

# The **CONNECTOR**

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## DECEMBER 2018



### **12 Days of Faith**

*On the first day of Christmas my faith gave to me,*

A precious tiny baby born in a stable to Mary and Joseph. Unadorned and surrounded by shepherds, animals, and nature.

*On the second day of Christmas my faith gave to me,*

A passage from Luke which said:

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the lord. It is Christmas.

***On the third day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

The light from a star, which will guide all of us on our journey, not just at Christmas, but the whole year through.

***On the fourth day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

The two emotions of comfort and joy that the birth of Christ gives us. Finally we have something that provides an opportunity to embrace the true meaning of Christ's birth.

***On the fifth day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

The patience we have shown during Advent in preparation for Christmas has paid off. We have taken the time to get ourselves ready to accept this gift from God.

***On the sixth day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

Food for thought. It is important to take the time to think about our faith and how it impacts us not only during Christmas, but during our lifetime. What does your faith give you each and every day?

***On the seventh day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

The ability to understand how giving gifts is more than just giving presents. Each of us has special gifts that we can share with others. We all have a purpose on Earth and giving of ourselves to others is the best gift of all.

***On the eighth day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

Song and singing joyfully about the Christmas season, the birth of Jesus Christ and the delight in expressing our happiness with angelic voices. Make joyful noises.

***On the ninth day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

An open heart, which allows all of us to accept God's love and to love others in return. It gives everyone a chance to show kindness, acceptance and generosity to all human beings regardless of who they are, what they believe and where they are from.

***On the tenth day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

Hope. Hope is a strong and confident promise for the future to be brighter and more positive. It allows us to believe that anything is possible and to strive for a better tomorrow.

***On the eleventh day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

The ability to trust in God completely. That God has the plan and we as human beings know that everything happens for a reason and that no matter what happens, God has given us the strength to embrace that plan.

***On the twelfth day of Christmas my faith gave to me,***

A reason to believe that there can be Peace on Earth and Good Will to all people.

***Blessings,***

***Joan Shisler***

***Senior Warden***





# Treasurer's Corner



Middleham and St. Peter's has an account on AMAZON.SMILE. Click the link for program information if you have not setup Middleham and St. Peter's Parish for your purchase donation. Your purchases on AMAZON.SMILE provides.05% sent to MSP. It's the same place with all the good stuff, but you must begin at AMAZON.SMILE.

[Amazon Smile](#)

Holiday shopping may be on your doorstep if not already begun.

*Support us when you  
shop this holiday*

Amazon donates when you  
shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).



# Alternative Giving Market



Shopping for gifts can be a real challenge. What can you give someone who really needs nothing? What will be meaningful to that person? An “alternative gift” might be the answer you need! 2018 is the thirteenth year Middleham and St. Peter’s has sponsored an Alternative Giving Market.

When you support the Alternative Giving Market, at least two things happen: a charity or outreach project gets needed financial support, and you get a unique Christmas present for that person on your list who has it all. Would your uncle or aunt appreciate that you have made a donation towards providing Mosquito Nets in Africa or supporting SMILE in their name? Maybe your grandchildren would appreciate knowing that a donation in their names was made to provide food for a weekend for a needy child in our community through the backpack program.

Please look at the Alternative Giving Market order blank elsewhere in the Connector for a list of items supported. Please contact the parish office, 410-326-4948, if you have comments or questions.

## Middleham and St. Peter's Parish

### Alternative Giving Market – Shopping List Christmas 2018

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Alternative Giving Market is a wonderful opportunity to see how dollars can be spent to give a meaningful gift. You may drop your order form and payment into the collection plate any Sunday or mail it to the parish office. Checks should be made out to Middleham and St. Peter's Parish, with AGM marked in the memo field. When you select an "item" to "buy", you can get a gift card to give to a friend, co-worker, or family member. If your donations will be Christmas presents, please indicate how many gift cards you would like at the bottom of this form.

