

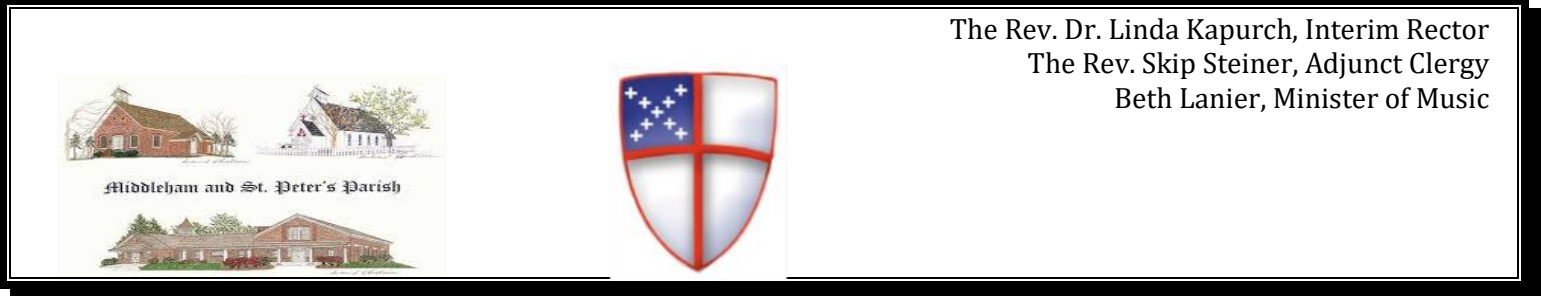
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The **CONNECTOR**

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DECEMBER 2019

CHRISTMAS TIME

Peace on Earth
Good will toward men
and women
and children
and the animals
and the earth.
It seems simple enough.
But it's not.
It can be.

We live our lives
Remembering the past
Ignoring the present
Wondering about the future.

Ghosts gnaw at our thoughts
Until we find a place for them,
Coming to the realization that
Maybe we have some control,
But we don't.

Who picks our paths?
We order our tasks
To get through the day,
From the moment we arise
Until the moment we drift off,
To dream about what?
What we could have done?
What we should have done?
What we can do tomorrow?

Where does hope fit in?
Or joy?
Or faith?
It does fit,
But only if
It can be pushed
From the recesses of our bodies and souls
To the surface,
And beyond.

That is Christmas!
Our time to grab onto a magical moment
When goodness stands taller than meanness,
When love stands taller than hate,
When peace has a chance.
And good will toward men
And women
And children
And the animals
And the earth
Is possible.

Blessings, Joan Shisler, Senior Warden



MSP PROFILE SURVEY



Well, it's finally here! The MSP Profile Survey is ready for anyone 10 and over to take. It is our goal to include as many parishioners in our congregation as possible to participate in this survey. Your responses will be anonymous. **It is important that you please complete the survey by December 8, 2019.** Your feedback is important to us! The survey responses and the feedback from the Convocation will form the foundation of our 2019 Parish Profile. The Profile will reflect how we see our congregation today and our vision for its future. It will be sent to candidate rectors and be available on the parish website.

There are two ways to complete this survey:

1). Fill out the information at this link and press "Done" at the end to submit.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8YYGNDS>

2). Use a paper copy of the survey, which will be available in all three worship spaces and in the office in the parish hall. When your paper copy of the survey is complete, please place it in **one** of the designated boxes located in each of the worship spaces and the office at the parish hall.

We really appreciate you taking the time to fill out and complete the survey, either online or on paper. Your voice is important and should be heard. This is your church and you should have a say in its future. This will be the only remaining opportunity to have your say and you need to say it before the **deadline of December 8, 2019**.

Thank you in advance for making your voice heard!

The Profile Committee:

Sally Arbuthnot	Pam Hawkins
Laura Carpenter	Joan Shisler
Diane Davies	Carolyn Steiner
Anne Gross	Karen Timmons

A Prayer during the self-study:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your whole church, and so guide us in this parish during our time of self study and search that we shall grow in our commitment to one another and to the cause of your Christ, and may we choose a faithful pastor to join us in our ministries in our parish, community and diocese through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



**JOINT SERVICE
DECEMBER 1ST
10:00 AM
SMITH HALL**

Breakfast begins at 9:30.



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

“Thanks for giving, if you haven't pledged please consider pledging.”
When there are Joint Services no services are held at the chapels and no Sunday school classes.

