

# The **CONNECTOR**

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## JANUARY 2019



# Howard Thurman and The Work of Christmas

These early days of 2019 find us still in the Christmas season. The twelve days of Christmas carry us all the way through the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup> when what are the men from the East arrive to pay homage to the young Prince of Peace. As decorations are packed away, family heads back home, and the rest of the world turns its gaze away from Bethlehem, the words of Howard Thurman speak to me. Thurman, born in 1900, was raised by his grandmother who was a former slave. He would go on to become an author, theologian, mystic, and serve as the dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University and at Boston University's Marsh Chapel. Thurman is also considered a forefather of the Civil

Rights Movement. His writings such as *Jesus and the Disinherited* and his steadfast commitment to bring people together across racial, cultural and religious lines helped sow the seeds for leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr. to emerge.

Howard Thurman's poem *The Work of Christmas* is a poignant and powerful offering as we enter this new year.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

The wonder of Christmas is remembering God taking on human flesh, coming to live and dwell among us, to live and die as one of us. The work of Christmas is never forgetting the great gift and responsibility this leaves each of us to receive as we continue to follow Jesus in the way of love.

This month, there are several ways the work of Christmas will continue in our own community in which your voice and presence are needed. Perhaps before you turn the page and move on to the next article, you might re-read Thurman's poem. Then, say a prayer or hold a moment of silence asking God how you might continue the work of Christmas in this place at this time. How can you be a bearer of hope and joy to others in a world that desperately needs it? Listen, listen, and listen again. Then let the Spirit guide you.

Peace be with you,

Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

# Treasurer's Corner

January always seems so far away when it is summer, but here it is already! On Sunday, January 27, 2019 we will have our Annual Parish Meeting. We will elect new Vestry members, discuss our Building for Greater Ministry progress, present the 2019 Operating Budget and have a presentation on the Welcome Connect Strengthen program. There will be a Single Service in Smith Hall starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the Business Meeting and Holy Eucharist. I urge all of you to attend this meeting as we forge our way forward in 2019.

The current economic situation is a major stressor for eight out of ten Americans according to the American Psychological Association. With constant reminders from newspapers, television and the internet, it's hard to avoid the doom and gloom narrative about the economy. However, seeing this difficult situation in a positive light can help you build and utilize your resilience. For example, you may:

**Accept that change is a part of life.** No one can reverse what has happened. But by being resilient, you can change how you interpret and respond to events. You may have to adjust your goals, or make changes to your lifestyle as a result of the economic crisis. Accepting circumstances that cannot be changed can help you focus on circumstances that you can alter.

**Make connections.** Accepting help from those who care about you will provide social support and hope. By keeping things in perspective, you can remember the good things in your life to craft a hopeful outlook.

**Look for opportunities.** People often learn something about themselves when going through a difficult situation such as the current economic downturn. Seek new ways to grow professionally or personally by finding new avenues in making ends meet.

**Hope for the New Year.** As you think about the new year, be hopeful that you will experience new and exciting things, manage your finances with due diligence and be thankful for your many blessings.

***Jackie Vos, Treasurer***

# Annual Meeting and Joint Worship Service

## January 27, 2019 @ 9:30am in Smith Hall



**All are invited to gather for breakfast in Smith Hall at 9:30 am. After sharing a meal together, our Annual Meeting will begin, including the voting in of new vestry members: Laura Carpenter for a second term, Franz Kury for a second term and Tom Briggs for a first term. There will also be a presentation of the 2019 Operating Budget, a recap of the 2018 Building for Greater Ministry maintenance and repairs, and a presentation of the Case Study, which culminates the first phase of the Welcome Connect Strengthen initiative. The morning will conclude with Holy Eucharist.**

**9:30 AM — Breakfast**

**10:00 AM — Annual Parish Meeting**

**10:30 AM — Holy Eucharist**



## Middleham and St. Peter's Parish



Please mark your calendars for a visitation from Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton on Sunday February 3, 2019. There will be a joint service in Smith Hall at 9:30 am and afterwards the Bishop will host a conversation with Q & A opportunities.



