at services during Christmas and Easter and other dates as we feel prepared. Contact Beth Lanier @ music.ministry@middlehamandstpeters.org or leave a message at the parish office [410-326-4948](tel:410-326-4948). Rehearsals will begin in October. Actual start date will be in the church bulletin and weekly email, "The Messenger".



“Living Buddha Living Christ”

Book Study Group



A book study group will begin Thursday, September 19, 2019 and meet weekly through October 24th every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Location is Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, in the Parish Hall.

The group will be reading and discussing *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hahn.

Karen Timmons will facilitate the group. Amazon has the different formats of the book, Kindle, Paperback & Hardcover.

"The bestselling author of "Peace is Every Step," and one of the most beloved Buddhist teachers in the West, Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh has been part of a decades-long dialogue between the two greatest living contemplative traditions, and brings to Christianity an appreciation of its beauty that could be conveyed only by an outsider. In a lucid, meditative prose, he explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two traditions meet, and reawakens our understanding of both. "On the altar in my hermitage," he says, "are images of Buddha and Jesus, and I touch both of them as my spiritual ancestors."

(from Goodreads.com)

Each week we will cover two chapters, the book entails ten chapters total. First gathering will be an introduction to this material and the journey. A study guide will be available. A few copies will be available at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Office. A PDF link for printing will be available in the Weekly Emails, and on Middleham and St. Peter's Website. Please email your intent so enough study guides can be printed.

If you are interested and would like to participate or have questions,

Call The Parish office, 410-326-4948 or communications@middlehamandstpeters.org



Parish Health Ministry

Let me explain:

For over a year I have protested that I would not do a Health Fair this year. Believe it or not- they do require many hours of planning and can be kind of stressful. All was well and good until we thought about having a Sunday program on the subject of Substance Abuse and its rise, especially southern Maryland.

From there things began to explode. So, with the help of the Behavioral Health section of the Calvert County Health Department and the Sheriff's Office, we are about to have a **Mental Health/Substance Abuse Health Fair**. The date of this event will be **Sunday, September 8th from 2-5PM**. This will be for the **ENTIRE FAMILY!** It will be free and have **free games and food**. There will be guest speakers, "**drunk goggles**" drive, as well as other games. There will be lots of information on counseling and support for families and those who use drugs or alcohol. Naloxone- the life- saving medication for use in overdoses will be explained and training will be there.

The Sheriff's Office will also have a **drug drop box**. So, bring your old meds to be disposed correctly. Plan on having fun and pray for no rain, LOL! Hope to see you there!

Dale Yoe, Parish Nurse

COMMUNITY CARES: END OF SUMMER MENTAL HEALTH BLOC PARTY

VENDORS!

**FAMILY
FUN!**

**GAMES!
PRIZES!**

**COME JOIN
YOUR COMMUNITY!**

FOOD!

**Listen to expert speakers on topics
from Medication Assistance
Treatment, Addiction is a Disease,
Naloxone and More!**

**BAKED
GOODS!**

**Local Mental Health and Substance Abuse
facilities will be available to provide
information on services**

All food and activities are FREE to the community

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 | 2PM-5PM
MIDDLEHAM PARISH HALL
10210 H G TRUEMAN ROAD, LUSBY MD**

**For More Information: (410) 326-4948
office@middlehamandstpeters.org**



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SAVE A LIFE

**Saturday, October 19, 2019
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Middleham and St. Peter's
Parish Hall**

**This course is limited to 16
participants.**

Please register as soon as possible.

INFORMATION

<https://www.bleedingcontrol.org>

REGISTRATION

<https://www.huntingtownumchurch.com/>



Friends of the Haiti School Nurse Project Newsletter

Volume 1 Edition 6

August 2019

Looking back on the first school year

This was the first year of the project and a great deal was accomplished. The three schools were brought on board and are good partners, with infirmary space provided at each site. FSIL has committed excellent staff to serve as the nurses at the schools – Fabiola Rejouis and Yola Clervil initially, and now a third nurse Chardelyne Escarment. Reporting and program documentation systems were initiated. In December the Middleham team visited FSIL and had the opportunity to orient Fabiola and Yola to equipment and materials that we brought with us. Additional supplies and a refrigerator were transported from Maryland to Florida by Dale Yoe and her husband, and with the help of Dr. Colin sent by freighter to Haiti and on to FSIL. During the year, political turmoil in Haiti extended to Leogane and resulted in school closures for periods of time. Despite the challenges of starting up a new program and dealing with the turmoil in Haiti, nursing care, health assessments, health education, and vision testing were initiated for the students in the three schools. In fact, the program was made available to over 1500 elementary students, well beyond the 600 students expected during the planning stage for the project. Overall, it was a remarkable start.

