

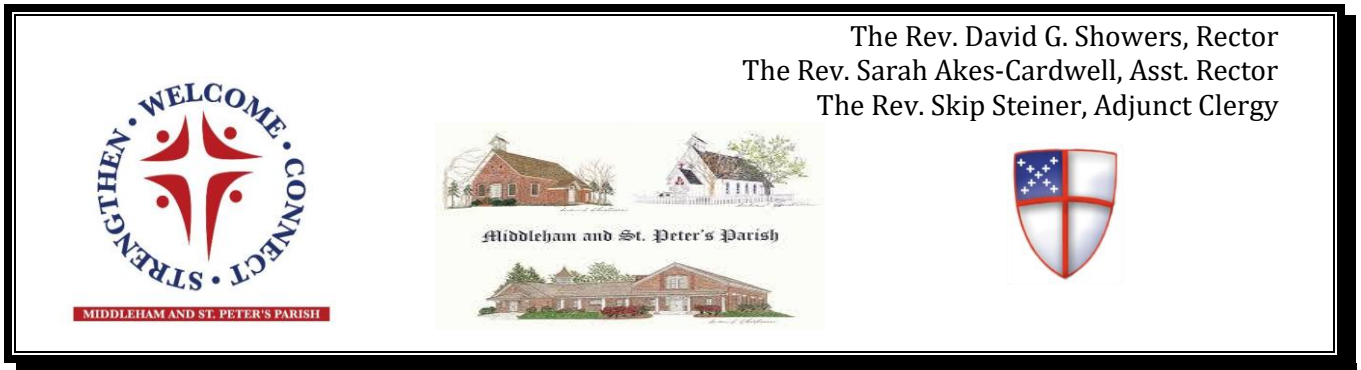
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OCTOBER 2017

The Isle of Iona

Some of the oldest rock on the face of the earth is on the Isle of Iona. While the island is only a mile and half wide and three plus miles long it has been known for the last 1,500 years as a thin place between heaven and earth. From the earliest histories we have of the island, it is a place where humans and God have encountered each other in a special way. These encounters have been in the form of monastic experiences and worship in community. Some of the encounters are found in the landscape of the island. Whether these are on the beaches of the island or in highlands and swamps that cover the island, each

environment provides a window, an opportunity, for an individual to gather new insights about how God's will can be done on earth like it is in heaven.

Bruce and I will be spending the month of October on the Isle of Iona. This is the final part of a three-month sabbatical. We will be living in a cottage about a half mile outside of the village. There will be times to worship with the Iona Abbey Community, and at Bishop House, the Scottish's Episcopal Church retreat House. There will be times for quiet reflection and reading. Also, time for hiking all the various parts of the island.

As preparation for the month, I am reading Richard J. Woods book, *The Spirituality of Celtic Saints*. He writes about the enduring Celtic issues of social justice, the place women have in Celtic life and spirituality, and the ecology and the value of the natural environment. Surprisingly, he also addresses the dual characteristics of the art of blessing and and cursing in the Celtic tradition.

I look forward to the Isle of Iona being a thin place for me during the month of October and sharing some of my experiences with all of you when I return.

Peace,

David

Treasurer's Corner



October is stewardship month. You should be getting your stewardship packet on October 1st at each service if you have not already. When considering how much to pledge, please also consider **how** to pledge. Cash and checks are good, but an even better way is to use Vanco, our online giving venue. By using Vanco, you can easily separate your pledge into various funds. For example, I use the pledge line, the building fund line, and the BGM line to spread out the amounts I want to give for each of those areas. To use Vanco, change, update your pledge, or first time users need to create an account, follow these steps.

1. Visit our church website at www.middlehamandstpeters.org
2. Click on the **Giving** button.
3. Follow the on screen instructions to login and schedule your recurring giving, make changes to your amount or create an online profile.

4. Then you can make your giving selections or click edit and change what you wish to update for your 2018 giving. It's pretty easy, even for non-computer types like me. As always, if you need help, just call or visit the church office to let me know, and I will help in any way I can. Thank you for your continue support to me, as your vestry treasurer, and always to MSP!

As a supplement to the budget, Middleham and St. Peter's is hosting its first "Tea". The **Harvest Tea** is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th, from Noon until 2 PM. Please consider purchasing your tickets in advance by calling the Parish Office, to assist with food planning. Tickets will be available after each service on October 1st and 8th. Tickets are \$15 and you can purchase them at the door, if your day opens up. Parishioners will be receiving invites in the mail over the next couple of days. This is a Middleham and St. Peter's Parish fundraiser - please come and bring a friend for door prizes, good eats, and just plain fun and fellowship. This is our first, so please help make it a success - all are welcome!!

