

MAGGIE'S CROSS



A Letter from our Senior Warden

BY BRIAN SCOTT

The work of the church continues...

Greetings to you all and hope you are enjoying the summer season! For those of you who I have not met, I've had the honor of serving on the Vestry the past 2 years, and in my final year, as Senior Warden. And while our good Rector is away on a much-deserved sabbatical, the work of the church continues. With that in mind, I wanted to bring to your attention a particular area in which your Vestry is currently engaged. One can't escape the divisiveness currently being seen in our country and culture, as well as witnessing in our news the horrific instances of violence in schools,

churches, and other public areas. And while we can't seal ourselves off from the world, it is prudent to evaluate our current church security protocols for effectiveness and make changes to mitigate any potential risk.

A committee within the Vestry has been hard at work surveying area churches on their current procedures, hosting the Union County Sheriff's Department in an assessment of our property, and reaching out to internal ministries and stakeholders to understand the impact enhanced security measures may have on their operations and resources.

Based on this feedback and recommendations, we are evaluating new measures in the areas of access to the building, more efficient alarm/security systems including camera placement, and the potential for some type of police presence on our campus. Our campus has many access points and an immediate recommendation from the sheriff's department that has been implemented is to keep all doors locked during our worship service times with visitors utilizing the doors to the Narthex only.

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We realize these changes may present an inconvenience to some of those in our parish, but please understand we are focused on realizing our call to be an inviting and welcoming community of faith and balancing that with providing a safe and secure place for everyone who comes to St. Margaret's.

As the Vestry approves changes to our current procedures, we will communicate those to the parish. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (704) 219-5513 or briantscott@me.com. Thank you for your patience and may God bless this beloved community!



*-Brian Scott
Senior Warden*





EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVE

FOR YOUR SAFETY

SPECIAL NOTE:

The Union County Sherriff's Department strongly recommends limiting access to our building during worship services to the two sets of doors leading into the Narthex. All other doors will remain locked. This is part of an ongoing effort to upgrade and enhance our current fire and safety emergency preparedness procedures at St. Margaret's.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to evaluate our plans and will communicate any further changes that are required. We apologize for any inconvenience or change of routine this may cause.

REMINDERS:

- We have two **AEDs** in the building in case of a medical emergency. One in the cry room at the back of the church and one in the school hallway. Both are labeled for your direction.
- **FIRST AID KITS** are available in the vesting room (across from the cry room) and on the wall in the school hallway near the AED. There is also one in the church office workroom.
- Please accompany children to the playground, rest rooms and water fountain for their safety.





Youth Spotlight

BY ELIZABETH PFEIFER

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Before we get to the fall, we hope your student will join us for two summer events!

Join us for **TWO EVENTS IN TWO DAYS** (it's summer, calendar coordination is hard yall!). But, that means the RSVPs are due on the exact same day so we've got that going for us.

- **StM summer family service opportunity at Bright Blessings on Tues, August 9th from 3-4:30pm.**

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 adult. Youth ages 14 and older may volunteer independently, a guardian/adult must sign a waiver at drop off. Bright Blessings has a minimum volunteer needed, please RSVP to Elizabeth (email pfeifer@saintmargarets.net) by Mon, August 8th at noon to confirm we meet the minimum number. Thank you!

- **Wednesday, August 10th, 10:30am-5:00pm. Middle school day trip to Carowinds!** We will meet AT CAROWINDS at 10:30am for a day of roller coasters (no towels needed, we will not be going to the waterpark). Bring money for lunch and any snacks you'll want (\$20-25). We will pick up at Carowinds at 5:00pm.

Open to all rising 6th-8th graders. If you do not have a season pass, you can buy your single day ticket online (\$49 general admission). You **MUST** RSVP to Elizabeth by Mon, Aug 8th at noon so she can coordinate additional adult support.



**StM EYC
KICK OFF**

**August 28th
5:00-6:30pm**

**EYC will have our Fall 2022 Kick Off
on August 28th from 5:00-6:30pm
(no dinner served).**

All 6th-12th graders are invited to our first meeting of the school year.