Please remind family and friends.

**PASTORAL
CARE**

Middleham and St. Peter's
Episcopal Church

If you or someone you know requires
pastoral care or want communion at
home, please let us know.

office@middlehamandstpeters.org
410-326-4948



Treasurer's Corner



December - the time of the year many folks contemplate what happened in 2019 and what may come in 2020. Year end for finance and accounting types includes closing the books for the year. A primary accounting principle is that revenue (in our case would include pledges or cash donations) is recognized and entered into accounting records at the time the funds are received. This is especially important for tax purposes. For example, if you wish to donate funds to Middleham and St. Peter's Parish, the funds should be donated no later than December 31st. However, Anne Gross, our registrar and assistant treasurer posts items to your pledge record if the funds are post-marked prior to or on December 31. Please consider this when finalizing any donations for the year.

Thank you so much for your support to MSP and to me this year. Serving as your treasurer is a privilege.

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.

Thank you! *Jackie Vos, Treasurer*

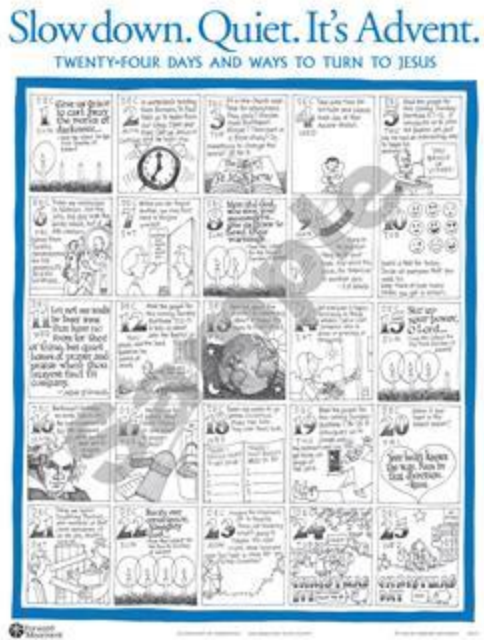
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From: The Interim Rector:

Slow Down. Quiet. Its Advent



For several years now, *Forward Movement Publishers* has come out with just the thing for harried, super-stressed-out Christmas Shoppers: A large, one-page Calendar--suitable for placing in a well-trafficked spot in your home entitled, *Slow Down. Quiet. Its Advent*. (Twenty-four Days and Ways to Turn to Jesus.) The season of Advent (for all of you Latin scholars out there, from *Adventus* = coming) marks a new beginning in

the on-going cycle of the Church's year; with the First Sunday of Advent (Dec. 1st) we begin the Church's "New Year." When fully embraced, Advent is meant to be a quieter, more reflective time of the year--when we anticipate and give space to that great mystery of our faith, coming soon among us: The God-with-Us, *Emmanuel*, of Christmas. With the days growing ever shorter, even nature prods us to slow down, be quiet(er), and live into mystery. But, how many of us *really* feel up to doing any of this?

Enter a prop: The Calendar. The one with the catch-y mantra: ***Slow Down. Quiet. Its Advent***. If you do nothing else this Advent, repeat to yourself this simple mantra: Slow down. Take the time to be quiet(er)--amidst the cacophony of sounds ringing in your ears. And remember after all: Its Advent. A time to prepare our hearts for the Christ-to-be-Born-Anew...in *us*.

This year, Anne Hayes is making sure that each of the Sunday School children go home with a **Slow Down. Quiet. Its Advent-Calendar**. The calendars will also be in the back of each of our churches, i.e., the Chapels, and Smith Hall, so that everyone can take one home. As you look at each day, one day at a time, there's a thought, or an activity, or an idea, or a prompt-for you to consider...just for the day. Unlike the Advent Calendars you may be used to from childhood, there is no chocolate bit that pops out as you move from day to day. So, take one home-and see if it doesn't help you to keep Advent a bit more intentionally, reverently, quietly.

Henri J.M. Nouwen, in one of his Prayers and Reflections for the Advent Season (*Be With Me, Lord*, c. 1998) has this to say: *Lord, Help me to Avoid Being Too Busy for You. ...I do not want you to pass me by. I do not want to be so busy with my way of living, my plans and projects, my relatives, my friends, my acquaintances, that I do not even notice that you are with me, closer to me than anyone else...* Try living this way, this Advent-and see if it doesn't make a difference to your Christmas.

