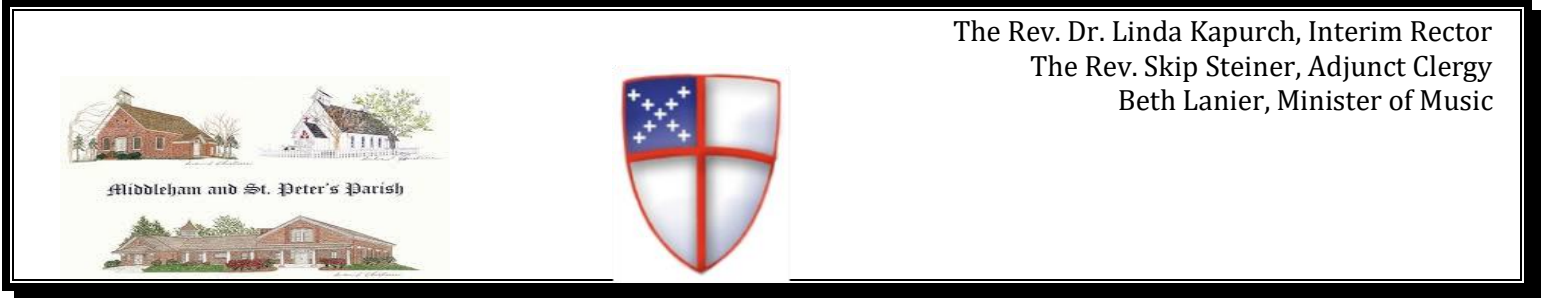


The **CONNECTOR**

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JULY 2020

WE HAVE A NEW RECTOR!!!

On behalf of the Vestry, I am very pleased and excited to announce to the Parish that we have called our new Rector! His name is Reverend Nathan A. Beall (pronounced Bell).

Father Nathan is a native of Maryland with three generations of family currently living in Calvert County. After discerning a call to the priesthood while a student at St. Mary's College of Maryland, he attended seminary at Berkeley Divinity School (The Episcopal Seminary at Yale) in New Haven, Connecticut, where he also served as a missionary at the Church of the Ascension in the Hill neighborhood. After completing seminary, he returned to St. Mary's County to serve as Episcopal Campus Minister at St. Mary's College and Assistant to the Rector at St. Mary's Parish. Here he lived in the brown house, a community house dedicated to daily prayer, gardening, and hospitality. In 2019, he spent a year as a volunteer at Hilfield Friary, an Anglican Franciscan community in southwest England focused on prayer and conservation work. While at Hilfield, he met his fiancée, Hong Kyunghee (Hee), who is from

South Korea. Nathan and Hee hope to marry in the coming year, and look forward to serving at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish together.

I would like to extend my indescribable thanks to the Search Committee, the Profile Committee and the Vestry for their thoughtful and prayerful participation in the search process, especially in these most extraordinary times. We should all be grateful for the spiritual guidance of the Holy Spirit which has brought Father Nathan to Middleham and St. Peter's Parish at this time. I'm sure once you meet him, you will agree that he is a good fit for MSP.

Father Nathan will begin his ministry with us at the beginning of September. More details of his arrival will be offered as they materialize, as well as how we will officially bid farewell to Reverend Dr. Linda Kapurch, who has served us so well during this interim. For now we can be assured that we are all looking forward to a future of so many possibilities as we begin our journey together with Father Nathan on a path God has laid out for us.

Blessings,

Joan Shisler

Senior Warden



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“Spirituality in a Time of Stress:”

Reflections on Silence and Solitude

As a way of giving you some broad-brush strokes of how MSP’s Leadership is navigating the COVID-19 pandemic this summer, I would like to weave these thoughts on ***silence and solitude*** into our Parish’s present landscape. Taking my cue from the title of Bishop Sutton’s recent meditation to Clergy and Lay Leaders (Diocesan Zoom Check-in, June 17), they are three separate meditations on one single theme.

The first is from Simon and Garfunkel’s ‘Sounds of Silence:’ *Hello darkness my old friend, I’ve come to talk with you again...And the vision that was planted in my brain still remains, within the sound of silence.* Although many of us are eager to ‘get back to church,’ and to ‘see each other again,’ we remain in an unmistakable period of ***silence***. Our Bishops have given churches the authority to enter into what they call, ‘the Orange phase’ (of re-entry and re-gathering.) This phase is summarized succinctly on our Diocesan Website (episcopalmaryland.org) as one of ‘significantly limited LIVE in-person gatherings and public use of (the) property.’ Accordingly, we will maintain the same robust schedule of ON-LINE, SUNDAY Worship Services that we have started ever since the pandemic begun. (You can read further about these Services in our *Weekly* newsletter.) As Bishop Sutton cautiously put it, the Diocese of Maryland is “keeping to the science,” i.e., there is no rush to re-open for LIVE, IN-PERSON Services while the Corona Virus continues to rage throughout our communities, country, and

world. Moreover, the spiritual practice and discipline of engaging **silence only** strengthens us for this longer haul—which scientists warn is likely coming with a ‘second wave.’

