

# The Voice of **St. Margaret's**

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## Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church is  
To worship, to serve, and to form the spiritual growth  
Of individuals according to the teachings of Jesus Christ



## RECTOR'S DESK

### *Overcoming The Power of Hate*

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:27-36)

*Poison is not always something you eat or drink – it can be an emotion. And Hate is one of the things, eating you up inside and causing destruction. Do you have hatred in your life? Read on for ways to control it before it damages you or your loved ones.*

Hate is a mighty powerful emotion. This mental poison can pollute your spirit, destroy your soul and seep into all the relationships that surround you. Anyone who has found themselves wrapped up in the arms of Hate knows how damaging and mind-consuming it can become. Even the word carries power, particularly from a friend, a family member, or a child. While Hate is at almost anything – animals, foods, jobs, movies – the most destructive is hatred toward other people.

## Service Schedule

Sundays  
8:am  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
(No Music)

9:15 am  
Adult Formation Bible Study

10:30am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(With Music)

11:00am  
Sunday School

Prayers for Healing  
Following the 10:30 am Service

Now, I want you to ask yourself these questions: Does Hate to have a place in my life? Do I harbor any feelings of hatred toward myself or anyone else? If you do, I implore you to address this negative feeling before becoming something much more dangerous. Hate, when left unchecked, will drain your spirit, tarnish your soul, and darken your days.

There are two kinds of Hate: the kind that is turned outward (explosion) and the kind that is turned inward (implosion). Both will eat you up inside, so if you find yourself living with Hate, perhaps today is a good day for a bit of spiritual wellness housecleaning. Hate turned outward is both dangerous and hideous. It can motivate violent crime and damaging behaviors. The recent mass-shooting across the country is a painful reminder of this. The perpetrator's hatred and their perceived rejection fueled the desperation, insanity, and carnage that cost several people their lives. Hate is at the heart of all, and this is particularly true for hatred turned outward.

When one feels like they have been seriously wronged or victimized by someone, their discontent and anger carry with it the potential seeds of hatred. This quote from the prince of Nepal, Siddhartha Gutama or Buddha says it all: *Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.* I like this quote because the antidote for hatred is within your grasp. The hand that slaps also has the potential to become the hand that comforts. It all depends on how you choose to use that hand.

A Native American grandfather talking to his young grandson tells the boy he has two wolves inside him, struggling with each other. The first is the wolf of peace, love, and kindness. The other is the wolf of fear, greed, and hatred. "Which wolf will win, grandfather?" asks the young boy. "Whichever one you feed" is the reply. I could not agree more with these two sentiments. The more you hold onto hatred, the more likely it is that the hot coal of the emotion will burn you. And the more you feed it, the stronger it becomes. However, you can control the feelings that can lead to hatred.

African Americas are target of systemic racism and hatred in this nation. As a target of hatred, you know how upsetting, frightening, and emotional it can be. Since the overall effects of hatred are so physically harmful and emotionally devastating, perhaps we should think of hatred as another type of "H-Bomb." As you may recall, real H-bombs (hydrogen bombs) generate most of the energy they produce from something called

nuclear fission. In addition to making energy, atomic fission ignites the initial explosion of a nuclear weapon. Similarly, hatred has a point for destructive power. And the fission – what ignites the outbreak – is driven by the intense hostility, fear, anger, or sense of injury one feels. When confronted by this kind of extreme dislike, you have two choices regarding your response: You can either sink to the hater's level and toss a few H-Bombs of your own or recognize this behavior as a character flaw does not respond in kind.

Too often, we turn our feelings of dislike on ourselves, which is equally damaging. Hate turned inward can crush your spirit and impact your health. Under the influence of Hate, some people injure or cut themselves, engage in risky behaviors, and cut off those who love them. Self-haters punish themselves for various reasons, such as feeling insecure, guilty, alone, unattractive, unproductive, or self-critical. These negative, internal feelings shape and give life to the destructive impulses of self-hatred in our community. Ultimately, self-hatred is disliked for oneself and, often, low self-esteem. What is particularly difficult about self-loathing is that you cannot avoid the hater.

As I see it, self-hatred is a corrosive virus of the mind caused by systemic racism and oppression. It weakens you emotionally and makes your body more vulnerable to sickness and disease by compromising your immune system. In referring to the Native American story earlier, the antidote for self-hate is to stop feeding it! How does one do this? It would be best if you love yourself and extend the bounds of affection to those around you. Do allow the hatred that caused this toxic and self-inflicted emotional wound to overpower you. You are a child of God and nothing will separate you from God's love.