Our 6th graders are invited to a welcome gathering on the 28th at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall (*older siblings welcome as well!*).

We will welcome our group and go over what to expect at EYC for our newest members. Youth will then stay for our EYC kick off following the meeting. Dinner is not served at our EYC Kick Off and parents may leave after dropping their student off.



Children's Ministry

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BY CATHERINE CHINTALA

ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR
FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

love first

Can you believe it? It's almost back-to-school time!

We are excited to offer Sunday School this year for children 4 years of age through 5th grade each Sunday starting on September 11th. Our curriculum will be based on **The Love First Project**, and students will engage in a variety of activities, read Bible stories, and do service projects.

Our lessons will reflect Saint Margaret's Church mission: *Love Jesus. Love your neighbor. Bless the World.*



CLICK THIS LINK to register your child(ren) for Sunday School.

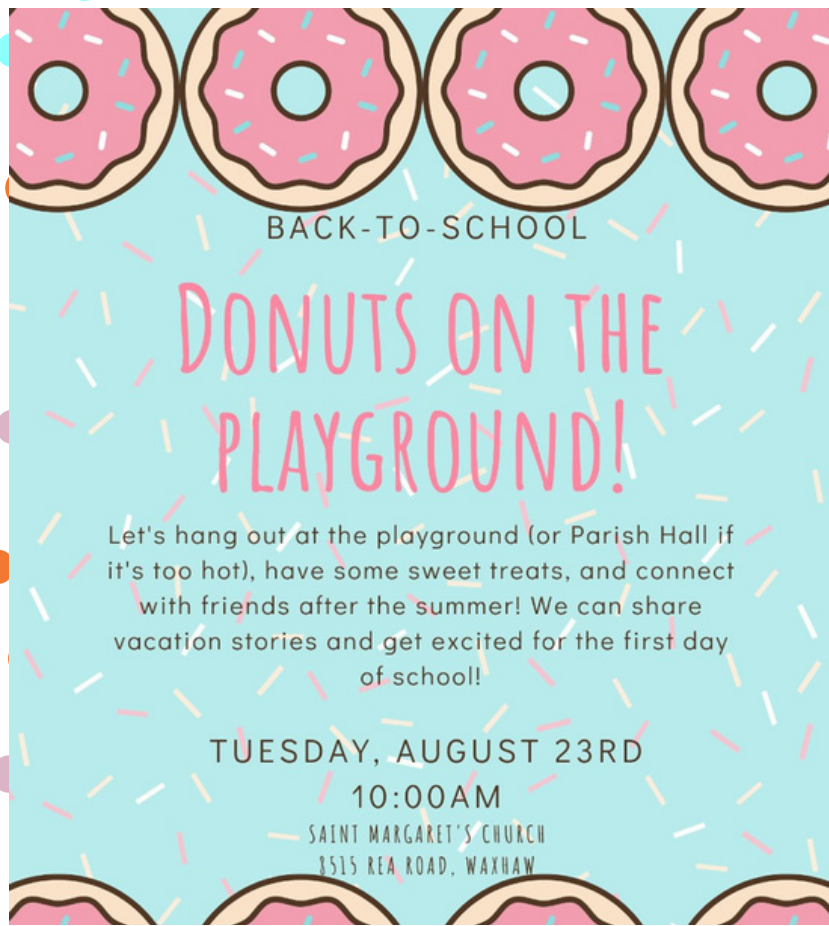
This helps us greatly with planning activities and resources.

We are looking for volunteers to help teach classes and support this important ministry.

- All volunteers will receive training and will teach in pairs 1-2 times per month.
- All supplies and lesson plans will be provided, so our teachers can focus on the fun and meaningful part...teaching our kids!

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Catherine at childrensministry@saintmargarets.net.

*Blessings,
-Catherine*



Join us!



Outreach & Parish Connection

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BY TRACI SCOTT

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FOR OUTREACH & PARISH CONNECTION

Summer Connections



AUGUST POP UP SOCIAL

Join us on Wednesday, 8/3 for ice cream at our last StM Pop-Up Social!