Jackie Vos, Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP



On Sunday, October 1, we will kick off our annual giving campaign: “Journey to Generosity.” In the weeks following, we will explore together how we can give more generously as individuals and as a community of faith. Giving generously is more than what we do with our financial resources — though that is important. Take the journey to generosity and be open to new ideas, to welcome the stranger, to volunteer often and support the parish you love. Your generosity, in response to the abundance in your life, will fund the mission and ministry of Middleham and St. Peter’s and transform lives.

Here is our roadmap for this year’s pledge drive:

Beginning on Sunday, October 1, you will receive your pledge packet at the worship spaces. Continuing throughout the pledge drive, our Sunday bulletin will include reflections written by Episcopal leaders from across the country. These reflections will cover stewardship and faithful giving, and hopefully inspire you to take the journey to generosity and give as generously as you can.

Each Sunday, we will hear stories from your fellow parishioners about why they are here at Middleham and why that is so meaningful to them.

On November 19, there will be one joint service at 9:30 am in the Great Hall as we celebrate the culmination of pledging and our journey to generosity. “Thanks for Giving” will begin with a delicious breakfast, followed

by the worship service during which we will give thanks for your generosity in response to all that God has provided.

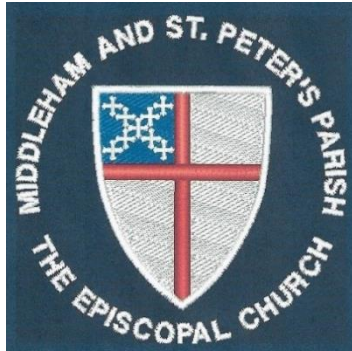
The Vestry has set a goal of receiving 100% of pledge commitments from our worshipping community. We will be in intentional prayer that each of us will remain open to letting the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in a faithful response to being called to give generously with your time, talent and treasure.

Thank you for joining us as we consider how we can live more fully into a generous life. May our journey open us to a new spirit of generosity.

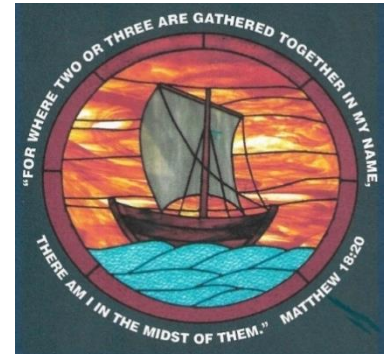
Joan Shisler,
Senior Warden
For the Vestry

Laura Carpenter
Colleen Davies
For Stewardship 2017
Co-Chairs

Middleham and St. Peter's – 2018 Stewardship Campaign



As part of the 2018 Middleham and St. Peter's Stewardship Campaign, you are invited to purchase a parish shirt at a discounted price when you turn in your 2018 Pledge Card.

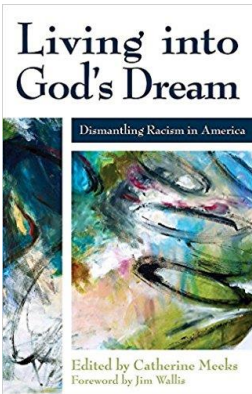


Two styles are available. The **polo shirt** is made of a dry-fit fabric, and the **t-shirt** is a cotton blend. Both shirts are Navy Blue. Both shirts will have the Episcopal Church shield (picture on the left) on the left chest. In addition to the shield, the t-shirts will have the graphic of the St. Peter's boat window (picture on the right) on the back.

Sizes: Polo shirts, Adult Small – Adult 3XL. T-shirts, Youth Small – Adult 3XL.

Cost		
	Polo Shirt	T-Shirt
With your pledge	\$12	\$10
If you don't pledge	\$15	\$12

If you have questions or to order, call Anne at the Parish Office, 410-326-4948.



A Civil Discussion: All are Welcome!

In the September Connector, the Big Conversation committee outlined their progress in developing the 6th Annual Big Conversation. The general topic is white privilege and its role in racism in America and Southern Maryland.

This topic requires more than one Sunday to digest and understand. Therefore, this year's Big Conversation will be presented in graduated steps, allowing all of us to look at various aspects of the national problem before we address the topic in the context of our home-Southern Maryland

Step1: Book Study

Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America by Dr. Catherine Meeks. Offered in two formats,* both are open to all:

- 1) A Live Book Study on Sunday afternoons in the Parish Hall from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. October 8 – November 12. Each week will feature a guest discussion leader from the community. Call the parish office by 10/2 if child care is needed
- OR**
- 2) Online Facebook Discussion on Wednesday evenings 10/ 11 to 11/15 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with the same guest discussion leader. You can participate from the comfort of your home with your computer. Pre-registration is required. Join the group beginning 10/8 at www.FACEBOOK.com/middlehamandstpeters

Live Date	Online Date	Chapter(s)	Guest Leader
10/8	10/11	Intro/Chapter1	Rev. David Deaderick
10/15	10/18	Chapter 2	Dusty and Vicki Rhoades
10/22	10/25	Chapter 8	Dr. Nancy Briggs
10/29	11/1	Chapters 5 & 6	Josh Bowen and Megan Lewis
11/5	11/8	Chapters 3 & 4	Lauretta Grier
11/12	11/15	Chapters 7 & 9	Hugh and Diane Davies

- On any given week you may participate in either the live or online discussion, also each weekly discussion is a stand alone.

"Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America," is a collection of essays by 8 writers edited by Dr. Catherine Meeks (136 pages). The eight writers featured in *Living into God's Dream* have spent years working to heal the wounds of racism. The essays weave together psychological, sociological, and theological threads, creating a body of work that will help readers reflect on their own journey as a White person or as a person of color. The book is available online from [Church Publishing](#), [Amazon \(book and Kindle formats\)](#), and other retailers.

- 3) **Reflection:** Each week before the group meets, the guest discussion leader will publish a reflection on the chapter(s) in the Sunday Bulletin and on the parish website under Big Conversation www.MiddlehamandStPeters.org
- 4) **Resources:** Following each week's discussions, a list of additional readings and resources will be published on the Big Conversation part of the parish website.

Step 2: Screening of the film, "13th" and discussion

December 3rd at 2:00 p.m in the Parish Hall.

"13th" is an award-winning film/documentary about race and mass incarceration. Named after the 13th constitutional amendment, which abolished slavery except as "punishment for crime," the documentary uses archival footage and expert commentary to make the case that slavery hasn't disappeared from the U.S.—it's evolved into our modern system of mass incarceration. This documentary addresses other practices and issues connected to racism and privilege that began soon after the abolishment of slavery in America. The committee hopes in establishing this background, we will all be better prepared to open our minds and hearts to a civil conversation concerning racism and privilege in our own communities with the annual BIG CONVERSATION event on January 14 at 2:00 pm.

Step 3: The 6th Annual Big Conversation

I Didn't Know... Exploring Racism and Privilege in Our Community

January 14 at 2:00 p.m.

A civil conversation and roundtable – much time allotted for individuals to share in small groups.

More information in the next Connector and on the parish website.

Submitted by the Big Conversation Committee of Middleham and Saint Peter's Parish.



Middleham and St. Peters at the County Fair

Through our Welcome*Connect*Strengthen project, we seek to reach out to the community. One new and interesting way to do this is having a booth at the Calvert County Fair from September 27 to October 1.

This was our first direct effort to reach out to the community. The idea was to provide a comfortable place for people to sit, get a cool drink of water, and an opportunity for us to chat with them about MSP. The fair provided an excellent opportunity to engage with many people, for us to tell our story, and invite people to our community and various ministries. People visiting the booth also had an opportunity to enter a raffle for a basket of “cheer”. At the time of the writing of this article, twenty parishioners had volunteered to staff the booth during the five days of the fair, which is an excellent response.

Appreciation is extended to Mike Kolenick for coordinating the project for the Vitality Team, and to all of the people who assisted. I am sure that they have many interesting stories to tell about their experience at the Fair.



Is there enough room for two cooks in our kitchen?

The answer is, not always. Some might say never! Well, we are about to make some changes that will improve that situation. Many of you worked on renovations a few years ago that created the conference room and updated classroom space in the Parish Hall. This time we are taking on a renovation of the kitchen, within the current footprint of the building. The plan is to take over the current vestibule area with the two double doors that leads to the old columbarium. We'll start by taking out the wall that now separates that area from the kitchen and then expand counter space, relocate appliances and change a few doors. Next, we're going to create a Sacristy in the alcove at the end of hallway outside the kitchen. Finally, we'll paint the hallway from one end to the other. When the time comes to actually do the work, we will be asking for your help again, so stay tuned. You might say, "I don't have the skills for that kind of work!" Believe it or not, no skills are required; we'll teach you. As in the past, all ages are welcome. There will be plenty of work to go around. As soon as we have a firm date for doing the work we will let you know.

Jim Yoe, Junior Warden

Christian Formation

There are great ways to engage with children and youth formation opportunities this month. In addition to these special events, on Sunday mornings from 10:30am-11:30am Sunday School classes continue for ages Pre-K through adults as we make our way closer to the Advent Season.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 8th at 3pm

Bring your pets of all shapes, sizes, and varieties for a blessing and celebration of St. Francis of Assisi! Stuffed animals are welcome too. We'll have a short service with special prayers for all creatures great and small. Fellowship on the lawn will follow. Treats for humans and pets will be available!



Donations for the Humane Society of Calvert County and Pets with Disabilities will be collected at the service. Please consider bringing an item from their "Kennel Wish List"

- Puppy food
- Canned Pedigree dog food
- Canned cat food
- Milk bones
- Kong dog toys
- Scoopable kitty litter
- Large trash bags
- Bleach
- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels

Trunk or Treat Saturday October 28th 2-4pm



All are invited to this festive and fun event for kids and adults alike. Wear your costumes and visit decorated vehicles of parishioners in the Parish Hall parking lot.