Forgive yourself for this self-hate as would forgive a dear friend. Articulate in detail what you have learned from this hatred, make a promise to be kinder to yourself. Whether turned inward or out, Hate creates a destructive state of mind that wreaks havoc with your physical health and emotional well-being. And like a hot coal, the sooner you rid yourself of this toxic emotion, the minor damage it can do and the healthier and happier you will be. Feed hatred, and *it* will grow. Confront it, understand it, and disassemble it and *you* will succeed. Remember, love is better than hate. Replace self-hate with self-love.

**The Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.K. Speare-Hardy**

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## **Holding on to Hope As We Await Brighter Days**

On the front page of the Dayton Daily News for March 28, 2020, the headlines read “Hope Is On The Horizon” referring to the fact that thousands of people have received their shots for the COVID-19 Virus, yet a few days later, a picture showing hundreds of people awaiting flights for the Easter Holidays indicating that the numbers of infected individuals will rise because of the holiday rush for travel to be with loved ones.

It seems that the word HOPE will hopefully be heard more and more. The one fact about the word HOPE is that it is the one thing that keeps us going.

As we think about what so many people have endured and experienced for a year now, it seems that we can hold on to this four- letter word and actually look forward to brighter days ahead.

This word can be attached to so many other things. It could be hope for a good day, hope for a better day, hope that there will be some scientific break through for a cure for cancer, hope that those who worry will discover that it does very little good. No matter

what we can attach this word to – there are no doubt many more.

I have a very positive small book that speaks of waiting for a brighter day and included in these pages are chapters such as: Compassion, Strength for Today, Living Love, Look for the Light, Promoting Peace and the Importance of Kindness.

Each of these pages speaks of Keeping Hope.

The word hopeful is a feeling for giving a positive or optimistic attitude about an event or simply about the future. When you have complete faith that an illness may be able to be cured, this is an example of a time when you are hoping about the prognosis, so the short word – hope is a feeling of anticipation about a positive future.

Another positive word associated with Hope is inspiration which refers to feeling engaged, feeling uplifted, and motivated are all words that promote hope. In other words, there are many synonyms that individuals use and mean the identical feeling of having hope.

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How often do you hear the words – I hope, I wish, I look forward, I trust, I expect, I was hoping, I do hope, or I just hope. They all mean the same thing. Each one gives us

a very positive feeling. We simply want an outcome that makes our lives better in some way or an outcome that promotes joy.

These words make a difficult situation more bearable and they also can improve our lives because envisioning a better future motivates us to take the steps to make good things happen.

Most people hope for something. It can be events, circumstances in one's life or in the case of the virus- in the world at large.

According to:

Franklin D. Roosevelt, *"We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction, that there is a better life, a better world beyond the horizon."*

Barack Obama says, *"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."*

Martin Luther King said, *"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."*

*Submitted by: Ms. Brenda Cochran*





## June

7 Frances McGee Cromartie  
9 Willa Smith  
13 Elizabeth Clark  
15 Patrice King Roberts  
17 Harry Wise  
23 Lynne' King Roberts  
23 Anne Lucas Burns  
25 Beatrice Ramsey  
30 Robert Bass



## Anniversaries

### July

1 Harry & Brenda Wise  
31 Ronald & Laura Ogletree

## July

6 Curtis White  
15 Marlene Eskridge  
23 Judy Battle  
23 Sara Smith Custer  
23 Sylvia Wilson  
26 William Reece  
29 Roy Parks, Sr.  
30 Paula Ramey  
30 Maeda Thompson

*"A wedding anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity. The order varies for any given year."*

