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Inviting Holy Curiosity

“Simply put, as human beings we have difficulty knowing or remembering who we are. Without someone to name us, we can forget who we are.”

-The Rev. Dr. David Gortner, *Transforming Evangelism*

I took Dr. Gortner’s class while in seminary and realized I had a whole freight train’s worth of baggage around my connotations and experiences with evangelism and evangelists. To put it bluntly, I fiercely wanted to avoid that word and being labeled an evangelist. That class helped me confront and off load much of that baggage through our discussions, readings, and the evangelistic conversations we had with each other and with strangers over the course of several months. I came to understand evangelism not as a program, but as a spiritual practice. A practice that always begins with listening rather than telling, “show me” before “come and see,” and walking with others as fellow pilgrims.

All of this is grounded in invitation. An invitation first to reflect on who I am, what is central to my being, what troubles me, and what gives me hope. To name that for myself and before God. Then follows

an invitation to others to have them share who they are, what matters to them, their hopes, and discouragements. Receiving this from others with a holy curiosity that is not bound by judgement or the desire to offer advice or fix it is vital. Listening and recognizing God's grace is already active and present in the other person. With that listening also comes sharing. Sharing born out of a desire to build mutual relationships of love, not to impress or correct or teach, but to name the holy in my own life in the presence of another person.

Returning to the quote, offering and accepting the invitation to enter these kinds of conversations reminds us who we are and whose we are as children of God. A few weeks ago, I had an unexpectedly wonderful conversation with my Lyft driver who was giving me a ride home from the airport. I had gotten into the car weary from travel and just ready to be home. I got out of the car grateful for an opportunity to hear some of this gentleman's story and for his welcome reception of my own story. We shared what was important in our lives right now and why. We were affirmed in our identity as fellow pilgrims along the way, who could share a few miles of the journey together. Will I ever see him again? Probably not. Will he ever come to Middleham & St. Peter's? Maybe, but not likely. However, something was stirred for each of us, and I sensed God would continue to work and grow in each of our lives.

Welcome Connect Strengthen (WCS) is our parish's intentional focus on growing diverse community participation with our church. And invitation is at the heart of WCS. There are invitations to friends and neighbors to join us at various events from the Crab Feast, to Trunk or Treat, or to church on Sunday. And then there's that deeper kind of invitation—invitation into relationship. An invitation for us to take that whole love your neighbor as yourself business seriously. Really doing it with words and actions that show interest, care, and compassion.

Inviting others though is often daunting and can seem risky. It's a reality that the Vitality Team has named and continues to work on. For some of us that baggage of being an evangelist creeps in or concern about it being awkward or not knowing where to begin forms a barrier. When I reach that point, I remind myself of a few central things that often help put those concerns in perspective:

- The worst someone can say is no, and I can handle that. If it feels appropriate, I'll invite again to an event or strike up another conversation.

- Don't take yourself too seriously! Humor is a healthy sign of humility and joy.

-Don't get hung up on doing it right or defending your faith flawlessly. The sower in Jesus' parable dropped seeds willy-nilly everywhere—seeds are small but plentiful, and they end up everywhere.

-God's grace is always at work and never runs out.

-We know how to invite others to do things and to talk with us. Just think back to when you were a kid and would invite someone over for a sleepover or to play. Or look to our youth and children now! They do this with ease and regularity, and we can too. Take an activity you're already inviting a friend to (a meal, movie, concert, etc.) and use that as an opening for some holy curiosity to be kindled.

Here are some questions to provide fodder for your holy curiosity. Ask them of yourself first, and then of a friend:

-What do you love most about your life right now? Why?

-What do you hate most about your life right now? Why?

-Who are the people or groups that help lift your spirits?

-Is there a principle by which you try to live your life? How did you come to believe that?

-What books, movies, events, or people have really had an impact on your life? How?

These kinds of questions remind us of who we are. We name it for ourselves and invite others to do so as well. Without each other, we lose sight of who we are and whose we are. God whose very being is relational as the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit made us for relationships too. Seeking and strengthening relationships is what will help us grow diverse community participation in our church. Developing and strengthening my holy curiosity muscles and practices of invitation continue to be a lifelong habit I must practice and learn from.

Will you me join me?

Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell

Rector's Musings



The past three months I have been spending Wednesday afternoons for two hours at Roy Rogers in Solomons looking to have people tell me a story and I will buy them a drink. I have heard plenty of stories with only a few people needing or wanting a drink. The simple gesture of listening is an amazing gift to most people. The stories sometimes are about a current situation, sometimes about events years earlier. Each time the person wants someone to hear and appreciate their situation. I plan on continuing to be a Roy's throughout the months ahead most every Wednesday from 2:00-4:00p.m.

Pentecost Sunday was a joint service where we honored graduates, senior acolytes, and people who have completed the Education for Ministry, (EFM) program. Also acknowledged were new members of the 1684 Society and new comers to the congregation. Thanks to all the folks who helped organize the picnic following the service.

For the last ten days I have been on a retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park New York. This is the same monastery where I spent the month of May last year. My time began with a three-day silent retreat. Time was spent in services with the monks, reading/study, and working on the monastery grounds.