During the Summer

The Middleham Haiti School Nurse team together with FSIL Dean Hilda Alcindor and FSIL Board Chair Jessie Colin are working on refinements and improvements going into the second year of the project, including:

- Refining the service design to make it more efficient
- A more specific plan and description for the involvement of the FSIL nursing students
- Plans for comprehensive hearing and vision testing and vaccinations for all who need it
- Obtaining more specific data on the need for and use of supplies and medications
- Developing the evaluation plan
- Refining the project budget to include a third year and specific sustainability plans. Our project has received a sustainability grant from the Diocese of Maryland. FSIL with our support will be working with the schools to scope out the manner in which the project will be sustained in the future.

More about our partners



A key individual for our program is Dean Alcindor. The following is taken from the Haiti Nursing Foundation's website (www.haitinursing.org). We know that you will find it interesting and remarkable.

"Hilda Alcindor, BA, RN, FAAN, was born and educated in Haiti. She graduated from the Ecole Nationale des Infirmieres (National School of Nursing) in Port-auPrince, Haiti, and shortly thereafter moved to the U.S. She served in the U.S. Air Force, and then worked nearly thirty years as a Registered Nurse.

Dean Alcindor received a BA in Health Services Administration from Union Institute in Miami, Florida. She also received a Certificate in Managing Quality Health Care Systems from Florida International University. Dean Alcindor has certifications in Quality Assurance/Discharge Planning/ Utilization Review; Case Management; CPR; Advanced Cardiac Life Support; and as an Educator.

In 2014 Hilda was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, in Washington, DC.

Dean Alcindor has been active in the Haitian-American Nurses Association as a member and elected officer. She is also a member of the American Nurses Association and the Florida Nurses Association.

She has worked in several professional positions in the Miami area, including hospitals, home health, intensive care/ recovery room, emergency room, and as a school health educator. Her most recent position was as Admitting Nurse and Coordinator/ Relief Nursing Supervisor for the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach.

Dean Alcindor is fluent in English, French, Spanish, and Creole. Appointed Dean (Doyenne) of FSIL in October, 2004, she has been instrumental in implementing the plans for FSIL and is a strong, dynamic leader of the FSIL School of Nursing.”

If you have questions or want more information on or to support the Haiti School Nurse Program, contact Hugh Davies or any team member at daviesh@comcast.net.

OUTREACH

We will again participate in C3TOF (Calvert County Christmas Tree of Angels) this year. We will be given 20 children's names and what they have requested for gifts in early November. Then the gifts will be collected in early December. More information will be coming as the giving season gets closer.

The church will again be selling holiday greens using Sherwood Forest Farms as the provider again. Ordering will be done in October with the greens delivered right after Thanksgiving. Remember that you can order wreaths, garland, centerpieces, or swags for direct delivery to their home. Instant check off on the Christmas list!!!!

School has started again so please remember to bring backpack goodies to the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed on Monday mornings at 9:00 AM to pack bags. Deliveries are every Friday. MSP HeartFELT Coordinator is Elizabeth Broadus. elizabethruggles@comcast.net

After the school year starts, we will have information about the needs for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be suggested items to buy in the church bulletins and in the weekly email, *The Messenger*, every week. Thanks so much to the parish for supporting this outreach.

Carolyn Steiner Outreach Chair

In-Reach Missions in our Backyard

June 2019 Project @ Louise Smith's Home

These are some of the Happy Faces that helped. On June 23rd the helpers were Anne and Ricky Hayes, Lochlan and Kaileigh Weems, Mark Tonacci, Tom and Jack Briggs. Not pictured for this day are Jim Shepherd, Dale and Jim Yoe.

