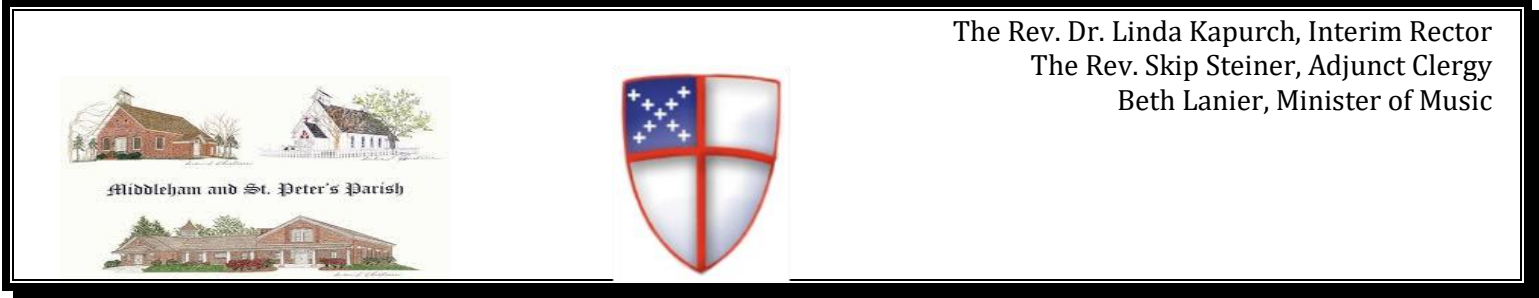


The **CONNECTOR**

Jim Yoe
Jr. Warden

Karen Timmons
Editor



FEBRUARY 2020

Annual Parish Meeting - State of the Parish 2020

It is customary to offer a state of the parish address at the Annual Parish Meeting. Here it is. The state of this parish is good. We have a balanced budget for 2020, we are debt free and in the black for the first time in a while. This is due to the generosity of the parishioners who pledge their support to keep things up and running around here. It is also because of the due diligence of the Vestry, which made some financial and personnel concessions that were painful, but extremely necessary to support the health of this parish. As a result, we are a healthy parish.

We are also a parish in transition. During the transition it is important to take advantage of this opportunity to try some new things as we prepare for a new rector. As we continue to ensure that we meet the pastoral care and worship needs of all parishioners, it is also necessary to face the reality that in the future, while the survey said two clergy is desired, one rector will be called. Having a second clergy would require an additional \$60,000-\$80,000 to be budgeted and the current population cannot support that. To assist the rector

with pastoral care we now have a dedicated group of lay pastoral ministers who have been trained and commissioned to offer in- home visits.

In addition, we are considering several options to meet the worship needs of the congregation served by one rector. The survey indicated that having more joint services was important. We have initiated the pattern of one joint service a month, usually on the first Sunday of the month. The survey also said there was a desire to continue to maintain the current practice of having three worship services at three separate locations each Sunday, which Pastor Linda affectionately calls the Trifecta. In order to do this, we first adjusted the time of the Smith Hall service to accommodate having one rector. Thanks to the help of very dedicated lay chalcists, the 9:45 am service is working well and is well attended. A second adjustment will occur after Easter when we incorporate morning prayer into the Sunday worship service rotation on a trial basis. The plan is to offer Holy Eucharist during at least two of the three services on Sundays when we have three services. More information will be given on this plan as we get closer to implementing this schedule after Easter. These adjustments to the Sunday worship schedule are being initiated on a trial basis to accommodate one rector and to comply with the desired survey results of having more interaction with the rector, more time for fellowship, and more special educational offerings by the rector and lay leaders.

Change is coming in many ways for Middleham and St. Peter's. Do you know when you are undergoing a renovation, how there is demolition, disruption, and everything is just a mess everywhere you look? And you look around and wonder if what you are tearing up and changing is what you really want. But then, when all the work is finally done and everything is in it's place or rather new place, all is well and even better than before. Well that is basically what happens during a transition. Now is the time to try some new things and see how it turns out. It's time to pick and choose the options, see what works and what doesn't and ultimately decide what is best for the parish.