<b>Ministry Area</b>	<b>Suggested Donation</b>	<b>Donated</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> <i>Supplies such as linens for our altars, candle supplies, and acolyte vestments. \$20 will buy a purificator. \$70 will buy a cassock for an acolyte.</i>	\$20 - \$70	
<b>CHRISTIAN FORMATION:</b> <i>Materials and programs for Sunday school, youth programs, VBS, Adult Education, and the Big Conversation. \$25 will buy supplies for a class.</i>	\$15 - \$50	
<b>ECHO HOUSE:</b> <i>\$40 can reimburse a parishioner for a portion of the cost of preparing a meal for the county homeless shelter.</i>	\$20 - \$40	
<b>ERD (EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT):</b> <i>\$12 will buy one mosquito net. \$15 will pay for someone to visit a Health Clinic. \$100 will buy a pig for a family.</i>	\$12 - \$100	
<b>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:</b> <i>Build houses in Southern Maryland. \$25 can buy nails to build a home, \$50 can buy some of the roof shingles needed for a home.</i>	\$25 - \$200	
<b>HAITI SCHOOL NURSE PROJECT:</b> <i>We are supporting a new school nurse program serving three schools and 600 children in Leogane, Haiti.</i>	\$20 - \$100	
<b>HEALTH MINISTRY:</b> <i>Work to advocate and inform parishioners about stewardship of our bodies through exercise programs and to others in the community less fortunate through Health Fair screenings.</i>	\$10 - \$50	
<b>HEART FELT BACKPACK MINISTRY:</b> <i>Funds to purchase food to fill backpacks for children in our area who otherwise would not have food over the weekends.</i>	\$10 - \$25	
<b>LABYRINTH:</b> <i>Support the restoration of the outdoor Labyrinth on the Middleham Campus.</i>	\$10 - \$50	
<b>MISSION TRIPS:</b> <i>Funds to support the Middleham and St. Peter's annual mission trips to depressed areas. Our missionaries rehabilitate housing for those in need.</i>	\$20 - \$50	
<b>MUSIC PROGRAM:</b> <i>\$50 will buy a new anthem for the choir. \$150 will provide a stipend for a guest vocalist or instrumentalist.</i>	\$10 - \$50	
<b>SMILE:</b> <i>Enable SMILE to help our neighbors in need and to purchase food for the needy in our community.</i>	\$10 - \$100	
<b>OUTREACH:</b> <i>\$25 will be used to support one of our outreach programs.</i>	\$25 - \$50	
<b>I would like ____ gift cards.</b>	<b>Total Donated:</b>	

# SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

## Stewardship Is A Year Round Event

We have Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday and heaven knows what else. Actually, heaven knows exactly what else. This is a reminder that while you can access God anytime through prayer, you also have the opportunity to find God in church. Here at Middleham and St. Peter's we not only do church, but we also do so many other wonderful ministries that touch the heart of so many people, including you. Please take a moment to remember that Middleham and St. Peter's needs your support.

Your time, your talent and your treasure help make this church a wonderful place. Our Stewardship campaign was hugely successful. We received a total of 76 pledges with the average giving increase of 5.2% from returning pledgers and we received 8 new pledges, which is so heartwarming. We are so grateful for your generosity. There is still a deficit of approximately \$20,000 for the 2019 Operating Budget. For those of you who are still considering making a pledge, we could use your support. If you have already made a pledge and would like to consider increasing it, that is always an option. If we don't reach our goal to finance the proposed budget, we will have to consider how to close the deficit gap and it's not clear at this time how we will be able to do that.

In the meantime, please lets keep all of us in our prayers and have a truly wonderful Holiday Season.

Blessings,

Joan Shisler,

Senior Warden

# BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

## What has been done in 2018 at MSPP:

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In 2018 we continued to implement one of the objectives of our Capital Campaign which was to make necessary repairs to the Chapels and the Parish Hall. It has been a very challenging year mainly due to the record rainfall which was more than 2 feet above normal. In addition to projects we had planned, additional effort was needed was maintain the properties. Thanks to your continued generosity we have been able to carry out that wish at each of the facilities this year. In addition to routine maintenance we have accomplished the following:

### St. Peter's Chapel-

- Remediated mildew that was discovered due to the heavy rains
- Restore and paint the area behind the alter



## Middleham Chapel-

- Replaced the deteriorating roof with period shaker shingles
- Inspected and repaired the bell tower
- Replaced some interior ceiling boards damaged by the roof leak
- Repaired interior cracks and water damage in the Sacristy, Vesting Room and alter area.
- Refinished the floor in the Sacristy
- Built and installed new cabinets in the Sacristy and Vesting Room to replace those damaged by moisture.

## Parish Hall-

- Completed a major kitchen renovation. The kitchen renovation was completed with all volunteer help.
- Replaced Refrigerator and Freezer with a generous donation in the memory Andy Miller
- Painted interior hallways and doors in the Parish Hall office area. This is an ongoing project.
- Began construction of a 14' by 20' shelter, which will provide a covered area for picnics and other outdoor activities. This is Eric Gronda's Eagle Project for Troop 1684.