Front and Center Louise



August 2019 Project @ Grace Korn's Home

Happy Faces that helped pictured below on the August project.

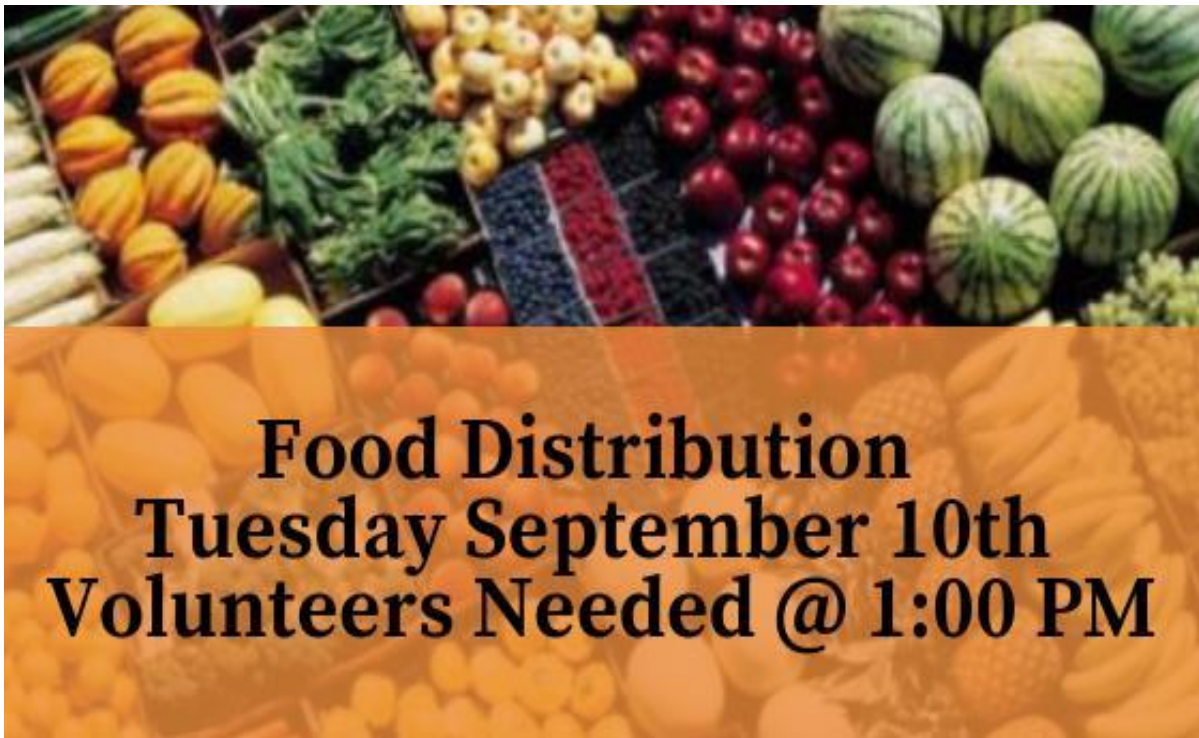
Jim Yoe, Dale Yoe, Dan Gross, Dr. Charles Bennett, Emily Carpenter, Ethan Carpenter, Carolyn Steiner, Jacques Mauche and Jack Briggs.

Front and Center Grace



Contact Jim Yoe if you have a project that needs to be done.

jmyoe@comcast.net or call 443-975-6797



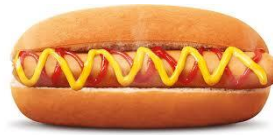
Boy Scout Troop 1684



BSA's Scouting theme for the month of September will be "**Courteous.**"

A **Scout** is **polite** to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

CRAB FEAST AND PICNIC



The 24th Middleham and St. Peter's Crab Feast and Picnic is **Sunday, September 15th from 4:00p.m. - 6:00 PM.** It will take place on the Parish Hall grounds. Crabs, hot dogs, and hamburgers will be provided by the vestry, please bring a side dish to share.

RSVP is needed by Monday September 9th to assist with the food purchasing. Donations to help defray the cost of the crabs will be appreciated.

Sign-up sheets are in each worship space. This is a BYOB event, ice water and ice tea will be provided.