Secondly, from Henri Noewen (1932 – 1996): *Friendship, marriage, family, religious life, and every other form of community is **solitude** greeting **solitude**, spirit speaking to spirit, and heart calling to heart. It is the grateful recognition of God’s call to share life together...Indeed, under the leadership of Vestry and Parish Lay Leaders, our community has enabled this ‘solitude greeting solitude’—connections within our parish have been strengthened through the Caring Network, the Lay Pastoral Visitors (whose ‘visits’ are now restricted to phone calls/texts/ZOOM), the monthly Food Drops, the weekly Big Conversations. That someone whom you’ve been longing to see again is only a phone call, letter, or drive-by wave away! Out of the depths of (some would say, ‘enforced’) **solitude**, comes a new and more vibrant ‘grateful recognition of God’s’ call to share life together...’ COVID-19 has **not** diminished our call to ‘be church’ to one another. If anything else, the riches that come out of prolonged **solitude** only serve to enrich our ‘friendships, marriages, family, and religious lives.’*

Lastly, this prayer from Fr. Thomas Keating (1923 – 2018), inviting us to *actually* pray for the gift and grace of **silence** and **solitude**: *My Lord and my God, you always called your friends to come apart and spend time with you in solitude. We have heard that call and seek to be alone with you who came to us and made your dwelling place in us...May our prayer be one with that of all persons throughout the world who are in **solitude** and stillness, so that we may form a **silent** hymn of praise and glory to you...*

Sisters and brothers in Christ~ we remain in a highly dangerous and vulnerable time—by all of the scientific indicators that we have. Rest assured that *the vision that was planted...in our brain—remains*. I and your Vestry remain committed to taking those decisions that will, one day, re-open MSP in a safe and healthy way. Please let I or any member of the Vestry know of your thoughts and concerns. Meanwhile, together with our sisters and brothers throughout the Diocese, we will STAY CALM...STAY CONNECTED...STAY CHURCH. To God be All the Glory!

Faithfully, Pastor LindaK+



THE LABYRINTH

A labyrinth is not a maze. There are no dead ends, no wrong turns, no puzzling paths and no navigational challenges. A labyrinth is a form of walking meditation, spiraling its participants towards its center on one path that moves from the outer edge to the center and back out again. Walking the circling pathways is said to bring inner peace and well-being. Walking a labyrinth focuses the mind and creates a balance to the right and left hemispheres of the brain. When you walk a labyrinth you center yourself by letting your body know you're about to walk a path and take a spiritual journey. Your left brain knows the directions – relax, walk in and walk out, the path is clear. Your right brain, the intuitive side, is then free to help you find what you are seeking, whether it's an answer to a question, to release tension and stress, or simply to heal your spirit.

No one really knows where labyrinths came from but they have been found in many cultures and traced back over 4,000 years. There is evidence that ideograms were carved into rock faces across Neolithic and Bronze-Age Europe. The ideogram appeared on Etruscan vases from c. 550-B.C. One of the most popular patterns is a 7-circuit classical labyrinth, so called because the path creates seven concentric rings around the center, which first appeared in a tablet from Pylos, Greece, dated 1200 B.C. In the Middle Ages labyrinths were constructed in European Cathedrals and used as an alternative to actually traveling on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The world's most famous labyrinth is the 11-circuit pattern labyrinth from A.D. 1201, inlaid in the floor of the

cathedral at Chartres, France. The concept and interpretations of the labyrinth has evolved since ancient times, but the same identical symbol is found in many countries and major religious traditions around the world including India, Egypt, Scandinavia, Crete, Sumeria, North and South America, Australia, the British Isles, Italy and France. Today, Sweden has the distinction of being home to the highest number of walkable labyrinths in the world.

Labyrinths are an enigmatic mystery because walking a labyrinth can exude healing powers that are inexplicable. Walking a labyrinth is a metaphor for life. It represents a spiritual journey, venturing to the center point and to a place where you can tap into your innermost being and then returning to the world with a broader sense of who you are. When you walk a labyrinth you will journey towards the center with unique and unexpected twists and turns, often brushing past others going their own way at their own paces, and all the while learning lessons and seeing sights along the path. All you have to do is put one foot in front of the other and you will eventually end up where you are supposed to be. The journey on the path of the labyrinth, as in life, is one of trust that God will show you the way. The labyrinth's geometric pattern is an archetypal form that somehow quiets your deep inner being so you can hear your own wisdom and the wisdom attempting to reach you. This pattern is a powerful tool for reflection, meditation, healing and realignment grounded in consciousness itself. So when you are seeking answers to specific questions, general stress relief, solace or balance of a physical or mental nature, walking a labyrinth will help you clear your mind, allow you to breathe better and bring you where you need to go. Labyrinths are designed to help you find your way.

Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when you choose to walk a labyrinth:

1. Take some time before your walk to reflect on where you are in your life and what you need from this experience. You can center yourself by letting your body know you're about to walk this path.
2. Focus your walk with intention. Whether you are seeking answers to specific questions, general stress relief or solace, hoping to heal emotional or physical wounds, giving praise or thanksgiving, trying to find a way to take the next step in your life or simply seeking some time alone, walking the labyrinth clears the mind and will impart peace as the body moves along the path.
3. Know that there is no right or wrong way to walk the labyrinth. Be open to experiencing what is before you, whatever it is.
4. Follow your natural impulses and find your own pace; the labyrinth is a two-way street and you are encouraged to pass people in front of you if you feel like going more quickly or allow them to pass you if your pace is slower.
5. Generally there are three stages to walking the labyrinth, which can be remembered as "The Three Rs." :

Releasing: On the way in towards the center, focus on letting go of anything distracting you from the present moment. Breathe in and out. You can go directly to the center however you choose, taking the path slowly with pauses or more directly without stopping.

Receiving: When you reach the center, stop for as long as you would like and open your mind and heart to whatever is there for you to receive, which at the very least will be a greater sense of self.

Returning: The way out of the labyrinth is to follow the same path back out the way you came in, but in doing so you are taking back out into the world that which you have received. This is a good time for reflecting on the

experience, contemplating the answers you have been given and formulating new intentions for the life journey that begins when you leave the labyrinth. If you walk the labyrinth with full dedication, you won't be the same upon exiting.

As many of you will remember, our YAC (Young Adults in the Church) class of 2008 and leaders built a labyrinth behind the cemetery. It was quite an undertaking and they did a really good job. The youth were Hannah Batong, Rachel Beck, Mason Garland and Jamie Truitt. The leaders were John Wilson and Nancy Warren. There is still a plaque marking its presence although it has long since sunken in place. They did, however, ignite a spark that created a longing for a sacred space on the grounds, which led us to install the new labyrinth at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish. This new labyrinth is a 28 foot Abingdon a la Chartres Neo-Medieval 7 circuit Labyrinth. The template for the labyrinth was generously given by Deb and Mark Berger. This new labyrinth constructed by McHale Landscape Design, Inc. can be found directly behind the columbarium on the Lusby campus near Middleham Chapel and the cemetery, almost adjacent to its predecessor. We would like to honor and applaud the many people who gave generously to fund the new labyrinth project, without whom we would not have this amazing, spiritual sanctuary in our midst. We hope it will be a place where the entire community of Calvert County and anyone visiting from near and far will come to enjoy a time of solitude, comfort and joy, taking a moment to pause, breathe deeply, and feel the stress and anxiety of life float away.

Joan Shisler for the Labyrinth Committee



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Words from Fr. Greg Syler, Saturday June 13, 2020.

"Later today, starting at 3pm in St. John's Church, Ellicott City, MD, our friend Laura Carpenter will be ordained a Deacon in Christ's one, holy, and catholic church. Many of you will recall that Laura served among us at Ascension & St. George's for the better part of six months last year, fulfilling an internship for her diaconal formation program for the Diocese of Maryland. Laura led corporate worship, preached regularly, came to know and further love you, the People of Ascension & St. George's, and took initiative to help develop the Community of Hope International training program for lay pastoral caregivers.

I am excited for Laura and, frankly, I am excited for The Episcopal Church -- that God's blessing will continue to fill Laura's heart and be known through her life, and that she will be made an ordained leader in Christ's church! I am further grateful that Deacon Marty and I, together, get to serve among those who "present" Laura for ordination."

Fr. Greg Syler

CONGRATULATIONS
Reverend Dr. Laura Carpenter

Saturday June 13, 2020 at 3:00 PM





Greetings Middleham and St Peters,

I wanted to update you all with where I am at in my Postulancy process. I was able to finish out my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) unit through John Hopkins as of last week. As a Chaplain Intern at Anne Arundel Medical Center, we were asked to refrain from in

person clinical hours at the hospital back in March due to COVID 19 protocols, but our unit was able to finish out the CPE program via zoom class meetings. What a wild time to have participated in the Chaplaincy--I was truly formed by the process and feel privileged that I was able to serve with amazing peers at AAMC. This August, I will start Virginia Theological Seminary's M.Div program as an off campus commuter. VTS plans to start the August term online, with the hopes of meeting in person (in small groups) for the Fall semester. I request your prayers, as this adventure takes on a new dimension in the backdrop of the pandemic, and I continue to say prayers for all of you as you find new ways to connect and support each other during this transitional time.

With Gratitude,

Charity Humm

June 30, 2020 Update

News from Bishop Sutton

Moved into Orange Phase after May 31st.
Color Coded Diocesan Guidelines for Regathering.

[CLICK FOR THE PDF ALSO LOCATED IN RESOURCES ON MSP WEBSITE](#)

News from Governor Hogan

Maryland Gov. Hogan Phase 2 of Recovery Plan, additional reopenings for Friday, June 12th and June 19th at 5:00 PM.

[Maryland Executive Order Amendments as of 06-10-2020](#)

***Live-streamed Holy Eucharist service from Smith Hall at 8:30 AM.**

[Middleham and St. Peter's FaceBook Page](#)

[Middleham and St. Peter's YouTube Channel](#)

*There is an offering on **Sunday Mornings Prayer Online** worship opportunity hosted by Rev. Greg Syler, Pastor Linda Kapurch and Laura Carpenter
Log-on or call in to our ZOOM online Morning Prayer by or before 10 am Sunday morning.