Once again, we have had a very busy year. Over the past 2 years we have been working to find and fix the water leak leakage in the basement of the Parish Hall which has been occurring for over 10 years. With all the rain we've had this year I'm pleased to say that we had no leaks in the basement. Moving into 2019 we will continue to monitor the roof at St. Peter's and move more towards maintenance of the buildings instead of emergent repairs. Thanks again to everyone for their help and support in completing these much-needed projects.

***Jim Yoe, Junior Warden***

## White Privilege Workshop: Building Understandings and Relationships

On November 11, twenty-seven Blacks and Whites from MSP and the three local counties, successfully completed the White Privilege Workshop offered by Middleham and St. Peter's Parish and the Big Conversation committee. The workshop followed The United Church of Christ's curriculum "White Privilege – Let's Talk". This adult education curriculum is designed to invite participants to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive and bold conversations on race.

Participants were asked to come with "new eyes, ears and open hearts". That they did! Actively sharing and listening to each other's stories, they developed understandings for what daily life is like in the Black community. Seeing with "new eyes", we developed an understanding about the advantages that whites have daily. Advantages that one never thinks about. Taking an inventory of our personal weekly interactions with "the other" brought "aha's" from all involved. There was a realization that both races have work to do.



In the end, no one wanted to leave after the last session. We have created new friendships. We now realize that by not having more interaction with "the other" we were missing something of value in our lives. Thus, the group will continue to meet with a potluck supper in February.

As one participant wrote in the evaluation, "We have the chance to write a new and hopeful chapter in the narrative of race in this community. White people do not want oppression to be our narrative any more than black and brown people want to live in the system of oppression that defines our present age."

If interested in participating in the spring workshop, please send an email to [bigconmsp@gmail.com](mailto:bigconmsp@gmail.com)



# Progress and Challenges in Our Schools

## The Annual Big Conversation

The Annual Big Conversation is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 2:00 -5:00 pm. The focus for this civil dialogue is, **The Progress and Challenges in our Schools**. Due to the expected interest in the topic, the Big Conversation venue is the Patuxent High School auditorium. Doors will open for registration at 1:30 p.m.

The forum will consist of a panel discussion with a moderator, and small group sessions lead by trained facilitators. In the small groups, participants are invited to share their stories and give feedback to the superintendents of schools and the commissioners of each county regarding their experiences and suggestions. A summary paper will be transmitted to the State and the Southern Maryland community as well.

As always with the Big Conversations, the intent is to present the multiple points of view on issues. To this end the panel will include:

- **Daniel Curry**, Calvert County Schools Superintendent.
- **Dr. Janice Walthour**, St. Mary's NAACP President and longtime educator,
- **Guffrie M. Smith, Jr.**, Retired educator, native of St. Mary's County/ resident of Calvert County, with a diverse career including 33.5 years with Calvert County Public Schools and 6.5 years with the Maryland State Department of Education,
- Other panelists may include a member of the Closing the Gap Coalition, a student and a county commissioner.

There is much discussion in the Southern Maryland community regarding perceived needs and challenges in the educational system in regards to: achievement, diversity, teacher hiring, equity, discipline, and adequate preparation of our students for the new world of work and as contributing, informed citizens. In addition, the official Maryland Commission on Innovation & Excellence in Education report, referred to as the Kirwan Report, will be delivered to the State early in 2019. This report, was commissioned Maryland General Assembly in 2016. It will become the blueprint for educational decisions and funding to the counties for the next ten years. Learn what the two school systems are initiating and what are the challenges. Learn what are DELT Teams, why is poverty such a problem in trying to close the GAP, why is it so difficult for our school systems to retain quality and diverse teachers? This Big Conversation on local education affects all of us: taxpayers, grandparents, parents, educators, students and businesses.

More information email [bigcon@gmail.com](mailto:bigcon@gmail.com) or 410-326-4948 and as to be connected with the Big Conversation.

Come join the conversation and bring a friend!

This event is brought to you by **The Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Big Conversation Committee** and the **The Big Conversation Partnership on Dismantling Racism in Southern Maryland** which includes: Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lusby, All Saints Episcopal Church of Sunderland, Calvert County Public Schools, Calvert Library the Community Mediation Centers of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, the Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co, Emmanuel SDA Church of St. Leonard, Calvert NAACP, St. Mary's NAACP, HEB Scholars, and Patuxent Quaker Friends.