Phone the parish office if you have any questions @ 410-326-4948

Invite a friend, family member or neighbor, and enjoy the day with great company and great food.

SOLEFUL STRUTTERS WALKING GROUP

Soleful Strutters Walking Group is ready to start up again with the onset of Fall temperatures.

Starting with a casual stroll on the Solomons Boardwalk, next week.

We will gather to walk weekly on the boardwalk in Solomons, weather permitting, on Wednesdays.

We will start on Wednesday, September 4th at 10:00 AM.

All are Welcome to Join.

For information please email soleful.strutters@middlehamandstpeters.org

Or call and leave a message at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Office @ 410-326-4948

Walking Group Coordinator, Karen Timmons



“Books & Banter Mystery Book Club”

Our book club has a new location this Fall.

Starts Friday September 13th @ 10:00 AM @ The Frying Pan Restaurant in Lusby.

This is open to all from the community so feel free to invite someone.

Book selection for Friday September 13th is...

Murder in the South of France by Susan Kieran-Lewis. Available through Amazon – Paperback \$11.99 also available on Kindle. Also always check your local library.

Location The Frying Pan Restaurant, 9895 HG Trueman Rd, Lusby, MD 20657.

Have any questions or need information just email at, bookclub@middlehamandstpeters.org.



MEETS 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
@10:00 AM @ "THE FRYING PAN" IN LUSBY
info - 410-326-4948

bookclub@middlehamandstpeters.org

MIDDLEHAM AND ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
10210 HG TRUEMAN RD, LUSBY, MD 20657



“Evening Meditation”

Evening Meditation will be held each month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

@ 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

(Special Note: Due to Labor Day, Evening Meditation will not be held on Tuesday September 3rd. Join us on Tuesday September 17th)

"We will come together for sitting and walking meditation, followed by a discussion on practicing mindfulness in daily life." This offering is sponsored by Southern Maryland Meditation Community. There is no registration required. Drop-Ins Welcome, open to all in the community. This event is held at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish in Smith Hall.

For information – Ellie Steveling 443-404-8398 or info@somdmeditationcommunity.org

Middleham Chapel Open To The Community

Middleham Chapel will be open throughout the year, for personal prayer, reflection or meditation.

The Chapel will be open for one hour. Feel free to come for whatever length of time you need. Whether your needs are for an hour, 30 minutes or 15 minutes, come during that open hour whenever you like.

Open Dates and Times will be posted in the Weekly Email. First one is Wednesday, September 11th @ Noon, come and go as you please.

You can bring something to read or just sit and enjoy the quiet. During the mild seasons bring a light meal and enjoy time outside at the picnic tables. All are welcome.



Indoor Labyrinth Meditation Walk and Workshops



**Mark your calendars for the next “Labyrinth Project” fundraiser.
More information coming soon.**

**Look For Updates in the weekly email and in the October
Connector.**

Friday and Saturday November 15th and 16th

Indoor canvas labyrinth will be available for self guided walks in Smith Hall Friday afternoon and Saturday.

There will be someone to assist and provide information for newcomers.

Friday evening, presentation about labyrinths, especially for those new to walking labyrinths.

Time will be allowed to walk the indoor canvas labyrinth, Friday evening, after the presentation.

Saturday, workshops 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, i.e. “Create Your Own Finger Labyrinth”, “Create a Prayer Bead Bracelet”.

Auction items and items for sale will be available, to support the “Labyrinth Project” on Middleham Campus grounds.



Sunday, September 1st @ 9:45 AM Middle Service in Smith Hall, Blessing of Backpacks

Monday, September 2nd Labor Day – Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd @ 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th @ 11:00 AM Bible Study

Tuesday, September 3rd @ 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 4th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - The Southern Maryland Job Source Mobile Career Center (MCC) at SMILE

**Wednesday, September 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th @ 10:00 – 11:00 AM Soleful Strutters Walking Group on Solomons' Boardwalk, weather permitting. Meet up at start of boardwalk across from OLSS.
Group Leader – Karen Timmons**

Wednesday, September 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684

Thursday, September 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th @ 7:00 PM Education For Ministry (EFM)

Thursday, September 5th @ 1:00 PM - Daughters of the King

Sunday, September 8th @ 10:30 AM – Sunday Christian Formation classes resumes for Pre-K through Adults

Sunday, September 8th @ 2:00 – 5:00 PM Community Cares: End of Summer Mental Health Bloc Party

Monday, September 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 9:00 AM HeartFELT packing of bags, volunteers welcome



Monday, September 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 6:00 PM Community of Hope International (COHI) Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th @ 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep time, volunteers needed

Wednesday, September 11th & 25th @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM MSP Big Conversation Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM A Nurse Practitioner and the Health VAN, sponsored by Calvert Memorial Hospital, will be at SMILE.