# Progress and Challenges in Our Schools

## The Annual Big Conversation

- ✓ Why are we talking about schools and racism together?
- ✓ Weren't the race problems in the schools solved in the 1960's when the schools were integrated through Brown vs the Board of Education?
- ✓ How does poverty affect education?
- ✓ What is a school equity policy? Why do we have one? What are the DELT teams?
- ✓ How does racism and bias affect discipline, hiring, teacher retention, delivery of the curriculum and the curriculum content?
- ✓ How do you define the "Achievement Gap? Whose gap is it anyway?
- ✓ How do these issues affect my taxes?

These and other questions will be address during the Big Conversation on January 13.

MSP's Annual Big Conversation is Sunday, **January 13, 2019 from 2:00-5:00 pm**. The focus for this civil dialogue is, **Dismantling Racism: The Progress and Challenges in our Schools**. The venue is the Patuxent High School auditorium. Doors open for registration at 1:30 p.m.

The forum will consist of a moderated panel discussion, and small group sessions led by trained facilitators. In the small groups, participants will share their stories, concerns and offer their suggestions for the superintendents of schools and other elected officials.

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

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

This Big Conversation on local education affects all of us: taxpayers, grandparents, parents, educators, students and businesses. Come join the conversation and bring a friend!

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

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



# Progress and Challenges in Our Schools

**A Community Conversation  
on Dismantling Racism**  
**Sunday, January 13, 2-5 pm**  
(registration starts at 1:30)

At Patuxent High School in Lusby

Featuring a panel presentation including:

- Calvert Schools Superintendent Daniel Curry
- Representatives of the Southern Maryland community

Followed by small group facilitated sessions to share our stories and make recommendations



More information at: [bigconmsp@gmail.com](mailto:bigconmsp@gmail.com) / 410-326-4948



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# Christian Formation

This month, the season of Epiphany begins! Stories and signs of God's presence among us will be explored each week. Sunday School for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade continues from 10:30am-11:30am in the Parish Hall using the Whirl Lectionary curriculum. Our middle and high school youth gather in the basement under the Smith Hall during that same time to explore intersections of faith and life, using the re:form curriculum.

## Special January Children and Youth Activities

### **Sunday 1/6: Epiphany Celebration!**

King cakes, crowns, and stars oh my! All ages are invited to this celebration following the 9:30am Smith Hall service. Children, youth, and adults will spend 30 minutes in their classes and then come together at 11am for an Epiphany Party.



### **Sunday 1/20: Celebrating the Season of Light**

This Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, we'll explore the themes of the Epiphany season during the 9:30am worship service and intergenerational activities from 10:30-11am. All ages are welcome!

### **Sunday 1/20—Monday 1/21: Youth Group Lock-In**

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join young people from across the Diocese of Maryland for this Baltimore lock-in. We'll spend the night at Memorial Episcopal Church, play games, assist with their food pantry, watch a movie, and then participate in the MLK Day parade for equality on Monday.





**Sunday 1/27: Annual Meeting and Joint Worship Service, 9:30am Smith Hall**

All are invited to gather for breakfast in Smith Hall at 9:30am. After sharing a meal together, our Annual Meeting will begin, and will conclude with worship together. This is an important date in the life our parish, and all families are encouraged to attend. Childcare provided for children up to age 5.

Have questions?

Contact Rev. Sarah [assistant.lector@middlehamandstpeters.org](mailto:assistant.lector@middlehamandstpeters.org) or 410-326-4948