<https://zoom.us/j/814070929> (Meeting ID: 814 070 929)

or call 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID 814 070 929).

***Bishop Sutton** is asking that all throughout the diocese pray with him each Sunday, at 11 am as Holy Eucharist will be LIVE-STREAMED from the **Cathedral of the Incarnation**.

[LIVE-STREAMED from the Cathedral of the Incarnation](#)

*Join the Maryland Diocese every **Tuesday** for **NOON DAY PRAYER**.

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

The **Caring Network** is continuing to call parishioners on a weekly basis. If you are not receiving a phone call, please contact Diane Davies. 410-326-0370 daviesd@comcast.net

If you or someone you know should be on our prayer list please send it to office@middlehamandstpeters.org or daviesd@comcast.net

We hope all are staying safe and well. In the words of **Psalm 46** - We are all being held in a much greater love. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...

If you are able to please consider mailing in your pledge (P.O. Box 277 Lusby, MD 20657) or using our online giving option with Vanco through a link on our website.

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

The diocese also has an option where folks could continue paying their pledges through the diocese and the diocese in turn would inform the churches of monies received.

<https://episcopalmaryland.org/my-offering/>

If you are having trouble accessing or logging on to view online worship opportunities, logging into zoom etc., please let us know and we will help you. Call Jim Yoe - 443-975-6797

If you have any questions, concerns or pastoral needs, please let us know. Thank you for your patience and stay healthy!

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Please remember during this time when Sunday worship at our locations is not possible, that you can mail in your weekly pledge if convenient.

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Also we have our online giving option through Vanco.

[Middleham and St. Peter's Online Giving Option Steps](#)



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PRAYER LIST

Peace For Our Nation And Pray There Will Be No More Hurt Among All.

Lisa Greenlee
Curtis Moore
Mary Beth Dent
Jayci Dale
Richard Dale
The Spencer Family
Helen and Lawrence She
Dan and Mary Heflebower
Tom Moorman
Dr. Joseph Kapurch
Dr. Caitlin Kapurch
Nick Lemaster
Julie Kapurch
Wenda Yenson
June Bessette
Rita Kapurch
Peggy Hovermale
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Dana King
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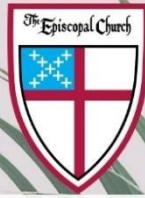
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David Schul
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Phyllis Duff
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Kotterwas Family
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Joan Agar
Donna Clark
Sue Ellen
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Jim Yoe
Rose Long
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Wendy Clowser
Cathy Prusia
Tom and Lil Lauterbach
Joyce Barony
Morris Dent
Judy Windham
Janet Peterson
Wilma Garcia
Judy Seymour
Pat Oliff
Vivian Kilsheimer
Paul Miller
Betty Fuqua
Richie Peake
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Adrah Payne
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PRAYER LIST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Chris Parkinson
Joshua Kellerward
James Butler
Michael Taxiera
Matthew Blackwelder
Ryan Dement
Lisa Tomlinson
Brandon Marshall
RJ Brinegar
Jared Goff
Trey Fisher
Joseph Entzian
Isiah Jefferson
David Schul
Austin Cole
Thomas Parks
Wendy L. Love
David Thomas

Bruce Ussery
Adam Smith
Calvin Davies
Jaret Dement
David Tonacci
David Townsend
Renaldo Ramirez
Michael Ursic
Miles Manchester
TJ Dillon
Mason Garland
Andrew Terhark
Karl Townsend
Travis Park
Austin Libby
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**Letter to Editor, June 2020
Conversation Creates Understanding and
Leads to Sustainable Action**

This is a time of crisis in our country. Not only are we experiencing a worldwide pandemic which is exposing serious inequities in our healthcare system, but we are once again witnessing racial injustice in our policing and justice systems. With the murder of yet another black man, George Floyd, we are confronted with the tragic toll of inequity in our society. It has led to protests, riots and fear. In spite of the unrest and uncertainty, this is a time for opportunity. It all starts with conversation – the opportunity to sit with one-another and share, honestly and deeply, the experience of our individual and collective lives. Dialogue is where understanding materializes, relationships form, and people are empowered to do the work that will contribute to justice for all.

The Big Conversation Partners for Dismantling Racism and Privilege (BC-DRaP) in Southern Maryland have worked to create a space where honest and open conversations can transpire between diverse community members. In previous Big Conversations we have examined the impact of racism and privilege in our individual lives and acknowledge the resultant systemic disparities such as in our public school systems. We have also looked at mass incarceration of African Americans in our justice system. We have offered workshops on bias.

These conversations can lead to realization, acknowledgement and understanding of the realities of life in America in the 21st Century. Acknowledging institutional racism is the first step to dismantling it, and that is where the opportunity lies in ourselves and in our community. By connecting people, policy, and history, we can illuminate structural racism that permeates our institutions. We can begin to turn the pain and frustration of hundreds of years of oppression into a more just future for everyone.

Conversations can lead to change in ourselves and our community. These and similar conversations over the past ten years have contributed to community awareness and concrete changes in policy.