Grace and All Good~

Faithfully, LindaK+





Grounds Cleanup



We need your help!

Mark your calendar to help with the campus grounds cleanup on Sunday December 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will meet at Middleham chapel. Bring rakes and tarps (and pickup trucks if possible). We will clean up the cemetery and rake the leaves. Those who help may have their hours of work credited to their youth program activities or other parish ministries at the rate of \$10 per hour.

Contact Hugh Davies with questions at daviesh@comcast.net or 410-326-0370.

Christian Formation

Good Tidings Youth Brings

December is a very busy time for all of us, and the youth of the parish are no exception. We ended November by attending Bishop: Unplugged, a diocesan event where youth from parishes all over the region congregated at St. Philip's in Annapolis to listen to music, talk, and pray. Bishop Sutton is the headliner of this event, giving the youth a chance to glimpse at the real man behind the intricate robes, hats, and other such adornments.



We would also like to thank everyone who supported the youth group pie bake, not only do we have so much fun making the pies, but it helps facilitate our special events such as our yearly pilgrimage to St. John the Divine, NYC for Nightwatch. More information will be available about our excursion closer to our sendoff date in February.

The children and youth of the parish will continue to be busy little elves throughout the month of December. Not only are they all moving into the teachings of the advent season, and a very excited countdown to Christmas, but they will also be focusing on Outreach with their meal to project Echo and assisting in organizing supplies for the homeless.

Since we like to reach in while we reach out, this year we are also asking that any parishioner that would like to decorate their homes for Christmas but may not have the physical ability to do so, to contact myself, Tom Briggs or Jim Yoe. The youth would love to bring some merriment to your Christmas Season by assisting in hanging your wreath, putting up your tree, or even just getting the box of decorations down from your attic. Let us know how we can help brighten your holiday season.

Another fun item to note is that in the celebration of Epiphany on January 5th the children will be putting on their Epiphany Pageant. It will run during the single service that morning and promises to keep the joy of season going just a little while longer. Please plan on coming out, not just for the service, but to watch the kids take on the telling of the birth of Jesus.

Anne Hayes, For Christian Formation Children & Youth

Adult Christian Formation

Asbury Episcopal Fellowship
Monday, December 16th, Asbury Riverview Dining room.

Noonday prayers & lunch at 12:00 PM, The program starts at 12:30 PM, Holy Eucharist will follow about 1:00 PM. Speaker: The Rev. Bill Ticknor, Retired rector of St. James' in Lothian. Topic: Retirement.

Reservations are due December 12th to Mary Beth Dent, 410-394-3162.

Payment (\$11.00) may be paid by cash or will be deducted from your food account.

