

MAGGIE'S CROSS



A Letter from our Rector

BY FATHER TODD R. DILL+

Your Vestry is Hard at Work!

As we enter the summer months, this season allows many to slow down a bit. School is out, the pools are open, and vacation trips are planned and ready to be enjoyed. I have already seen a plethora of pictures from our families posted on social media as they enjoy their summer activities and spend more time together, enjoying the relaxing times that summer often offers. As I write this, I am preparing for sabbatical; a time that I will use to rest, rejuvenate, and reconnect with dear friends and family, near and far. While I will miss you all dearly during my time away, I am looking forward to seeing so many close friends and reconnecting with them after so much time apart!

But even amidst these less hectic months there is still much to be done at Saint

Margaret's, and your vestry is hard at work. More specifically, they are diligently assessing and addressing the needs of our parish regarding the safety and security of our campus. The events in the news over the past several weeks have once again highlighted the need for our staff and leadership to be constantly aware of the needs of keeping our community safe, and to be diligent in assessing ways that we can continue to keep our church family as secure as possible during these unsettled times.

As you might expect, the vestry has had many discussions about church safety and emergency procedures over the past several years, but given the current events in our society, it seems prudent to look at our procedures once again, both on Sundays and during the week, to assure that we are doing all that we can do to keep our community safe.

In the coming weeks, the vestry will be speaking with the Union County Sheriff's office to get their guidance and recommendations for our community. In circumstances such as this, we believe that it is prudent to get the advice of experts in the field. Once the vestry receives this guidance, the vestry will begin to make decisions based on these recommendations. Given the importance of these decisions, I have asked that the vestry not wait for me to return from sabbatical, but to make the decisions that they feel are best for Saint Margaret's and our parish family.

They are your elected representatives, are faithful and discerning, and I trust their wisdom as they gather information, do their prayers, and act on behalf of this church community.

One of the most powerful images of our Lord is the promise that He is the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd guides His sheep, tends to them, and protects His flock. Just as He calls out to gather and protect His sheep, so too do we feel a call to do all that we can to keep our church families, staff, and preschool children protected. As the vestry endeavors to do their work, I ask for your prayers as they discern God's desires. Pray for His Holy Spirit to guide them in all that they do, and pray for a time when all of God's beloved people are able to live in peace and tranquility.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Your priest,

-Fr. Todd+

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Youth Spotlight

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Our youth group had the joy of serving in Jacksonville, FL for a week in June. We traveled with 7 students and 2 adults, and it was the first mission trip for most of the students.

Our group served with TEAMeffort, a non-denominational nonprofit specializing in organizing service experiences. There were three other churches at camp, and we spent most of our time serving alongside a church from Georgia.

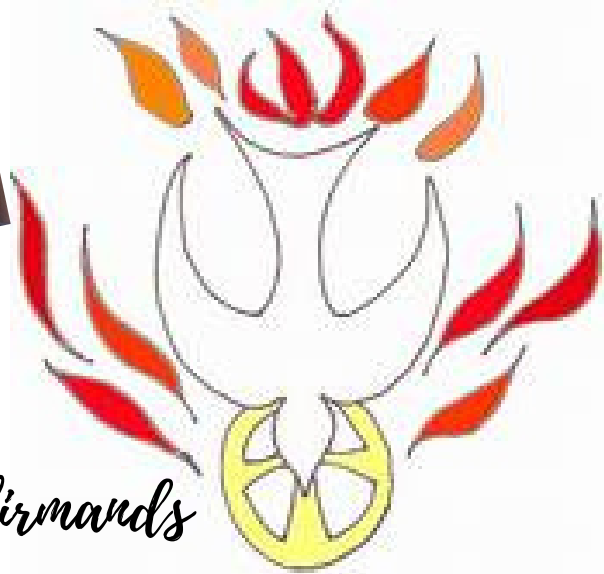
Our group had several different projects at two homes, across the street from each other. At the first home, our students put up vinyl skirting around the home, one of our adults got under the home to work on plumbing issues, and several students managed a days long controlled burn of yard debris. At the other home, our students cleared overgrown brush (and lots and lots of roots!) and prepped an area for a concrete slab.