The next communitywide Big Conversation, “Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care (In)Equity”, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 13. It will address inequities in health care that results in worsening health and decreased life expectancy of African Americans and people of color. This program is supported in part by a grant from Maryland Humanities. In the coming weeks, look for other small group workshop opportunities offered by the BC-DRaP before the annual event in September.

The BC-DRaP is sponsored by Middleham and St. Peter’s Parish along with the following partners: All Saints Episcopal Church, Calvert County Public Schools, Calvert Library, Calvert Branch of NAACP, Charles County NAACP, Community Mediation Centers of Calvert and St. Mary’s Counties, Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co, Emmanuel SDA Church, Remnant Center of Excellence, Inc., St. Mary’s NAACP, St. Mary’s County Public Schools, and Patuxent Friends (Quaker) Meeting.

The Big Conversation Partnership encourages all of us to think broadly, listen actively, and pray boldly for equity and justice.

Diane Davies BC-DRaP Chairperson
Solomons, Md

Southern MD Big Conversation

**Many Wounds to Heal:
Health Care (In) Equity
How does it affect me?**



Save the Date

Sunday, September 13, 2020 2 - 5 pm

Hear an expert panel address:

- ❖ Historical inequities in Southern Maryland healthcare
- ❖ Implicit bias in healthcare delivery
- ❖ Systemic / environmental impact on health outcomes
- ❖ Lack of trust in healthcare due to personal and / or historical grievance

Followed by small group discussions:

More information coming soon. For questions contact bigconmsp@gmail.com



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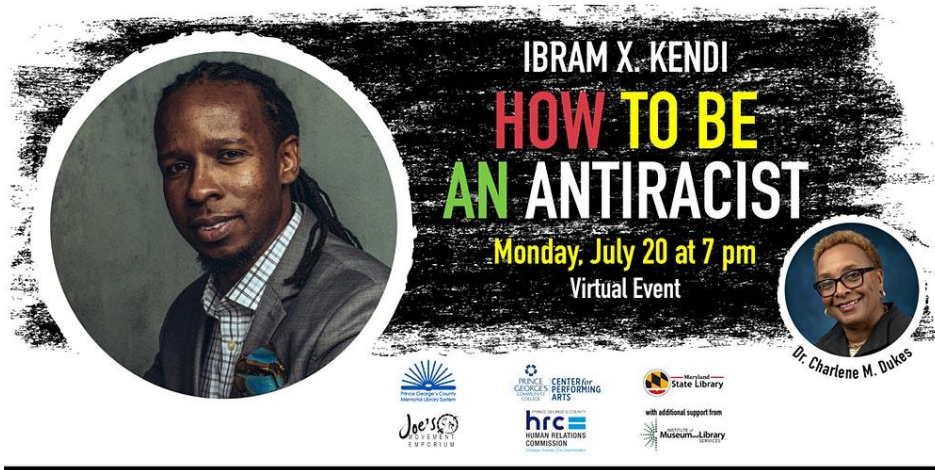
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National Book Award winner and New York Times bestselling author Ibram X.

Kendi discusses "How to Be an Antiracist."



About this Event

2019 Guggenheim Fellow and New York Times bestselling author Ibram X. Kendi will discuss his renowned book "How to Be an Antiracist" on Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Charlene M. Dukes, president of Prince George's Community College. Dr. Dukes is the first African-American woman to serve as president of the College and has 30 years of progressive leadership experience and administrative responsibility in higher education. The conversation will be streamed live online on Crowdcast, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter/Periscope, and will air on PGCC TV on a later date.

Praised as "The most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind" (New York Times), Kendi's groundbreaking work has provided a major new counterpoint in the national conversation about race in America and resonates in this, our collective moment of reckoning.

Ibram X. Kendi is a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author, a professor of history, and the founding director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. He is a columnist at

The Atlantic and a correspondent with CBS News. He is the author of five books including “Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America,” which won the National Book Award for Nonfiction; “How to Be an Antiracist”; “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You,” co-authored with Jason Reynolds; and “Antiracist Baby,” illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky.

In the lead-up to this event, the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System and Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission will discuss “How To Be an Antiracist” and its call to action on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. as part of their “[The Elephant We Don’t See: A Diversity Dialogue](#)” Series. Register for that discussion [here](#).

This special event is presented by a consortium of organizations based in Prince George’s County and Maryland, including Joe’s Movement Emporium, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System and PGCMLS Foundation, Prince George’s Community College's Center for Performing Arts, Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission, and Maryland State Library, with generous support from Wells Fargo.

Ibram X. Kendi’s appearance is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Maryland State Library.

The following Maryland public libraries are co-presenters of this virtual event: Allegany County Library System, Anne Arundel County Public Library, Calvert Library, Caroline County Public Library, Carroll County Public Library, Charles County Public Library, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Howard County Library System, Kent County Public Library, and the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County.

Copies of the “How to Be an Antiracist” ebook and audiobook are available through the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System and partner libraries.

For PGCMLS Customers

Borrow the ebook: <https://pgcmls.overdrive.com/media/4591699>

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“How to Be an Antiracist” by Ibram X. Kendi may be purchased through Loyalty Books.

<https://www.loyaltybookstores.com/book/9780525509288>

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to live in Maryland or Prince George's County in order to participate?