I am also going to put a plug in for the Labyrinth we are planning to construct behind the columbarium. The original labyrinth created by the YAC youth group several years ago

offered an outdoor worship and meditation place for MSP and the community. While the old physical labyrinth has basically disappeared the idea of having one has been resurrected. The cost is approximately \$7,800 and we have raised \$4,100 so far. There is a display in the back of the hall if you would like to see what is in store for this project. If you would like to contribute to this project, please donate at any time. We would like to break ground this spring if the funds become available.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we move forward with the Search. The Profile is now complete. A sneak preview is available for you today in a handout so you know what to look for when it is sent to you electronically. The Profile is extremely important in the search process as well as being a guide for the parish to look at and learn from for the future. I would like to thank the Profile committee members for their hard work and long hours they put in to compile this document. The Profile will be available to everyone tomorrow, initially only online. In addition to it being emailed to you directly, it will also be available on the parish website and Facebook. As the search progresses and we move through the actual search process, the congregation will be updated regularly. In the meantime, we are confident that all the wonderful ministries we participate in will continue to be supported, that all the worship and pastoral care needs of parishioners will be met, and that with the help of the Holy Spirit, a new rector, who will journey with us into the future, will be found.

We're in Transition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. As a congregation Middleham and St. Peter's is strong and durable. We have a bright and exciting future ahead of us. We should embrace this opportunity, put our trust in God, and have faith that the Holy Spirit will guide us where we are supposed to go. All will be well. Eventually. Everybody take a deep breath.

Blessings,

Joan Shisler, Senior Warden

Ok. Let's move on with the rest of the Annual Parish Meeting. Because we are a healthy parish, we are able to raise-up two Deacon candidates for ordination. One is Charity Humm who is going to be a transitional deacon prior to becoming a priest. The other is Laura Carpenter who is going to talk to you today about her process of becoming a vocational deacon and the role a deacon could play in our parish. Due to the generosity of the parishioners we were able to meet all of Laura's financial obligations for this. After Laura's presentation we will have Vestry member elections. Nominated for the two vacancies are Mark Pesola and Karen Wilson. Then, information on the Search will be presented by Tom Briggs, who is the chair of the Search Committee. He will tell you who is on the search committee and what they will be doing to find us a new rector.

Profile Committee

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

Search Committee

Tom Briggs, Chairperson
Phyllis Bailey
Will Broadus
Sharon Cargo
Chris Davies
Jennifer Jeffrey
Jeremy Nazimek
Anita Shepherd
Mike Shisler
Carolyn Steiner

Vestry

Joan Shisler – Senior Warden
Jim Yoe – Junior Warden
Jackie Vos – Treasurer
Anne Gross - Registrar and Assistant
Treasurer
Dale Yoe - Assistant Treasurer
Andy Connolly – Assistant Treasurer

Sally Arbuthnot '21
Tom Briggs '22
Laura Carpenter '22
Colleen Davies '21
Franz Kury '22
Anne Hayes '21
Mark Pesola '23
Karen Wilson '23

Blessings,

Joan Shisler, Senior Warden

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Profile February 2020



[Middleham and St. Peter's Profile 2020 Link](http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org/about-us/profile/)

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Annual Parish Meeting

February 2, 2020







When parishioners tell you the church can't grow.

We clearly need to grow and be seeking ways to do that during this period of transition. A Message from our friend and mentor Paul Nickerson includes good suggestions for us:

"In doing numerous coaching calls with churches every week, I hear lots of excuses why that particular church can't grow. Often the leaders on the coaching call express frustration because members keep coming up with excuses. So below are some of the most common excuses I hear and the response you can make to counter that excuse.

1) Excuse " *We are too old and tired*".

Response: "*God can use people of all ages to bless others*". *What can you do to make a difference?*"

2) Excuse: "*Nobody wants to go to church anymore*".

Response: "*Not true. There are many people who could benefit from a faith community-if they met you.*"

3) Excuse: "*We are just too busy*".

