

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

The Official Newsletter of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

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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.



THE RECTOR'S DESK

"Let Us Go Forth into The World, Rejoicing in The Power of the Spirit"

Every Sunday after our worship service, we are dismissed or sent forth into our corner of the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to be a caring and sharing church.

Ancient cities were different from our cities currently. Most cities were small in comparison and did not have all the protection we have today. To protect those living in the city, walls were built around the city to fortify it. Watchmen or sentries were then posted along the walls of the city to warn the city dwellers of any approaching enemy. If they were not taken by surprise, the gates in the city's walls could be closed, and the city could be defended.

The watchmen were responsible so the city would not be surprised. Their job was to stand on the walls or towers of the city, constantly watching their surroundings and scanning the horizon. They had an entire city that counted upon them to warn them of imminent danger. They were required to maintain a constant vigil, always looking for any possible threat to the city's safety. It did not matter whether the weather was good or bad, sunny, or rainy, lightning or thunder, the watchmen could never desert their post. They had to be always alert. If watchmen spotted or observed signs of trouble, it was their duty to blow a trumpet alerting the people, have the doors closed, and give the soldiers time to man the walls to defend the city. He was held accountable for providing the necessary warning of all impending danger. The very lives of the people in the city were in their hands.

Service Schedule

Sundays
8:am
Holy Eucharist Rite I
(No Music)
On Hold for Now

9:30am
Holy Eucharist Rite II
(With Music)

Wednesday 6:30pm
Bible Study
Via Zoom

It is with this in mind that God declares that Ezekiel was a watchman to Israel and was therefore, accountable to God for sounding the warning of God's displeasure and judgment of sin. With the issuing of the great commission and the endowment of the Holy Spirit, you and I have been assigned the task and responsibility of being watchmen and watchwomen for our generation. Everyone who has decided to know and serve Christ has been selected and called to be a watch person to this world. We cannot simply sit back, resting upon the knowledge of our established relationship with God, and be totally oblivious to and unconcerned about those who are without Christ or who have cooled off in their companionship with Christ.

A man once prayed like this: "Lord, bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." A childless couple prayed: "Lord, bless us two, and that will do." An old bachelor prayed: "Lord, bless to declare the good news of the Gospel. It is our responsibility to bring the message that God wants us to get regardless of how it is appreciated or acted upon. [2 Timothy 4:2](#) "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." Earnestly proclaim the word of God whether the situation or time is favorable. We are accountable for our faithfulness to our responsibility to sound the alarm. The day is coming when we will be face to face with our Creator and must account for what we have done or neglected to do as watch person.

In 1928, a very interesting case came before the courts in Massachusetts. It concerned a man who had been walking on a boat dock when he suddenly tripped over a rope and fell into an ocean bay's cold, deep water. He came up sputtering and yelling for help and sank again, obviously in trouble. His friends were too far away to get to him, but only a few yards away, on another dock, was a young man sprawled on a deck chair, sunbathing. The desperate man shouted, "Help, I can't swim!" The young man, an excellent swimmer, only turned his head to watch as the man floundered in the water, sank, came only me, that's as far as I can see."

You and I cannot take such a careless attitude. We are called to be a caring church. As a caring church, we must share Christ with a lost world. As watch person, we are called upon to see the need and to sound the warning. Do you realize there are between 95 and 100 million unchurched people in America? Many are right here in our community. In his book "The Unchurched Next Door," Dr. Tom Rainer said, "Eighty-two percent of the

unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited." "Only two percent of church members invite an unchurched person to church. Ninety-eight percent of churchgoers never extend an invitation even in a given year."

The Bible tells us every individual is on a direct collision course with God's judgment. God has provided a haven in Christ designed to keep people from suffering eternal death and separation from God. But each of us must decide whether to accept or neglect this offer.

Every individual is accountable to God for what they do with the Gospel. It does not matter how well our message is received; our obligation is still up sputtering in total panic, and then disappeared forever.

The family of the drowned man was so upset by that display of callous indifference that they sued the sunbather. They lost. The court reluctantly ruled that the man on the dock had no legal responsibility whatever to try to save the other man's life. We say how awful this young man was, but is it any less callous to allow those who cross our paths to speed their way to hell without any warning from us? [Romans 14:11-12](#) "For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So, then every one of us shall give his account to God." Let us be that caring church that shares Christ.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.K. Speare-Hardyll



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Birthdays

November

**5 Daryl Smith
7 Linda Combs
9 Samuel Hodges
10 Gloria Johnson
11 Barbara Scott
14 Carol Prewitt
16 Crystal Carden
17 Aaron Fletcher
20 Elizabeth Cromartie
21 Bette Coleman
26 Patricia Dungy**

December

5 W. Judy Wilson



The Brotherhood Fish Fry and ECW Bake Sale is held on the 1st Friday of the month November, December 2022 11:00am – 6:00pm see you there. Brotherhood Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9:30am service. The Annual Men's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday November 20, 2022. The guest speaker will be Mr. Brandon Stockton, brother of our Minister of Music, Robert F. Stockton, III.