Treasurer's Corner

It's June and with June comes summer and vacations. So while you are spending lazy summer days, don't forget that Vanco allows you to set up your pledge automatically. Set it and forget it. Our ministries continue during the summer. Check out our church website to create or update your pledge at Vanco. Call the church office if you need help!!

Middlehamandstpeters.org and click on the link for giving

Also in June, we will be having our second tea fundraiser. If you remember our Harvest Tea last October, we thought a Summer Tea to feature cold teas for those hot days of summer would be fun. Our Hawaiian themed "Tropical Tea-Zer is June 9, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. Space is limited, so reservations are suggested. Tickets are \$20. Come have some fun, food, and fellowship. There will be door prizes and a dance contest. Call the church office for reservations. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Ministry leaders, we are working on the 2019 draft budget. Please provide me any updates on budgetary needs before our June Finance meeting on June 4. And, as always thank you for being such a giving and loving community.

Jackie Vos, Treasurer



Vitality Team Notes May 15, 2018

Attending:	Joan Shisler John Wilson Hugh Davies	Anne Gross Skip Steiner Kristin Sandusky	Diane Davies Sarah Akes-Cardwell
Absent:	Father David Anne Hayes Josh Bowen	Elizabeth Broadus Karen Timmons Mark Tonacci	Rickie Hayes Megan Lewis Mike Kolenick

Joan Shisler chaired the meeting. Reverend Sarah opened with a prayer.

1. Goals and WCS Support. (see the attachment for the full listing)

The committee acknowledged receipt of and concurred with WCS Goals and WCS Support as sent out with two additions:

Add to WCS Goals: Attract the 18-30 year old group

Add to the WCS Support "Education of the parish in how to invite and welcome"

2. Communications:

We discussed the importance for each service having someone making weekly announcements about WCS (as well as all the printed email, bulletin, connector, website, etc.). We noted that the Pentecost service this week was not a good point to start, as announcements will be limited. But we did discuss that the church picnic would be a good opportunity for all VT members to talk about the new goals and support statement, and that these could be displayed on the picnic tables.

We agreed that the goals and support statement should be enlarged to poster size and displayed in the worship spaces and parish hall.

Information should include: explaining the WCS intent, goals and support as well as encouraging others to raise good ideas and insights regarding needs and wants of particular age groups for market research.

Volunteers for St. Peter's (Mark, Anne G) Great Hall (Hugh, Elizabeth, Anne H) and Middleham (Joan, Karen)

All Vitality Team members should be prepared to discuss intent, goals and support

3. Joan presented the concept for three focus groups and the assignment of VT members as leaders:

The three groups and their leadership are:

Attract the 30-50 year old group – Josh, Anne Hayes and Rev. Sarah

Attract the 50-65 year old group – Kristin, Mark Tonacci and Father David

Attract the 65 + year old group – Joan, Diane, and Father Skip

Each focus group will:

-Establish a team of 3-5 members including parish members not on WCS

-Conduct market research / analysis and suggest 1 event (an existing event to improve or a new event) that supports market analysis

-Present team findings at next Vitality Team meeting, June 12, 2018

4. The importance of the invite. We noted that the “invite” is key, and we appreciated the presentation that Sarah provided at the retreat. She will share that with all VT members and the groups as they continue their work.

5. July 15, Drum Point event: Hugh presented information about the Drum Point facility and an outline for the day. Hugh noted the following:

This is a Welcome*Connect*Strengthen event sponsored by the Vitality Team. The Drum Point Club grounds offer an excellent venue for a range of fun activities that providing a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to enjoy the day, meet parishioners, and learn about who we are as a church community. It is all about the “invite” and “bring”.

The proposed schedule for the day would have an informal worship start at 9:30 (note: we may need to have people arrive earlier in order to start the worship at 9:30), with a range of activities to follow. Lunch would be at 11:30 and closing at 12:30.

We will have designated areas for boating and swimming, although we agreed with John that the nettles will be in by then, limiting swimming. We will want to have lifeguards, nonetheless.

As a start the volunteers for the event committee include Hugh Davies as the coordinator, assisted by:

The clergy for the worship part

Diane Davies

John Wilson

Chris and Colleen Davies

6. Elizabeth developed a WCS Process Flow Chart that will be the basis of our committee's functions and approach moving forward. Digital or paper copies were not available for the meeting, but will be shared once they are available.

7. Next meeting: June 12, 2018 - 6:00 pm

Topic: Review Market Analysis of Focus Groups and proposed events

Attachment:



Our purpose:

"Welcome Connect Strengthen (WCS) is MSP's intentional focus on growing diverse community participation with our church."