Coffee and Conversation

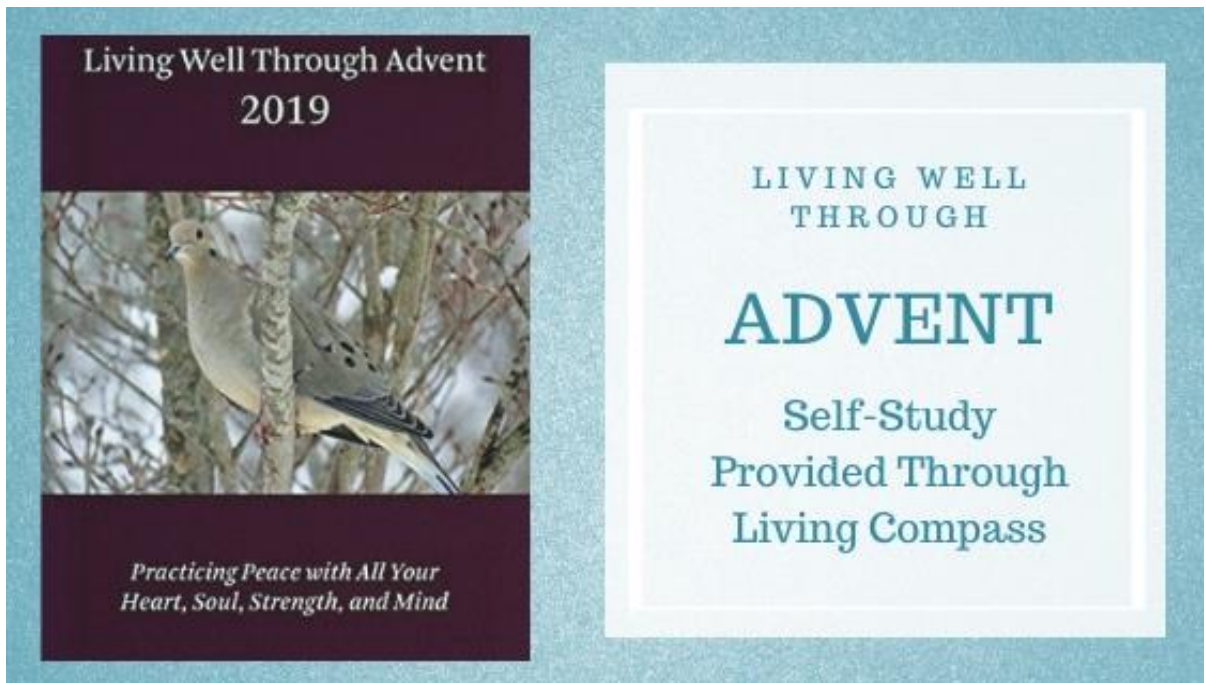


Coffee and Conversation continues Sunday mornings starting at 10:30 in the Parish Hall large meeting room. Any questions contact Hugh Davies @ daviesh@comcast.net.

Asbury Coffee & Conversation is on 3rd Friday of each month, for information contact Hugh Davies @ daviesh@comcast.net.

Bible Study

Join Fr. Skip Steiner with a small group study each Tuesday @ 11:00 AM – 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.



[CLICK FOR YOUR PERSONAL SELF-STUDY GUIDE](#)



Blue Christmas Service

**Friday, December 13, 2019
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.)



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Parish Health Ministry

Baby Shark Frenzy

Is there nothing the Baby Shark cannot do? It gives both amusement and annoyance to parents of young children everywhere, it brought the Nationals to a World Series Win, and it is currently being used to teach young children how to do CPR.

The song “Baby Shark” has a rate of 100 beats per minute, and using this song, children can sing the song and do compressions at the rate that the Red Cross recommends. The idea of using a song is not a new concept, prior to Baby Shark the Bee Gee’s “Staying Alive”, Abba’s “Dancing Queen” and Star Wars “Imperial March”, all have been used to help people remember the correct rate to perform compressions. At the beginning of the year Parish Health will be offering course on Hands Only CPR. This is an information only course that despite not giving a certification, it will give you the knowledge and ability to perform CPR in a safe and effect way.

Be on the lookout, CPR shark is in the water and will be heading our way soon.

Submitted by Anne Hayes for Parish Health



Attention!

Please note that we now have **First Aid kits**, an **AED** and now- **Stop the Bleed Kits** at all three locations.

After the Sandy Hook shootings, the College of Surgeons, realizing that in mass casualties the loss of life is primarily due to blood loss, developed these kits- known also as gunshot wound kits- to save more lives. Look around and try to locate the safety items at each location. These have been provided by the Parish Health Ministry.

Submitted by Dale Yoe for Parish Health



The Community Life Center of Southern Calvert County (CLC)

What is this?

You may have heard this mentioned around church. The CLC is a 501c3, a non-profit, which began in 2017 to help support some of the outreach programs at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish and other programs in So. MD that provide food and/or health needs for the less fortunate.

Why?

Many times, we are asked to contribute to the ministries of the church, SMILE or other community organizations. Although the CLC is always open to contributions and encourage them, we primarily look to big businesses that are willing to help communities.

What have they done?

Since 2017, we have had programs for Substance Abuse, sponsored Health Fairs, Mental Health First Aid courses, the Health Dept's food tasting and recipes for the food drops, the Heartfelt Backpack programs, Free Flu and Pneumonia shots, and Dental Clinic programs. We have also helped with the purchase of a kitchen stove to demonstrate how clients can prepare the food provided during the monthly distribution program.

What else is planned?

In the future we hope to have more free Vaccine clinics, another Mental Health First Aid course and continue to raise funds to help other community events. Contributions to the Community Life Center to aid in supporting our mission can be made by sending a check to the Community Life Center, P.O. Box 94, Solomons, MD 20688, or visit our website at <http://www.communitylifecenter-scc.org>.

OUTREACH

HeartFELT 2019-2020

The Heart FELT team packed and delivered double bags for each student (currently 30 Middle School kids) in a celebration of Thanksgiving. Our jumbo delivery included full size items such as cereal, pasta, and peanut butter to aid in support over the 5-day school break. A similar jumbo delivery is planned for the Christmas Holiday including Weis grocery gift cards. A special thanks goes to the delivery volunteer, Claude Martin. 60 bags are a lot to haul!



