

The **CONNECTOR**

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REVEREND DR. LINDA M. KAPURCH



I would like to introduce to you our Interim Rector. She is Reverend Dr. Linda M. Kapurch. Currently Pastor Linda is the interim rector at Christ Church West River Annapolis. She will begin her ministry with us on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at a Joint Service, 10 am in Smith Hall.

A native New Englander (Worcester, Massachusetts, to be exact) the Rev. Dr. Linda M. Kapurch retains a slight but unmistakable accent and a great fondness for the National Seashore of Cape Cod. A graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, she holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in German, from the College of New Rochelle, New York, and earned a master's degree in counseling and personal services at the State University of New York, Albany. She is a graduate of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation and the Virginia Theological Seminary, *cum laude*. In 2016 she received her Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., with a focus on "Life Together: Spirituality for Transforming Community."

Raised in the Roman Catholic Church, Linda discovered the Episcopal Church after college, and became active in the lay leadership of her sponsoring Parish, St. George's, in Arlington, VA, prior to Ordination. Prior to moving to the Diocese of Maryland, (to become the Interim Rector at Christ Church, West River) Linda served for over ten years in the Diocese of Pennsylvania: as Associate Rector (at the Church of the Advent in Kennett Square, and at St. Matthew's Church in Maple Glen) and as Interim Rector/Priest-in-Charge (at Trinity, King of Prussia, and Ascension, in Parkesburg.) In her Ministry in PA she has followed Our Lord through all of the great mysteries of our faith: from His Advent through His Ascension. She loves just *being* a Priest!

During her time in Pennsylvania, she also branched out into her local communities in numerous ways. Combining her love of the outdoors and sports, she became a part-time Chaplain at the Greater Brandywine YMCA, traveling to the various branches in the region. When the Dow-DuPont merger hit the Kennett Square area hard with multiple lay-offs, she pitched in to design and lead a "Job Loss Spiritual Support" program which became both ecumenical and interfaith.

Just for fun, Linda loves to travel and study foreign languages. She was able (in 2006 and '07) to go to Lithuania, where both sets of grandparents set sail for Ellis Island in the early 1900s—a truly memorable and moving experience for her. In summer of 2019, Linda returned to the German school where she had been a Fulbright Scholar, teaching German students (American) English, and where she was instrumental in launching an exchange program which ran for fifteen

years. The arts are another area of great delight for her, and she was the Episcopal summer chaplain at *The Chautauqua Institute* (in 2016.) While a member of St. George's in Arlington, she was a volunteer at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Most importantly of all, she is the unabashedly proud "soccer aunt" for her spectacular nephew and nieces, cheering them on in school, in the band, and on the field (*Roll Tide, Roll!*)

We are very excited to welcome Pastor Linda to our Middleham and St. Peter's church family. This is just the beginning of our time of transition here at MSP. We bid Father David a fond farewell and now we can start a new chapter in the life of our parish. We appreciate the Reverend Canon Stuart Wright coming to celebrate with us and speak with the congregation on the upcoming transition which will include forming a Profile Committee that will study the needs of our congregation and create an accurate picture of who we are and where we want to go as a parish and a Search Committee that will be charged with recruiting, evaluating and recommending candidates for the position of Rector to the Vestry. As this process unfolds you will be informed every step of the way. Your input into the process will be invaluable as we meet this challenge and look to the future. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me or Jim Yoe. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

Joan Shisler

Senior Warden

410-474-4849

Jim Yoe

Junior Warden

442-975-6797

Treasurer's Corner

Thank you to all who are using our Vanco program for your pledges and other ministries. Especially during the summer while folks are on vacation, the funds are still received, and sure helps our cash flow. If you want to sign-up, please call the church office.

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, if you have not setup previously.

Also, don't forget items for the SMILE school supply program on Aug 24.



SCAMS!!