WCS Goals:

Building/fostering a sense of community and fellowship utilizing a structured market analysis to:

- Attract the 18-30 year old group
- Attract the 30-50 year old group
- Attract the 50-65 year old group

- Attract the 65 + year old group
- Attract families with young children

Provide/market activities desirable to target group(s)

Promote “invite, pick-up, bring”

Train MSP members to incubate and lead their own initiatives and activities with support of WCS

WCS Support:

Market analysis facilitated by WCS members teamed with age appropriate parishioners

Plan and facilitate prototype events in 2018/2019 with parish support

Document lessons learned from events

Provide Examples of the “Invite” and post event “Thank You” follow up

Provide Points of Contact in and out of the church - think community database

Provide Inputs on Event Planning

Assistance with Marketing an Event

Financial support for events/marketing (if need and funds are available)

Education of the parish in how to invite and welcome

Friends and Family Day at Drum Point

Sunday July 15 from 9:30 to 12:30

This is a **Welcome*Connect*Strengthen** event sponsored by the Vitality Team. It provides a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to enjoy the day, meet parishioners, and learn about who we are as a church community.

About the site: The Drum Point Club grounds offer an excellent venue for a range of fun activities. It includes a half mile of beautiful sandy beach, a fishing pier, large grassy field, a big clubhouse, and a covered deck. The whole site is reserved for us. It is one of the most beautiful locations in the region.



Getting there: Proceed south on Rousby Hall Road to the Drum Point entrance. Turn left on Barreda Drive and continue to Overlook Drive and continue the end to the Drum Point Club. The gate will be open. Continue down the hill to the parking area and club house.

About the day:

Gates open at 9:00 am

Starts at 9:30 with informal outdoor worship, so plan to arrive before then

The morning will include a range of games, activities, and crafts for all ages. These will be organized, but people may just want to enjoy the beach, fish, or kayak. We plan to have a lifeguard on hand. We also know to watch out for nettles at this time of the year.

Picnic starts at 11:30, with hot dogs, fixings, fruit, cookies, and drinks, etc. provided.

Event will end at 12:30.

What you need to know:

So we can anticipate the amount of food and drink required, parishioners are asked to RSVP – sign up at worship services or call the church office - for themselves and their guests by July 10.

Bring folding chairs and umbrellas or shelters for sun protection. There is a large covered deck and shade under trees.

Bring your kayak, fishing gear or other items to enjoy the beach and the water.



Fishing pier



Covered deck at club house



Picnic tables under trees



lawn area and club house

Recognizing Unconscious Bias: A Tool in Your Toolbox for Dismantling Racism



Dismantling Racism and Privilege Meeting

Sponsored by the Big Conversation Committee and Partners

Featuring Dr. Renee Yuengling.

Dr. Yuengling is one of the foremost diversity and inclusion practitioners working with the military, federal and private sectors, and internationally.



When: Sunday, June 3, 4:00 – 6:30 pm

Where: Middleham and St. Peter's Parish, 10210 HG Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657

What:

- ❖ Sharing a potluck supper
- ❖ Discovering a tool for your toolbox for dismantling racism and privilege
- ❖ Continuing to share our stories
- ❖ Learning about new initiatives

Who: All are welcome – Bring a dish to share – RSVP by **May 30** to bigconmsp@gmail.com or 410-326-4948

This event is brought to you by:



The Big Conversation Committee at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish and its partner organizations: Emmanuel SDA Church of St. Leonard, Calvert NAACP, St. Mary's NAACP, Calvert Library, the Community Mediation Centers of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, the College of Southern Maryland, and the Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co.

Community Day at Jefferson Patterson Park



Parishioners are invited to attend Community Day at Jefferson Patterson Park from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday June 16. This event is sponsored by the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP. It will include:

Entertainment from local artists and groups, storytelling, moon bounce, face paintings, crafts, door prizes, living histories, and information from local organizations. And lots of food, fellowship, and fun.

Through our Big Conversation project this year, we have formed a partnership with the Calvert NAACP and eight other organizations to work to dismantle racism. The Community Day will provide an opportunity for Middleham and St. Peter's to have a booth to share information about dismantling racism, and all of the other activities we have going on at our parish.

So plan to come out to enjoy the day.

Christian Formation

There are many ways to engage your faith life this summer. Take a look below, and see a full list of opportunities on page 17

Special Sunday Field Trips

This summer we'll take several "field trips" to get an up-close look at various ministries of the parish. Each will run from 10:30-11am and will begin in the Parish Hall. These offerings are designed with children, youth, and families in mind though all are welcome to join in the expeditions!



Sunday June 24th: Echo House

Father David will lead those present in making dessert for the residents of Echo House and share about how the organization serves our homeless neighbors.

Sunday July 1st: Parish Garden

Kristin and Mark will lead a tour around the garden to see what's growing and find out where all those sweet potatoes end up once they are harvested.

Sunday August 5th: HeartFELT Backpacks

Travel to the backpack room with Elizabeth, who coordinates this ministry, that feeds hungry students in our community.

Sunday August 19th: Middleham Chapel

Come explore Middleham Chapel, learn more about its history, and hear stories from parishioners who worship in this space.

Parents Morning Out!

There are two opportunities this summer for parents/guardians to enjoy a morning to themselves while kids (potty trained through rising 6th graders) can enjoy a fun morning of games, crafts, music, snacks, and more. Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available through the Parish Office or my emailing Rev. Sarah. Please encourage other parents and children of the community to participate in this free offering.

Friday June 29th: Joy in Creation! (9am-12pm)



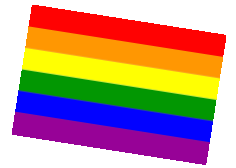
Friday July 20th: Music, Art, and Play! (9am-12pm)

Summer Fellowship Opportunities!