Visit with our Rev. Sarah and fellow parishioners on Wednesday August 3rd at 2pm at **Cold Stone in Blakeney.**

Please help us plan with an RSVP here:

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

Thank you to those who were able to join us at our other 2 pop-ups this summer! They have been a nice, relaxed way to connect and get to know one another better.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR UNION COUNTY STUDENTS

The “**Back 2 School Bash**” takes place on August 7th and will provide school supplies to 1,500 Union County students in need. Their registration is already full and they have a waitlist of students this year.

St. Margaret’s Outreach will donate \$500 to this cause and to Monroe Middle School.

If you would also like to support their efforts, please donate here:

https://unioncountyb2sb.org_

Questions? contact Traci at connection@saintmargarets.net



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<https://www.brightblessingsusa.org/>

Please email Traci or Elizabeth if you are able to volunteer: connection@saintmargarets.net or pfeifer@saintmargarets.net



A red door WELCOME BACK to:

Bill & Kristen Shine



Outreach Summer Ways to HELP

BY TRACI SCOTT

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After a month off, our food delivery ministry, **Community Kitchen Fellowship**, will be back in action on Saturday, August 20th. If you've never joined us for one of these events, come see what it's all about! We need more NEW volunteers to help us cook, assemble the meals and deliver them in the Waxhaw area.

If you can help on August 20, please sign up here to DELIVER:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaba7283-delivery> and sign up here to COOK or BAKE:

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

Questions, contact Traci Scott at connection@saintmargarets.net

A heartfelt thank you to Karen Schaphorst, Martha Winsman, Paula Holbein, Janice Evans, Pam Shultz, Jessica Parker, Sue Seidler, and Kathy & John Ballard for preparing and serving dinner at the Community Shelter of Union County in July. With higher food and gas prices, numbers are increasing at



the Shelter, as well as all of the food distribution programs that we support. Please consider supporting the Shelter and other local organizations either financially or as a volunteer. Our next Shelter meal will be on September 27 and you can sign up here to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaba7283-2022>

Common Heart recently posted several videos to highlight all of the amazing work they do and how we can help. There are 2 videos on this page that are worth your time: Traditional and Mobile Food Pantries - Common Heart



With the increase in need, please consider donating to Common Heart or volunteering with a family member or friend. Their volunteer system is great and there are lots of different ways to help: <https://commonheart.org/volunteer/>
Contact Traci if you'd like to talk through the different types of opportunities at

connection@saintmargarets.net

Fill our Red Wagon!

As we find ourselves in the heat of the summer, the need for food at Loaves & Fishes increases exponentially. Please continue to overflow our red wagon with non-perishable food items each week. Loaves & Fishes has recently told us they are in particular need of: grits, rice, cans of fruit, toothpaste, and laundry detergent. **Donations may be left in the labeled bins at the back door by the playground or the barrel or red wagon in the narthex.** You may also shop our **Amazon Wish List** and have it shipped directly to the church.



REMINDER:

- **BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, August 28**

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR DONOR SIGN UP LINK



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

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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!

August Calendar

8/3	StM Pop Up Social, 2 pm Blakeney Coldstone
8/6	Acolyte Training, 9:30 am
8/9	Youth & Family Outreach, Bright Blessings 3 pm
8/10	EYC to Carowinds
8/13	Acolyte Training, 9:30 am
8/16	Vestry Business meeting
8/17	Adult Choir Rehearsal resumes, 7:30 pm
8/20	StM Community Kitchen Fellowship, 8 am
8/28	Blood Drive
8/28	RED DOOR WELCOME DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessing of the Backpacks • Teacher Blessings • 6th grade & new student welcome meeting • EYC Kick Off

Red Door Welcome Sunday, August 28



Plan to join us for worship on 8/28 as we kick off the new school year. Learn about Fall Formation offerings to get on your calendar and make St. Margaret's part of your fall planning!

It will be a morning for fellowship and conversation. Our Clergy & Staff will be on hand to answer questions you may have.

We will have treats and giveaways outside the red doors.