# Adult Christian Formation

- ✝ **Coffee and Conversation** continues on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30am in the Parish Hall Conference Room. All are welcome! Any questions contact Hugh Davies @ [daviesh@comcast.net](mailto:daviesh@comcast.net).
- ✝ **Bible Study** - Join Fr. Skip Steiner with a small group study each Tuesday @ 11:00 – Noon in the small conference room. We look at the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Then we reflect based upon “Feasting on The Word”, and engage in discussion. Please join this small group whenever it fits your schedule. It’s informal, and all are welcome.
- ✝ **Asbury Solomons Episcopal Fellowship** will meet on January 21, 2019 at 12 pm in the Asbury Riverview Dining Room. The program will be a talk by Dr. Stephanie Carter on Palliative Care. Dr. Carter is head of the Department of Palliative Care at Calvert Hospital and at Calvert Hospice. Holy Communion will be offered after the program. Required reservations must be made to Russ Horton 410-394-3216 [JRHortonSr@comcast.net](mailto:JRHortonSr@comcast.net) by January 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- ✝ **Conversations with Fr. David Showers** - “Come Tell Me A Story” Free Drink With A Story Every Wednesday 2:00 – 4:00 PM @ Roy Rogers resumes January 16<sup>th</sup> in Solomons,MD

# Coffee and Conversation at Asbury



**Come Join Us! On Friday January 18 at 10:30 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.

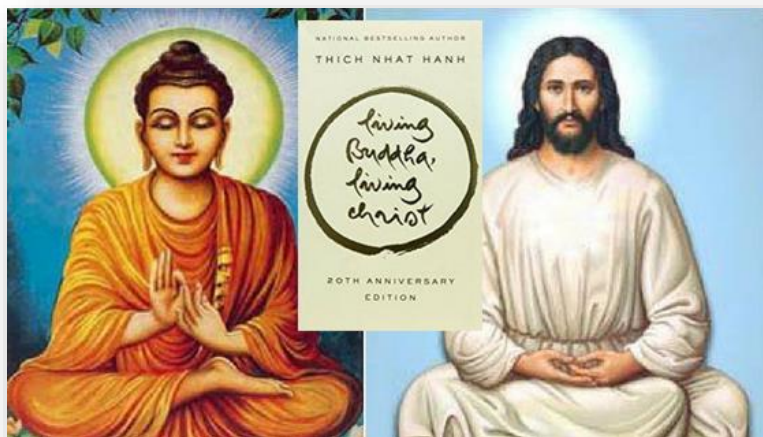
So come join us!

Hugh, Charles, and Claude

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

# “Living Buddha Living Christ”

## Book Study Group



A new book study group will begin January 16, 2019 and meet monthly through May every third Wednesday at 11 AM at Middleham and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, in Smith Hall. Depending on the interest, an evening option may be added also on Wednesdays, so please inquire.

The group will be reading and discussing *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hahn. Karen Timmons will facilitate the group.

"The bestselling author of "Peace is Every Step," and one of the most beloved Buddhist teachers in the West, Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh has been part of a decades-long dialogue between the two greatest living contemplative traditions, and brings to Christianity an appreciation of its beauty that could be conveyed only by an outsider. In a lucid, meditative prose, he explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two traditions meet, and reawakens our understanding of both. "On the altar in my hermitage," he says, "are images of Buddha and Jesus, and I touch both of them as my spiritual ancestors."  
(from Goodreads.com)

Each month we will cover two chapters, the book entails ten chapters total. A study guide will be available. A few copies will be available at Middleham and St. Peter’s Parish Office. A PDF link for printing will be available in the Weekly Emails, on Middleham and St. Peter’s Website, also on Simple Spiritual Shift Website (Personal site of Karen Timmons) and also on both Facebook pages.

**If you are interested and would like to participate or have questions,  
please contact Karen at 410-231-2227 or email her at [Simplespiritualshift@gmail.com](mailto:Simplespiritualshift@gmail.com),  
And at the Parish office, 410-326-4948 and [communications@middlehamandstpeters.org](mailto:communications@middlehamandstpeters.org)**

# Your Parish Health Committee:



As we wind up the 2018 year, I thought I'd list some of our programs we have provided this year. In January we helped with the **Point in Time Count**- this is where we help the county and state see how many home-less we have in our county so we can provide services for them. April had us having a program on **Active Shooters** and also a **Mental Health First Aid Course**.

In June we provided a **CPR/AED** class for those who wanted to become or renew certification. In September was the **Health Fair**- where a new service was provided- Flu and Pneumonia shots- Free! In October and December, we had programs on **Domestic Violence**- a problem increasing in our counties.