Celebrating Our Diversity and Pride Month: Fellowship Potluck

Sunday June 10th, 5pm in the Parish Hall

We'll share a meal together, talk about Pride Month, and make signs to carry at the Pride Rally on Solomons Island on June 16th.



Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball Game

Sunday July 22nd

From the pews to the field, we'll take a trip as a parish to cheer on the Blue Crabs in Waldorf, MD! The school bus departs the Parish Hall at 12:30pm for the 2:05pm first pitch. Cost \$20 (includes ticket and transportation, price reduced if you're driving yourself.) Financial assistance is available. Email or call Rev. Sarah to reserve a ticket.



Game Night

Friday August 10th, 5:30-8pm in the Parish Hall

Bring your favorite card or board games and a snack to share! All ages welcome for an intergenerational evening of fun.



Flat Jesus



Wherever this summer takes you, to places near and far, make sure Flat Jesus is with you!

Take a picture with or of him on your summer adventures, and then share it. You can tag the church on Facebook or Instagram (@middlehamandstpeters with #flatjesus) or email your photo to Rev. Sarah.



We'll share updates from Flat Jesus' travels throughout the summer. It's a fun way to stay connected as the Body of Christ over the summer, reminding us that Christ is with us wherever we go. On June 3rd, Flat Jesus will be available in the worship spaces or you can request one by emailing Rev. Sarah.

Contact Rev. Sarah assistant.rector@middlehamandstpeters.org or 410-326-4948

Summer Offerings 2018 at Middleham & St. Peter's

All are welcome at these offerings.



This symbol notes activities of particular interest to families with children and youth.



Sunday June 3rd

Sunday School Recognitions and Ice Cream Social

Students & teachers recognized during 9:30am service, Ice Cream Social at 10:30am

Dismantling Racism & Privilege in Southern MD Potluck (4-6:30pm, Parish Hall)

Sponsored by The Big Conversation and partners—"Recognizing Unconscious Bias"

Saturday June 9th

Tropical Tea-zer Fundraiser (12-1:30pm, Parish Hall, \$20)

Sunday June 10th

Fellowship Pot Luck: Celebrating Our Diversity & Pride Month (5-7pm, Parish Hall)

Share a meal together and make a banner for the SoMD Pride march on 6/16.

Saturday June 16th

SoMD Pride Rally and Picnic on Solomons Island (11am-1:30pm)

Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Southern MD! Gather at the Solomons Island gazebo, listen to speakers, participate in a march, and conclude with a picnic at the Calvert Marine Museum Corbin Pavilion at 12pm.

NAACP Annual Community Day (11am-5pm)

Jefferson Patterson Park—food, kids activities, entertainment, historic tours, & more

Monday June 18th-Friday June 22nd

Vacation Bible School at Christ Church Port Republic (9am-12:15pm daily)

Ages 3-finishing 5th grade—No cost to participate, program & picnic 5:30pm Thurs.

Friday June 22nd

Museum of the Bible Trip!

Cost: \$30 (12 & under), \$35 (adults). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday June 24th

Special activity to support Echo House from 10:30-11am in the Parish Hall! Learn about Echo House with Fr. David and help make dessert for the residents. All are welcome!

Friday June 29th

Parents Morning Out: Joy in Creation! (9am-12pm) Kids potty trained thru 5th grade can spend the morning doing music, crafts, a nature walk, games, and more in the Parish Hall.



Sunday July 1st 🎈

Special Field Trip to the Garden from 10:30-11am! Join us after the 9:30am service for a visit to the parish garden led by Kristin and Mark. While this expedition will be designed specifically for families, all are welcome to come learn more about how we care for creation and our community through work in the garden.

Sunday July 15th 🎈

Friends & Family Day at Drum Point (9:30am-12:30pm)

Come enjoy a day of fun, fellowship, and worship by the water. Stay tuned for more detailed information!

Friday July 20th 🎈

Parents Morning Out: Music, Art, and Play! (9am-12pm) Kids potty trained thru 5th grade can spend the morning tapping into their creativity with music, art, games, and more in the Parish Hall.

Sunday July 22nd 🎈

Southern MD Blue Crabs Game 2:05pm—Cheer on the Blue Crabs in Waldorf! School bus transportation to and from the game provided. Cost \$20



Sunday August 5th 🎈

Special Field Trip to learn about the parish HeartFELT Backpacks ministry!

Come after the 9:30am service from 10:30-11am for a trip to the backpack room. We'll learn more about this ministry that helps feed hungry students in our community. While this expedition will be designed specifically for families, all are welcome to join.

Friday August 10th 🎈

Game Night! (5:30pm-8pm, Parish Hall)

Bring your favorite board game and snacks to share!

Sunday August 19th



Special Field Trip to Middleham Chapel from 10:30am-11am! Join us after the 9:30am service for a visit to Middleham Chapel to explore the space and learn more about its history. This offering will be designed for children and youth, and all are welcome to join!



This year, we are encouraging participation in the VBS program offered at Christ Church. Middleham & St. Peter's has historic ties to this neighboring Episcopal parish and we are building upon this relationship through VBS.