When you serve with TEAMeffort, you typically meet the homeowners, but this year was something different. The homeowners, Mr. Brian & Ms. Beverly, shared their stories with our group, asked questions, made friends, cracked jokes, checked on us, and more. These two individuals left a mark on our group that cannot be conveyed in words, next time you see Elizabeth or a student who was on the trip, ask them about their experiences meeting these two wonderful people.



Our group finished the week with a beach day- we were in Florida after all! It was a week of sunscreen, water, shovels, shouts of "nailed it!," and community and it was wonderful. Thank you to those who traveled and served with us: Rosemary, Marilyn, Briley, Landen, Nathan, Dylan, Meghan, and Mark.

Thank you to our youth who came out for some summer bowling fun!



Congratulations to our June 26th Confirmands



Emily Betts, Ainsley Caspers, Michael Culpeper, Esile DeCruise, Kevin Fager, Lydia Ferguson, Maximilian Godwin, Brian Plihcik, Jack Poelke, Neil Salvage, Hayden Ward and Mary Ford



Children's Ministry

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We just wrapped up our first Vacation Bible School since 2019....and it was amazing to be back! We welcomed 51 students at VBS this year, where we learned that Jesus' power pulls us through! Saint Margaret's was transformed into a mountaintop railway station, where students sang, played, created, and learned together. Bible stories, praise songs, crafts, and discussion were just some of the ways students learned that Jesus helps each of us with his strength, power, and hope....and to always TRUST JESUS! Hearing the halls filled with children's voices and seeing so many smiles was the perfect way to really kick off summer, and VBS created so many opportunities for intergenerational fellowship and new connections!

During VBS we learned that Jesus' power helps us to be bold in loving others, and our students brought in donations of canned goods and money to benefit Common Heart. They also created beautiful suncatchers to help share God's love with the elderly residents of White Oak Manor of Waxhaw! Look around Waxhaw and you might even spot a friendship rock created by our students...complete with a QR code to our StM website!

An event like VBS is only possible with the help of many volunteers! This was truly a team effort, and so many members of our parish worked behind the scenes and during VBS to make the week so memorable and impactful for our children!

Special thanks to our StM clergy and staff for their awesome support, and our wonderful team of volunteers: Keith Adams, Renee Betts, Patience Bria, Anna & Reagan Chintala, Ben Collins, Callie Cox, Ian & Westley Culp, Carolyn Dunand, Rick & Vicki Delmar, Paige Feldser, Jane Graham, Olivia Jenkins, Patti Kelly, Valerie Marczyk, Jenny & Jack Marlier, Karen Mills, Jamie Peters, Lexie

Pierce, Vivian Roberts, Kayley Rush, Addison Salvage, Megan Schmidt, Molly Scialabba, Rachel Sells, Crystal Sepulveda, Danyele & Liam & Briley Shaffer, Jan Sims, Michelle Stephens, Avery Toy, Sarah Whalen, and Carter Williams.

Have a blessed summer!
-Catherine

FLAT MAGGIE, where are you?

Please remember to take FLAT MAGGIE with you this summer. **Email us your photos!**
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VBS volunteers were all smiles!



VBS Kitchen crew



Lots of donations for Common Heart!



VBS Conductor, Catherine Chintala & railway helpers!



VBS Engineer, Jamie Peters



Rick & Vicki Delmar worked the check-in table



Red Crew was on track!