If you want to join the team or have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Broadus.

Thank you for your support!

Elizabeth Broadus, HeartFELT Coordinator - elizabethruggles@comcast.net.



TROOP 1684



The troop meets on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Meetings start in the church basement but often go outside. All boys age 11 or who have completed 5th grade can join.

Stop by and/or call Terry Schmidt @ 240-478-0945 for more information.

The theme for December will be Kind. A Scout is kind. A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing. Kindness is a sign of true strength. To be kind you must look beyond yourself and try to understand the needs of others; take time to listen to people and imagine being in their place. It should never be difficult to show kindness to those in need and those who cannot defend themselves. What can be harder is being kind to people you don't know or with whom you disagree. We live in a world that has more than its share of anger, fear, and war. Extending kindness to those around you and having compassion for all people is a powerful antidote to the poisons of hatred and violence. Kindness is not limited to how we feel about people. Be kind to pets and wildlife. Be kind to earth by protecting natural resources and by using the leave-no-trace methods of hiking and camping.

Middleham and St. Peter's Picnic Shelter Eagle Scout Project

by Cody Gronda, 2 November 2019

My name is Cody Gronda. I am 17 years old and I'm a Boy Scout with Troop 1684 chartered out of Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. For my final Eagle Scout Project, I chose to build a 14' x 20' picnic shelter. The picnic shelter will help the members of the Church by allowing them to have meetings and social events outdoors without the fear of getting rained out. I got the project approved by the Troop and Mr. Jim Yoe from the Church.

I learned a lot about getting building permits from the County and I'd like to thank Mr. Hawxhurst and Mr. Gary Brady from Permits and Inspections who helped me fill out the permit forms and also helped me with the picnic shelter design details to meet building code requirements.

84 Lumber (Zach, Sean and Christopher) helped me get a very generous donation of building materials. 84 Lumber likes helping Eagle Scouts because their owner is an Eagle Scout, too!

Unfortunately, right after I got the building permit in March 2018, I injured my hand real bad during wrestling at Patuxent High School and I had to delay the project for several months due to hand surgery and physical therapy.

We finally got to work in the Fall of 2018 digging the footers for the picnic shelter's poles. After we dug the footer holes, we had to have them inspected to make sure we dug them deep enough. Unfortunately, it rained the night before the inspection and filled the holes with water and we failed the inspection. I had to reschedule the build plan until the holes were pumped out and successfully reinspected.



I was originally going to buy 6x6 poles for the picnic shelter, but my Uncle Ray donated recycled treated dock poles that were much sturdier and will last a lot longer. Mr. Rich Gorman, a retired Navy Construction SeaBee, seriously helped out during the project. He helped me make sure the poles were set squarely, plum and all level trimmed to the same height.



Then, wrestling season started again in the Fall and with tournaments and matches set for every weekend, it was hard to schedule build sessions. It didn't help any when it rained a lot of the weekends, too. But, we did get back to work and set the main support beams one weekend.



Then it was time to install the roof. I learned how to set the "king posts" that the ends of the main roof beam sit on and then we got to work cutting and installing the 2x6 trusses for the roof. Uncle Ray also donated a recycled metal roof which is better than the wood slats roof I originally planned because it will last longer and it won't have to be repainted every year. After the trusses were set, we installed the perlin's for the metal roofing.



The metal roof and gable were installed with special screws/gaskets so it doesn't leak.



Now, we were almost done. The last thing we installed were stringers to brace the structure as well as hurricane straps so the roof doesn't get blown off during high winds. The bracing and hurricane straps were building code requirements. Then, we called for final inspection.

The final inspection was successful on 29 October 2019 and Mr. Yoe signed off on my Eagle Scout Picnic Shelter Project for Middleham and St. Peter's right after that.

In the end, 9 Scouts, 4 Adult Leaders and 2 other Adults contributed a total of 258 hours of labor to this Picnic Shelter project and I am very thankful and grateful for everyone's help!