There will be volunteer opportunities to support the program!

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Sarah.

June 18th-22nd 2018

9am-12:15pm

Ages: 3-finishing 5th grade

No cost to participate!

There will be a special celebration program and picnic for parents and campers on **Thursday evening 6/21 at 5:30pm.**

Adult Christian Formation

✝ Asbury Solomons Episcopal Fellowship Asbury Episcopal Fellowship:

June 18, 2018 The Rev Mary Davisson, Chaplain and Executive Director of Baltimore International Seafarers' Center Deadline for reservations June 14

July 16, 2018 Patriotic Music presented by The Rev David Showers and Larry Whitbeck Deadline for reservations July 12

Reservations should be made to Russ Horton at 410-394-3216 or at

jrhortonsr@comcast.net , by May 17, 2018. The charge for lunch is \$11. All are welcome.

Contact Fr. David Showers rector@middlehamstpeters.org
Or the office at 410-326-4948



CONVERSATIONS WITH FR. DAVID SHOWERS
Wednesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
@ Roy Rogers in Solomons, MD
"Come Tell Me A Story"
Free Drink With A Story

OUTREACH

HeartFELT

Both Southern and Mill Creek Middle School opted out of summer backpack program citing concerns about parents ability/likelihood of picking up the bags weekly. Our final school year delivery will be jumbo bags with family size supplies to be delivered on June 8, 2018. Over the summer, the plan is to do some "housekeeping" including cleaning bins, washing and donating elementary school age appropriate backpacks to SMILE that are no longer needed, checking expiration dates on our current inventory of food, and unboxing/shelving and date checking the remaining FEMA food kits.

Heartfelt (all puns intended) thanks to our dedicated volunteers including Bonnie Tolson, Kristina Jedry, Skip Steiner, Carolyn Steiner, Anne Davis, Betty Eble, Karl Garland, Barbara Barrett, Dale Yoe, Jim Yoe, Judy Seymour, Elaine Christy, and countless others that make our program run smoothly and feed 30 children every week.

**Thanks,
Elizabeth Broadus, HeartFelt Coordinator**

Boy Scout Troop 1684

The troop has been busy this spring and has exciting things planned for this summer!

Our scouts and leaders placed American flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day at 5 local cemeteries. We received some great history lessons at Christ Church on Broomes Island Rd which is even older than Middleham. The oldest colonial era kiln on the east coast is still in the church basement; it was used to fire bricks during construction.

This June (6/19-6/26) the troop is camping a thousand miles north in Cochraine, Ontario where the paved roads end. We will be fishing, hiking and working on some merit badges for the week. Our goal is to catch pike which the lake is full of, so that that will be on the menu most nights.

In early July (7/1-7/8) the troop is attending a week long Summer Camp at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation in Schuylkill Haven, PA (central PA). Hawk Mountain is new to us; the reviews are great, there are a large quantity and variety of merit badge classes and there is a 300 foot zip line. Summer Camp is always a good time!

In late July (7-27-7/29) we are camping in Western Maryland near Paw Paw WV so we can kayak on the upper Potomac River.

On Tuesday July 24th the troop will participate in the local National Night Out event at the Chesapeake Ranch Estates Club House grounds.

Robb Hupp
Scoutmaster, Troop 1684



An Update on the Haiti School Nurse Project

May 2018

The following provides an update on the project and our plans for moving forward.

Past accomplishments. A team of health care professionals, educators, clergy, and administrators formed at Middleham in 2011 to design and support a school nurse program in Haiti. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere with the worst health conditions, especially for children, and compounded by the 2010 earthquake. Our team concluded that school nursing could bring significantly improved health care to the children of Haiti. The initial outcome was the development of a program design. Our team went to Haiti in October 2011 and again in 2012, meeting with local officials in Gros Morne. The school nurse project at La Resurrection Parish and School started in March 2012 and operated for three years. Considerable health care was provided during that period, showing the impact that a school nurse could have on the students, school, and community. The program ended in 2015.

Exploring new opportunities. After 2015, the Haiti school nurse team at Middleham remained committed to the vision of the project. The positive results of the experience at La Resurrection included:

- ❖ A comprehensive design for a school nurse project so that it might be replicated.
- ❖ The experience gained at the first site, and outcomes showing the impact.
- ❖ The use of the model at two additional sites in Hinche and Bondeau.
- ❖ The availability of resources raised for the initial project that remained for the continuation of the concept.

The Middleham team has reached out to others who might support their vision for school nursing in Haiti. This has included meeting with faculty/administrators at the George Washington School of Nursing. The team has also learned more about, met with and supported the Haiti Nursing Foundation (HNF). HNF directly supports the FSIL School of Nursing in Leogane, Haiti.

Setting a new direction. After spending considerable time exploring options for continuation, our Middleham team decided in March 2017 to pursue a partnership with FSIL – the [Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l'Université Episcopale d'Haïti](#) (the School of Nursing of the Episcopal University of Haiti). An initial agreement with FSIL was signed in November 2017 to work together to establish a school nursing program at three schools in Leogane, Haiti. Leogane was the epicenter of the 2010 earthquake and the need there for children's healthcare, as in all Haiti, is profound. FSIL is the first four-year baccalaureate school of nursing in Haiti. In 2015, FSIL was ranked as the top nursing school in the country by the Ministry of Public Health. FSIL officials were also very interested in initiating a school-based program and provided us with a proposal entitled "Healthy Schools / Students for a Healthier Haiti".