We have also worked with the Health Dept. to give healthy recipes at the food drops, Hep A vaccines as needed and we continue to provide BP checks at our churches and at SMILE. We encourage all who want to make Prayer Shawls and Red, White and Blue lap robes for Veterans.

In 2019, we hope to expand our programs and are looking for ideas. In February we plan on a program on Pets- "Do Pets have Souls?" and others are on the table. If you have ideas on what you'd like to see, contact Dale Yoe- [yoeda@comcast.net](mailto:yoeda@comcast.net). Many thanks and Blessings.

# Our School Nurse Team Goes to Haiti

On December 3-6, 2018 representatives of the Middleham and St. Peter's Haiti School Nurse Program traveled to Leogane, Haiti to review and support the project. Hugh Davies, Dale Yoe, and Diane Davies met with the lead project officials, the nurses, the school directors and children. The goal of the program is to model the successful delivery of health services and education to children through school nursing. MSP started the project in 2011 in Gros Morne, demonstrating in the 3 ½ years of operation that the model works. Since then, the model has been replicated at two additional locations – Hinche and Bondeau. Working with the Episcopal University School of Nursing in Leogane (FSIL), the current phase is intended to institutionalize the approach through the successful delivery of health services at three schools, showing their success through evaluation, and sustaining and replicating the approach across Haiti.

Here are the team's observations on the visit:

Conditions in Leogane remain difficult for the population now eight years after the earthquake. Leogane was the epicenter of the earthquake. In a region of 130,000, 20,000 were killed. Health care remains as a major challenge.

The project nurses are excellent - Yola Clervil is on the left and Fabiola Rejouis on the right. Fabiola is the lead. She is a nurse practitioner and a graduate and employee of FSIL. She lives in Leogane and attended Abellard School from Kindergarten through high school graduation. Abellard is one of the three schools in the



project. The nurses are being assisted by three third year nursing students from FSIL. The project is well under way at the three schools, Abellard – a private school, Ste. Croix – an Episcopal school, and Ste. Rose of Lima – a Catholic school. The first step at each school was

to obtain parental permission, then to undertake an initial health assessment of each child in the primary grades.

FSIL gives every indication of being a strong partner. It has 130 undergraduate nursing students and is the only four-year baccalaureate nursing program in Haiti. It is regarded as the best school of nursing in Haiti. Pictured at the left are Dean Hilda Alcindor and Board Chair and President Dr. Jessie Colin. Dr. Colin is recently retired as director of Miami-based Barry University's PhD, nursing executive leadership, and



nursing education programs. Both leaders are committed to the project. We have a shared vision of reaching out to the community through school nursing and sustaining and replicating the model. Dr. Colin will lead the evaluation of the project. With FSIL as the foundation, we have a good start toward our objective of institutionalizing the model.

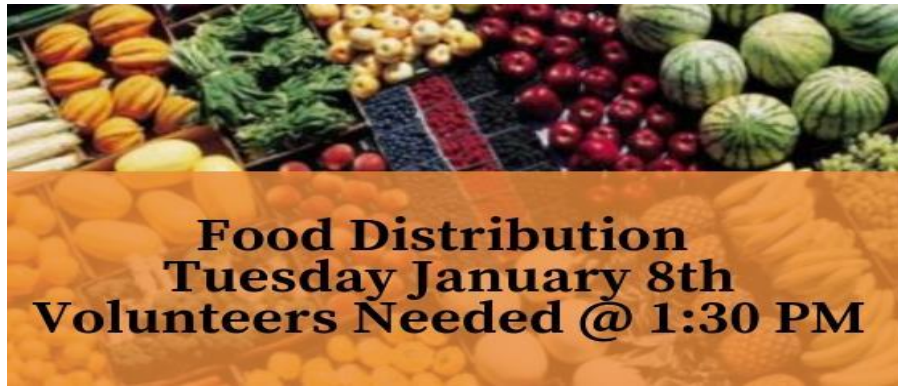
The directors of the three schools are on board. Each school has set aside excellent space for the infirmary – the nurse's office. The faculties have been informed about the project, and initial steps taken to obtain parent permissions. School Directors are enthusiastic about the health care coming to the schools. The program is at an early stage. Assessments will be extended to include hearing and vision. Education programs need to be more fully developed. Plans are under way to assure that all children are vaccinated and treated for stomach worms. The objective is to have healthier children with less absences and improved academic performance.