Response: "*Busy doing what?*" *What is more important than spreading the Good News and making disciples?*"

4) Excuse: "*I like things the way they are. The world is changing so fast, I want my church to stay the same.*"

Response: "*Just where in the Gospel does it say "it's all about me?" I thought our faith was about losing ourselves for others and for God?*"

5) Excuse "*Reaching new people takes a lot of time and effort. Isn't there a magic pill program that will bring new people to our church without my having to do anything?*"

Response "*Sorry, there is no magic pill. In an increasingly secular world we have to walk with people and invest in them long-term. This means praying hard and working hard.*"

I hope these responses will help you deal with the nay-sayers who try to tell you your church can't grow. As one author said, "*You can make excuses, or you can make progress*".

I hope and pray that you will move beyond the excuses and go share the best news this world has every heard."



Paul

Planned Giving and Endowment

A New Parish Ministry: The “Personal Growth Fund”

The Planned Giving and Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the availability of awards from the “Personal Growth Fund”. This fund will provide support for the participation and/or enrollment needs of parish members and/or their children as well as members of an organization directly connected to the parish – namely Boy Scout Troop 1684.

Awards from the fund may support such activities as (but not be limited to) church-related conference costs, summer camp attendance, scouting activities and events, tuition or supplies for skilled trades training, and support for higher education expenses. Awards will be made on the basis of need and the suitability of the activity. The objective is to enable individuals to participate in self-improvement or life-experience activities that they would not otherwise be able to, due to expense.

Interested applicants should complete the attached application and submit it to the committee as indicated. Total funds available during 2020 are limited to \$1500. Individual awards may be no more than \$500. Direct any questions about the “Personal Growth Fund” to the Committee through the parish office at 410-326-4948.

Application for a Personal Growth Fund Award - 2020

About the Fund: The purpose of the “Personal Growth Fund” is to enable individuals to participate in life-experience opportunities/activities that they may not otherwise be able to afford. Such activities may include (but not be limited to) church-related conference costs, summer camp attendance, scouting activities and events, tuition or supplies for skilled trades training, and support for higher education expenses.

Who can Apply: parish members and/or their children as well as members of an organization directly connected to the parish – namely Boy Scout Troop 1684.

Award Limits in 2020: Individual awards may not exceed \$500 and the total award amount available for 2020 may not exceed \$1500. Award requests may be for less than \$500.

Submission: Applications are to be submitted to:

The Planned Giving and Endowment Committee
Middleham and St. Peter’s Parish
PO Box 277
Lusby, MD 20657

Applicant name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Affiliation with the Parish (Member, Family, Scouting, etc.):

Describe the purpose and amount of your award request (you may use the opposite side of the application if you need more space):

When do you need the award?

Describe why, without the award, you wouldn't be able to experience this opportunity (travel expense, tuition/fees, supplies/equipment costs...)?


Note: there is a required post-activity follow up report: “How this award helped me grow personally....”



FEBRUARY 9TH
SUNDAY OF SUPPORT
FOR
PUERTO RICO

Make checks out to Middleham and St. Peter's

2nd option is online at
Episcopal Diocese of Maryland
<https://episcopalmaryland.org/rebuild-puerto-rico/>



If you are interested in leading a Morning Prayer at a Sunday Worship Service, please attend the training session on Sunday, February 16th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

For more information contact:
Laura Carpenter lmcarpenter@smcps.org
Colleen Davies colzdavies@yahoo.com

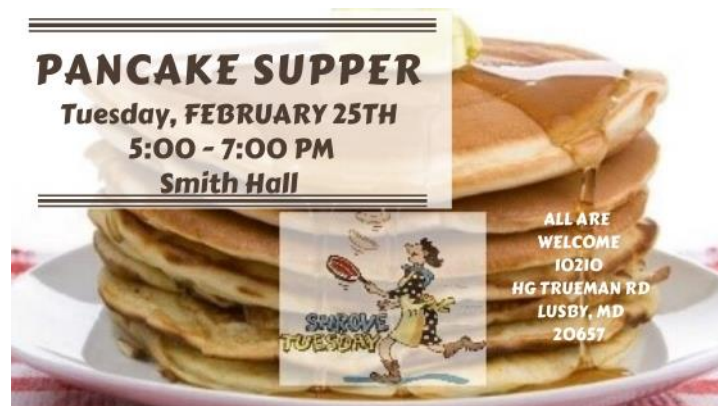
Christian Formation Children & Youth

The Youth Group will come together on Sunday, February 9th at 5:00 PM.