# Christian Formation

This month, we journey together through the Advent season of waiting, expectation, and hope. Christian Formation for ages Pre-K through adults is offered most Sundays from 10:30am-11:30am in the Parish Hall. In addition to our ongoing Sunday morning offerings, check out these special seasonal opportunities to engage in faith and fellowship:

## Special December Children and Youth Activities

### **Sunday 12/2 Advent Wreath Making**—All ages welcome!

Following the 9:30am service, all are invited to make an Advent wreath as an intergenerational activity. Supplies for one wreath per family will be provided.



### **Friday 12/7 and Saturday 12/28 (7-9pm) Christmas Carols, Ornament Making, and Cookies in St. Peter's Chapel**

St. Peter's Chapel will be open during the Solomons Christmas Walk. Stop by to warm up with cider, Christmas music, cookies, and special activities for kids. This annual holiday event sponsored by the Solomons Business Association is a favorite of many!



### **Sunday 12/10 Youth Group (5-7pm)**

Middle and high school youth meet in Smith Hall Sunday evening to celebrate the Advent season! Friends are welcome.

### **Sunday 12/23 Special Christmas Activity (10:30-11am)**

In lieu of Sunday School this Sunday join Rev. Sarah for holiday crafts and activities to prepare us for Jesus' birth. All ages are welcome to attend this intergenerational offering.



## **Christmas Services**

### **Christmas Eve Family Service 6:30pm (Tree Decoration begins at 6pm)**

Our Christmas celebrations begin with this service in the Parish Hall. This service is ideal for families with younger children. Starting at 6pm, we will have refreshments and decorate the Christmas tree in Smith Hall. The service begins at 6:30pm. All children present are invited to help create our manger scene with creche characters in this no-mess, no-stress nativity story. Holy Communion will follow, and the bell choir joins us for our Christmas celebration. *There will also be Holy Eucharist at 10pm at St. Peter's Chapel on 12/24, and one service at 10am at Middleham Chapel on Christmas Day.*

### **Christmas Lessons and Carols on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

During this festive annual Joint Service we gather to celebrate the Christmas season through Biblical stories and song. Childcare will be available during the service. Sunday School resumes again on January 6<sup>th</sup>!

Have questions? Contact Rev. Sarah [assistant.rector@middlehamandstpeters.org](mailto:assistant.rector@middlehamandstpeters.org) or 410-326-4948



# Night Watch NYC 2018



Over November 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, seven members of our youth group traveled to New York City for Night Watch. For three of our youth it was their second time participating! It was a privilege to accompany these teens for the overnight pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. We joined youth from across the Diocese of Maryland for the bus ride to New York, and once we reached the cathedral, met young people from across the country to embark on an evening of


meaningful encounters. Our time that night was shaped by prayer, song, scavenger hunts, a labyrinth walk, and Eucharist. Several MSP youth said the highlight for them was a candle lit meditation that occurs around midnight in the quiet of the massive cathedral.


Saturday morning, we packed up our sleeping bags, had breakfast and ventured out in the city. We walked the length of Central Park, and ate lunch near Times Square. The next time you see one of our youth, ask them about their experience. If you'd like to learn more about upcoming youth group activities please reach out to me or Anne Hayes.


-Rev. Sarah





# Adult Christian Formation


 **Coffee and Conversation** continues on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30am in the Parish Hall Conference Room. All are welcome! Any questions contact Hugh Davies @ [daviesh@comcast.net](mailto:daviesh@comcast.net).