The following are pictures of the team on site, with the nurses treating two boys, students in class, and team members meeting the children.





# OUTREACH



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## HeartFELT



The Heart FELT program continues to grow to meet the local need. We added two new students so we are feeding 36 children weekly. In support of the school holiday break, our team delivered 72 bags of food (2 per child) on 12/20/18 that included pasta, fresh fruit, pancake mix, peanut butter, and other holiday delights. We were also able to include a \$20 grocery gift card for each child some of which were donated by the Weis market in Lusby, MD. Thank you for all your continued support and we look forward to the second half of the school year. Thanks, *Elizabeth Broadus, HeartFELT Coordinator*



Hugh & Diane Davies, Delivery Run

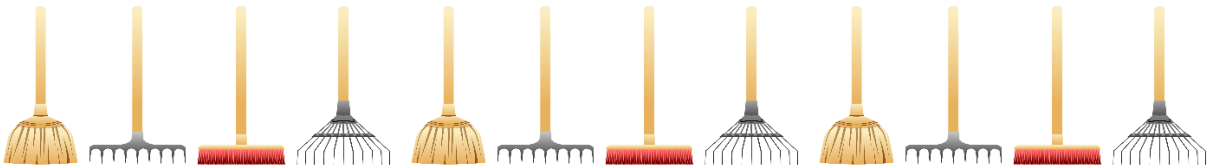


# TROOP 1684



BSA Troop 1684 is getting new leadership in 2019. Mr. Terry Schmidt ([tschmidt8251@gmail.com](mailto:tschmidt8251@gmail.com)) will become Scoutmaster January 1st.

Terry has served very actively as an Assistant Scoutmaster with the troop since it began almost 4 years ago. Robb Hupp is retiring from the Scoutmaster role and leaving the troop in very capable hands.



## Grounds Cleanup Rescheduled To January 5



We need your help!

Mark your calendar to help with the grounds cleanup on Saturday January 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will meet at Middleham chapel. Bring rakes and tarps (and pickup trucks if possible). We will clean up the cemetery and rake the leaves. Those who help may have their hours of work credited to their youth program activities or other parish ministries at the rate of \$10 per hour. Contact Hugh Davies with questions at [daviesh@comcast.net](mailto:daviesh@comcast.net) or 410-326-0370.

# Calvert County Homeless Shelter

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. Contact Anne Gross to sign-up for an available month. 410-326-4948 or [office@middlehamandstpeters.org](mailto:office@middlehamandstpeters.org)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Bowl

Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>, starting @ 5:00 PM

Middleham and St. Peter's Smith Hall



Essentially this is a chili cook-off with prizes awarded to the best voted chili. Any and all comers are welcome. Bring a friend with you and bring a pot of your secret recipe chili to share, any kind, and come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

The planning committee will provide bread, condiments (shredded cheese, sour cream, chopped onions, etc.), salad, beverages, and ice cream for dessert.

# Books & Banter Mystery Book Club”

Friday January 11th @ 10:00 AM @ Roy Rogers in Solomons

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

Book Selections for the January discussion are *Probable Paws and Whisker of a Doubt* (Mystic Notch Cozy Mystery Series Volume 5 & 6) by Leighann Dobbs. It is available on Amazon.com.

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

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

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



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



## “Evening Meditation”

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

“SPECIAL” 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM

"We will come together for sitting and walking meditation, followed by a discussion on practicing mindfulness in daily life." This offering is sponsored by Southern Maryland Meditation Community. There is no registration required. Drop-Ins Welcome, open to all in the community. This event is held at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish in Smith Hall.