February is a time for love, and what better way for the youth to show their love than their traditional Valentine's day gifts to our parishioners who live at Asbury? The youth group will be heading to Asbury on February 9th and hope to encounter all the wonderful parishioners that have taken up residency there.

In Sunday School, we continue learning of old testament characters and start gearing up for our Lenten Challenge. We are focusing on seeing the good in some characters, even when they managed to get themselves into questionable situations and professions. We will continue to learn what love and acceptance is really all about.



Our youth will be serving as waiters ... with style!
Please come to enjoy all the pancakes, sausage, and all the toppings you can eat – as well as milk, juices, and coffee.

Anne Hayes, For Christian Formation Children & Youth

Adult Christian Formation

ASBURY FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY

The Episcopal Fellowship Luncheon will be held on FEBRUARY 17th at 12 noon with Noon Day prayers, lunch and Holy Eucharist. Janet Werner will discuss "Opiates and You". Reservations are required to Mary Beth Dent at 410-394-3162 by February 13th by noon. Charge is \$11.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Feb 17	Janet Werner	Opiates and you
Mar 16	Jim Horton	American Baptist Polity
Apr 20	St. John's team	Gun Violence
May 19	Chaplain Harrell	Methodist Church Issues
Jun 22	Wendy Blome	"It is well with my soul", Spafford Legacy

AUDITORIUM with 16 min video

ENGAGE WITH US THROUGHOUT THE 2020 LENT SEASON!

The theme for our 2020 Lent daily devotional is *Practicing Courage with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. Each year, tens of thousands of individuals across multiple denominations use our daily devotional as preparation for the coming of Easter. Congregations also use the devotional for Lent programs, classes, small group discussions, and retreats with the help of our Leader's Guide. Below you will find the multiple ways in which you can engage these resources, either as an individual or as a lay or clergy leader.

- Enroll for FREE to receive each day's reading via a **daily email**.
- Join our private **Facebook discussion group** hosted by Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner and Rev. Jan Kwiatkowski.
- Access all past daily readings through our **archive** online.
- Download our Lent **devotional** as a FREE **PDF** file in English and Spanish.
- Download our Lent **Leader's Guide** as a FREE **PDF** file.
- Purchase our Lent devotional as a printed **book** in English and Spanish while supplies last.
- Purchase our Lent devotional as an **e-book** from Amazon.



***Living Well Through Lent 2020:
Practicing Courage With All Your
Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind***
includes reflections from:

The Very Rev. Dominic Barrington
The Rev. Theodora Nmade Brooks
The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde
Anna Fitch Courie
The Rev. Jenifer Gamber
The Rev. Heidi Haverkamp
The Rev. Jan Kwiatkowski
The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman
The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner



Find these Lent resources at
livingcompass.org/lent



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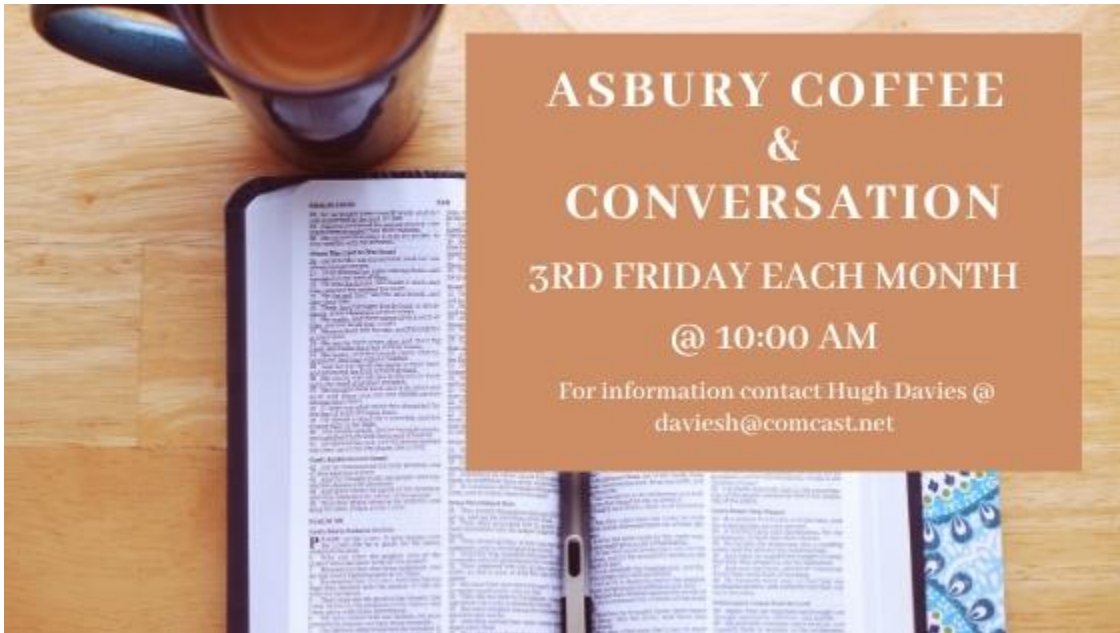


*Practicing Courage with All Your
Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*

A Living Compass Seasonal Resource

A downloadable PDF of the Living Well Through Lent 2020 will be in the upcoming Weekly “Messenger” email. Please consider this valuable resource, on your personal journey. If you need a hard copy, please let the office know @ 410-326-4948 or email communications@middlehamandstpeters.org.

Coffee and Conversation at Asbury



Come Join Us! On Friday

FEBRUARY 21st at 10:00 AM

In the Clubhouse at Asbury

We want to invite you to coffee and conversation at Asbury - which is really Bible study and relating it to our everyday life. Program leaders Dr. Charles Bennett, Claude Martin and Hugh Davies want you to know that, while our program has a foundation of Bible study (the Reading Between the Lines curriculum), our focus is on the discussion. Coffee and Conversation has been a very successful Sunday morning program following the middle service for several years. The leaders thought that it would be a great idea to bring it to

Asbury residents once a month during the week. It is also a good way to have our Middleham and St. Peter's parishioners at Asbury enjoy this program and to invite your friends.

You certainly do not have to be a student of the Bible to learn in the sessions or prepare ahead of time. All who have participated appear to enjoy the conversation. We will have coffee and munchies available.

So come join us!

Hugh, Charles, and Claude

PS – call Hugh if you have questions at 410-326-0370

Community Of Hope International For Lay Pastoral Visitors



At the joint service on January 5, 2020, 16 members of the new Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Lay Pastoral Visitors group were commissioned by Pastor Linda. The 16 members of the group began meeting in early September. Over the following weeks, they went through 14 lessons developed by the Community of Hope International for lay pastoral visitors. The instructional lessons went through different lessons such as listening skills, Benedictine spirituality, confidentiality, pastoral care for seniors, the process for bringing Holy Eucharist to individuals outside of the worship services, and other topics. The Lay Pastoral Visitors are ready now to visit with members of our parish. If desired, they can bring Eucharist to those who would like that. The visitors look forward to meeting with members of the parish. Parishioners may be unable to attend Sunday services for variety of reasons.

This could be due to not having transportation, illness, advancing years, or for other reasons. We are hoping that the Lay Pastoral Visitors can be a source of comfort for those going through changes later in life. We look forward to hearing the life stories of those parishioners and we are trained to be empathetic listeners. If someone would desire a visit from the Lay Pastoral Visitors, they are asked to call the church office at 410-326-4948. Two members of the Pastoral Visitors group will be assigned to contact that person and arrange a time to visit with them.