****We need trunk hosts for the event! If you're interested in hosting (decorating your vehicle and providing candy for trunk or treaters), call Rev. Sarah for more information.**

410-326-4948.**

All Hallows' Eve Youth Group Gathering

Sunday October 29th, 5-7pm

This month's Sunday evening Youth Group event features a scavenger hunt, spooky tales from the church's past, and learning about Middleham Chapel and the cemetery. We'll also talk about the connection between Halloween and All Saint's Day. All youth (6th-12th grade) are welcome, and bring a friend.



Weekly Email Newsletter for Children and Youth!

Want to know more about what's happening with MSP children and youth ministries? This resource includes updates related to the latest news in addition to ways to connect what your family is hearing on Sundays with your daily lives.

If you'd like to subscribe, email Rev. Sarah assistant.rector@middlehamandstpeters.org.

Adult Christian Formation

- **Asbury Episcopal Fellowship ASBURY SOLOMONS EPISCOPAL FELLOWSHIP will meet on Monday, October 16, 2017 in the Asbury Riverview Dining Room at noon. The speaker will be the Reverend Dottie Yunger, Pastor, Solomons United Methodist Church. She will speak about her Earthkeepers Ministry and her experiences as a marine biologist. Please respond to Russ Horton by October 11, 2017 at [410-394-3216](tel:410-394-3216). The charge is \$11 for lunch.**
- **Coffee and Conversation** continues Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30am in the Parish Hall Conference Room. All are welcome!
- **Tuesday Bible Study**
- **Wednesday Night Opportunities:**
 - October 4th: Lynn Taylor will speak on the Drug Problem in Southern Maryland. Lynn works in Behavioral Health and serves on the board for the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse. ***Please note, the dinner and program times are earlier for this event: Potluck at 5pm, program at 6pm***
 - Take part in the online component of The Big Conversation Book Study beginning Wednesday 10/11-11/15. Learn more about Dismantling Racism in America: A Book Study on page 8 of the Connector.

OUTREACH

SHOEBOX TIME!!!



Now is our time to prepare a shoebox gift for needy children around the world. We also support the lonely foreign sailors on the ships in Baltimore who cannot be with family at Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to spread Christmas joy to those less fortunate.

This year we have acquired special boxes for the kids, boxes that do not need to be wrapped! There is a supply in each worship space along with a list of suggested gifts.

For the Seafarers use any small size shoebox, fill it with gifts from the list also in the back of the worship spaces. They can be wrapped or just secured with a sturdy rubber band or ribbon.

Please remember to label each box as to the designated recipient (boy, girl, Seafarer). Ingathering and blessings of the boxes will be at the single service for All Saints' Day on November 5.

Sharleen Wagner

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.

Can you help? We need volunteers for the following Mondays in 2018:

3/26/2018	4/23/2018	5/28/2018	6/25/2018
7/23/2018	8/27/2018	9/24/2018	10/22/2018
11/26/2018	12/24/2018		

Some recent meals have been beef stew and rolls; baked chicken pieces, macaroni and cheese, and green beans; lasagna and garlic bread; roast pork, mashed potatoes, and vegetables; and hamburger casserole and rolls. Anything the chefs want to make is welcome.

Please contact me at 410-610-2706 or 410-326-4948 if you have questions or are able to help with this. Thank you for thinking of it!

Anne Gross

HeartFELT



Heart FELT will be serving two middle schools (grades 6-8), Mill Creek and Southern, for the 2017/2018 school year. We are serving 20 students currently at Mill Creek and Southern Middle School.

Donations requested:

Milk (shelf stable)

Juice

Cereal

Vegetables

Thank you,

Elizabeth Broadus, HeartFELT Coordinator For Middleham and St. Peter's

SWEET POTATO HARVEST TIME



The **Helpful Harvest Garden** annual sweet potato harvest is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 7, rain or shine. The crop will be distributed at the Food Drop on Oct 10. Drinks and snacks provided. Digger of largest sweet potato will be crowned Sweet Potato King/Queen (Skip Steiner is reigning king).

Who: All Hands needed – please bring a friend

Where: The Garden by SMILE

When: Saturday, Oct 7, 8AM until....rain or shine

What to Wear: Long sleeves and long pants are best, the worst clothes you own.

What to Bring:

- small hand trowel and or spade – anything to dig under and lift sweet potatoes (they are delicate and break easily – not like a regular potato)
- gloves and hat
- grit

Mark Pesola and Kristin Sandusky, For MSP Gardens

Parish Health Ministry



We first wish to thank the many volunteers that helped with our 8th Annual Health Fair. The turnout was modest, but good results came about. Four people signed up for health care insurance that didn't have it before; two people were found to have pulmonary issues that need follow-up; 5 bikes were given to children that really wanted them; and 1 child's car seat was made safe. These are just a few of the successes.