*Quoted by: Paul Sweeney*



In Memory of our Loved Ones



Laura Arlene Ogletree  
July 21, 1944 - March 16, 2021  
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Mac Arthur Howard, Sr.  
February 27, 1944 - April 17, 2021  
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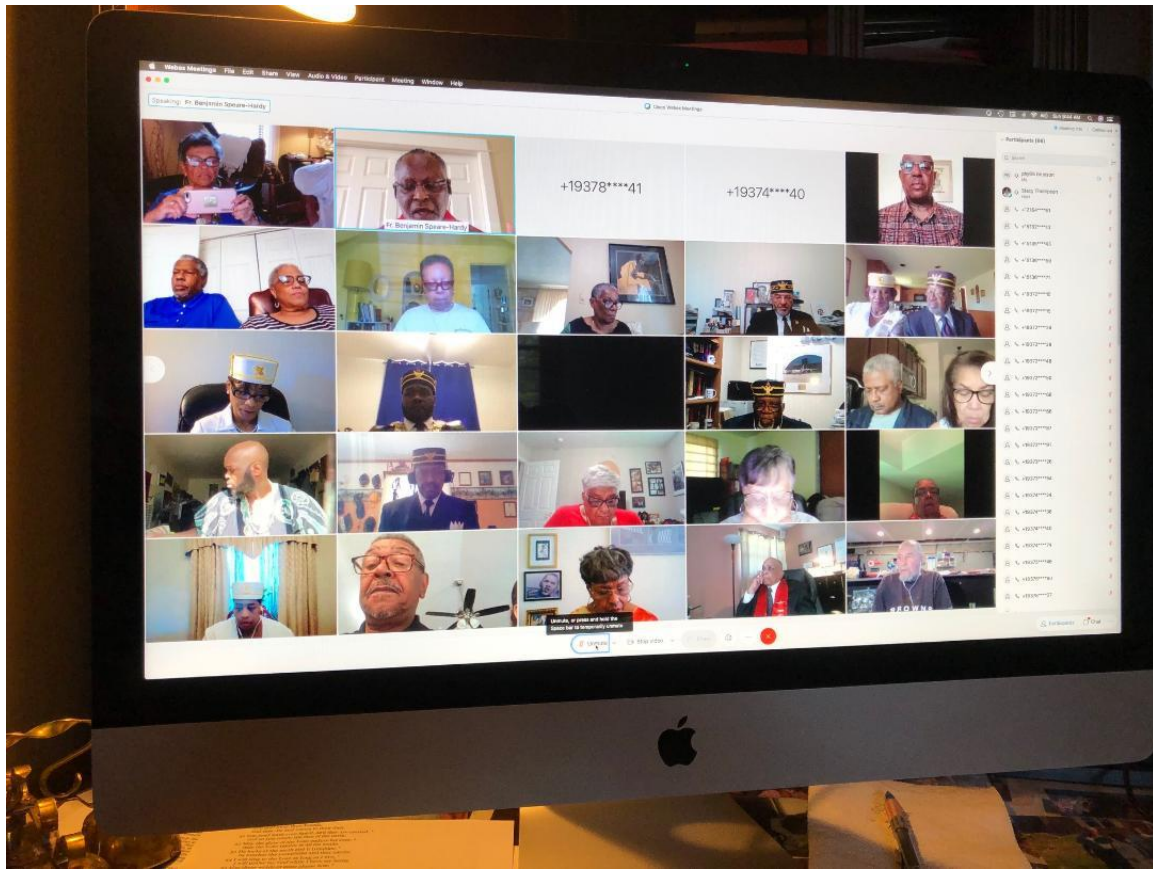
Ruth Ann Dunson  
December 11, 1928 - May 1, 2021  
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James L. "Jimmy" Hill, Sr.  
August 14, 1934 - May 9, 2021  
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Ruth Virginia Chapman  
February 21, 1924 - May 14, 2021

"Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them."





**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**Starting Sunday June 6, 2021, at 9:30am St. Margaret's Episcopal Church will return to IN-Person Church Service. All are welcomed back to worship. Face mask are required at all times. Communion will be offered via the communion kits we have been using for our on-line services until further notice. For any questions contact the church office.**







**The Diocese of Southern Ohio Parish Confirmation Class**

**St. Margaret's Welcomes our new Confirmands  
"To God Be The Glory"**

**Mrs. Pamela Mack**

**Ms. Charity Smalls**

**Mr. Richard Spencer**



## **Remembering St. Margaret's**

You may make a bequest to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church by preparing a new will or by adding a codicil to your present will. To make sure your exact intentions are carried out wills and codicils should be prepared by or with the advice of an attorney.

The most useful bequest is an unrestricted bequest for the general purpose of the Church. This permits the Church to use your gift wherever it is needed at the time.

For more information on making a bequest consult your attorney or estate planner.

## **Membership in St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Trotwood**

If you are currently a member of another Episcopal Church and would like to transfer your membership to St. Margaret's please contact the Parish Administrator at 937-837-7741 so that a request for a letter of transfer can be prepared for you.