Deaconess
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
Ministries

PARISH HEALTH

February is Healthy Heart Month!

As most people know already, Middleham/St. Peters' Parish is now the proud owner of 3 AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators).

These life-saving machines are located:

In the **Smith Hall** hallway above the fire extinguisher,

Just inside the front door and to the left at **St. Peter's** and in the northern alcove of **Middleham Chapel**.

When we think of February, we not only think of Valentine's Day, but also Heart Health Month. Your Health Ministry team here at Middleham/St. Peter's Parish has as its primary goal to help your mind, body and spirit continue to be in good health. Some of the ways to help you maintain your heart (**body**) is to remember to watch your weight, your blood pressure, your diet and to exercise. Eating whole grains and low salt foods is always important, as well as drinking plenty of water. Where it might not be a time of year when you would think of getting out and walking, walking is one of the best exercises. The fresh, although cold, air is good and invigorating. So, a 15 -20 minute walk several times a week would be a good start. And please **let me know if you would like your BP checked**. Janet Werner is taking BP's at St. Peter's and Anne Hayes or I will be happy to take BP's at the middle service and will make arrangements for folks at the last Sunday service.

When we think of your heart, we also think of love (this would be your **mind**). It is important to love and be loved. It is always rewarding to give love to family and friends, but please remember to always love your God and **yourself**. If you need someone to talk with, please remember we have our Pastors, who may help also the Lay Pastoral Care Givers who are ready to help. Also, the Love that God has for us should move our **spirit** to always keep love in our lives.

We hope to announce the next CPR/AED class soon and also a Mental Health First Aid class. Stay tuned! **Dale Yoe, Parish Nurse**



FEBRUARY
HEART AWARENESS MONTH



FEBRUARY 15th 10:00 am - NOON
Middleham & St. Peter's Parish Hall

**This is an information class on the new
technique that is compression only.**

To reserve a space, contact Anne Hayes
@443-624-6959 or the Parish Office @410-326-4948.

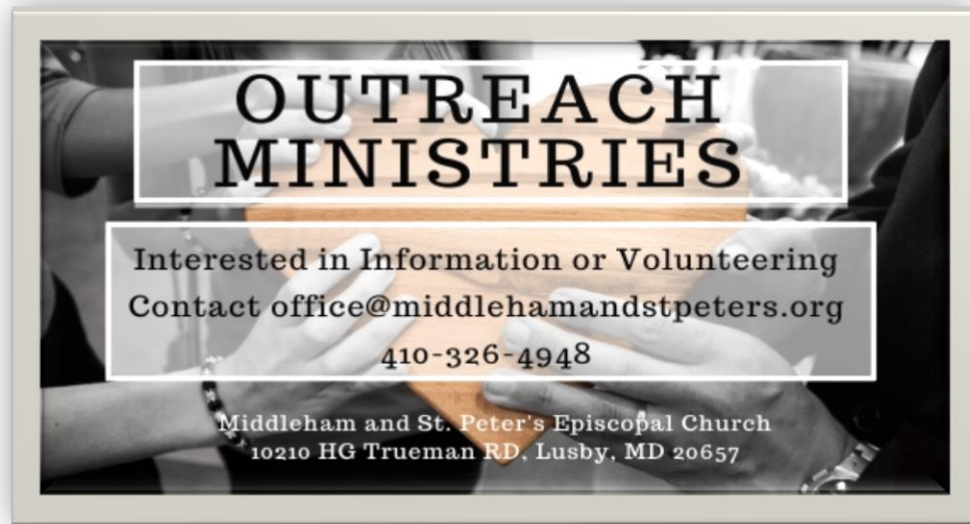
"Hands-Only" CPR, has been shown to be as effective as CPR with breaths in the first few minutes of a sudden cardiac emergency. If you do not know how to administer CPR with breaths, don't be afraid to act in an emergency; hands-only CPR can only help - and cannot hurt the victim.