Been scammed lately? According to AARP Gift-cards are the new fraud currency used to finance scam. They are nearly untraceable as cash and are much more transferable. Whether masquerading as IRS agents, tech-support personnel, or an attorney for a grandchild who's supposedly in jail, criminals pressure targets to buy gift cards at popular retailers (Best Buy, Walgreens, Wal-Mart) and order the target to provide the code numbers on the back of the cards so they can be redeemed. According to the Federal Trade Commission, gift card scams have increased by 26% in 2018. So what to do? AARP suggests the following:

1. The IRS never calls you, and will always send a letter with a case number on it. Call the number on the letter if you have questions.
2. Never, ever give out personal information on the phone, especially your social security number. Scammers can use Google to search for the number and get everything they need.
3. If it's from an attorney, call your grandchild on his number and check to see if the request is legitimate. In some cases, the gift-cards cannot be refunded, so make sure it actually gets to the person you want it to.
4. If you believe you have been scammed, call the police and give them all the info you have.
5. Check out the AARP web-site (www.aarp.org) for additional tips.

Jackie Vos, Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer's Corner

Income Update: First half of 2019

As in many years, the vestry struggled with the 2019 budget passed last December. Budgeted income has kept pace with expectations delineated in the budget – which is fortunate!

General income is used for general parish expenses – salaries, utilities, our pledge to the diocese, cleaning, insurance, music, office supplies, and so forth. Our 2019 budget for general expenses is \$332,664. Through the end of June, actual general expenses were \$184,073, 52% of the budget.

The major source of income to support the budget is pledges from all of us. The 2019 pledge budget is \$284,506. Through the end of the first half of the year, actual pledge income was \$179,323, 63% of what was pledged.

Other sources of income include “Plate” offerings and Fundraising.

“Plate” income is loose offering, quite often cash which often is donated by visitors to our services. We budgeted \$5,000 for plate income. Through June, plate income has been \$2,633, just over 50% of the budget for this item.

Fundraising income already has exceeded the \$4,000 budgeted for this. Primarily because of the Spring Dinner, net fundraising income is \$5,044, well over what we budgeted for the year.

Thank you all for your support!

Anne Gross, Assistant Treasurer

2019 Endowment Grant Application Opportunity

The Planned Giving and Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 endowment grant application opportunity. Endowment grants provide the opportunity for the parish to more completely fulfill its mission by developing or expanding ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds. Any MSP Ministry, organization, or parish member may submit an application for support.

This is a great way to expand a ministry or project that you are working on or start a new one!

1. Applications should be compatible with one or more of parish values – see the application
2. Preference will be given to applications that support new initiatives.
3. Funding is available for \$3000.00 total. Grants may be awarded for less than the requested amount of funding. It is expected that multiple grants may be awarded for smaller amounts. (e.g. we could have three grants averaging \$1000.)
4. Grants are awarded for one year at a time.

Grant applications are available through the parish office or from the planned giving and endowment committee. Or download the application by clicking on the link in the weekly email “The Messenger”.

Due Dates: Applications are to be submitted to the parish office by August 15. Awards will be announced no later than September 30.

Fr. David Showers

Retirement Dinner & Last Sunday Service at MSP









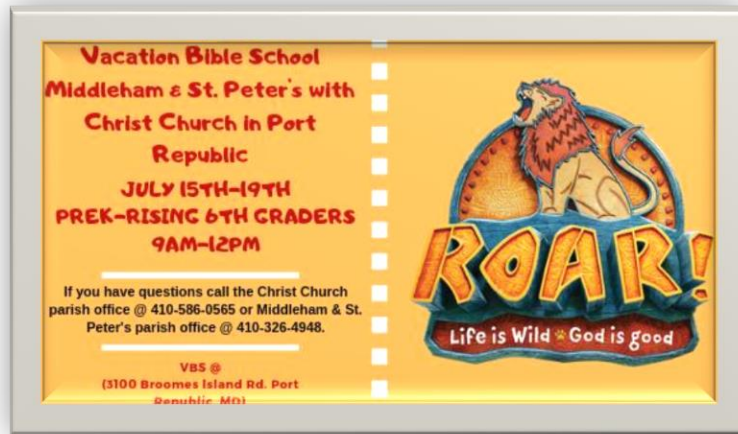


Two albums with more pictures of the two events may be found on our Facebook page.

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

In addition, pictures were included in the weekly newsletter,
Friday, August 2nd.