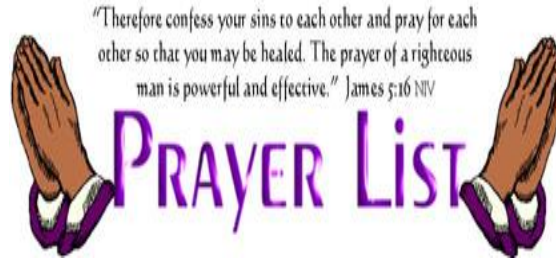
If you are not currently a member of an Episcopal Church and desire to become a member we would welcome your commitment to God and the Church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church and to participate fully in programs and ministries of the Church.

Individuals who have been baptized within any denomination can officially be prepared for membership by attending formal confirmation classes, which are conducted by the church. The Bishop subsequent to class completion will perform confirmation of prepared candidates. Dates for both classes and confirmation will be announced when they have been determined. If you would like additional information or baptism, please call the Parish Administrator at the church office 937-837-7741.

## **Church Rental**

Are you planning a wedding or reception, a birthday or anniversary celebration or just looking for a place to hold a meeting or musical concert? St. Margaret's can accommodate your needs. Contact the church office 937-837-7741 for complete details.





**Please remember our sick and shut-in with prayers, calls and cards  
(as of February 1, 2021)**

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# What Reparations means to us

Members of the Diocese of Southern Ohio Reparations  
Task Force weigh in

• May 25, 2021

• No Comments

“Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?”

When Bishop Breidenthal shared [his letter](#) about the new Reparations Task Force, feedback ranged from “It’s about time” to “We don’t talk about that here.” Bishop Curry invites us to Become the Beloved Community, which involves all of us as siblings and God’s loved children.

As a member of the Reparations Task Force and the Becoming Beloved Community Leadership Team, I spend a considerable amount of time dismantling racism in this diocese. What I have learned is that this work is relational. If you know someone and have a relationship with that person, it’s hard to want harm to come to that person. When we love someone, we want them to have access to every good thing the world has to offer. Think about how you feel about your friends and family, coworkers, congregants, and acquaintances. Even if you don’t always agree, you likely wish them well.



Reconciliation is the spiritual practice of seeking loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God and one another and striving to heal and transform injustice and brokenness in ourselves, our communities, institutions, and society. In the language of Becoming Beloved Community, it's called repairing the breach. In this quadrant of the fourfold path, we ask How will we participate in the repair, restoration, and healing of people, institutions, and systems? You might not feel that your church is broken. Upon exploring your congregation's history, no matter where you are, you will find the place in history where your community decided where it stands on issues of race and ethnicity.

Members of the Reparations Task Force share their thoughts on what reparations mean to them in the words that follow. We pray that you read our statements with an open heart and mind. We know you might disagree with our perspectives. As siblings in Christ, we pray that you respect us and our viewpoints.

We hope you will look for opportunities to share your stories and learn together about ways to repair the breach in our communities. The Reparations Task Force will be offering resources to congregations to join us in this work.

*Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.* Isaiah 58:12 NRSV

Reparations mean looking at our history and realizing we must do differently now. Reparations mean putting our money into things that lift up those that have been pushed down in the past. We must use our resources to repair the breach created by racism. Reparations mean acknowledging what we have done incorrectly in the past and making concrete moves to now behave differently.

***The Rev. Deacon Stacey Sands***

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I think we all have some sense of what reparations meant to newly freed slaves. More than acres and a mule, it meant the nation's attempt to give emancipated slaves a leg up in the race to achieve equal footing vis-à-vis their former white masters. But it was a daunting challenge then, and it is a nearly impossible goal today if envisioned in such a one-dimensional way. It is more than just the gift of property, and a means to work it. Reparations grant equal access to educational, economic, employment, social, and other resources that make it possible to thrive and not just survive in this nation.

It is not a one-time shot in the arm of assets to make things right. It is a perpetual assurance that the earning of assets to live and make a living is fair, equitable, and reasonable for a group of people who have historically been held back and discouraged in doing that. And that assurance can only be created by a comprehensive assessment and adjustment of national, state, and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations, and our private sector's policies, processes, and procedures, all of which govern and support our ability to live and make a living.

If we are ever going to make meaningful progress in repairing the breach between those who have and those who have not, based almost entirely on the color of their skin, we will need to commit to long-term systemic and structural reform. That means ground-breaking changes and constant monitoring and adjustment to maintain changes for the good of all American citizens. It also means placing an even higher priority on creating and maintaining a level playing field for the next generation of our historically oppressed citizenry. We must do all that we can to assure equitable health, education, and general welfare for all children to set the stage for their prosperity.