**JANUARY Theme is Compassion**

**January 1st, 15th and SPECIAL 5TH Tuesday January 29th.**

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

## **SPECIAL 5<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY**

### **EVENING MEDITATION - INDOOR LABYRINTH**



**The canvas labyrinth will be available during the day both days, January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for personal time, to walk in Smith Hall. A presentation and guidance will be available at evening meditation on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

**This is a fundraiser for the Outdoor Labyrinth Restoration Project, donations appreciated. More information coming soon.**

## **Middleham Chapel Open To The Community**

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

**January 15th**

You can bring something to read or just sit and enjoy the quiet. You are welcome to stay 10 minutes or an hour, whatever is needed. Meditation evening begins at 6:30 in Smith Hall sponsored by The Southern MD Meditation Community. All are welcome.



**Thank you all to those that supported these heart giving programs. We received Shoeboxes for the Seafarers in Baltimore Harbor, and all the gifts needed from the Angel Tree requests.**

*Sharleen Wagner, Coordinator*



## Thank You Middleham and St. Peter's Parish

Dear Middleham and St. Peter's,

On behalf of seafarers docking in Baltimore, thank you so much for preparing and delivering 16 Christmas at Sea boxes. So far, we have gifted 23 crews from Turkey, UK, the Philippines, China, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Ukraine, and I think others I've forgotten. As gifts move out, we are grateful to have more moving in! Seafarers often spend many consecutive Christmases away from home, and these signs of caring are often the biggest bright spot during this cold month. So, many thanks.

Advent Christmas and blessings,  
Mary

The Rev. Mary Davisson, Director  
Baltimore International Seafarers' Center

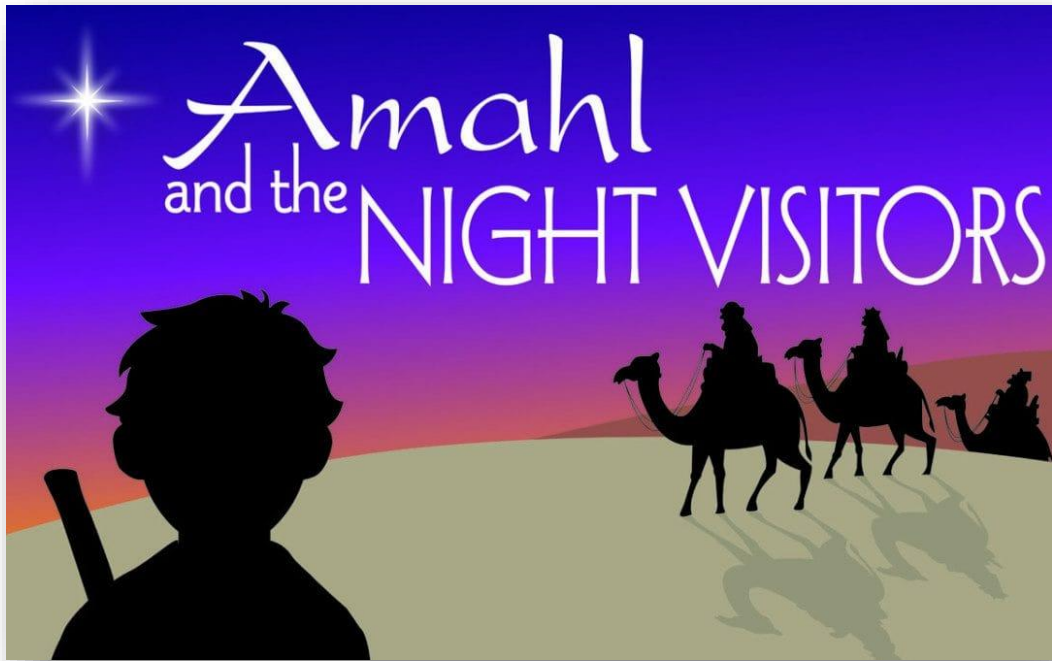
We have received all of the gift bags at the Calvert County Christmas Tree Of Angel's Distribution Center. There are approximately 400 bags in this photo that are filled with Christmas Gifts for approximately 600 Children from nearly 300 local families that are going through difficult times.