Our planned approach with FSIL provides for a full-time nurse who has graduated from FSIL administering the program at three elementary schools, with three third-year nursing students from FSIL assisting in the provision of health services to the students. The service design includes:

1. Providing immediate health care to the students at the school
2. Periodic assessment and recordkeeping of the health of all students in order to improve their long-term health status
3. Providing health education to all students
4. Extending health resources to students' families and improving access to other health resources in the community and beyond

There will also be an evaluation feature to the program. The ultimate goal is to sustain and replicate the school nurse program in Episcopal and other schools throughout Haiti. Our intent is to start the program at the beginning of the school year in October 2018. Plans are for team members to go to Leogane, Haiti in November.

Support for the project. The projected cost for the two-year project is \$31,900. Middleham has funds remaining from our original project of \$12,900. We have also received a \$6,000 grant from St. Margaret's Annapolis and we continue to receive support. This is a good start but leaves a substantial balance to raise. We will seek support from a range of potential supporters, including those who have provided support in the past.

Pictured below are FSIL nurses.

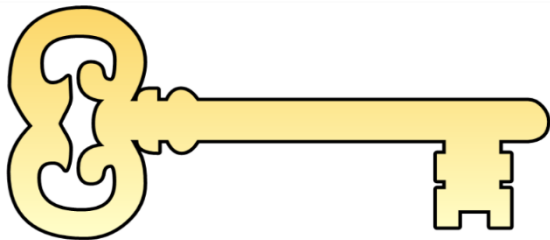


Parish Health Ministry

Taking Time Off

*As we get closer to Summer and vacation time, the Parish Health team will be taking time off also. We had our last meeting on the 23rd of May and will convene again in August- date TBD. In the meantime- save the date of **September 8th**. This will be the **9th annual Community Health Fair** date and will probably be the last one at our location for a while. If there is another one in the following year, it will be at a different location.*

*This year's health fair will have some changes. The theme will be "**Knowledge is Key**" and will not only do some screenings and have the usual vendors but will have a variety of guest speakers.*



*Information will be available on Communicable Diseases, End of Life paperwork, Long term care, Hospice, and much more. Our usual screenings such as Cholesterol, Blood Pressures, Skin Cancer, Hearing and Vision and many more will still be available at **NO COST**. I am also working on possibly having Flu shots available at low or no cost.*

So Mark you Calendars!

Dale Yoe, Parish Nurse

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



We held last Fall, the “Harvest Tea”. Now join us this June for our Hawaiian themed “Tropical Tea-zer”. Tropical themed beverages, with a variety of teas plus typical summer flavors, food, fellowship and fun.

Space is limited - Reservations suggested.

All are welcome to attend.

Call the church office for reservations - 410-326-4948

Cost is \$20.00

Museum of the Bible

June 22, 2018

Middleham and St. Peter's is sponsoring a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C.

The Museum of the Bible aims to be among the most technologically advanced and engaging museums in the world. Showcasing rare artifacts spanning 3,500 years of history, the museum offers visitors an immersive and personalized experience with the Bible, and its ongoing impact on the world around us.

Trip Details:

“ Leave Parish Hall on 22 June at 7:00 AM.

“ Arrive at the museum 9:00 AM.

“ Return to the bus at 12:00 PM.

“ Arrive back at the Parish Hall at 2:00 PM.

“ Cost: \$35 for adults and \$30 for children (under 12 years old) covers the bus trip and admission to the museum.

“ (Once inside the museum, some exhibits are free and some have an additional admission cost.)

Morning snacks will be provided on the bus. The museum is also home to two Mediterranean-themed restaurants (one table service and one quick service) as well as a coffee shop.

Among the exhibits are the Hebrew Bible Walk-Through, a New Testament Theater, The Impact of the Bible, Translating the Bible into English, the World of Jesus of Nazareth, The Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Bible in American History.

Transportation will be provided by a charter bus that is equipped to handle visitors with mobility concerns.

Visit their website, www.museumofthebible.org, for more detailed information about the museum's offerings.

Call the office, 410-326-4948, to make your reservation.





For all additional Summer Offerings, they can be found on page

Saturday June 2nd @ 9:00 AM – AED and CPR Training

Sunday, June 3rd @ 10:30 AM Christian Formation Last Day Ice Cream Social

Sunday June 3rd @ 4:00 – 6:30 PM Big Conversation Quarterly Meeting & Pot Luck

Monday, June 4th , 11th , 18th , & 25th July 2nd , 9th , 16th , 23rd , & 30th @ 10:00 – 11:00 AM Soleful Solomons' Boardwalk (weather permitting)

Monday, June 4th @ 7:00 PM Finance Meeting

Tuesday, June 5th @ 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 5th @ 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, June 5th & 19th and July 3rd & 17th - @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Evening Meditation Practice - in the Parish Hall - Open to all, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Possible special event hosted by the Southern MD Meditation Community on Tuesday evening July 31st. Watch for info in the weekly email.