Finally, we must encourage a change of heart among the historically privileged among us, acknowledge that privilege, and commit to eliminating the conditions that place the underprivileged among us at severe risk. This acknowledgment is the first and most vital commitment we must make as a nation, not just because it is essential to our success with all the above challenges but because it will require the most time for us to achieve. The challenge for The Episcopal Church, each province, diocese, and congregation, is to discern exactly where they can make the most positive impact on the underserved of us and then act on those things with the highest sense of urgency.

***Larry James***

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To me, reparations are about co-creating the kingdom of God. Jesus said that he came so that we might have life and life to the full. For this to be true for all humanity, we are called to engage in the work of healing and repair so that all people can be whole, dignified, and free. Our work is to recognize that “none of us can be whole, dignified and free until the world itself is free of contempt and misuse (Wendell Berry).” As followers of Jesus, we must seek the well-being of all of God’s creation. Reparations are the path to building God’s reign in our time.

For me, in the simplest of terms, the word “reparations” allows members of this diocese to bear witness to the ways that men and women of faith have broken their covenant to God and to suggest a means for us to repair or redeem ourselves. Throughout the ages, we have broken the Great Commandment by treating people as less than, turning a blind eye toward the suffering of others, and failing to follow the courage of Jesus when we see injustice.

These hurts, both great and small, have added mortar to the bricks supplied by Satan and used to create walls that separate us from the love of God. The purpose of the Reparations Task Force is to help us shine a light upon the traumas that isolate us and prevent us from being in communion with each other.

***Frances McGee-Cromartie***

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As a white man, I have been given many things in my life that I didn't earn or even ask for. For me, reparations are about rejoicing as other people receive similar blessings in their own lives. Joyful reparation comes out of a theology of abundance and an acknowledgment that I have more than enough, which means that there is no reason to object if I'm asked to surrender some of these unearned blessings.

There will always be other blessings, and as Mary sings in the Magnificat, the mighty must be cast down from their thrones, and the rich sent away empty. To paraphrase Barbara Brown Taylor, such casting down and sending away may be a blessing in itself for people whose sense of safety and satisfaction is keeping them from a deep relationship with God. Our culture has made me mighty and rich. I would rather celebrate the lowly being lifted up and the hungry be filled with good things than insist on clinging to my wealth and privilege.

So for me, the idea of reparation is a spiritual one. I shouldn't try to control the practicalities of such reparation or insist that I have some inner understanding of the best way to enact reparation. It is enough for me to simply rejoice and be glad and lend my voice to the call for justice to roll down like mighty waters.

***The Rev. Karl Stevens***

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This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.' "If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins, If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight. I will always show you where to go. I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places— firm muscles, strong bones. You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry. You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.

*Isaiah 58:6-12 The Message*

***Miriam McKenney***

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## **June is Pride Month**

Most Pride activities were held virtually or shelved in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and while 2021 is seeing a return to "sort of" normal, not all communities will be holding their usual Pride activities. Here is a list of some Pride activities in our communities so that Episcopalians can show up and support our LBGTIQ+ Community.

### **Hamilton**

Hamilton will hold their inaugural Pride Festival with in-person activities on **Saturday, June 5**. A march will be held in downtown Hamilton beginning at 11 a.m., and a festival follows in Marcum Park from noon to 6 p.m. Trinity, Hamilton, will be representing the Episcopal Church well at both the parade and the festival, but they would love to have some more support from both the lay and clergy Episcopal community. You can find out more information about Hamilton Pride [here](#), and if you would like to get involved, contact the Rev. Suzanne LeVesconte at [slevesconte@gts.edu](mailto:slevesconte@gts.edu) or 614.600.0110.

### **Dayton**

The Greater Dayton LBGTIQ+ Center is planning a "reverse parade" on **Saturday, June 5** at 10 a.m. on 2nd Street in downtown Dayton. A festival follows at Courthouse Square from 12 to 4 p.m. You can learn more about Dayton Pride [here](#).

### **Columbus**

Columbus will not hold any in-person Pride events this year, but Stonewall Columbus will hold a virtual Pride March on **Saturday, June 19** beginning at 9:30 a.m. You can learn more about it [here](#).

### **Springfield**

Equality Springfield is organizing the 2021 Pride event for **Saturday, June 26** from noon to 4 p.m. Details are not yet all announced, but you can keep up with the latest information [here](#).