 **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.

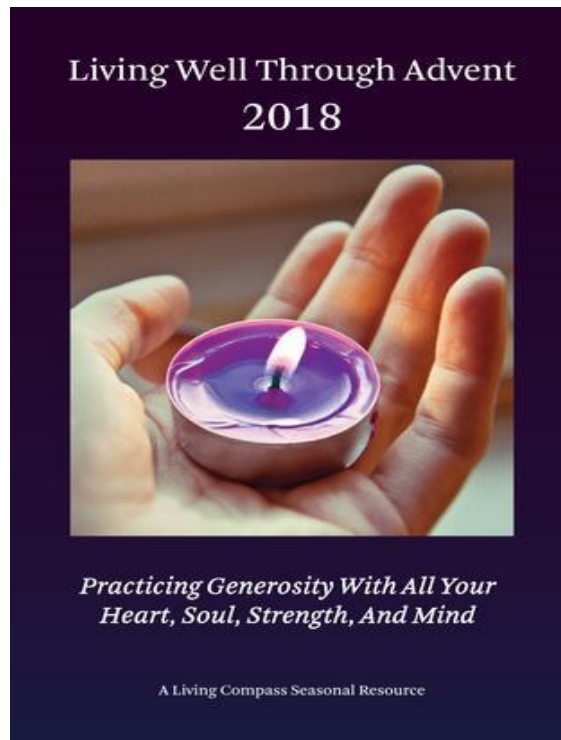
 **Asbury Solomons Episcopal Fellowship** will meet on Monday December 17, 2018, in the Asbury Riverview Dining Room at Noon. Fr. David Showers, rector of Middleham and St. Peter’s and Larry Whitbeck, retired church musician, will present a program of Christmas music. Holy Eucharist Service follows. **Reservations should be made by December 13, 2018 to Russ Horton, [JRHortonSr@comcast.net](mailto:JRHortonSr@comcast.net) or [place in Cubby 303](#).**

 **Conversations with Fr. David Showers** - “Come Tell Me A Story” Free Drink With A Story Every Wednesday 2:00 – 4:00 PM @ Roy Rogers in Solomons,MD

 **Living Well Through Advent** – This excellent program begins on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM – Noon in Smith Hall. It continues three consecutive Wednesdays in December. The 28<sup>th</sup> is basically to handout materials and do an introduction if you didn’t attend please feel free to attend in December.

 **Advent Study** - Celebrate The Star: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, this offering will be held on Saturdays @ 9:30 – 11:00 AM, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.





**Please mark your calendar for this study group. It began on November 28th and continues for three consecutive Wednesdays in December the 5th, 11th and 18th at 11:00 AM until noon. This will be held in Smith Hall at Middle Campus.**

**Feel free to pack a lunch. Hot beverages will be available.**

**Materials will be provided. December 5<sup>th</sup> will cover Advent Week 1 pages 11-18.**

**If you missed the first gathering please email for materials, or pickup at the Parish Office, if you need them. First gathering was to distribute materials and an introduction to this personal journey.**

**If you would like to preview or print a copy in advance click the link.**

### **[LIVING WELL THROUGH ADVENT](#)**

**If you are interested or need more information feel free to contact [Karen Timmons communications@middlehamandstpeters.org](mailto:Karen.Timmons@middlehamandstpeters.org), or Parish Office @ 410-326-4948.**

**All are welcome to participate from the community.**

**ADVENT**



**STUDY**

**DECEMBER 1ST, 8TH & 15TH  
@ 9:30 - 11:00 AM**

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

**Celebrate The Star: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace over three consecutive Saturday mornings.**

**This Advent season, you are invited to follow the star. It's not just about the destination, but also about a journey we can take together to experience God's love and grace in the midst of real life.**

**Please join Fr. David Showers and Karen Timmons your facilitators, as we follow the star together.**

**This journey is open to all**

# Parish Health Ministry



## Winter Is Coming!

As we get prepared for the harshness of winter it is important to remember a few things:

**Get your Flu Shot!** Also- check out the chart below:

- ❖ Remember to stay at home if you are sick, so that the flu does not spread.
- ❖ Keep plenty of tissues and fluids at home and ready for use and be sure to **wash your hands frequently**
- ❖ Call your physician as needed- if your temperature goes above 100.4, if the symptoms worsen or if they last more than 10 days

## Is it a Cold or Flu?

Signs & Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual	Rare
Aches	Usual	Slight
Chills	Fairly Common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common	Mild to moderate
Headache (cdc.gov)	Common	Rare

**At Home:** Check your home for drafts- and try to minimize them.

Never use your oven for heat.

Install CO monitors especially near bedrooms.

If using a space heater- make sure it is good working order, check the wires for fraying, and do not use it while away or asleep.

**In your car-** have a first aid kit and emergency flashlight, blankets, water and snacks.

Keep your tires inflated as recommended by manufacture.

Keep at least a half tank of gas in the tank.

**Also-** we are looking for knitters and crochet-ers. The Charles County Hospice program gives red, white and blue lap blankets to the Vets in hospice. Please consider making one for this wonderful cause.