Wednesday, June 6th & July 11th @ 9:00 AM Big Conversation Meeting

Wednesday, June 6th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - The Southern Maryland Job Source Mobile Career Center (MCC) at SMILE

Wednesday, June 6th, 9th , 13th , 20th & 27th July 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 10:00 – 11:00 AM Soleful Strutters Walking Group on Solomons' Boardwalk, weather permitting. No meet up on Wednesday July 4th.

Wednesday, June 6th @ 10:30 AM HeartFelt loading of backpacks

Wednesday, June 6th, 9th , 13th , 20th & 27th July 4th , (4th ?) 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 11:00 AM St. Peter's Chapel Open

Wednesday, June 6th, 9th , 13th , 20th & 27th July 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM "Tell Me A Story" Fr. David Showers at Roy Rogers

Wednesday, June 6th, 9th, 13th, 20th & 27th July 4th, (4th?) 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684

Saturday June 9th @ Noon - 1:30 PM - "Tropical Tea-Zer"

Monday, June 11th & July 9th @ 3:00 PM - Daughters of the King

Tuesday, June 12th & July 17th @ 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep time, volunteers needed

Tuesday, June 12th @ 6:00 PM Vitality Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 13th & July 11th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM A Nurse Practitioner and the Health Van, sponsored by Calvert Memorial Hospital, will be at SMILE.

Thursday, June 14th @ 1:00 PM SMILE End Hunger

Thursday, June 14th & July 12th @ 6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting

Friday, June 15th & July 13th @ 11:30 AM - "Books, Banter & Brunch", meeting of the book club at Salsa's Mexican Cafe in Lusby. All are welcome, will be deciding on next selection. Meets 2nd Friday of each month.

Monday, June 18th - 22nd 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM VBS program offered at Christ Church Port Republic

Monday, June 18th & July 16th @ noon - Asbury Episcopal Fellowship in the Asbury Riverview Dining Room at Noon, cost is \$11.00 for your meal, reservations needed by Thursday, the week prior.

Friday, June 22nd Museum of the Bible Trip

Friday, June 29th & July 20th @ 9:00 - Noon Parents Morning Out

Tuesday, July 31st - August 2nd @ 6:30 PM Southern MD Meditation Community - Labyrinth Workshop Fundraiser for MSP, indoor Labyrinth in Great Hall will be available for use Wednesday and Thursday.



Connector Article Deadline

The deadline for submissions for AUGUST EDITION will be MONDAY, JULY 15TH.

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



JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Ruth Hansen	06/07
Stuart Simmons	06/09
Mark Pesola	06/10
Jackie Vos	06/13
Claude Martin	06/15
Martha Horton	06/18
Sarah Akes-Cardwell	06/18
Tony Rivers	06/21
Jim Wilson	06/23
Mary Heflebower	06/24
Deborah Cole	06/25
Sharon Cargo	06/28
Barbara Barrett	06/29
Addison Clift	06/30

JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Kristina Jedrey	06/01
Dan & Anne Gross	06/05
John & Karen Pardoe	06/11
George & Norma Lee & Buckler	06/12
Mordecai & Debbie Bowen	06/12
Franz & Jess Kury	06/12
Robb & Jennifer Hupp	06/13
David & Brenda Hollweger	06/15
David Showers & Bruce Calvin	06/15
Richard & Jayci Dale	06/16
Brian & Kathryn King	06/18
Jim & Anita Shepherd	06/22
Russ & Martha Horton	06/30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Calvert Co. Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament 6:30 PM Girl Scouts - 2762	2 9:00 AM AED CPR 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
3 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 10:30 AM Ice Cream Social 11:15 AM HE Middleham 4:00 - 6:30 PM Big Conversation Pot Luck	4 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 5145 6:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Finance Mtg.	5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Meditation 7:00 PM Vestry 8:00 PM AA Meeting	6 9:00 AM BC Meeting 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 JobSource Van @SMILE 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 11:00 St. Peter's Chapel Open 10:30 AM Heart FELT Backpacks 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	7	8 Setup For Tropical Tea-Zer	9 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon Noon - 1:30 Tropical Tea-Zer 7:00 PM AA Meeting
10 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 11:15 AM HE Middleham 5:00 PM Fellowship Pot Luck	11 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 3:00 PM Daughters of the King 6:00 PM AA Meeting	12 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep 6:00 PM Vitality Meeting 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting	13 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 PM Health Van @ SMILE 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 11:00 St. Peter's Chapel Open 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	14 1:00 PM SMILE End of Hunger 6:00 PM SMILE BRD Mtg.	15 11:30 Book Banter Brunch - Book Club @ Salsas 6:30 PM Girl Scouts - 2762	16 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 11:00 Southern MD Pride Solomons Island 11:00 NAACP Community Day - Jefferson Patterson Park 7:00 PM AA Meeting
17  8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 11:15 AM HE Middleham	18 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 12:00 PM Asbury Fellowship 5:00 PM Community Life Center MTG 6:00 PM AA Meeting VBS @ Christ Church	19 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting	20 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 10:30 AM Backpacks 11:00 St. Peter's Chapel Open 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 6:00 PM Parish Health Mtg. 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	21	22 Museum of the Bible Trip	23 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
24 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 10:30 AM Special Activity - Support Echo House 11:15 AM HE Middleham	25 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 6:00 PM AA Meeting	26 8:00 PM AA Meeting	27 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 PM Health Van @ SMILE 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 10:30 AM Backpacks 11:00 St. Peter's Chapel Open 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	28	29 9:00 AM Parents Morning Out	30 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting

JUNE 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE Time & Location	CELEBRANT	CHALICIST	READER	GREETERS	HEALING St. Peter's @ 9:00 AM
<i>6-03-18</i>	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. David Showers		Avery Kury	Bernie Helms & Russ Horton	<i>06-06-18</i>
Second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 4	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Diane Davies	Jack Briggs		Fr. Showers
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. David Showers	Karen Wilson	Lillian Fuller		
<i>06-10-18</i>	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. David Showers	Sally Ray	Cheri Campbell	Dick & Rosemary Staley	<i>06-13-18</i>
Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 5	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Colleen Davies			Fr. Skip Steiner
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. David Showers	Jane Knox	Bonnie Tolson		
<i>06-17-18</i>	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Rev. Akes-Cardwell		Dorothy Wilkins	Monte & Sally Ray	<i>06-20-18</i>
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 6	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Fr. David Showers	Karl Garland			Rev. Akes- Cardwell
	11:15 AM Middleham	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Mike Shisler	Brenda Hollweger		
<i>06-24-18</i>	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Charity Humm	Sally Ray	John & Sharleen Wagner	<i>06-27-18</i>
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 7	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Fr. David Showers	Tom Briggs			Fr. Showers
	11:15 AM Middleham	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Jackie Vos	Bruce Calvin		

Altar Guild

ST. PETER'S: : BETTY EBLE & ELAINE CHRISTY

GREAT HALL: DIANE DAVIES & ANNE GROSS

MIDDLEHAM: NORMA LEE BUCKLER & SHARON CARGO



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1 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 10:30 AM Garden Field Trip 11:15 AM HE Middleham	2 6:00 PM AA Meeting	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting	4 OFFICE CLOSED  4th of July IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7 10:00 AM Diocesan Council Planning Team 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
8 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 11:15 AM HE Middleham	9 3:00 PM Daughters of the King 6:00 PM AA Meeting	10	11 9:00 AM BC Meeting 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 PM Health Van @ SMILE 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 11:00 St. Peter's Chapel Open 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	12 6:00 PM SMILE BRD Mtg.	13 11:30 Book Banter Brunch - Book Club @ Salsas	14 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 2:00 PM Wedding St. Peter's Chapel Reception in Great Hall 7:00 PM AA Meeting
15 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM Friends and Family Day at Drum Point	16 12:00 PM Asbury Fellowship 6:00 PM AA Meeting	17 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep 6:30 PM Meditation Labryinth Workshop 8:00 PM AA Meeting Labryinth SetUp	18 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 11:00 St. Peter's Chapel Open 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	19	20 9:00 AM Parents Morning Out	21 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
22 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 11:15 AM HE Middleham 1:00 PM leave for Blue Crabs Game	23 6:00 PM AA Meeting	24 8:00 PM AA Meeting	25 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:00 Soleful Strutters - Solomons 11:00 St. Peter's Chapel Open 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	26	27	28 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
29 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 10:30 AM Special Activity - Support Echo House 11:15 AM HE Middleham	30 6:00 PM AA Meeting	31 6:30 PM Southern MD Meditation Community - Labyrinth Workshop Fundraiser for MSP through 8-2-18 8:00 PM AA Meeting	 National Ice Cream Day Third Sunday in July www.NationalDayCalendar.com			

JULY 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE Time & Location	CELEBRANT	CHALICIST	READER	GREETERS	HEALING St. Peter's @ 9:00 AM
7-01-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. David Showers	Betty Eble		Bernie Helms & Russ Horton	07-04-18
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Colleen Davies			Fr. Skip Steiner
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. David Showers	Karen Wilson			
07-08-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. Skip Steiner	John Wagner		Dick & Rosemary Staley	07-11-18
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 9	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Tom Briggs			Fr. Showers
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. Skip Steiner	Mike Shisler			
07-15-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. David Showers	Bill Miller			07-18-18
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10	9:30 AM @Drum Point	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Chris Davies			Rev. Akes- Cardwell
07-22-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Sally Ray		John & Sharleen Wagner	07-25-18
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 11	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Fr. David Showers	Karl Garland			Fr. Showers
	11:15 AM Middleham	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Jackie Vos			
07-29-18	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. Skip Steiner	Anne Gross			08-01-18
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 12	9:30 AM Parish Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Diane Davies			Rev. Akes- Cardwell
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. Skip Steiner	Jane Knox			

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ST. PETER'S: : ANNE GROSS & SALLY RAY
 GREAT HALL: DIANE DAVIES & ANNE GROSS
 MIDDLEHAM: KAREN WILSON & JOAN SHISLER