Youth Christian Formation



Vacation Bible School 2019 wrapped up on Friday, 43 kids came together to learn that Life is Wild, God is Good. We celebrated on Thursday night with a picnic and performance by the kids of the week's songs.



VBS





Middleham and St. Peter's Parish

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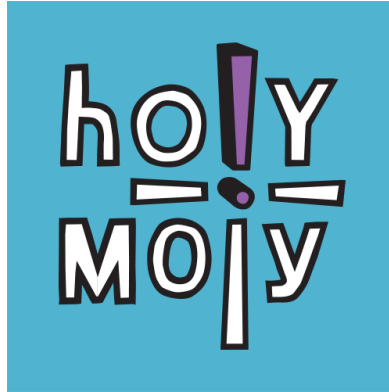
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Sunday School and Youth Group 2019 – 2020



Blessing of the Backpacks will be on Sunday, September 1st during the 9:45 service.

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 8th after the Middle Service that starts at 9:45 AM. This is usually at approximately 10:30 AM.

The Curriculum for 2019 – 2020 is called 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

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

Connect – Open Bibles and explore the day's story

Create – Imagine and reflect on the Bible story through hands-on activities or games using their learner leaflet

[Holy Moly Curriculum](#)

The Youth Group will have their initial meeting on September 15th 5:00 – 7:00 PM in Smith Hall.

Adult Christian Formation

Back To School



Education for Ministry (Efm), administered by the Sewanee School of Theology, is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. Efm helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

Efm has been in the Parish over 25 years and graduated more than 35 participants from Middleham and St. Peter's and other local churches. We will have a Potluck reunion for past Students and information for inquirers on August 22nd. The Potluck will begin at 6:00 and the information session. This year I plan to start the first session on August 29th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We meet almost every Thursday through mid-May.

For more information you can contact me at Billm1@comcast.net or the Efm website at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>

Bill Miller,

Certified Efm Mentor

Asbury Solomons Episcopal Fellowship

Asbury Solomons Episcopal Fellowship Luncheon will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at noon in the Riverview Dining Room, The Rev. Christopher Garcia, Rector of Christ Church, Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, will discuss the history of the Book of Common Prayer. Noon day prayers and lunch at 12, Program at 12:30 and Holy Eucharist at 1 PM. Reservations are required by August 15 at noon to Russ Horton 410-394-3216. \$11 payment may be paid by cash.

Thanks, Russ

Reservations should be made to Russ Horton at

410-394-3216 or JRHortonSr@comcast.net by August 15th at noon.

ASBURY COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Coffee & Conversation is on Friday August 16th 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.

*Hugh Davies
Claude Martin
Charles Bennett*

Come Explore Your Call to Ministry through the Community of Hope International (COHI)!!

This fall, we encourage anyone interested in exploring their call to lay ministry to participate in the Community of Hope International (COHI). The purpose of this program is to equip lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care. Pastoral care is when a person is being “present” in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner to an individual or group for the purpose of consciously or unconsciously representing God to them and seeking to respond to their spiritual needs.

The Community of Hope International is about the skills and the practices of spiritual life that prepares each one of us to be open to the other...to believe and trust that the hospitality of the Christian faith is to look for the Christ in the other person, and as we approach them to serve them and in humility provide ministry to them.

Through ongoing, spiritual formation and practical lessons on caregiving, members of the COHI class will learn to match theological insights and spiritual practices with their experiences of ministering to others and giving spiritual guidance. Grounded in Benedictine Spirituality, COHI encourages COHI members to stay true to Jesus’ commandment to care for the sick...“When you do this to the least of these, you do it also unto me” and supports individual Christian formation within a nurturing community “because those who are the healthiest spiritually will have the most to give to others in need.”

The COHI leadership team at Middleham and St. Peter’s is hoping to reestablish a lay visitation program to bring Communion and fellowship to those who cannot easily attend worship services. In order to more effectively minister to our fellow parishioners, COHI provides training in the form of 14 different modules. The plan is to meet weekly to discuss each module and to explore how we can use our gifts and experiences in service to others. The current plan is to start meeting in September after school starts and meet each week after. Each module is approximately 2 hours in duration, but may finish earlier. A planning and information meeting is planned for late August, with the meeting location and date to be determined.