VBS
snapshots, 6/27-30

More VBS snapshots



Volunteer Carter Williams



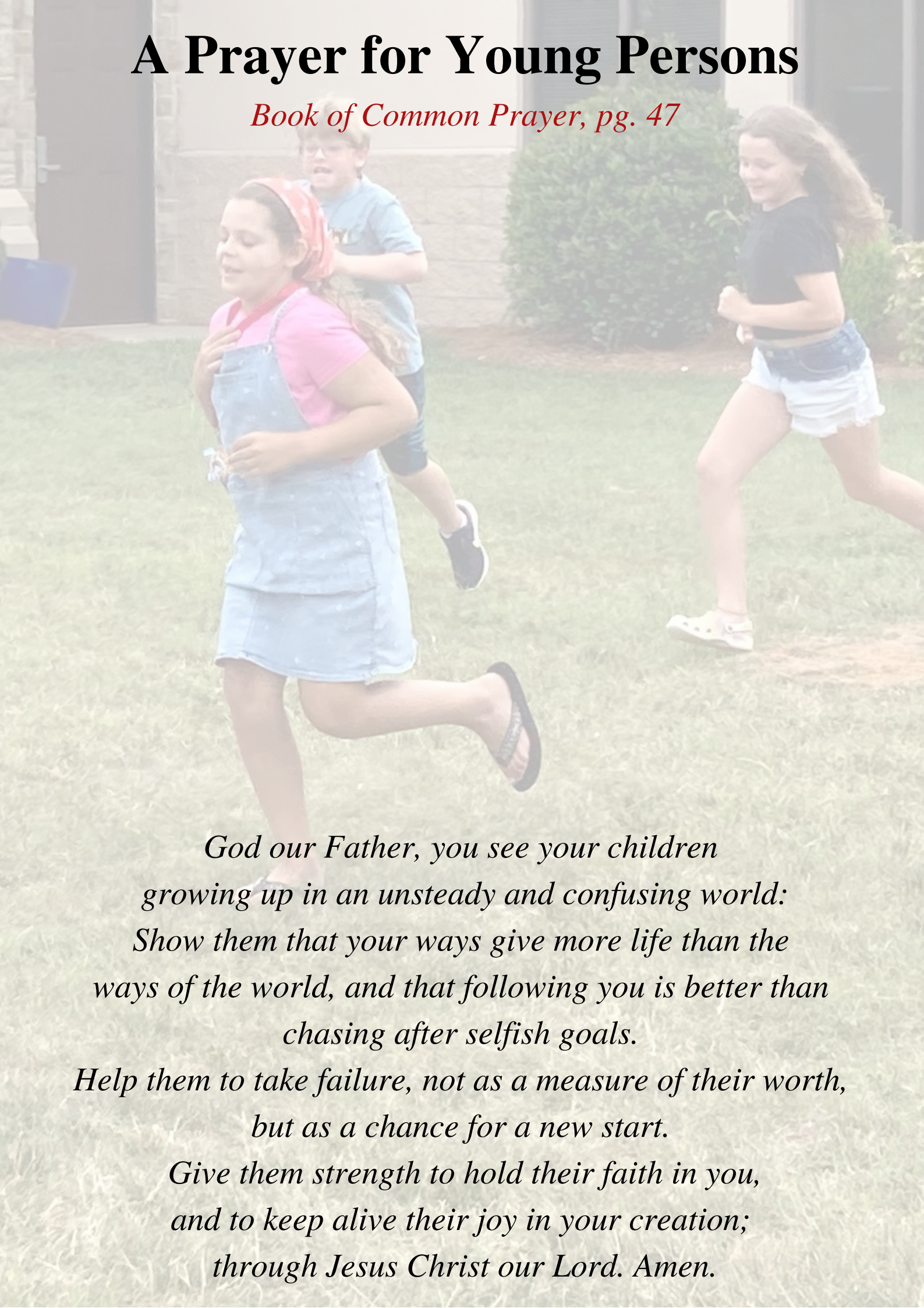
Volunteer Lexie Pierce



Thank you to all our volunteers!

A Prayer for Young Persons

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 47

A photograph of three children running across a grassy lawn. In the foreground, a girl with long brown hair, wearing a pink shirt, a red headband, and light blue overalls, is running towards the left. Behind her, a boy in a blue t-shirt and dark shorts is also running. To the right, another girl with long brown hair, wearing a black t-shirt and white shorts, is running towards the right. The background shows a brick house and some greenery.

*God our Father, you see your children
growing up in an unsteady and confusing world:
Show them that your ways give more life than the
ways of the world, and that following you is better than
chasing after selfish goals.
Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth,
but as a chance for a new start.
Give them strength to hold their faith in you,
and to keep alive their joy in your creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Outreach & Parish Connection

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Summer Connection Opportunities

Join us this summer for StM **Pop-Up Socials**! Visit with our clergy and staff members while enjoying coffee, ice cream or pizza.