This is an informational course on the new technique, it is not a CPR certification training class.

All are welcome to attend.

To reserve a space contact Anne Hayes
@ ahayes104@yahoo.com
@ 443-624-6959
Or Parish Office @ 410-326-4948

OUTREACH



SAFE NIGHTS

Safe Nights is an interfaith consortium of churches that open their hearts and church homes to the homeless for one week each beginning in November and ending on March 29, 2020. Safe Nights provides winter protection for Calvert County's homeless by offering shelter in a clean and safe environment. Host shelters provide a warm bed and breakfast, a bag lunch and dinner. Shelter hours are 7 PM to 7 AM seven days a week.

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish is helping St. Paul's host the week of March 1-7. The sign-up sheet will be in all the worship sites, for meals and overnight coverage during the month of February.

Carolyn Steiner, Outreach Coordinator

ECHO MEALS NEEDED



ECHO House is Calvert County's homeless shelter. Located in Prince Frederick, it is a non-profit ecumenical organization supported by over 20 Calvert County churches. Since 2003, we have provided the evening meal on the fourth Monday of every month. Many parishioners, individually or in groups – including our youth groups – have fixed meals.

Meals can be simple – a casserole or soup, or it can be a meat-starch-vegetable meal. Generally a dessert and a gallon or two of some sort of juice or milk are included. What complicates the meal is that there typically are about 40 residents in the shelter. It is becoming common for two or three families to get together to do a meal. Thanks to a grant from the Endowment Fund, \$40 can be reimbursed per month to someone making a meal.

At this time of publication only June has been selected to provide for.

Contact Anne Gross to sign-up for an available month. 410-326-4948 or office@middlehamandstpeters.org

HeartFELT

HEARTFELT NEEDS



The HeartFELT backpack team is in need of a volunteer to assemble individual bags of donated bread 2 days per month for about 1 hour. The commitment is for the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9 AM at Solomons United Methodist Church. Bagging takes about 1 hour and there is a current volunteer to assist.

If interested, please contact Elizabeth Broadus.
elizabethruggles@comcast.net

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.

Food Distribution



The Kale continues. Around 30 bags to 50 pounds of fresh picked Kale is dropped off every Saturday morning at SMILE Food Pantry. Bees are ok and enjoy the warm weather.





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.

The theme for February 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.

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

“Evening Meditation”

Evening Meditation will be held each month on the
1st 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.



For information – Ellie Steveling 443-404-8398 or

info@somdmeditationcommunity.org




ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2020




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>"People forget what you said and what you did. But they never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou</p>						<div style="background-color: #007bff; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you </div>
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<div style="background-color: #17a2b8; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 9 Put away digital devices & really focus on who you're with </div>	<div style="background-color: #6c757d; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 10 Try to involve others and invite them to join your conversations </div>	<div style="background-color: #28a745; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 11 Smile at the people you're with and try to brighten their day </div>	<div style="background-color: #17a2b8; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 12 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost </div>	<div style="background-color: #6c757d; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 13 Be kind especially when your first instinct is to be unkind </div>	<div style="background-color: #6c757d; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 14 Tell loved ones why they are so special to you </div>	<div style="background-color: #28a745; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 15 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a stranger </div>
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<div style="background-color: #28a745; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 23 Take time to speak with a neighbour and get to know them </div>	<div style="background-color: #6c757d; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 24 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else </div>	<div style="background-color: #6c757d; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 25 Make positive comments to as many people as possible today </div>	<div style="background-color: #6c757d; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 26 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why </div>	<div style="background-color: #28a745; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 27 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust </div>	<div style="background-color: #17a2b8; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 28 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise </div>	<div style="background-color: #007bff; color: white; padding: 5px;"> 29 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones </div>

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS







www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys



Middleham and
St. Peter's Parish

COMMUNITY LABYRINTH FUNDRAISER

OUR GOAL IN ORDER TO
BREAK GROUND
SPRING 2020 IS \$7800

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Middleham & St. Peter's Parish
10210 HG Trueman RD Lusby MD 20657
Mail checks to P.O. Box 277, Lusby, MD 20657



Picture similar to our
design.