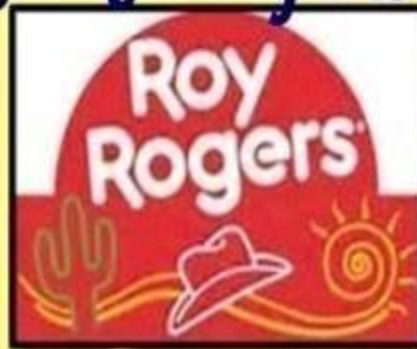
**Please Support
Boy Scout Troop 1684
Lusby, MD**



Boy Scout Troop
#1684

Roy Rogers's Spirit Night

5-8pm



Drive Thru
or
Dine In

Monday, Dec. 2, 2019

**Please use the provided token's
when placing your orders.
Mention to the cashiers your
support of our troop's Spirit Night.**

For more information about
Troop 1684, visit:
[http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org/
ministries/bsa-troop-1684/](http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org/ministries/bsa-troop-1684/)

Roy Rogers	
Fundraising Token	
Date Dec. 2, 2019	receipt #
# in Party	
Name of Organization	Boy Scout Troop #1684

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! This 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 donated 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.

The Outreach Committee hopes you will find this an answer to any gift giving problems.

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish

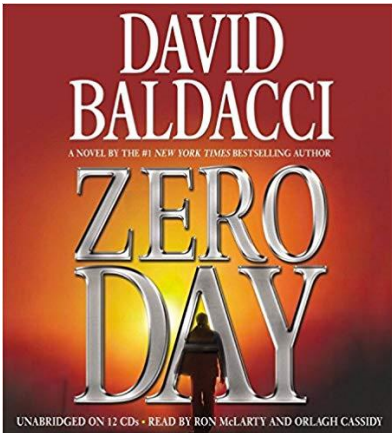
Alternative Giving Market – Shopping List Christmas 2019

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.

Ministry Area	Suggested Donation	Donated
ALTAR GUILD: <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	
CHRISTIAN FORMATION: <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	
ECHO HOUSE: <i>\$60 can reimburse a parishioner for a portion of the cost of preparing a meal for the county homeless shelter.</i>	\$20 - \$40	
ERD (EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT): <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	
HAITI SCHOOL NURSE PROJECT: <i>We are supporting a new school nurse program serving three schools and 600 children in Leogane, Haiti.</i>	\$20 - \$100	
HEALTH MINISTRY: <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	
HEART FELT BACKPACK MINISTRY: <i>Funds to purchase food to fill backpacks for children in our area who otherwise would not have food over the weekends. \$330 will buy food for one child for the school year.</i>	\$10 - \$330	
LABYRINTH: <i>Support the restoration of the outdoor Labyrinth on the Middleham Campus.</i>	\$10 - \$50	
INREACH VENTURES: <i>Funds to support Middleham and St. Peter's work to repair housing, etc., for parishioners or others in this area with a need.</i>	\$20 - \$50	
MUSIC PROGRAM: <i>\$50 will buy a new anthem for the choir. \$150 will provide a stipend for a guest vocalist or instrumentalist.</i>	\$10 - \$50	
SMILE: <i>Enable SMILE to help our neighbors in need and to purchase food for the needy in our community.</i>	\$10 - \$100	
OUTREACH: <i>\$25 will be used to support one of our outreach programs.</i>	\$25 - \$50	
I would like _____ gift cards.	Total Donated	

“Books & Banter Mystery Book Club”



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.

We will not be meeting in December, join us January 10, 2020.

Book Selection for the January discussion is **Zero Day (John Puller Series)** **by David Baldacci.**

It is available on Amazon.com In January we will decide what to read together next.

The book club will meet the 2nd Friday of every month @ 10:00 AM at The Frying Pan Restaurant in Lusby. Don't worry if you miss attending, come the next time and help with the next selection.

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.

“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. All events are held at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish in Smith Hall.



December 3rd Evening Mindfulness Practice 6:30 – 8:00 PM

December 7th (Saturday) Crystal Meditation with Rebecca Ridgell 6:30 – 8:00 PM

For information – Ellie Steveling 443-404-8398 or

info@somdmeditationcommunity.org



Sunday, December 1st @ 10:00 AM Joint Service in Smith Hall. "Thank You for Giving", breakfast at 9:30 AM.

NO SERVICES IN THE CHAPELS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.