ECW meetings are held on the second Sunday of every month after the 9:30am service, all women of the church are invited to attend, yearly dues is \$10.00.

Anniversaries

In Memory of our Loved Ones



Theresa Evelyn Griffiths
January 27, 1934 - August 13, 2022

Gilbert W. George
November 18, 1941 - August 16, 2022

Georgianna Ruff
October 13, 1940 - September 23, 2022

Lucille M. Scott
November 8, 1928 - October 12, 2022

Something to Consider:

What Has Happened to Our Gratitude?

Research has shown that gratitude can improve general well-being, increase resilience, strengthen social relationships, and reduce stress and depression. It is also strongly associated with happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity and further build strong relationships.

Another positive reaction for Gratitude is that it further improves our mental health. In many studies over the last decade is that people who constantly counts their blessings have a tendency to be happier, less depressed, but the problem is that most research studies on gratitude have been carried out with people that are well-functioning. The question is- is gratitude beneficial for people who struggle with mental health? And if so – how?

Another study involved nearly three hundred adults, most of them were college students who were in need of mental health counseling. These students reported low levels of mental health. It is interesting to note that most people who are seeking mental health counseling services did struggle with issues related to depression and anxiety.

When we think of the word gratitude you will find that most of us are capable of this positive feeling, but sometimes we need a little reminder, or a little convincing in order to practice it.

There are many reasons to practice gratitude, but it has recently been discovered that there is a very big one- its

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capacity changed and strengthened the brain in a lot of positive ways.

Gratitude is powerful, it might not throw itself at our feet and seek our attention in a way like “why don’t you notice me” – kind of way, but it is powerful.

Research has also shown that gratitude can improve general – well-being. The more grateful people are, the greater their overall well-being and life satisfaction. They also have a stronger immune system, lower blood pressure, and better sleep each night. They will also be more alert and more generous, compassionate, and happier.

Grateful people also have a greater capacity for joy and positive emotions.

Here is a good question – Why is it so important? We knew that it was important before we actually knew all about it. Gratitude is about noticing the goodness in the world, but it doesn’t mean being blind about the difficult stuff, that can get to us from time to time. Gratitude makes sure that when we have a big dose of negative feelings, we don’t lose sight of the good.

Gratitude reinforces generosity from the giver and from the receiver. When there is an open display of gratitude in our relationships, both people are more likely to repeat the giving, in the open-hearted one receiving. The effect is not only from person to person, but it can go clear across the world. It also allows us to see the good that comes from outside ourselves. We are able to see the good in the world and the people around us and helps us to hang on to the positive and celebrate the