No, this is a virtual event that is open to the public, regardless of residency.

Will Dr. Kendi appear in-person in Prince George's County?

No, this is a virtual event only.

Is there a cap on attendance?

There is no maximum capacity for the Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter/Periscope streams.

When will I receive the direct broadcast links?

The direct links will be emailed to all registrants by Friday, July 17.

How can I request an accommodation?

Please contact pr@pgcmls.info by Friday, July 17 with accommodation requests.

Will this event be captioned?

Yes, there will be live captions for this event. Additional details will be provided with the broadcast links by Friday, July 17.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

As we wrap up the school year, I think it's important to note how amazing and resilient our youth has been in the last few months of unrest and unknown. I have never been more proud of these students, and at the time of my typing this up, they are still moving forward to bigger and better things despite having quite a few hurdles thrown their way. They have been able to not only finish their academic school year, but they have also obtained driver's licenses and employment. They have done all of this with the utmost determination and I have been extremely fortunate to get to watch them virtually on zoom every week. We have decided to continue to meet on zoom for the foreseeable future, as it has given us a very welcomed escape from the world around us, and a place where we can come together and just find peace.

We have also decided to begin in reach projects again, within reason. We would love to assist the parish with their needs, so long as we can accomplish them in a safe manner for all. So, send your requests to myself or Jim Yoe and we will determine if it's something that we can arrange to help with. The youth have also begun to assist in the live stream efforts of the church service. Although they are not on the screen, they are learning the behind the scenes work of the audio, visual, and technical aspects of the current set up.

It has been quite an eventful year, but I just wanted to make sure that as we close this Sunday School year, everyone knows just how extremely wonderful and proud I am of every single student.

You have truly brightened my week, inspired me, and are going to do big things. Congratulations on the end of your school years, and I hope to meet in person again soon. Until then... I'll see you in Thursday School :)

Anne Hayes, Youth Ministry

EfM

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

EfM has been in the Parish over 25 years and graduated more than 35 participants from Middleham/St. Peter's and other local churches. We will recognize our 2 newest graduates and invite past Students and inquirers to join us on August 27th. at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. More information on EFM and possible scholarships will be discussed. This year I plan to start the first session on September 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We meet almost every Thursday through mid-May.

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

***Bill Miller,
Certified EfM Mentor***



Coffee and Conversation at Asbury

Come Join Us! By Zoom on Friday JULY 17th at 10:00 am

We will send you the study materials and zoom instructions the week before the meeting. 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.

Call Hugh if you have questions at 410-326-0370.

daviesh@comcast.net

Hugh Davies, Charles Bennett and Claude Martin

PARISH HEALTH



Deaconess
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
Ministries

I thought I'd let the people of our Parish know that a lot of things have been going on that might not get noticed. As a member of the **Homeless Services Board**, I sometimes see another side of things. The board consists of many agencies:

The Interagency Council, Calvert Family Advocates, SMILE, the Community Life Center, the Health Dept. and Behavioral Dept., Cal. Co. Schools, Safe nights, the Sheriff's Office, The Community Ministry of Cal. Co, Core Service Agency, Community Resources of Cal. Co., Lifestyles and more.

The **H.S.** board has a goal of finding affordable housing for those less fortunate. The Community Life Center was approached by the Calvert Family Advocates and Social Services to help a family they are working with. For our part, we were asked if we could help them also by finding a suitable mattress set for them. The CLC did provide the funds for the mattress as well as sheets and pillows. In another case SMILE and other non-profit agencies were able to help a family who after the loss of an infant were in need of beds, towels, etc. for their other 5 children. In a matter of a few hours after the word went out- the needed items were procured.

Did you know that there is a new house in Calvert County for recovering men? It has 24-hour peer support and an affordable cost.

This is what a Christian community looks like- People helping People. We can only do so many things virtually, but it is my hope that we continue to give back to our Community- in the food distribution as we have done, but in finding the housing, and furnishings that everyone needs. Keep safe!

Dale Yoe, Parish Nurse



CalvertHealth

Community Wellness

FREE COVID-19 Screening and Testing

For those without insurance who qualify

Presented by CalvertHealth Medical Center

Wednesday, July 1st

5-7:30 p.m.

Chesapeake Church, Huntingtown
Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry

- Maryland Health Exchange will be onsite to assist with insurance
- **FREE** medical screening with Chris Costabile PA-C
- Interpreters available
- Navigation to follow-up care and resources

OTHER DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Wednesday, July 8 | Lusby Town Center, WEIS Shopping Center
5-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 15 | Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Front Gate
5-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 29 | St. John Vianney Food Pantry 3-6 p.m.

For more information, call 410.535.8233.