Dates are:

- **July 12 – Coffee with Fr. Jay at Crossroads in Waxhaw, 10am**
- **July 22 – Pizza with Elizabeth & Traci at Desano's in Waverly, 6pm**
- **August 3 – Ice cream with Rev. Sarah at Cold Stone in Blakeney, 2pm**

Please sign up by clicking this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4EABA7283-summer>

**Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn
Sundays between services!**

**Stop by our shady spot outside the red doors
for a cool drink, cookies and fellowship.**

We hope to have parishioners host this event each Sunday this summer so, if you're willing to roll the lemonade cart out for us, please sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaba7283-lemonade>

Volunteers needed on 7/17, 7/24, 7/31. No shopping involved!



*A red door welcome
to new members:*

Jim & Sarah Norwine



Outreach *Summer Ways to HELP*

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Our Giving Garden in Growing! Beautiful veggies are coming in thanks to our dedicated volunteers: Tina Sagartz, Christina Kindel and Ann Haarhoff. The produce is being delivered to Common Heart to be distributed to our neighbors in need.

StM summer family service opportunity at Bright Blessings on August 9th at 3pm. Bright Blessings brings joy, care and hope to homeless and impoverished children in the Charlotte area by providing gifts and needed supplies. We will be wrapping presents and assembling gift packages at their location in Matthews (1150 Crews Rd, Suite C, Matthews). Children in kindergarten and older are welcome with accompanying parent. <https://www.brightblessingsusa.org/> Please email Traci or Elizabeth if you are able to volunteer: connection@saintmargarets.net or pfeifer@saintmargarets.net

Paper grocery bags needed for our monthly meal deliveries.

If you have or get paper bags at the grocery store, please save them for StM! We need about 30 each month for our CKF meals. Please drop them at the Welcome Center when you come for worship or in the church office during the week. Thank you! NOTE: there will not be a CKF meal in July. Our next meal delivery will be on Saturday, August 20th.

Upcoming Shelter meal on Tuesday, July 26. Two teams of volunteers are needed. One group will cook the meal at 1pm in the St. Margaret's kitchen and another group will serve it at the Community Shelter in Monroe at 5:30pm. **Please sign-up here** if you are able to help with cooking, serving or baking: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaba7283-2022>

save the date

Our two remaining blood drives in 2022 will be:

- **August 28**
- **December 18**





Our church office is open M-Th from 9:00-4:00
& 9:00-12:00 noon on Friday.

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Hugh Laughlin
Simon Haaroff
Paula Holbein
Colin Miles
Charlie Winsman
David Feldser, *Treasurer*



Worship with us!

- **Wednesday Worship: Prayer & Healing Service, 11:00 am**
- **Saturday Worship: Rite II, 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday Worship: Rite II, 8:45 am**
- **Sunday Worship: Rite II, 11:00 am**

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

July Calendar



7/4	Father Todd's Sabbatical begins CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7/12	StM Pop Up Social: Crossroads Coffee House, 10 am
7/19	EYC Service Day at Galilee Ministries Vestry Business meeting
7/22	Pop Up Social: Desano's Pizza in Waverly, 6 pm
7/26	Shelter Meal Prep & Serve

StM welcomes Gavin Craig!

Gavin Craig is coming to St. Margaret's from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in the Dallas area. A native of Flint, Michigan, Gavin holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and a Master of Music degree from the University of Houston, both in organ performance. He has also studied in the Netherlands, France, and Germany. Gavin has been active in church music for 20 years, and he has been involved in several organ fundraising and installation projects. His passion for forming new generations of musicians has notably included the formation of a professional choir of high school students in Houston. He is also the owner and curator of a 1931 reed organ built by John Holt of Birmingham, England, one of only two such instruments in North America. Gavin is also a self-taught software developer who enjoys bicycling, cooking, and science fiction. He's looking forward to new adventures in the Charlotte area and the opportunities of ministry with St. Margaret's!

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