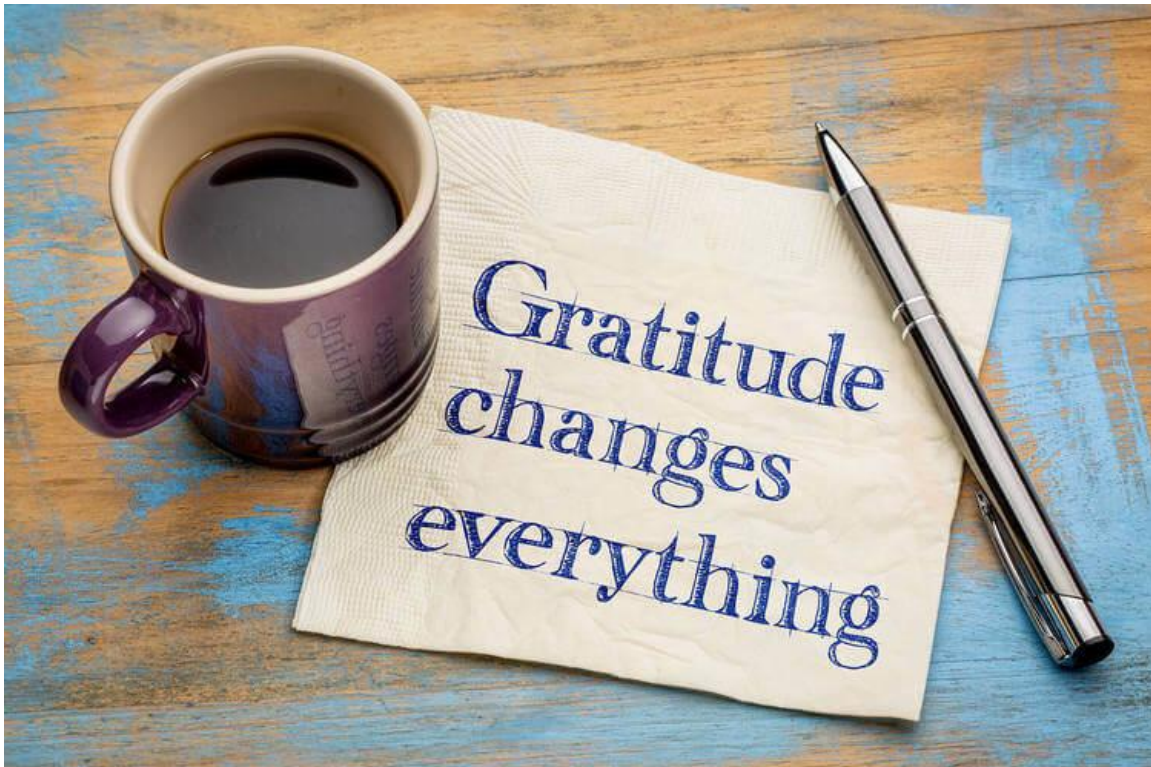
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good in our lives that we might otherwise move away too quickly.

The following are two quotes about gratitude: ***“Living in a state of gratitude is the gate way to grace”***

“When gratitude becomes an essential foundation in our lives, miracles start to appear everywhere.”

Submitted By: Ms. Brenda Cochran



Let Us Pray

**Grace is when God gives
us good things that we
don't deserve.**

**Mercy is when He spares us
from bad things we deserve.**

**Blessings are when He is
generous with both.**

**Truly, we can never run out
of reasons to thank Him.**

God is Good All The Time!



SAY HELLO TO...

In this edition, we are highlighting one of our old/new members. I call her that because she has been with us several times over the years; as a child, a young adult, a daughter, a mother, and now, as one of the newest members of our choir!

She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on March 8. (No year! She likes being seen as a younger woman!). She is one of four children born to Sylvia Wilson. Her brothers are Barry and Timothy, and her sister, Tanya, who they lost in 2019. She is mother to 2 sons, Garren and Joshua.

Our subject loves bowling, and takes it quite seriously. She has “bowled in many leagues and many tournaments all over the USA”!

But as much as she enjoys bowling, she says her first love is exercising and teaching Zumba. She’s also a huge Ohio State Buckeye and Cincinnati Bengals fan.

She graduated from Colonel White High school, attended UD and retired from the Montgomery County Prosecutors Office. She tells us she's "seen a lot in my life regarding crime!"

When asked what she liked best about St. Margaret's, her response was being in the choir, and that's obvious from her enthusiasm, and her willingness to work hard. Believe me, she can REALLY sing! Just ask any choir member!

In five years, she would like to see young people working together and being interested in our worship and the development of our church with their bigger and brighter ideas.