In August, we were happy to have @16 people come from our parish and 2 other churches to hear Dr. Kim Goring speak about "Sleep" - something we all need and only a few seem to get enough of. Here are some of her "Rules to Improve Insomnia and Promote a More Restful Sleep" for those who could not attend:

- ✚ Sleep as long as necessary to feel rested (usually 7-8 hours for adults)
- ✚ Maintain a regular sleep schedule, particularly a regular wake-up time in the morning
- ✚ Try not to force sleep
- ✚ Avoid caffeinated beverages after lunch
- ✚ Avoid alcohol; near bedtime
- ✚ Avoid smoking or other nicotine intake - late evening
- ✚ Adjust the bedroom environment as needed to decrease stimuli (reduce ambient light, turn off the TV/radio, etc.)
- ✚ Avoid prolonged use of light-emitting screens- laptops, smartphones, e-books, etc.) for at least 30 mins. before bedtime
- ✚ Resolve concerns/worries before bedtime- write them down to help dismiss them)
- ✚ Avoid daytime naps, especially longer than @20 mins. or later in the day

Dale Yoe, Parish Nurse

SOLEFUL STRUTTERS

Soleful Strutters, walking group has been meeting at the Parish Hall @ 9:00 AM on Wednesdays.

Temperatures are cooler now that Fall has arrived. Please email us if a later time would fit your schedule better, or even a different day of the week.

Thanks soleful.strutters@middlehamandstpeters.org

Or call and leave a message at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish Office @ 410-326-4948

Walking Group Coordinators, Karen Timmons and Jackie Vos

“Books, Banter & Brunch”

**Our book club meets next Friday October 13th @ 11:00 AM @
Salsa's Mexican Cafe in Lusby**



Our first selection has been from the book series Grantchester Mysteries, by James Runcie. We will be sharing our favorite short story from the first book "The Shadow of Death", on October 13th.

[book available on Amazon kindle and paperback](#)

Please consider joining. Even if you didn't participate for the first book selection, come for food and fellowship. We meet once per month, and will be determining the next read. Anyone is welcome to join, they do not need to be a parishioner.

Currently the book club is headed up by Jackie Vos. and Karen Timmons.

Have any questions just send us an email, bookclub@middlehamandstpeters.org.

Middleham Chapel

Open To The Community



1st and 3rd Tuesdays Noon - 1:00 PM

2nd and 4th Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

For Personal Prayer, Reflection or Meditation

At the noon slot bring something to read or just sit and enjoy the quiet. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy your meal out at the picnic tables. Also we have a labyrinth open to the community.

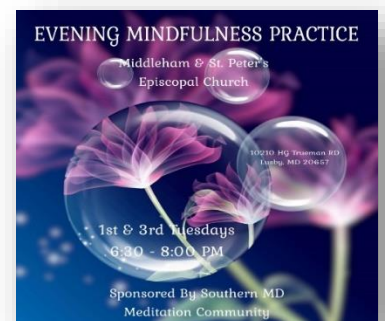
The 4:00 PM slot is convenient for those on their way home from work, or waiting for their child to finish an after school activity, or maybe you just have the time later in the day or the need.

“Evening Mindfulness Practice”

Evening Mindfulness Practice Each Month

On The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

@ 6:30 - 8:00 PM



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

For information – Nancy Radcliffe @ 410-326-4070 or somdmeditationcommunity@hotmail.com

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 8th at 3pm



Bring your pets of all shapes, sizes, and varieties for a blessing and celebration of St. Francis of Assisi! We will have a short service with special prayers for all creatures great and small. Fellowship on the lawn will follow.

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- Paper towels

Call the Parish Office with questions: 410-326-4948

Harvest Tea

October 14th Noon - 2:00 PM

Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish
10210 HG Trueman RD Lusby, MD 201657

Come and enjoy the day, bring a friend and bring your favorite tea cup. Delicious finger sandwiches, sweets and a variety of teas to choose from. There will be door prizes and fellowship.



Middleham & St. Peter's Fundraiser
Tickets available after all Sunday Worship Services.
Call the Parish Office For Information: 410-326-4948
Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish

October 21, 2017



A Day of Mindfulness for our Community

Sponsored by

**The Southern Maryland
Meditation Community**

Everyone Welcome

Our practice is universal & non-sectarian.

Come for the morning, afternoon or the entire day.

Space is limited. RSVP by Oct 19; call 410-326-4070
or email somdmeditationcommunity@hotmail.com

Dress comfortably; bring a mat and cushion for
sitting, and a blanket for the deep relaxation.
Chairs will be available. Bring your brown bag
lunch. We will provide water & tea.

Donations will be gratefully accepted and will go
toward programs that help feed the hungry.