***At this time, we have \$4,100 towards our goal.
Please consider supporting the Labyrinth project, so we can
break ground this year.***



Sunday, February 2nd @ 10:00 AM Joint Service in Smith Hall – Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 2nd & 16th @ 4:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop 5145

Monday, February 3rd, 10th & 24th @ 9:00 AM HeartFELT volunteers welcome

Tuesday, February 4th @ 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th @ 11:00 AM Bible Study

Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:30 PM Evening Meditation in Smith Hall - Open to all

Wednesday, February 5th @ 9:30 AM Big Conversation Partners Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM JobSOURCE Van @ SMILE

Wednesday, February 5th @ 6:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684

Thursday, February 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th @ Bell Choir

Thursday, February 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th @ 7:00 PM Education For Ministry (EFM)

Sunday, February 9th @ 5:00 PM Youth Group

Tuesday, February 11th @ 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep time, volunteers needed

Wednesday, February 12th @ 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM A Nurse Practitioner and the Health Van, sponsored by Calvert Memorial Hospital, will be at SMILE.

Thursday, February 13th @ 6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting

Thursday, February 13th by Noon Asbury Fellowship Reservations due

Friday, February 15th @ 10:00 AM "Hands-Only" CPR Informational Class

Monday, February 17th President's Day Offices Are Closed

Monday, February 17th @ Noon Asbury Episcopal Fellowship

Monday, February 17th @ 6:00 PM COHI Meeting

Monday February 17th @ 6:30 PM Musica Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 18th @ 9:00 AM HeartFELT volunteers welcome

Wednesday, February 19th HIV Van @ SMILE 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, February 19th @ 9:30 AM Big Conversation Steering Committee

Thursday, February 20th @ 1:00 PM Daughters of the King & Farewell for Susie Cook who is moving to Florida next month to be closer to her daughter, please share event.

Friday, February 21st @ 10:00 AM Asbury Coffee and Conversation

February 25th @ 5:00 PM SHROVE TUESDAY – Pancake Supper

February 26th ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM Middleham Chapel & 7:00 PM St. Peter's Chapel



**ASH WEDNESDAY
SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY
26TH 2020**

9:00 AM Middleham Chapel
10210 HG Trueman RD
Lusby, MD 20657

7:00 PM St. Peter's Chapel
14590 Solomons Island Road S.
Solomons, MD 20688

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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.

March 1, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Lent - Joint Service in Smith Hall.

April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday - Joint Service in Smith Hall.

May 3, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Joint Service in Smith Hall.

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**“The Deadline For Submissions”
MARCH CONNECTOR EDITION IS
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH**

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.**

When Calvert County Schools are on a two-hour delay or closed due to inclement weather, Healing Service on Wednesdays at St. Peter's Chapel and Bible Study on Tuesdays at the Parish Hall will not be held.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bryan Carpenter	02/01
Cheri Campbell	02/02
Lauren Rivers	02/05
Michael Stanton	02/06
Rick Greenlee	02/07
Elizabeth Broadus	02/10
John Wagner	02/12
Janet Werner	02/12
Justin Forrest	02/13
Betty Miller	02/13
Ryan Jedrey	02/14
Joshua Patten	02/15
Mark Converse	02/17
Grace Korn	02/18
Melissa Chapman Lopez	02/19
Charles Bennett	02/21
Katie Briggs	02/22
Caitlin Whelan	02/22
Stuart Simmons Jr	02/26
Elizabeth Miller	02/28





FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Karen Wilson	02/24
Christopher & Colleen Davies	02/29

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!

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 JOINT SERVICE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 9:30 Breakfast 10:00 AM APM 10:30 Service 4:00 PM Girl Scouts 5145	3 9:00 AM HEARTFELT Packing 6:00 PM AA Meeting	4 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting	5 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 9:30 AM BC Partners Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM JobSource Van 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting	6 7:00 PM EFM	7	8 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
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