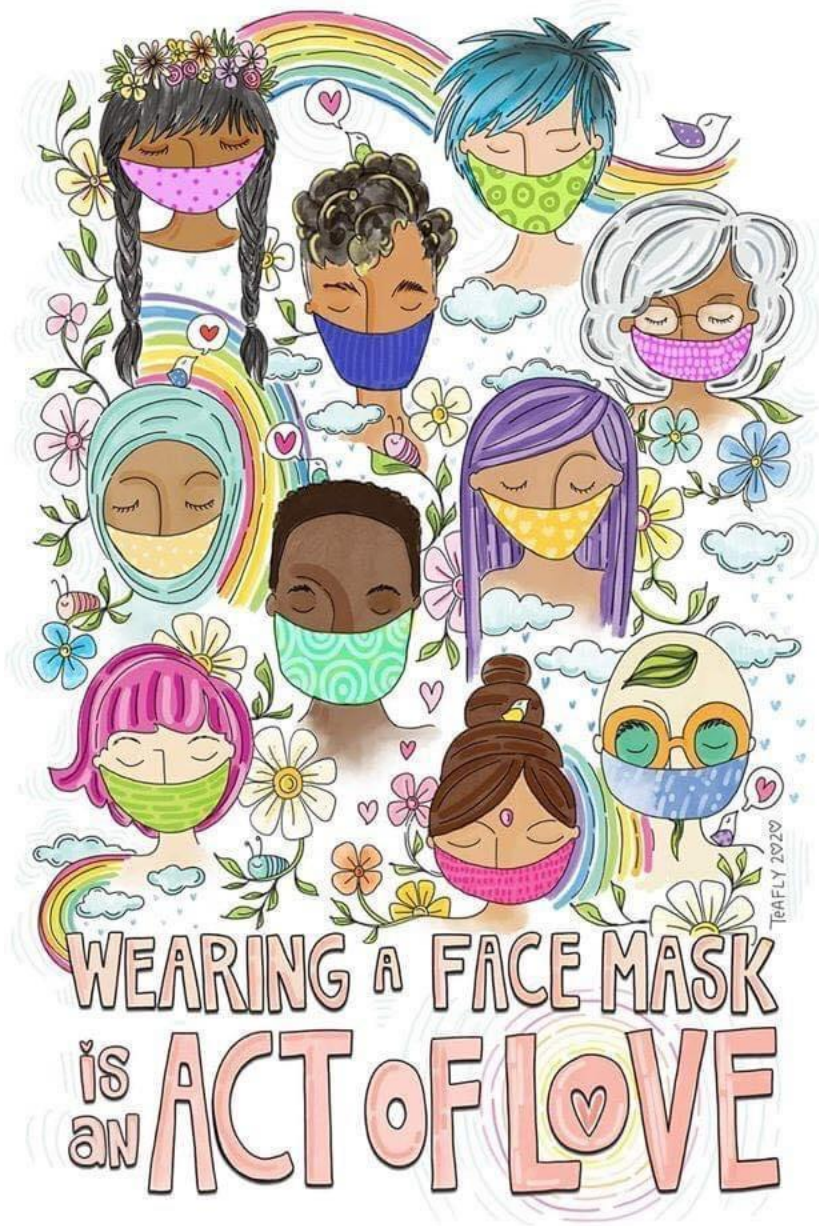
Her answer to tell us something about herself that we may not know, was that she's "just a free spirited person who wants to love and learn more every day".

So the next time you see this young looking mother of 2 grown men, leaving her Zumba class, rushing in and out of choir rehearsal so she can get in her workout before bowling, and get home in time to watch the Bengals Game,

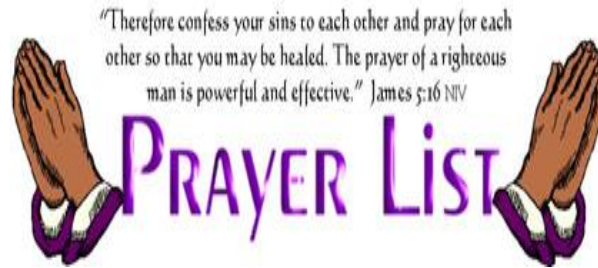
SAY HELLO TO...

Karen Lucille Cabral





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Remembering St. Margaret's EC

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. Planning a reception or anniversary celebration or just looking for a place to hold a meeting call for complete details.



Eucharistic/ Acolyte Ministers Schedule November - December 2022

November 9:30am

6. Barbara Hudson Banner

13. Phyllis Brunson, Cynthia Kilby

20. Judy Wilson

27. Willa Smith

December 9:30am

7. Judy Battle

14. Ellen McDaniel

18. Barbara Hudson Banner

26. Phyllis Brunson

Greeters: Sandra Scott, Barbara Scott, Yvonne Hodges

In Person Service continues with one service only at 9:30am.

Communion will be the communion kits.

Please make an extra effort to serve when scheduled or **if absolutely unable please make arrangements to trade with someone.** Thank you for your dedication and support to this ministry.

Peace and Blessings,
Phyllis Brunson

Readers Schedule November-December 2022

November 9:30am

- 6. Jim Bolden
Gloria Johnson Oatts
Robert Bass

- 13. Wanja Kamani
Phyllis Brunson
Raymond Lucas

- 20. Brenda Cochran
Robert Stockton
Monty Reece

- 27. Judy Battle
Judy Wilson
Jim Bolden

December 9:30am

- 4. Raymond Lucas
Gloria Johnson Oatts
Phyllis Brunson

- 11. Monty Reece
Judy Battle
Wanja Kamani

- 18. Judy Wilson
Judy Battle
Robert Stockton

- 25. Phyllis Brunson
Wanja Kamani
Jim Bolden

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Blessings,
Judy Wilson

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Living the Vision from Generation to Generation



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