If you are interested in learning more about this program and discerning God’s call in your life by discovering and understanding your spiritual gifts for ministry, please contact Dr. Laura Carpenter at 240-298-4414 or by email at lmcarpenter@smcps.org.

OUTREACH

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 12, 2019

Present: Dale Yoe, Anne Gross, Hugh and Diane Davies, Carolyn Steiner

Topics Discussed:

Christmas Projects

The Committee recommends continuing with Calvert County Christmas tree Angels and Seafarer's shoe boxes. Charlene Wagner has asked that someone else take the lead with this this year and Carolyn Steiner will do that.

Heartfelt Back Packs

Elizabeth unable to attend but sent information about delivering of 50 backpacks this summer. Refer to the info she sent that is attached.

Garden

The Maples have donated a tractor and Mark is very happy! Garden is planted with kale, tomatoes and cucumbers. Hopefully not as many insects harvesting the crops this year!

Food Distribution

Anne reported that we have been doing the food drop for 5 years and have served 8,000 families, 28,000 people, and 300,000 pounds of food.

Safe Nights

The program may be in jeopardy due to having no one to take the lead in organizing. Carolyn will enquire about this before our next meeting and see if this has changed. Dale participates in the "point in time" count and feels that the count of 210 homeless in the 3 counties is way under the actual number. There are tents and sleeping bags available. Dale proposed gathering toiletries for the homeless (both men's and women's) that could be given out as well as gift cards for Walmart, restaurants, etc. MSP

would do this in the fall before the weather gets cold. Dale also reports there will be another point in time count on January 22, 2020.

SMILE

The annual meeting is next week. Mark and Hugh remain on the board. Mark would like to expand the food program. The health van comes monthly, as does the job source van. Dale feels the job source van is successful at helping people but not the health van. Dale feels MSP could do more and wonders if a breakfast or meal to try to invigorate the members in helping the community. If good ideas are generated an endowment grant could be applied for through MSP.

Parish Health

Dale reports that on June 22nd she is going to a class about the “stop the bleeding” for the community.

On September 8th at 2:00 pm a substance abuse awareness program will be held at Smith Hall. This is being sponsored by the Behavioral Health Center and the Health Department. Also in September she will have a meeting to disperse information on hands only CPR with classes about AED training.

On October 18th there will be a family resource fair 11am-2 pm.

Haiti Nursing Program

Hugh reports the program is going well with 2 nurses actively working and a third nurse just starting. Each will have student nurses from FSIL working with them. The own MSP a quarterly report and a financial report. The Lenten program was successful at raising funds and over \$31,000 raised to support the program in total. It is hoped that FSIL will take over some fiscal responsibility in year 3 of the program. The big push for next year is to get all students in the 3 schools inoculated.

Mission Trips

Nothing is planned at this point, but if we do something it will probably be a local project.

ECHO House Meals

All meals are covered for the remainder of this year. We continue to provide the meal on the 4th Monday of each month.

HeartFELT



Dear Heart FELT Team,

Thank you all for making the 2018/2019 school year a great success and feeding so many kids. This is our last official week of packing bags for our 2 Middle Schools. If we estimate we serve 40 weeks of the year, 36 children with 7 pounds each week, then we bought, packed, and delivered 10,080 pounds of food this year!!! Our team makes it happen and I am proud to serve with you.

There is an exciting summer food pilot program getting started in Calvert County funded by No Kid Hungry, which is a non profit. The program will start on 6/24/19 and end on 8/1/19. The program will serve lunch to children and adults in need (on a first come first served) basis as a cooperative effort with the Calvert County School nutrition service and many other local organizations including Heart FELT and End Hunger in Calvert County. The program is hosted at the Chesapeake Ranch Estates clubhouse on Monday-Thursday from 12 pm - 1 pm with weekly produce available as well.

Local Heart FELT churches have been asked to provide backpacks for the 6 weeks for initially 50 students (numbers may vary) for Friday - Sunday similar to our current approach. Since 50 exceeds MSP's storage and packing capacity we intend to team up with St Paul United Methodist and Solomon's United Methodist. I am busy working out the details but I expect we may need to provide a few packers and delivery personnel on three Thursday's (dates TBD) from ~1100-1230 this summer.

More details to follow as I have them.

Thanks again for all your time and hard work,

Elizabeth Broadus, MSP HeartFELT Coordinator

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

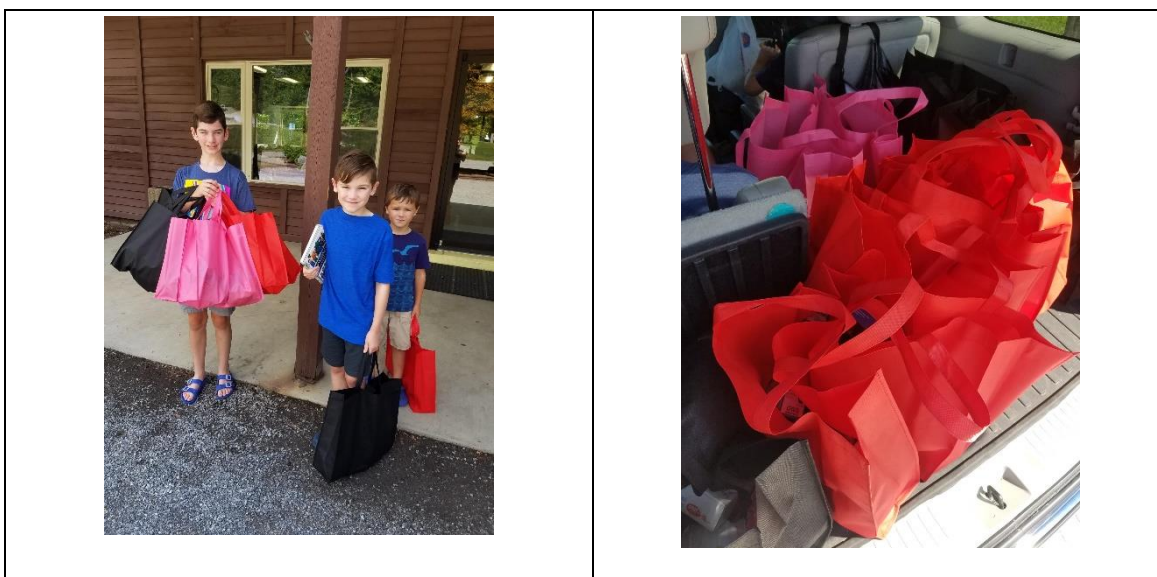
HeartFELT Backpack Summer Program



MSP turned out in force to support the HeartFELT Backpack summer program. Thursday August 1st was the last day of a 6 week summer program which was a coordinated combined effort organized by Calvert County Family Network of local HeartFELT churches, Farming For Hunger, Calvert County Public School Nutrition, and Lifestyles transportation.

Thanks to all our volunteers.

Elizabeth Broadus, HeartFELT Coordinator



FOOD DROP AND DISTRIBUTION



Boy Scout Troop 1684

Ockanickon Scout Reservation



“I Love these guys! I could not have made this past week a successful summer camp week without their support! Scout Master Terry with his crew Andy, Ted, Mac, and Jason(missing from the pic).
You guys ROCK! — with [Ted N Tutu](#) “



SMILE Update

Many of us volunteer for or use SMILE. Middleham and St. Peter's is a SMILE partner along with ten other southern Calvert churches. Hugh Davies and Mark Pesola serve on the SMILE board. At their June annual meeting, SMILE presented their annual report. Highlights from 2018 included:

- Bruce Robertson serves as president and Marjorie Zimmerman as vice-president.
- Kathy Mazur and Anna Tillack manage the food pantry – The pantry provides food for an average of 192 of needy families each week. SMILE provided \$121,000 for the food, along with contributions from Weis, WaWa, Panera, the Middleham garden and Serenity Farms, and the Boy Scouts Scouting for Hunger. 319 families received turkeys at Thanksgiving.
- Sally Hamilton coordinates the thrift shop – They raised \$283,079 to support the full range of SMILE support services. Many volunteers make this happen, including many Middleham and St. Peter's parishioners.
- Rev. Irvin Beverly coordinates emergency assistance and Betty Joseph coordinates homeless prevention – Together \$95,752 was provided to needy persons to assist them in the payment of medical, utility, fuel, or other bills. Homeless prevention assistance is provided to keep them from becoming homeless.
- Other services provided by SMILE in coordination with Middleham and St. Peter's included the Calvert Health Van and the Mobile Career Center. They also provided musical instruments for needy students at Southern and Mill Creek Middle Schools and Patuxent High School. They also provided prom dresses and support for the robotics club. SMILE provided Christmas dinner for many families, along with toys for kids and warm coats where needed.

We are so fortunate to have SMILE as our partner on the Middleham campus!

SMILE School Supplies List



Once again, SMILE will be providing back packs for school children in our area. Supplies needed are:

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| soft pencil case | Hard pencil case |
| #2 pencils | Marble Composition Book (college ruled and wide ruled) |
| Crayons | Thin black dry erase markers |
| Glue sticks | Fiskar blunt end scissors |
| Student scissors | Notebook paper – college ruled and wide ruled |
| Colored pencils | plastic 3 prong folders with pockets |
| Washable markers | Erasers (pencil and flat) |
| binders - 1 inch | 3 prong folders with pockets |
| 3x3 post it notes | Highlighters – yellow |
| Ear buds | Pens (red, black, blue) |
| 3 subject spiral notebooks | One subject spiral notebooks (wide ruled or college ruled) |

All materials may be dropped off at worship sites or the office.

On 23rd August, these backpacks will be stuffed with supplies. If you can help, please come to Smith Hall. The project starts at 9:00 a.m.

SMILE will distribute the backpacks on Saturday August 24th.

Parish Health Ministry



Deaconess
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
Ministries

I have spoken about mental health before, and I know that I will again. In September we will be hosting our first ever “Mental Health Bloc Party”, alongside the Health Department, the sheriff’s department and a few like-minded entities. One of the things I find the most confusing when in discussions of mental health is how dismissive people can be that “that’s something that happens to other people”. Now, I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but we are all “other people” to someone, and I think we can all agree that especially in the realms of mental health, the actions or inactions that we choose to take in regards to other people, can have severe consequences. Learning how to cope with not only your own problems but knowing how to assist others with theirs is a crucial element to the human experience. We all have the little quirks and nuances that make us unique, and most all of us have details of our personality that some could classify as “disorder”. I think it’s important to embrace these qualities and realize that if it’s not harmful to yourself or others, then there’s not a big push to change it. Other people may have some kinks that need to be worked out.

For anyone still thinking that “it’s other people”, ask yourself this: Do you have a daily routine? Is there a side of the bed you sleep on? Does your day have to start with coffee? Is there an outfit that you put on because it’s your “lucky outfit”? Now, for those of you that

have figured out your patterns, what happens when something throws your pattern off? Can you just move on, or is this something that is going to mess up your entire day? In the news you can see stories that looking from the outside, it makes no sense, you can ask questions like “why didn’t they just get over it?”. I live with two teenagers, a preschooler, and a toddler, I can tell you that I’m not sure at what age we start to expect people to get over it. I have watched meltdowns over what I think is the most trivial of things, I have watched a bad hair day put a child into a funk for a week, and I have gotten to witness a screaming, kicking, crying meltdown because a two year old could not figure out how to “tie her flip flop”. I have often found myself in a much smaller scale of meltdown, but a meltdown none-the-less. I have been the person yelling, and stomping, just trying to get everything together and it wasn’t going as planned. Usually around the point of headache, sweating and loss of voice, I start questioning why I thought my volume in the situation was the issue (spoiler alert: it’s never the volume, they can hear me, they just aren’t listening).

My point is we are all “other people”, and our problems can become theirs, and their problems can become ours. It’s our job to look out for each other, and to care for each other. We have crossed into an era that we can no longer not talk about it and hide it away in the dark. As most of you have heard, what you say in the dark will be heard in the light.

Anne Hayes, for Parish Health

COMMUNITY CARES:
**END OF SUMMER
MENTAL HEALTH
BLOC PARTY**

VENDORS!

**FAMILY
FUN!**

FOOD!

**GAMES!
PRIZES!**

**BAKED
GOODS!**

**COME JOIN
YOUR COMMUNITY!**

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

**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
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<https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>

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<https://huntingtownum.breezechms.com/form/b26edc>

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. There is a possibility of another session, so if the class is full for the October 19th date, consider being included on a waiting list.

READING CAMP SOUTH

Reading Camp South was held at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Hall the week of July 22 – July 26. Drs. Ted and Laurie Haynie, retired Calvert County principals, spearheaded the camp. Teachers, retired and newly hired from the Calvert County School System and High School student counselors (including our own almost high schoolers Caroline and Lilly Fuller) volunteered their time each day as campers gathered from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm to work on reading skills in the morning and participate in fun events in the afternoon. The special activities in the afternoon included outside events run by PE teachers, an art session offered by Carmen of Carmen's Gallery in Solomons, and playing chess led by Dr. Mike Shisler and some of his Beach Bishop student chess team. On two afternoons there were field trips – one to the Calvert Marine Museum, including a ride on the Tension and another to the Aquatic Center Pool in Prince Frederick.

The theme for the week was superheroes. The campers read stories about superheroes and after learning how to build a story, the plot, the setting, characters, etc. they created their own stories about finding their own superpowers. In small groups they built scenery to go with their stories including superheroes made of legos. Presentations of their creations were made on Friday afternoon to a room full of parents, families and friends.

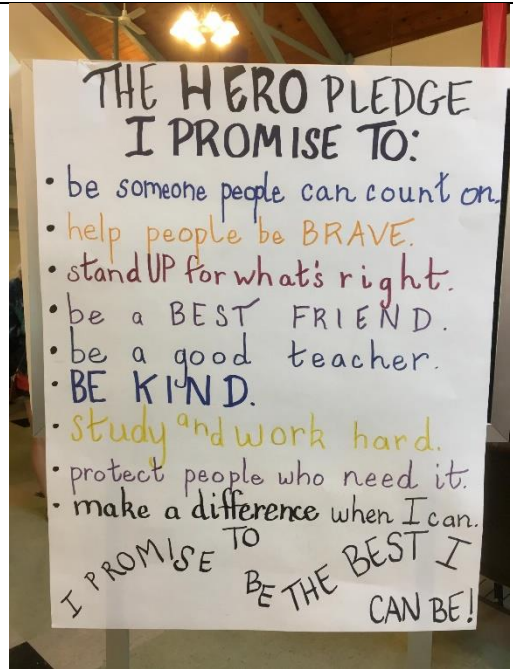
The idea behind the camp is to make reading fun, it's not summer school, and these reluctant readers who usually don't like to read actually began to see that reading a book can be fun. One special guest, author Simons Acquah spent time with the campers. At the end of camp each camper received a signed copy of one of Mr. Acquah's books, a chess set from Dr. Shisler and a brand new backpack.

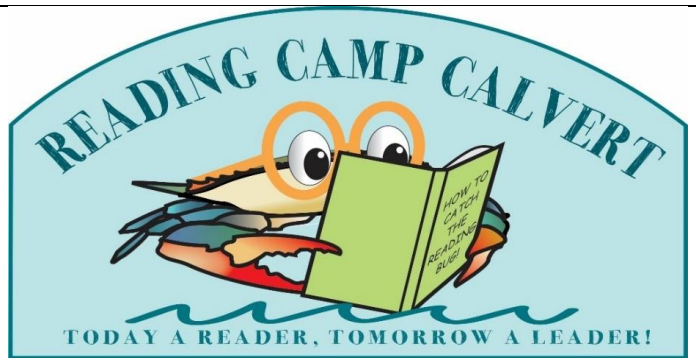
Each day the students were well fed; breakfast, snack and lunch - were all donated by families and local restaurants like Dream Weavers, Kingfishers, Papa Johns and by

Middleham and St. Peter's volunteers. Special thanks to Joan Shisler, Dale Yoe, Bonnie Tolson, Dana Davis and Norma Lee Buckler for helping in the kitchen all week.

Previously, the Reading Camp has been held at St. Paul's Prince Frederick and served rising 3rd – 5th graders in the northern part of the county. Now that a southern Reading Camp has had its inaugural season with great success, it looks as if this is going to be an annual event!









Thursday, August 1st @ 1:00 PM Daughters of the King (New Day and Time)

Sunday, August 4th @ 9:30 AM Joint Service in Smith Hall

Sunday, August 4th @ 2:00 PM Parish Health Meeting

Monday, August 5th @ 5:00 PM Community Life Center Board Meeting

Monday, August 5th @ 6:30 PM Drumming Circle Class

Tuesday, August 6th @ 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 6th @ 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Cancelled) Next Meeting is on September 3rd @ 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, August 7th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - The Southern Maryland Job Source Mobile Career Center (MCC) at SMILE

Wednesday, August 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684

Thursday, August 8th @ 6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 13th @ 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep time, volunteers needed

Wednesday, August 14th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM A Nurse Practitioner and the Health Van, sponsored by Calvert Memorial Hospital, will be at SMILE.

Thursday, August 15th - Endowment Grant Applications Due

Thursday, August 15th Reservations for Asbury Episcopal Fellowship Luncheon due by noon to Russ Horton

Friday, August 16th @ 10:00 AM Asbury Coffee & Conversation

Monday, August 19th at @ noon - Asbury Episcopal Fellowship in Riverside Dining Room cost is \$11.00 for your meal, reservations needed by Thursday, August 15th the week prior.

Wednesday, August 21st 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM HIV Van

Thursday, August 22nd @ 6:00 EFM Alumni Pot Luck and Information Meeting for Potensial Students

Friday, August 23rd SMILE School Backpacks Being Loaded in Smith Hall

Saturday, August 24th SMILE School Backpacks Distribution

Thursday, August 29th @ 7:00 PM Education For Ministry (EFM) First Class



Connector Article Deadline

The deadline for submissions for SEPTEMBER EDITION will be Monday AUGUST 19TH.

Submissions can be sent earlier. I will be out of town from August 8th – 16th, so will not start on the rough draft until Monday. Please remember to copy Joan Shisler on all submissions.

Thanks so much, [Karen Timmons, Communications](#)

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

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

Sunday, September 8th @ 10:30 AM Christian Formation both Adults and Sunday School Classes

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

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

Sunday, September 15th @ 4:00 PM - 24th Annual Crab Feast

Sunday, September 15th @ 5:00 PM Youth Group in Smith Hall

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



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



Child Care Provided



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



AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Ethan Carpenter	08/01
Emily Richardson	08/01
Mason Garland	08/03
Bill Favor	08/06
Evan Shisler	08/09
Susie Wheeley	08/09
Teagan Stanley	08/10
Wilma Garcia	08/10
Sam Bergeson-Willis	08/10
John Pardoe	08/11
Perrin Hupp	08/14
Sharleen Wagner	08/15
Katie Shepherd Dredger	08/15
Louise A. Smith	08/19
Caleb Patten	08/23
Sally Arbuthnot	08/24
Mark Tucker	08/25
Vivian O. Kilsheimer	08/27
Sally Ray	08/29

Connor Davies Townsend	08/31
Tom Briggs	08/31



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jeffery & Anna Hall	08/08
Skip & Linda Barrett	08/09
Mark Pesola & Kristen Sandusky	08/14

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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1:00 PM Daughters of the King	2	3 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
4 9:30 AM Joint Service in Smith Hall 2:00 PM Parish Health Meeting	5 5:00 PM Community Life Center Board Meeting 6:30 PM Drummong Circle Class 6:00 PM AA Meeting	6 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry - CANCELLED 8:00 PM AA Meeting	7 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 JobSource Van @SMILE 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	8 6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting	9	10 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
11 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall 11:15 AM HE Middleham	12 3:00 PM Daughters of the King 6:00 PM AA Meeting	13 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep	14 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 PM Health Van @ SMILE 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	15 Deadline for reservations at Asbury Episcopal Fellowship Deadline for Endowment Grant Applications	16 10:00 AM Asbury Coffee & Conversation	17 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
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