**Learn mindful living
practices that can
help us:**

- Bring calm & clarity to the pressures of life
- Feel joy, acceptance, peace, & happiness
- Cultivate attention & awareness

Morning Program

9:30—12:45

- 9:30 Registration
- 9:45 Intro to Mindfulness
Guided Meditation
- 11:00 Mindful Movements
- 11:45 Mindful Eating

Afternoon Program

12:45-3:30

- 1:00 Mindful Walking or
Mindful Art
- 1:45 Deep Relaxation
- 2:30 Mindful Sharing &
Closing Thoughts

Middleham & St Peter's Parish

Episcopal Church-Parish Hall

10210 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby, MD.



TRUNK OR TREAT
MIDDLEHAM AND ST. PETER'S PARISH
SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH 2-4 PM

All are invited to this festive and fun event for kids and adults alike. Wear your costumes and visit decorated vehicles of parishioners in the Parish Hall parking lot. If you are interested in hosting a trunk (decorating it and providing candy for trunk or treaters), call the office for more information.

410-326-4948

10210 H G Trueman Rd, Lusby, MD 20657 (Next to SMILE)
(NO RAIN DATE, IF INCLEMENT WEATHER IT WILL BE CANCELLED)



Sunday October 1st Last Day - Calvert County Fair

Sunday, October 1st - Stewardship Kickoff at all services.



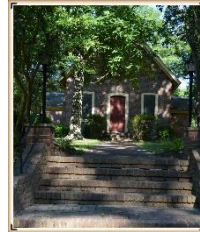
Sunday, October 1st - Ticket Sales "Harvest Tea" after all services.

Tuesday, October 3rd - Staff Meeting



Tuesday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th & 31st - @ 11:00 AM - Bible Study in the small conference room.

Tuesday, October 3rd & 17th - @ Noon - 1:00 PM - Middleham Chapel Open to The Community. (1st and 3rd Tuesdays) Personal Prayer, Reflection or Meditation



Tuesday, October 3rd & 17th - @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Evening Mindfulness Practice - in the Parish Hall - Open to all, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Wednesday , October 4th, 11th , 18th & 25th - @ 9:00 AM - "Soleful Strutters" - walking group, open to all, at the Parish Hall.

Wednesday , October 4th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - The Southern Maryland Job Source Mobile Career Center (MCC) at SMILE



Wednesday , October 4th, 11th ,18th , & 25th - @ 10:30 AM HeartFelt loading of backpacks

Wednesday , October 4th - @ 1:00 PM - Parish Health Meeting

Wednesday, October 4th @ 5:00 Optional Pot Luck Program @ 6:00 PM. - Wednesday Evening Series Continues with - "The Opioid Epidemic in Calvert County".

Wednesday, October 4th , 11th , 18th & 25th - @ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1684

Thursday, October 5th , 12th 19th & 26th @ 7:00 PM - Education for Ministry (EFM).



Thursday, October 5th, 12th 19th & 26th @ 7:15 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 7th @ 8:00 AM ...Until - Sweet Potato Harvest - Rain or Shine

Sunday, October 8th, 15th , 22nd & 29th @ 2:00 – 3:00 PM “Dismantling Racism in America”, Book Study in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, October 8th @ 3:00 – Blessing of the Animals



Monday, October 9th – Columbus Day – Administrative Offices Closed

Monday, October 9th @ 3:00 PM - Daughters of the King



Tuesday, October 10th & 24th - @ 4:00 – 5:00 PM - Middleham Chapel Open to The Community. (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) Personal Prayer, Reflection or Meditation

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



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



Wednesday, October 11th – Dismantling Racism in America – Facebook Online Discussion Group 7:30 – 8:30.

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

Friday, October 13th All Day – Setup in the Parish Hall for Harvest Tea – Volunteers Welcome.

Friday, October 13th @ 11:00 AM – “Books, Banter & Brunch”, 1st meeting of the book club at Salsa’s Mexican Cafe in Lusby. All are welcome, will be deciding on next selection.



Saturday, October 14th Noon - 2:00 PM - 1st Annual "Harvest Tea.



**MD Diocese Clergy Conference At Claggett
October 16th - 17th**

Monday, October 16th - @ noon - Asbury Episcopal Fellowship - Presenter - The Rev. Dottie Yunger - Topic - "Earthkeepers Ministry and her experiences as a marine biologist".

Friday, October 20th @ 1:00 PM Southern Maryland Meditation Community Meeting in the large Conference Room, then setup in the Parish Hall, for Mindfulness Day.

Saturday, October 21st 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM A Day of Mindfulness For Our Community - Full Day and 1/2 Day options. Donations support the Middleham and St. Peter's Outreach Ministries For Hunger.



Saturday, October 28th 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Trunk Or Treat at Middleham and St. Peter's. Participants need to arrive by 1:00 to park and decorate their vehicles.



Sunday, October 29th 5-7 PM All Hallows' Eve Youth Group Gathering



Connector Article Deadline

The deadline for submissions for **NOVEMBER** will be **TUESDAY OCTOBER 17TH** .

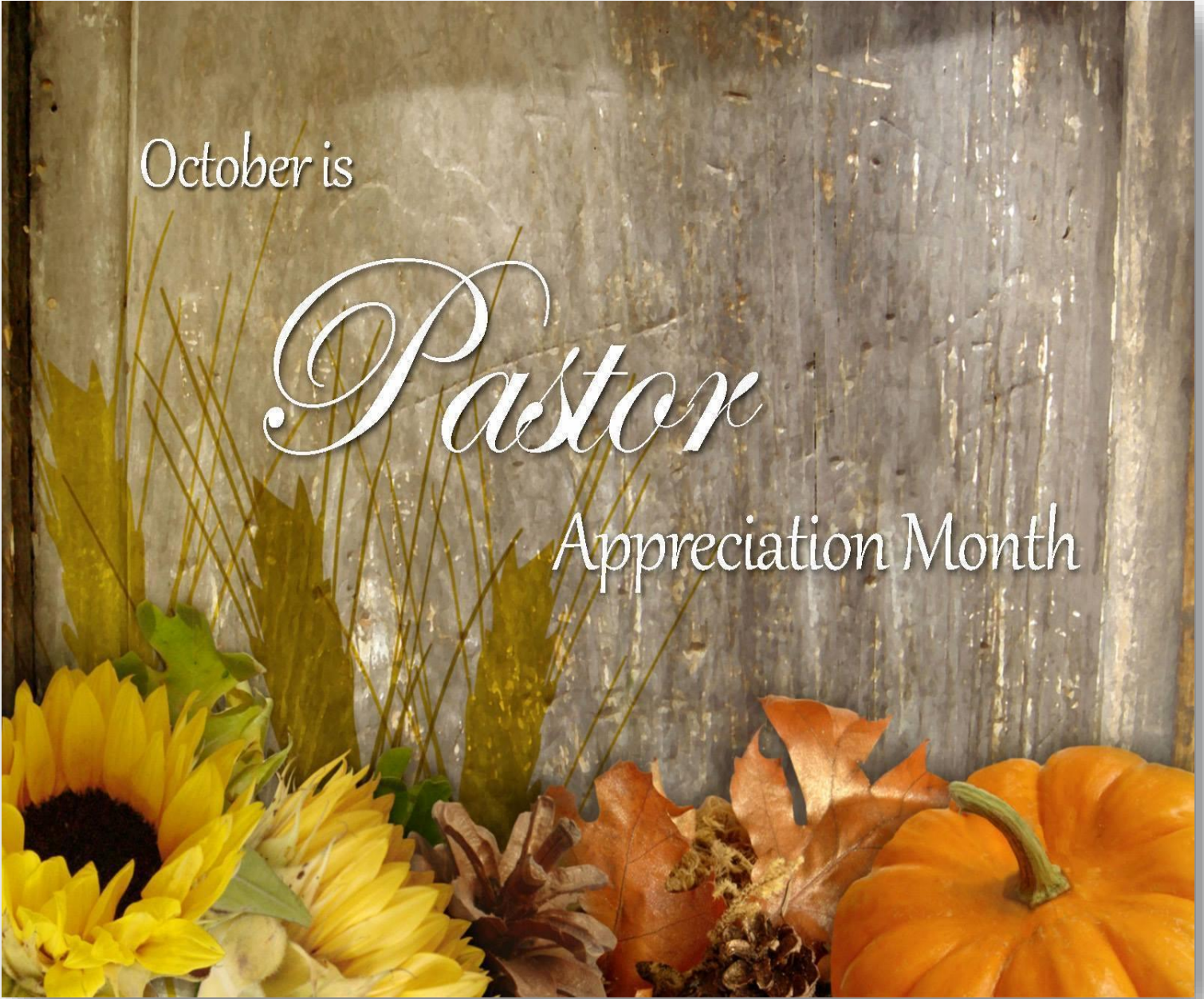
Thanks so much, **Karen Timmons, Communications**

Submissions earlier as they are ready are most welcome.

October is

Pastor

Appreciation Month





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Dale Yoe	10/03	Flo Russell	10/22
Nancy Favor	10/04	Kristin Sandusky	10/23
Jess Kury	10/05	Howard Mann	10/24
Nancy Schnell	10/07	Anne Hayes	10/24
Brendan Truitt	10/07	Zachary Connolly	10/24
Nancy Warren	10/07	Karen Wilson	10/29
Karen Pardoe	10/08	Channing J. Hall (CJ)	10/31
Doug Smith	10/08		
Mordecai Bowen	10/09		
Alden Gross	10/10		
Taylor King	10/13		
Abigail Simmons	10/13		
Jeanne Vote	10/13		
Penney File	10/17		
Ricky Sederbaum	10/17		
Penney File	10/19		
Dorothy Swann	10/19		
David Hollweger	10/20		
Hannah Connolly	10/21		
Bob Stephenson	10/21		
Anne Gross	10/22		



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Lucy Tonacci	10/05
Jon & Mary Ellen Davis	10/11
Russell & Rachel Clift	10/20
Bernard & Eileen Curley	10/22

October Happenings

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Stewardship Kick-off 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 10:15 AM Christian Ed 11:15 AM HE Middleham COUNTY FAIR LAST DAY	2 6:00 PM AA Meeting	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting	4 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's JobSource Van @SMILE 10:30 AM Heart FELT 1:00 PM Parish Health 5:00 PM Potluck 6:00 PM Adult Ed - Drug Problem 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	5 Start Date Bells Practice To-Be-Determined 7:00 PM EfM 7:15 PM Choir	6	7 PRAD 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting Troop 1684 Camping Overnight
8 PRAD 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 10:15 AM Christian Ed 11:15 AM HE Middleham 2:00 PM Big Conversation Book Study 3:00 PM Blessing of Animals	9 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 PM Daughters of the King 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 5145 6:00 PM AA Meeting	10 11:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Food Dstn prep 3:00 PM Food Dstn 4:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open 8:00 PM AA Meeting	11 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's Health Van @ SMILE 10:30 AM Heart FELT 7:30 PM Big Conv on line 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	12 6:00 PM SMILE Board 7:00 PM EfM 7:15 PM Choir	13 Harvest Tea set up 11:00 Books, Banter, Brunch (Salsa's)	14 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 12:00 PM Harvest Tea 7:00 PM AA Meeting
15 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 10:15 AM Christian Ed 11:15 AM HE Middleham 2:00 PM Big Conversation Book Study	16 12:00 PM Asbury Epis. Fellowship 6:00 PM AA Meeting Clergy Conference	17 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open 6:30 PM Meditation 8:00 PM AA Meeting	18 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:30 AM Heart FELT 7:30 Big Conv on line 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	19 7:00 PM EfM 7:15 PM Choir	20 1:00 PM Mindfulness Meeting Mindfulness set up	21 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 9:00 AM Mindfulness Day 7:00 PM AA Meeting
22 8:30 AM HE St. Peter's 9:30 AM HE Great Hall 11:15 AM HE Middleham 2:00 PM Big Conversation Book Study	23 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 5145 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Humane Society	24 11:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Middleham Chapel Open 8:00 PM AA Meeting	25 9:00 AM HE-St. Peter's 10:30 AM Heart FELT 7:30 Big Conv on line 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - 1684	26 7:00 PM EfM 7:15 PM Choir	27	28 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon 2-4:00 PM Trunk or Treat 7:00 PM AA Meeting
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OCTOBER WORSHIP

Altar Guild

SCHEDULE 2017

ST. PETER'S : CHERI CAMPBELL & LOUISE SMITH
 GREAT HALL: DIANE DAVIES & ANNE GROSS
 MIDDLEHAM: BONNIE TOLSON & BARBARA BARRETT

DATE	SERVICE Time & Location	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	CHALICIST	READER	GREETERS	HEALING St. Peter's @ 9:00 AM
10-01-17	8:30 St. Peter's	Fr. Steiner	Anne Gross		Bernie Helms & Russ Horton	10-04-17
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21	9:30 Great Hall	Rev. Akes- Cardwell	Diane Davies			Fr. Steiner
	11:15 Middleham	Fr. Steiner	Jackie Vos			
10-08-17	8:30 St. Peter's	Fr. Steiner	Betty Eble	Anita Shepherd	Dick & Rosemary Staley	10-11-17
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22	9:30 Great Hall	Rev. Akes- Cardwell	Tonya Stanley			Fr. Steiner
	11:15 Middleham	Fr. Steiner	Karen Wilson	Susie Cook		
10-15-17	8:30 St. Peter's	Fr. Steiner	John Wagner	Jim Shepherd	Tom & Joan Hogenson	10-18-17
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23	9:30 Great Hall	Rev. Akes- Cardwell	Colleen Davies			Rev. Akes-Cardwell
	11:15 Middleham	Fr. Steiner	Mike Shisler	Karen Timmons		
10-22-17	8:30 St. Peter's	Fr. Steiner	Bill Miller	Nancy Briggs	John & Sharleen Wagner	10-25-17
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24	9:30 Great Hall	Rev. Akes- Cardwell	Tom Briggs			Rev. Akes-Cardwell
	11:15 Middleham	Fr. Steiner	Jane Knox	Bonnie Tolson		
10-29-17	8:30 St. Peter's	Fr. Steiner	Anne Gross	Bob Luckritz	Monte & Sally Ray	11-01-17
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25	9:30 Great Hall	Rev. Akes- Cardwell	Laura Carpenter			Fr. Steiner
	11:15 Middleham	Fr. Steiner	Jackie Vos	Brenda Hollweger		