[CalvertHealthMedicine.org/MobileHealthCenter](https://www.CalvertHealthMedicine.org/MobileHealthCenter)

OUTREACH



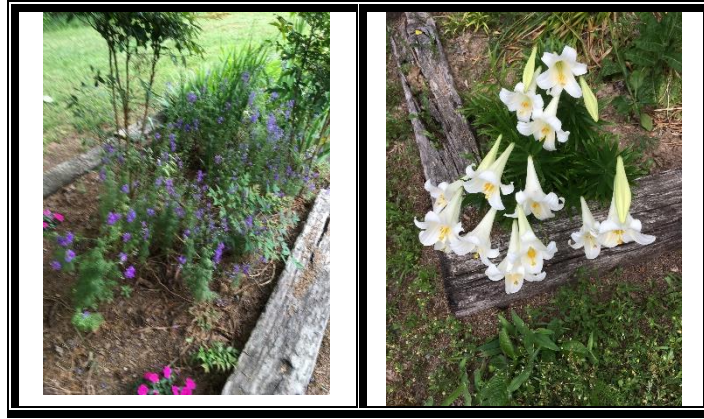
Carolyn Steiner, Outreach Coordinator

The Food Distribution was very successful on June 16th. The Maryland Food Bank shipped 7,000 pounds of food for the parish to distribute. It all arrived in boxes this time so no sorting was needed. Approximately 350 boxes of USDA procured produce to 179 families composed of 802 individuals. Deliveries were made by volunteer drivers to the homes of families.

Mark and Kristin organized the entire process including arranging all of the home deliveries. We were also joined by volunteers from Southpoint Church.

Mark Pesola - mark_pesola@hotmail.com





Beautiful blooms continue in Grace's Garden



The parish garden is off to a wonderful start. The tomato plants and other types are growing well.

Mark and Kristin have been working very hard to create a bountiful harvest.



Food Drop Delivery Driver Opportunity- Safely Help Others

We need volunteers to deliver Food provided by Maryland Food Bank to recipient homes. No-contact food pick-up at church, food is dropped off outside of recipient homes to avoid contact, routes include up to 5 closely grouped addresses in SMILE service area. If interested and would like more detail or are ready to sign up as a driver.

Please contact Mark Pesola at mark_pesola@hotmail.com



Update from MSP Coordinator

CCPS Meal Distribution to Continue through the Summer

Calvert County Public Schools is pleased to announce that meal distribution sites will remain open to families throughout the summer months. Thanks to the extension of additional waivers by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Grab 'n Go meal program will continue to operate at all four current locations. Distribution of 5-day meal kits will take place weekly on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The distribution sites are:

Windy Hill Middle School Parking Lot (bus drop-off area)
9560 Boyds Turn Rd. Owings, MD 20736

Calvert High School Parking Lot:
520 Fox Run Blvd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678
GPS Address: 600 Dares Beach Rd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Southern Middle School Parking Lot:
9615 H.G. Trueman Rd. Lusby, MD 20657

Patuxent High School Parking Lot:
12485 Southern Connector Blvd. Lusby, MD 20657

Families may choose whichever location is most convenient.

Elizabeth Broadus, MSP Coordinator for HEARTFELT

Calvert County Online Market



Shop with the Calvert County Farmers Market Association from the convenience of your home. Calvert's farmers, ranchers and producers

update their offerings weekly. Market products include: Meats, eggs, produce, herbs, baked goods, wine, beer and soaps. Shop Thursday-Sunday for pickup the following Friday at Cardinal Creek Plant Farm in Prince Frederick. Delivery options also available. The Calvert County Farmers Market Association can also be found on their [Facebook Page](#).



Date: Tuesdays
Time: 2:30-6:30 p.m.
Place: CalvertHealth Medical Center

Respecting social distancing requirements, the market will be drive-thru. Shoppers will have a few minutes at each stand to place their orders and should have payment ready to expedite the process. Some, but not all, vendors accept credit card payment. Please have multiple forms of payment available. Happy shopping!



If you use the Forward Day by Day booklet for your daily devotions, please let Anne Gross, 410-610-2706, know. Anne will mail a copy of the August - October edition to you as soon as they arrive. Please specify whether you use the regular or large print version. Thank you.