Wednesday, September 11th @ Noon – 1:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open for prayer, reflection or meditation (Self-Guided)

Thursday, September 12th @ 6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting

Friday, September 13th @ 10:00 AM Books & Banter Mystery Book Club @ “The Frying Pan” in Lusby

Sunday, September 15th @ 10:00 AM Joint Service in Smith Hall

Sunday, September 15th @ 4:00 – 6:00 PM Annual Crab Feast & Picnic

Sunday, September 15th @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, September 16th @ noon - Asbury Episcopal Fellowship

Tuesday, September 17th @ 6:30 PM Meditation in Smith Hall - Open to all, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Wednesday, September 18th @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM HIV VAN

Thursday, September 19th & 26th @ 10:00 AM “Living Buddha Living Christ” Book Study in Parish Hall

Friday, September 20th @ 10:00 AM Asbury Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, September 22nd @ 2:00 PM Discussion on Worship and Liturgy in the Middle Service

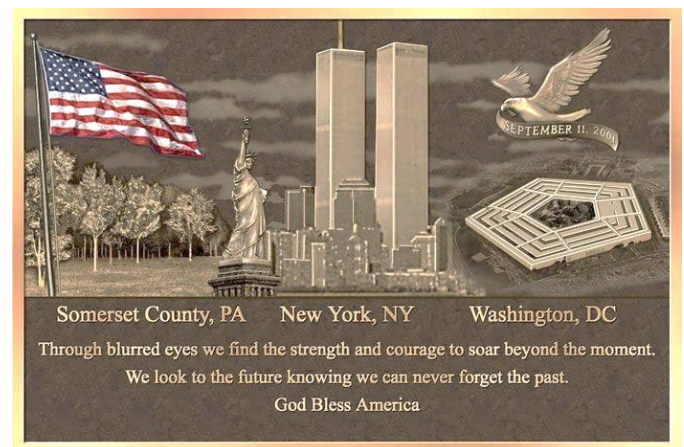
Sunday, September 29th @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM SOMD Townhall Meeting “Maryland Schools: A Blueprint For The Future”

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

October 6th – Stewardship Kick-Off

October 19th – “Stop The Bleed”, course registration required 10:00 – 11:30

October 26th – Trunk or Treat 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Connector Article Deadline

The deadline for submissions for OCTOBER EDITION are due on September 16th.

Thanks so much, Karen Timmons, Communications



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Erin Shank	09/01
Alicia Felix	09/03
Carol Bergeson-Willis	09/07
Karin Griffin	09/07
Brynn Beckner	09/13
Jane Foster Knox	09/13
Alyson Simmons	09/16
Tonya Stanley	09/18
Calvin Davies	09/20
Russell Clift	09/23
Marjorie Caya	09/26
Jackson Broadus	09/30
Dan Heflebower	09/30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Skip & Carolyn Steiner	09/03
David Deaderick & Nancy Bupp	09/03
Hugh & Diane Davies	09/05
Mark & Melissa Converse	09/12
Bob & Julia Luckritz	09/24
Tom & Jane Surles	09/11
Bill & Nancy Favor	09/20
Dick & Rosemary Staley	09/20
Tom & Joan Hogenson	09/27

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!

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1 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:45 AM HE Smith Hall Blessing of Backpacks 11:15 AM HE Middleham	2 LABOR DAY – Parish Office Closed 6:00 PM AA Meeting	3 First Day of Schools 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Vestry 8:00 PM AA Meeting	4 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 PM JobSource VAN @ SMILE 10:00 AM Soleful Strutters - Solomons 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684	5 1:00 PM Daughters of the King 7:00 PM EFM	6	7 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
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