### **Cincinnati**

Cincinnati will not be holding a parade or festival in-person this year, but a Pride Market featuring LGBTQ-owned and affirming businesses will be held on **Sunday, June 27** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Washington Park in downtown Cincinnati. You can learn more about the Pride Market [here](#).

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## The HeArt of A Beloved Community

### WHAT:

Summer Arts Camp – A 5-day multicultural experience in connecting and creativity! We offer workshops in Tie-Dye, Dance, Drawing, Music, Water- Colors, Videography and more. Teen assistants and college students serve as mentors and group leaders. The camp concludes with a celebration showcasing the projects created during the week.

### WHERE:

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

5301 Free Pike

Trotwood, Ohio 45426

(937) 837-7741

Contact Person: Carol Prewitt, Director

### WHEN:

Monday through Friday, July 19– 23, 2021

Free Breakfast: 8:00am

Workshops: 8:30 am – 10:50am

Free Lunch: 11:10am -11:30am & 11:35am – 12:05pm

Workshops: 12:10pm – 3:25pm

Celebration/Reception: Friday, July 23, 2021

Field Trip: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

### REGISTRATION/FEES

Pre-Registration is required. Online Registration opens Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at [www.sartscamp.com](http://www.sartscamp.com) and closes Monday, July 12, 2021. A small \$30.00 materials fee must be paid at the time of registration. Pay Pal service is available. Registration forms are available upon request. Contact Carol Prewitt at 937-237-1639. Applications are considered on a first-come/first-serve basis. NO on-site registration.



In Person & Virtual



Tie-Dye - Lauren Gruber-Orlow



Peace Workshop - Marlon Shackelford



Dance - Allyia Nelloms



My Music Ed/SEL - Deron Bell



Watercolors - Katie Nugent



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St. Margaret's Episcopal Church



# The Diocese of Southern Ohio

## Updated Guidelines for Public Worship

May 19, 2021

As the CDC guidelines are relaxed in terms of masking and social distancing, we are recommending that we return to regular in-person worship with the number of people permitted to be determined according to the size and circumstances of each individual congregation.

Further recommendations are as follows:

### If the congregation is made up of vaccinated persons only:

- No masks or social distancing are required
- Singing is permitted
- Communion in bread only until further notice

### If the congregation has some people who are unvaccinated:

- Masks and social distancing recommended
- Singing is permitted through masks
- Communion in bread only using previously published guidelines

As there is a wide variation in the circumstances and context of our congregations, the guidance proposed at this time is to **allow the clergy and vestry of each congregation to determine the best practice for their congregation.** The desire should be to err on the side of caution.

In a community where "all are welcome - no exceptions" it behooves us to provide as safe an environment as we can. This may necessitate masking and social distancing longer than the CDC requirements suggest or what we would prefer. It also behooves us to **vigorously promote vaccination**, as well as hand washing, good ventilation and outdoor gathering as much as possible.

Congregations may return to socially distanced coffee hours, preferably held outside.

Finally, all congregations are encouraged to continue to live stream services and Zoom services and meetings as much as possible.

**Questions regarding the diocesan guidelines for in-person worship during COVID-19 may be directed to the Rev. Canon John R. Johanssen, Canon to the Ordinary ([jjohanssen@diosohio.org](mailto:jjohanssen@diosohio.org)), or Carine de Lange, Operations Executive ([cdelange@diosohio.org](mailto:cdelange@diosohio.org)).**

**Choosing Safer Activities**  
Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/fully-vaccinated-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
Highest Risk	Green	Walk, run, wheel chair, roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	Green
	Green	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	Green
	Green	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	Green
Lower Risk	Yellow	Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	Green
	Red	Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	Green
Lowest Risk	Yellow	<b>Indoor</b>	
	Yellow	Visit a barber or hair salon	Green
	Yellow	Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	Green
	Yellow	Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	Green
	Red	Go to an indoor movie theater	Green
	Red	Attend a full-capacity worship service	Green
Lowest Risk	Red	Sing in an indoor chorus	Green
	Red	Get at an indoor restaurant or bar	Green
	Red	Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	Green

**Get a COVID-19 vaccine**

**Prevention measures are not needed**

**Precautionary measures:** Wear a mask, avoid handshakes, and avoid close contact.

- Safety first: always use common-sense precaution measures and follow local laws, regulations, and the needs of your community.
- CDC cannot provide the specific list used for every activity or every community, but this guidance provides your best resource. Please consult with your local health and your community before making a list.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

The CDC offers this list of safe activities and other recommendations on their website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>



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