**Dale Yoe, Parish Nurse**

## *Learn the Basics: You can save a life!*

Unhealthy Relationship

Healthy Relationship

How to help a Friend



## Blue Christmas Service



**Friday, December 14, 2018**

**3:00 PM**

**Asbury Solomons Auditorium**

**(11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons)**

**Christmas isn't always "Merry" when you've experienced a death or other loss in your life.**

**You are invited to a brief service which remembers the holiday quietly, creating a safe place for true emotions, whatever they are.**

**(You do not need to let us know you are coming ... just come.)**

# OUTREACH

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION



[mark\\_pesola@hotmail.com](mailto:mark_pesola@hotmail.com)

## HeartFELT



Sixty-four bags of food were delivered by Diane and Hugh Davies on behalf of Heart FELT backpacks to Thirty-two children at Mill Creek and Southern Middle Schools for the Thanksgiving Holiday break. Each child receives two bags including fresh fruit, full size spaghetti sauce, noodles, peanut butter, cereal and many other goodies to help tide them over the long holiday break from school.

I want to say how thankful I am for our team of volunteers who weekly shop, pack, pick up bread, and deliver bags. I believe we are making a difference in our immediate community.

Thanks,

*Elizabeth Broadus, HeartFELT Coordinator*

# TROOP 1684



## **Dine In or Drive Thru**

**(Please ask the boy scouts for a ticket)**

**Join our Boy Scouts on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 – 7:00 PM for our Roy Roger's Spirit Night. Drive thru or dine in, just hand the cashier your token slip so our troop gets credit for your meal. Token slips are available at the door or drive in window. Just ask for one when you get there!**

**Thank you for your support!**



# Books & Banter Mystery Book Club”

Friday December 14th @ 10:00 AM @ Roy Rogers in Solomons

This book club is intended to be fun and light reading. Each month we will gather to discuss the book selection, fun conversation, and great breakfast choices. This is open to all from the community so feel free to invite someone.

Book Selection for December is “Lost December” by Richard Paul Evans, a holiday choice.

Book Selections for the January discussion are *A Mew To Kill and Paws and Effect* (Mystic Notch Cozy Mystery Series Volume 3 & 4) by Leighann Dobbs. It is available on Amazon.com.



MEETS 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
@ 10:00 AM @ ROY ROGERS - SOLOMONS  
info - 410-326-4948  
bookclub@middlehamandstpeters.org  
MIDDLEHAM AND ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
10210 HC TRUEMAN RD, LUSBY, MD 20657



The book club will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month.

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

Have any questions just send us an email, [bookclub@middlehamandstpeters.org](mailto:bookclub@middlehamandstpeters.org).

## “Evening Meditation”

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

@ 6:30 - 8:00 PM

"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.



**December Theme is “Return of the Light and Winter Solstice”**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Winner for the raffle drawing of the Finger Labyrinth, to support the Labyrinth Restoration Project will be the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup>.**

***For information – Ellie Steveling 443-404-8398 or [info@somdmeditationcommunity.org](mailto:info@somdmeditationcommunity.org)***

# Middleham Chapel Open To The Community

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM For Personal Prayer,  
Reflection or Meditation  
December 18th**

You can bring something to read or just sit and enjoy the quiet. Bring a light meal and enjoy out at the picnic tables. Meditation evening begins at 6:30 in Smith Hall sponsored by The Southern MD Meditation Community, just a short jaunt over from the chapel and picnic area. All are welcome.



***GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT***



**MIDDLEHAM & ST. PETER'S  
LABYRINTH RESTORATION  
PROJECT**

**"FINGER LABYRINTH" RAFFLE**

**BEAUTIFUL 12.5" TWO-SIDED CARVED BAMBOO FINGER  
LABYRINTH IN THE CHARTRES STYLE WITH STAND AND  
INSTRUCTIONS.**

**VALUED AT \$85.00**

**\$2/TICKET \$5/3 TICKETS**

**DRAWING AT EVENING MEDITATION**

**DECEMBER 18TH**

**Raffle Support**

information to purchase tickets

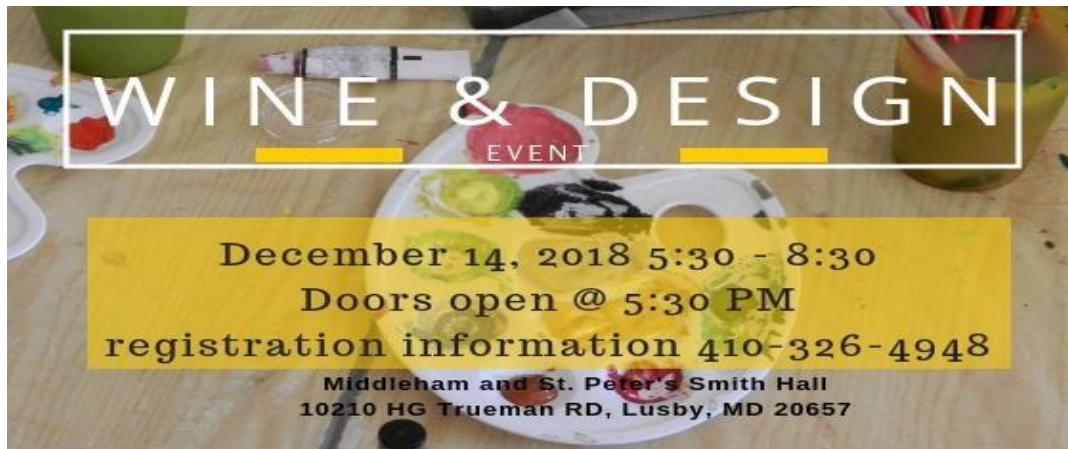
Parish Office 410-326-4948

[Labyrinth.Restoration@middlehamandstpeters.org](mailto:Labyrinth.Restoration@middlehamandstpeters.org)

[Info@somdmeditationcommunity.org](mailto:Info@somdmeditationcommunity.org)







We are excited to announce another Wine and Design Event to be held in the Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Hall. Light refreshments and fellowship will begin at 5:30 PM. Please feel free to bring your beverage of choice.

Sign up, show up, sip up, paint! Bring your friends, enjoy some wine, and create memories that will last a lifetime in a two-hour painting class.

Tired of the same old entertainment? Unleash your inner artist in a fun and social environment. Art supplies, snacks, wine, and everything you will need is provided. Just sign up, show up, and paint!

Registration for this event is required. The cost for the event is \$35 per person.

You may register online at the link below, or call the Parish Office, 410-326-4948. Once you click the link, it will ask you for your Event Code, which is the word Paint. The code is case sensitive. Be sure not to insert any additional characters or spaces.

*Register on line at:*

<https://www.wineanddesign.com/calendars/event.php?id=133207>

*Event Code: Paint (code is case sensitive)*

During the registration process, you will be prompted to choose which design you would like to paint.

Once you have chosen the event and added it to your cart, you will be able to complete the checkout process with a Debit or Credit Card.



# Christmas Decorations



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

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

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**Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Please place your form along with your donation in the collection plate or deliver it to the church office no later than Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> .**

**You may use the form in your Sunday Bulletin or print out this page.**

**For more information, please contact the Parish Office (410-326-4948).**



**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup> Advent Study- Invitation to follow the star...**

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> Domestic Violence Part II @ 2:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM Staff Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM Bible Study**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM Evening Meditation in Smith Hall - Open to all, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - The Southern Maryland Job Source Van - SMILE**

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 AM HeartFELT packing volunteers welcome**

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM "Living Well Through Advent", Study Guide by Living Compass.**

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 - 4:00 PM "Tell Me A Story" Fr. David Showers at Roy Rogers**

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684**

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15 Bell Choir**

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM Education For Ministry (EFM)**

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM Labyrinth Restoration Committee Meeting**

**Friday & Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 9:00 PM Solomons Christmas Walk**

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM Haiti Presentation in Parish Hall**

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM - Daughters of the King**

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 - 7:00 PM Spirit Night @ Roy Rogers, Support Troop1684**

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM Big Conversation Planning Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep time, volunteers needed**

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM A Nurse Practitioner and the Health Van, sponsored by Calvert Memorial Hospital, will be at SMILE.**

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting**

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM – Books & Banter Mystery Book Club @ Roy Rogers**

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 – 8:30 PM Wine & Design**

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 – 6:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month**

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Raffle Drawing for the Finger Labyrinth – Labyrinth Restoration Fundraiser**

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ Noon Asbury Episcopal Fellowship**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve/Day Parish Offices Closed**

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM Joint Service – Lessons & Carols**







## Connector Article Deadlines

The deadline for submissions for JANUARY EDITION is MONDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> .

Due to the holidays and a case study deadline task in December to the Diocese, article submissions and/or calendar items are needed earlier, my apologies.

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

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

January 13, 2019 Big Conversation - Dismantling racism with a focus on education.