Thank You for all that you do to help those that are in need.

Little Jack Woodford

Certified Lay Minister  
HeartFELT Ministry Coordinator

Calvert County Christmas Tree Of Angels Coordinator  
Stephen Leader/Stephen Minister  
Trinity United Methodist Church



**"Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be shown at Asbury Solomons' Club House (South Wing) on Epiphany, Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM.**

This 60 minute opera was commissioned by NBC and composed by Menotti for live presentation in 1951 and was shown repeatedly on Epiphany night for many years. The opera tells the story of the three kings on their way to take gifts to the baby, Jesus, soon after his birth. The crippled boy, Amahl, and his mother provide a night's rest for the travelers. It's a charming version of the Biblical story.

For further information contact Asbury 410-394-3000



**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM Evening Meditation in Smith Hall - Open to all, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.**

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

**Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM HeartFELT packing volunteers welcome**

**Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684**

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 AM Big Conversation Steering Meeting**

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:15 Bell Choir**

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM Education For Ministry (EFM)**

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 - 4:00 PM Clean-up day at Middleham Campus**

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM Staff Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM Bible Study**

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM Food Distribution Prep time, volunteers needed**

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM Big Conversation Partners Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM A Nurse Practitioner and the Health Van, sponsored by Calvert Memorial Hospital, will be at SMILE.**

**Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meeting**

**Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM SMILE Board Meeting**

**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM - Books & Banter Mystery Book Club @ Roy Rogers**

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 - 5:00 PM Annual Big Conversation - Dismantling Racism: The Progress and Challenges in our Schools. @ Patuxent High School**



**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM Labyrinth Restoration Committee Meeting**

**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM - Daughters of the King**

**Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 – 6:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month**

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM Big Conversation Planning Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM (Living Buddha Living Christ” Book Study Group)**

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM “Tell Me A Story” Fr. David Showers at Roy Rogers**

**Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 Coffee and Conversation @ Asbury in Solomons**

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> Martin Luther King Jr. Office Closed**

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ Noon Asbury Episcopal Fellowship & Holy Eucharist**

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 Musica**

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Bowl Cook Off**

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM Annual Parish Meeting Joint Service in Smith Hall**

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 Evening Meditation Special Indoor Labyrinth Event**

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> All Day Indoor Labyrinth For Use**

### **Connector Article Deadlines**

**The deadline for submissions for FEBRUARY EDITION is TUESDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> .**

**FEBRUARY EDITION WILL BE EMAILED ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> ,  
so that it can include Annual Parish Meeting Content and the Bishops’ visit on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

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

January 18, 2019 Coffee and Conversation at Asbury

January 26, 2019 Annual Chili Bowl

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

January 29, 2019 Special Evening Meditation, Indoor Labyrinth, Outdoor Restoration Fundraiser

February 3, 2019 Joint Service @ 9:30 in Smith Hall - Bishop Visitation



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

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





**JANUARY BIRTHDAY**

Dick Woodall 01/01  
 Lochlan Weems 01/04  
 Paul Kelly 01/04  
 Lisa Greenlee 01/05  
 Henry Meiser 01/10  
 Michael Shisler 01/15  
 Robb Hupp 01/18  
 Monte Ray 01/18  
 Carolyn Steiner 01/18  
 Anna Hall 01/19  
 Mark Griffin 01/22  
 David Showers 01/23  
 Nancy Briggs 01/23  
 David Deaderick 01/23  
 Sam Wilkinson 01/23  
 Bernard Curley 01/24  
 Diane Davies 01/24  
 Jenny Magee 01/26  
 Laura Bennett Majsztrik 01/27  
 Lucy Tonacci 01/28  
 Skip Barrett 01/29

Colleen Davies 01/29  
 Jennifer Hupp 01/29



**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Stuart & Alyson Simmons 01/17

**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
		<b>1 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting 	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10-2:00 PM JobSource Van @ SMILE 10:30 AM HEARTFELT 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM BC Steering Committee 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM EFM	<b>4</b> 5:00 PM Girl Scouts Troops 2762/4545	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 1:00 – 4:00 Middleham Grounds Clean-up 7:00 PM AA Meeting
<b>6 EIPHANY</b> 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall 10:30 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM HE Middleham	<b>7</b> 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 5145 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Bible Study 1:30 PM Food Distribution Prep 3:00 PM Food Distribution 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 9:00 AM BC Partners MTG 10:00 – 2:00 Health Van @ SMILE 10:30 AM HEARTFELT 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684	<b>10</b> 2:00 PM ECW 6:00 PM SMILE BRD Mtg. 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM EFM	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Books & Banter Mystery Book Club @ Roy Rogers in Solomons 5:00 PM Girl Scouts Troops 2762/4545	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
<b>13</b> 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall 10:30 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM HE Middleham 2:00 – 5:00 PM Big Conversation @ Patuxent High School	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Labyrinth Restoration Committee Mtg. 3:00 PM Daughters of the King 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open 6:30 PM Meditation 7:00 PM Regional Council (off-site) 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 9:00 AM BC Planning 10:30 AM HEARTFELT Packing 11:00 AM Living Buddha Living Christ Book Study Group 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684	<b>17</b> 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM EFM	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation @ Asbury 5:00 PM Girl Scouts Troops 2762/4545	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Eagle Scout 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting
<b>20</b> 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Smith Hall 10:30 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM HE Middleham 2:00 PM Parish Health	<b>21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OFFICE CLOSED</b> 12:00 PM Asbury Episcopal Fellowship & Holy Communion 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 5145 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 Musica	<b>22</b> 11:00 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:30 AM HEARTFELT Packing 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684	<b>24</b> 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM EFM	<b>25</b> 5:00 PM Girl Scouts Troops 2762/4545	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon <b>Chili Bowl Cook Off</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting
<b>27</b> <b>JOINT SERVICE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b> 9:30 AM Smith Hall Breakfast 10:00 AM Meeting 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist	<b>28</b> 4:00 PM Indoor Labyrinth Setup 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>29</b> 11:00 AM Bible Study <b>SPECIAL EVENING MEDITATION INDOOR LABYRINTH FUNDRAISER</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>Indoor Labyrinth Available All Day</b> 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:30 AM HEARTFELT Packing 2:00 PM Fr. David @ Roy Rogers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – 1684	<b>31</b> <b>Morning Indoor Labyrinth Break Down</b> 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM EFM		



## Altar Guild

ST. PETER'S: CAROL BERGESON-WILLIS & NANCY FAVOR  
 GREAT HALL: DIANE DAVIES & ANNE GROSS  
 MIDDLEHAM: BONNIE TOLSON & BARBARA BARRETT

DATE	SERVICE Time & Location	CELEBRANT & SERMON	CHALICIST	READER	GREETERS	HEALING St. Peter's @ 9:00 AM
<i>01-06-19</i> <b>EPIPHANY</b>	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Sally Ray		Bernie Helms & Russ Horton	01-02-19
<u>The Epiphany</u>	9:30 AM Smith Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Julie Fuller			Rev. Sarah Akes- Cardwell
	11:15 AM Middleham	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Mike Shisler			
<i>01-13-19</i>	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Fr. David Showers	Anne Gross			<i>01-09-19</i>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</u>	9:30 AM Smith Hall	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Colleen Davies			Rev. Sarah Akes- Cardwell
	11:15 AM Middleham	Fr. David Showers	Jeremy Nazzimek	Susie Cook		
<i>01-20-19</i>	8:30 AM St. Peter's	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Betty Eble			01-16-19  Fr. Showers
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</u>	9:30 AM Smith Hall	Fr. David Showers	Tom Briggs			
	11:15 AM Middleham	Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Jackie Vos	Claude Martin		
<i>01-27-19</i> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</u>	9:30 AM Smith Hall Joint Service Annual Parish Meeting	Fr. David Showers  Rev. Akes-Cardwell	Sally Ray			01-23-19 Fr. Showers
						01-30-19
						Fr. Steiner