Sunday, December 1st, 15th & 22nd @ 4:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop 5145

Monday, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th @ 9:00 AM HeartFELT volunteers welcome

December 2nd @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM Spirit Night @ Roy Rogers, Support Troop 1684

Monday, December 2nd & 9th @ 6:00 PM COHI

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 4th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - The SOMD Job Source Van - SMILE

Wednesday, December 4th & 18th @ 9:30 AM Big Conversation Steering Committee

Wednesday, December 4th & 11th @ 6:00 PM Diabetes ED

Wednesday, December 4th, 11th, 18th @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684

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

Thursday, December 5th, 12th, & 19th @ 6:15 Bell Choir

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

Saturday, December 7th @ 5:00 PM Christmas Walk in Solomons

Saturday, December 7th @ 6:30 SOMD Meditation Community Sponsored Event

Sunday, December 8th @ 1:00 PM Middleham Campus Grounds Cleanup Day

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

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

Thursday, December 12th by Noon Asbury Fellowship Reservations due

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

Monday, December 16th @ Noon Asbury Episcopal Fellowship

Wednesday, December 18th HIV Van @ SMILE 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve & Wednesday the 25th Christmas Day Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 24th in Smith Hall Tree Decorating @ 6:00 and Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30.

Sunday, December 29th @ 10:00 AM Joint Service – Lessons & Carols in Smith Hall



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

January 2020

January 5th - Epiphany @ 10:00 AM Joint Service in Smith Hall

January 25th @ 5:00 PM Annual Chili Bowl in Smith Hall



Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish



Joint Services

In this transition year as we search for our new rector, we are trying some new things. Joint services give us an opportunity to worship as one group and to get to know folks who attend other services.

The following opportunities for worship as one big community are upcoming. All joint Sunday services will start at 10:00 AM in Smith Hall.

December 1, 2019 - "Thanks For Giving" - We will have breakfast before the service starting at 9:30 AM. Service @ 10:00 AM.

December 29, 2019 - Lessons and Carols. The Christmas story is told through Bible readings and Carols.

January 5, 2020 - Epiphany. The children will present an Epiphany pageant.

February 2, 2020 - Annual Parish Meeting. There will be breakfast before the service at 9:30 AM.

Christmas Service: This year there will be one Christmas service. It will be on Christmas Eve December 24th at 6:30 PM in Smith Hall. Tree decorating begins at 6:00 PM.





**Due to Holidays - the deadline for submissions for
JANUARY EDITION IS
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11TH.**

Thanks so much, Karen Timmons, Communications



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 the following:

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



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 Arbuthnot	12/12
Mimi Rivers	12/13
Sara Shisler Goff	12/16
Skip Steiner	12/20
Matthew Truitt	12/21
Tom Surlles	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 Arbuthnot	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!



<p>1</p> <p>JOINT SERVICE 10:00 AM Smith Hall Breakfast @ 9:30 AM NO SERVICES AT CHAPELS AND NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>4:00 PM Girl Scouts 5145</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM HEARTFELT</p> <p>6:00 PM COHI</p> <p>6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Meditation</p> <p>7:00 PM Vestry</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 9:30 AM BC Steering</p> <p>10-2:00PM JobSource Van @ SMILE 6:00 PM Diabetes ED</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 PM Daughters of the King Meeting</p> <p>6:15 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM EFM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Overeaters Anon</p> <p>5:00 PM Solomons Christmas Walk</p> <p>6:30 PM SOMD Meditation Event</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall 10:30 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM HE Middleham</p> <p>1:00 PM Middleham Campus Grounds Clean Up Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM HEARTFELT Packing</p> <p>6:00 PM COHI</p> <p>6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep</p> <p>2:00 PM Food Distribution</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:00 – 2:00 Health Van @ SMILE</p> <p>6:00 PM Diabetes ED</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting</p> <p>6:15 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM EFM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM Overeaters Anon</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall 10:30 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM HE Middleham</p> <p>4:00 PM Girl Scouts 5145</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM HEARTFELT Packing</p> <p>12:00 PM Asbury Episcopal Fellowship</p> <p>6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Meditation</p> <p>7:00 PM Regional Council Mtg.</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HIV VAN @ SMILE</p> <p>9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's</p> <p>9:30 AM BC Steering</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684 Court of Honor in Smith Hall</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:15 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM EFM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Asbury Coffee & Conversation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM Overeaters Anon</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall 10:30 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM HE Middleham</p> <p>4:00 PM Girl Scouts 5145</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE Tree Decorating @ 6:00 PM Service @ 6:30 PM in Smith Hall</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Overeaters Anon</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Joint Service Lessons & Carols @ 10:00 AM in Smith Hall NO SERVICES AT CHAPELS AND NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEW YEARS EVE 8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>				