January 16, 2019 Living Buddha Living Christ (Read first two Chapters prior)

January 18, 2019 Coffee and Conversation at Asbury

January 26, 2019 Annual Chili Bowl

January 27, 2019 Annual Parish Meeting – Joint Service in Smith Hall

January 29, 2019 Special Evening Meditation



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

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

# Middleham & St. Peter's Episcopal Parish



**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018**



**6:00 PM – Smith Hall – Decorating the Christmas Tree**



**6:30 PM – Smith Hall – Family Service, Holy Eucharist**



**10:00 PM – St. Peter's Chapel – Holy Eucharist**

**Christmas Day, December 25, 2018**

**10:00 AM – Middleham Chapel – Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 30, 2018**



**9:30 AM – Joint Service - Smith Hall – Lessons and Carols**



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY**

**CELEBRATIONS**

Betty Eble	12/01
Tom Hogenson	12/02
Robert Swann	12/04
Debbie Chapman	12/07
Will Broadus	12/08
Debbie Bowen	12/11
David Arbutnot	12/12
Mimi Rivers	12/13
Sara Shisler Goff	12/16
Skip Steiner	12/20
Matthew Truitt	12/21
Tom Surles	12/21
Mary Shea Converse	12/22
Joan Hogenson	12/22
Russ Horton	12/25
Dick Hu	12/25
Jeffrey Lewis	12/27
Emily Carpenter	12/28
Eileen Curley	12/31







**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Gordon & Leah Patten	12/15
Ricky & Anne Hayes	12/25
Paul & Julie Fuller	12/27
David & Sally Arbutnot	12/29
Doug & Susan Smith	12/29
Bill & Dy-Anna Gallagher	12/31

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Each month birthdays and anniversaries of parishioners are listed in the Connector. But our records are not perfect. Even some very long-standing parishioners are not listed. Have you seen your date(s) listed? If not or if you are not sure, please call the office (410-326-4948) to check. We want everyone included!

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<p>2</p> <p>8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall</p> <p>10:30 AM Christian Formation Advent Wreath Making</p> <p>11:15 AM HE Middleham 12:30 PM Choir</p> <p>2:00 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:00 PM Girl Scouts 5145</p> <p>6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's</p> <p>10-2:00 PM JobSource Van @ SMILE</p> <p>10:30 AM HEARTFELT 11:00 AM Living Well Thru Advent</p> <p>2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:00 AM Labyrinth Restoration Committee Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 PM SMILE BRD Mtg.</p> <p>6:15 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM EFM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 PM Girl Scouts Troops 2762/4545</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 PM Solomons Christmas Walk, Music, Cider, Cookies and Activites at St. Peter's Chapel</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Advent Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Overeaters Anon</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 PM Solomons Christmas Walk, Music, Cider, Cookies and Activites at St. Peter's Chapel</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>
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<p>30</p> <p><b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 9:30 Joint Service In Smith Hall</p>	<p>31</p> 	<p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>				



# Altar Guild

ST. PETER'S: CAROL B-W & NANCY FAVOR  
 GREAT HALL: DIANE DAVIES & ANNE GROSS  
 MIDDLEHAM: JOAN SHISLER & KAREN WILSON



DATE	TIME & LOCATION	SERMON	CHALICIST	READER	GREETERS	HEALING St. Peter's @ 9:00 AM
12-02-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. David Showers	Anne Gross		Bernie Helms & Russ Horton	12-05-18
<u>1st Sunday of Advent</u>	9:30 AM Smith Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Karl Garland			Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. David Showers	Mike Shisler			
12-09-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Father Showers		George Eble	John & Sharleen Wagneer	12-12-18
<u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>	9:30 AM Smith Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell				Fr. Steiner
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. David Showers		Bonnie Tolson		
12-16-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. Skip Steiner	Colleen Davies	George Eble	Dick & Rosemary Staley	12-19-18  Fr. Showers
<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>	9:30 AM Smith Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell				
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. Skip Steiner	Karen Wilson	Claude Martin		
12-23-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	John Wagner		Dick & Rosemary Staley	12-26-18
	9:30 AM Smith Hall	Father Showers	Diane Davies			Fr. Showers
<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>	11:15 AM Middleham	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Jackie Vos	Brenda Hollweger		
12-24-18 Christmas Eve	6:30 PM – Smith Hall  10:00 PM St. Peter's Chapel	Rev. Akes-Cardwell  Father Showers				
12-25-18 Christmas	10:00 AM Middleham Chapel	Rev. Akes-Cardwell		Karen Timmons		
12-30-18	9:30 AM Smith Hall Joint Service Lessons & Carols	Fr. Skip Steiner  Rev. Akes-Cardwell				01-02-19 Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell