

# MAGGIE'S CROSS



## From Our Rector

### *Deeply Formed & Deeply Connected*

This past Sunday was such a wonderful return to our fall activities at Saint Margaret's. The blessing of the backpacks, students, teachers, and school support staff is always one of my favorite celebrations of the year, and the excitement continued as our youth returned for the EYC kickoff later that same evening. The busy tempo of the fall is upon us, and the faster pace of our community was clear again on Monday morning as I traversed my way through the Union County School traffic (which made me a few minutes late to work) and I was greeted by our preschool staff and their preparation for another great school year. I know it is crazy busy this time of year, but I do have to admit that I love it!

As busy as life can get, I do hope that you will choose to spend some of your time participating in the formation opportunities and Christian fellowship gatherings of our parish. You should have received an email with our Red Door Welcome information, the same packet that was distributed at church this past weekend. The publication details the Sunday formation schedule for the fall,

as well as service opportunities, fellowship gatherings, and a plethora of good information on serving and connecting at our parish. These offerings are so vital to our ongoing relationship with Jesus and each other, and there is something fundamentally different when we come together with fellow disciples and grow deeper in our faith and are more deeply connected to Jesus and one another. From the earliest days the faithful gathered to do just that; to connect with Jesus through His teaching, through worship, and by connecting in the name of Christ with one another. Consider what Luke shares with us in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles:

***They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.***

***Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. (Acts 2:42-44)***

The early believers knew how important it was to gather, to support one another, to center their individual and collective lives around Jesus and His teachings, and to become connected by being present with each other. Formation by worship was (and is) the central act of faith, but out of

that worship stems the need to study more deeply the teachings of our Lord and to gather in joyful community as we bless each other and the community around us. For this fall, we have two adult Sunday School offerings, two weekday Bible studies (with more being planned), and several gatherings for fellowship. We offer teaching for our children and youth, all of which is described in detail in our **Red Door Welcome**, so you can more fully participate in the ongoing life and formation gatherings of our church.

As many of us return to another season of hecticness, I do hope that you will set aside some time for Saint Margaret's, because I believe that time will help deepen your faith and your relationship with Jesus to grow closer.

It is my prayer that our common devotion to our Lord will allow us to be more deeply formed in His image, and more deeply connected to one another.

Your priest,

*Fr. Todd*

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# Music

BY GAVIN D. CRAIG

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I'm pleased to announce a new initiative to enrich the artistic life of the south Charlotte area: *Music at Saint Margaret's*.

This monthly series will both showcase exceptional artists and provide beautiful worship experiences. Concert performances will take place on Fridays at 6:30pm, featuring acclaimed musicians offering

diverse chamber music selections. Liturgical offerings will be held on Sundays at 4:00pm, featuring our own choirs in services of Evensong and other liturgies, with music drawn from the best of the Anglican worship tradition. All events will be followed by a light reception to meet artists and connect with other guests. A \$20 recommended donation at each event will help fund the series and the music program at St. Margaret's.

## Join Us!

*Join us for our fall lineup below, and stay tuned for more offerings as our spring series takes shape!*

### **Choral Evensong: Michaelmas**

**Sunday, September 29 at 4:00pm**

A service of scripture and prayer on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Featuring music of Stanford, Arkhangelsky, Dupré, and Bonnet.

### **Regina Dill and Gavin Craig: Bach to Bach**

**Friday, October 18 at 6:30pm**

Music of J. S. Bach and his musical relatives, presented by members of our community.

### **Sung Lee and Friends**

**Friday, November 22 at 6:30pm**

Hear members of the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra present music for strings and oboe, highlighting works by Mozart and other luminaries of the Classical era.

### **The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Sunday, December 15 at 4:00pm**

Join us for our beloved tradition of celebrating the upcoming Christmas season with hearing the story of salvation and beautiful carol settings led by our adult and children's choirs.

Music  
at  
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# Youth Spotlight

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EYC had our Fall 2024 Kick Off on August 25th. We had 71 students attend our kick off and we were thrilled to see so many students: those we know well and those new to our group that we will get to know!

At our gathering, we introduced our 6th graders and new members to EYC and our love of silly games, icebreakers, God, candy, and a decent amount of laughter and a fair amount of noise. If your youth was not able to make it to our first meeting, we hope they will join us at one of our next gatherings.

In addition to our field games and get-to-know you icebreakers, EYC will spend our first few meetings discussing how we are God's beautiful and varied creations! Our guiding verse this fall is from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus and his statement that *"we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* (*Ephesians 2:10*). Paul's words should remind us that God created us and we live our lives for God and we're going to talk about what that means and what assurances that gives us today.

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EYC will meet on the following Sundays for the remainder of **September: 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.** *EYC meets from 5:00-6:30pm with dinner 6:30-7:00pm. All 6th-12th graders, and friends, are welcome!*

**EYC Fall Retreat Save the Date:** Our EYC Fall Retreat will be Sat-Sun, Oct 19-20 at Bethelwoods Camp in York, SC. This retreat will be for all 6th-12th graders and we will stay overnight at camp. More information out in the fall.





# Children's Ministry



**BY JAMIE PETER**

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It was great to see so many smiling faces at our **Annual Blessing of the Backpacks** on Sunday, August 25th. At both services, blessings were given to students of all ages, Sunday School teachers, EYC volunteers, StM Preschool teachers and parishioners headed back to the classroom as teachers in our community.

**Sunday School** is back in session on Sept. 8th. I hope you will join us this year. Children 4 years of age through 5th grade are invited to join us for bible lessons, games, and crafts each Sunday morning from 9:30am-10:15am. We are looking forward to an awesome school year of fun and fellowship as we dive into our new curriculum *Mini Revolutions by Illustrated Ministry*. Parents don't forget there will be two Adult Formation offerings during this time for you as well.

Let us know you're coming by [clicking here](#). Registration is helpful to the church office as it allows for us to accurately assign classrooms, buy supplies, and gives parents the opportunity to alert the Children's Ministry staff to any pertinent information on your child and any special accommodations needed.

**Our nursery** is back open for our littlest parishioners during both services and formation time, 8am to noon each Sunday morning with two caregivers.

I am looking forward to an exciting fall together with fun and fellowship!

Blessings, Jamie



Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming dates in Children's Ministry:

**September 1st:**

*Parish Breakfast at 9:15am*

**September 8th:**

*Sunday School starts 9:30-10:15am*

**September 8th:**

*Club 4-5 11:45am-1:00pm*

**October 6th:**

*Parish Breakfast at 9:15am*

**Oct. 6th, Oct. 13th & Oct. 20th:**

*Fall Holy Communion Classes  
(registration coming soon) 9:30-10:15am*

**October 13th:**

*Club 4-5 11:45am-1:00pm*

**October 27th:**

*Holy Communion Celebration at 10:30am service*





# Join us

*on the first Sunday of the month*



**StM MONTHLY  
FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, September 1st**

**9:15-10:15 in the Parish Hall**

*\$5 suggested donation per person.*







# Parish Connection

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BY TRACI SCOTT

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## NEW Women's Bible Study starts 9/9!

### *Looking for Lovely*

***Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Youth Room beginning 9/9.***

*When we learn to spot the lovely in the midst of hardship can we experience the transcendent peace of God that keeps us persevering when we want to give up. In this 7-session Bible study, Annie F. Downs examines the ordinary people of the Bible—fishermen, gardeners, women, soldiers—to reveal the moments they found beauty in everyday circumstances and hope in God's timing.*

Books may be purchased on Amazon [HERE](#) or we can order one for you. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register and let us know how you would like to purchase your book.

*Questions? Contact Traci Scott at [connection@saintmargarets.net](mailto:connection@saintmargarets.net).*

## Fall Fellowship Night on Saturday, Sept 14th

Join Father Todd and the StM Staff at Middle James Brewery in downtown Waxhaw on Saturday, September 14th from 5:00-7:00pm for a fall fellowship night and Buy Your Priest a Beer Night (it's a real thing, we promise!).

### **Families are welcome!**

*You are welcome to grab a takeout or food truck dinner and join your parish family as we toast to a great fall season.*

*Middle James serves non-alcoholic beverages, beer, and wine.*



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## **StM 101 Class for Newcomers**

Join us for our 2-week StM 101 Class on Sept 15 & 22 at 9:30am. Are you new to St. Margaret's or never been able to attend 101? In this 2-part session of our newcomers class, we discuss the Episcopal faith, our church's history, our various ministries and how to get engaged in the life of our parish. We'll also take a tour of the building. RSVP to Traci at [connection@saintmargarets.net](mailto:connection@saintmargarets.net).

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## **Foyer Groups**



**FOYER GROUPS**  
SAINT MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Want to get to know your fellow parishioners and build relationships in a small group setting? Sign up for a Foyer Group! These are groups of 6-8 parishioners that get together to share food, fun and conversation each month. Hosting duties rotate and you can meet in each other's homes, restaurants, have a picnic, etc. The idea is to bring people together for Christian fellowship outside of our normal worship service. Foyers will meet October through May. If you'd like to remain with your current group, you do not need to submit a form. Deadline to sign up is September 27th: <https://stm.breezechms.com/form/foyer>



# & Outreach opportunities

## **Textured Haircare Product Collection** – ends September 6



StM parishioner, Elaine Parker, is leading a project for her Girl Scout Troop to collect haircare products for people with wavy and textured hair. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Needed items for textured hair are shampoo, conditioner, curl cream, hair oils, edge control, silk bonnets, detangling combs. Suggested brands: Mielle, Cantu, Shea Moisture. Items may be placed in the collection bin outside the restrooms.

## **CKF Monthly Meal Delivery**

One more delivery car needed for our monthly hot meal deliveries on Saturday, September 21st at 11am. You'll deliver packaged meals to 4 homes in the Waxhaw area, and you'll be done by noon. If you're able to help, please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

## **Shelter meal help needed**

One more person is needed to serve our meal at the Union County Shelter in Monroe on Tuesday September 24th at 5:30pm. There is only one more slot on the sign-up, but two of you are welcome to go if you'd like to take a friend or family member. If you're available, please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

## **Calling all bakers...it's time for Kairos cookies!**

Homemade cookies are needed for our Kairos prison ministry group to take to the inmates at Kershaw Correctional Facility during their program September 24-27.

Cookies due Sunday, September 22nd in the collection bin outside the restrooms. No sign up needed this time. Prison rules require that the cookies are packaged in a quart-sized Ziploc bag with 12 in each bag.

Pray over the cookies as you prepare them and ask God to use these cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff. These will be distributed to the more than 1,400 men in the prison.

*There will also be a prayer vigil for the full 4 days where people can sign up to pray for 1 hour. If you'd like to pray for the Kairos group September 24-27, please contact Traci at [connection@saintmargarets.net](mailto:connection@saintmargarets.net) to sign up and receive suggested prayers.*

## **Common Heart Pantry Update**



a small revolution of kindness

We had some HOT evenings at our Wednesday pantry, but hopefully those are behind us. We persevered and served anywhere from 50 to 78 families each week which translates to about 200-300 individuals each week. Many thanks to Brad Kifer, Joyce Groves and Amy Charity for serving cold water bottles to those waiting in line on those hot days. Thanks to all who donated children's books, we have been able to distribute those to the kids as they wait in line and the families are so grateful. It has been fun to watch them pick out the books they are most interested in! Many thanks to Tara McLellan and Jessica Parker for helping with that effort and of course, to all who donated books.

In an effort to allow more StM folks to sign up to help at these weekly food distributions, Common Heart will be holding back some volunteer slots for our parishioners each week and you will use a code to register for those. Watch for more details in the Thursday eblasts. To register or make changes, [CLICK HERE](#).





# It's Time to Link to support



Saint Margaret's *Preschool*



**#1618**

St. Margaret's Preschool is excited to partner again with Harris Teeter's Together in Education Program this year!



**We would appreciate it if you could link (or re-link)  
your personal VIC card  
to our preschool account number 1618.**

You can link your card conveniently at any customer service counter.

OR

You can link through the Harris Teeter App.

**On the APP go to the lines in the top right corner:**

- Then go to REWARDS
- Then go to TOGETHER IN EDUCATION
- ADD the St. Margaret's Preschool #1618

*Your VIC card must be RE-LINKED every year so  
that our school can receive credit on an annual basis.*

*You can link your card to multiple schools (max. 5) annually at no cost.*

**Thank you for your support!**

# DID YOU

# KNOW?

**Have you noticed that we have added more handicapped parking to our front lot?**

We have recently added two more handicapped spaces at the front of the church.

We have also painted the curbs at our Crane Road entry/exit to provide a safer environment for all who use our parking lot.







# September Calendar

- 9/1 Fr. Matt Addington starts at StM
  - 9/1 Monthly Parish Breakfast, 9:15 am -10:15 am
  - 9/2 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
  - 9/4 First day of St. Margaret's Preschool
  - 9/4 Children's Choir begins, 4:30 pm in the Choir Room
  - 9/8 Sunday School begins for all ages, 9:30 am – 10:15 am
  - 9/8 Club 4-5, 11:45 am in the Parish Hall
  - 9/9 Women's Bible Study begins, 7:00 pm in the Youth Room
  - 9/14 DOK monthly meeting, 9:30 am in the Parish Hall
  - 9/14 Buy Your Priest a Beer Night:  
*Middle James Brewery in downtown Waxhaw, 5:00 pm*
  - 9/29 Evensong, 4:00 pm
- \*First Monday of the month: *Prayer time in the nave with Father Todd, 10:00 am*  
 \*Wednesday Evenings: Food Pantry, 6:00 pm



[CLICK HERE for our YouTube channel](#)  
**SERMONS in library!**

**REMINDER:**  
Wednesday Evening Compline with Father Todd, 9 pm on Facebook

## Introduce yourself!

Father Matt Addington's first day at StM will be on Sunday, Sept. 1st, so there's no better time than now to say hello and welcome him! Help him get acquainted with our ever growing parish family by introducing yourself and wearing a name tag. As our parish continues to grow, our clergy can use help in putting names to faces so reminding them of your name and wearing a name tag is very helpful when you say hello after service.



## Are you a member?

*We are often asked how do I become a member of StM?*

**Here are the simples answers:**

- Come to worship regularly.
- Be known to the treasurer.
- Get involved in at least one ministry in the parish.
- Be added to our membership records by contacting the church office. 704-243-3523

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## 2024 Vestry

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