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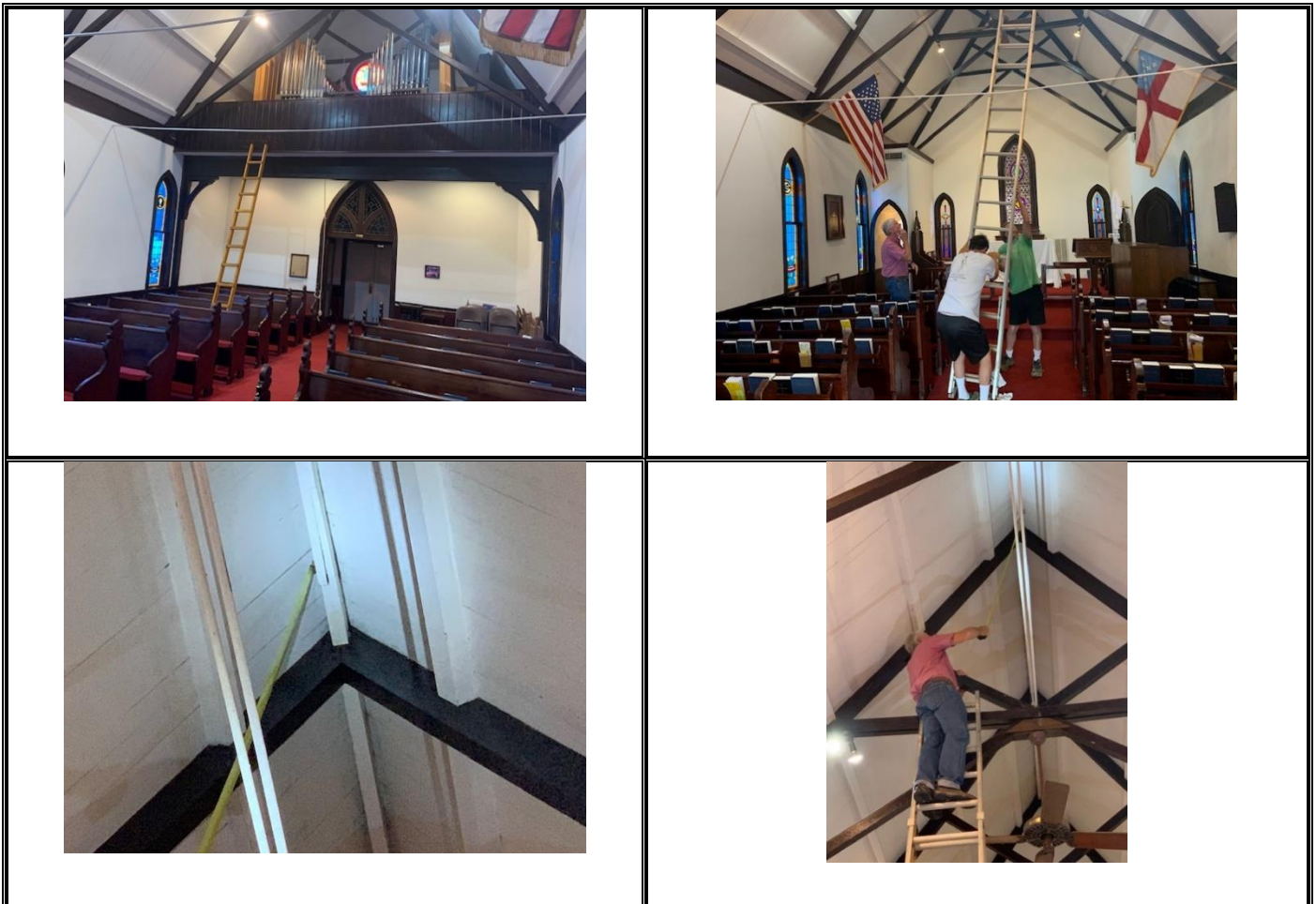
August, September, October

Coming Soon

St. Peter's Chapel Update

Inspections continue at St Peter's. We are still in the process of working with the insurance company and contractors to determine the best method of repairing the damage done to St. Peter's while preserving the original construction methods and the same look and feel. Next week we will be finalizing the estimates and submitting them for evaluation and approval.

Inspection of the large tree next to the chapel indicates that significant rot exists in the upper portion of the tree. As a result it will need to be removed.





<http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org/resources/>



“The Deadline For Article Submissions”

AUGUST CONNECTOR EDITION IS

WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH

Thanks so much, Karen Timmons, Communications



4TH OF JULY

More Pets Go Missing on July 4th Than Any Other Day Of The Year!
 Share these great tips to provide a safe Independence Day for your canine household!

- Take your dog for a long walk before the festivities begin. This will allow them to potty before the noise begins and it tires them out.
- Never use fireworks around your dog. The noise can spook them into taking off, or they can accidentally get burned by the fireworks.
- Make sure your dog is wearing an ID collar with your current contact info. Collars can come off, so microchip your dog as well (and be sure to register it).
- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for dogs. Resist the urge to bring your dog with you to the festivities.
- Leave your dog at home with all the windows securely closed and all shades drawn. Turn on some music to drown out noise from fireworks.
- Leave your dog with something to play with (A frozen kong stuffed with treats will last hours).
- Consider staying home with your dogs to insure they remain safe, especially if they have anxiety.
- If your dog is extremely anxious, consult with your vet about giving a mild sedative to help calm your dog.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| Coleton Broadus | 07/06 |
| George Buckler | 07/09 |
| Rachelle Barrett | 07/10 |
| Caroline Fuller | 07/10 |
| Lillian Fuller | 07/10 |
| Rosemary Staley | 07/11 |
| Jennifer Mehl | 07/12 |
| Margo Shisler Quigley | 07/17 |
| Curtis Moore | 07/17 |
| Bruce Calvin | 07/17 |
| John Wilson | 07/21 |
| Wendy Briggs | 07/23 |
| Linda Barrett | 07/24 |
| Emma File | 07/26 |
| Hugh S. Davies | 07/28 |
| Judy Seymour | 07/30 |



BELATED JUNE 4TH BIRTHDAY WISHES

TO *George Eble*



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Dan & Mary Heflebower | 07/01 |
| Dick & Sue Hu | 07/02 |
| Will & Elizabeth Broadus | 07/03 |
| Rick & Lisa Greenlee | 07/05 |
| Jim & Dale Yoe | 07/05 |
| Erin & Jason Shank | 07/20 |
| Bill & Liz Miller | 07/22 |
| Charles & Gail Bennett | 07/30 |

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!