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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

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APATHY: SATAN'S ARSENAL

Haggai is one of the shortest books of the Bible and in that body of Biblical literature that is known as the Minor Prophets. He is one of the Restoration prophets, the other two being Zechariah and Malachi, and what we mean by that is he ministered to the people of God after their return from exile in Babylon. As such, he was one of the last prophetic voices to be heard before the coming of Christ. Unlike most of the prophets, Haggai had the joy of seeing his ministry produce positive results among the people of God. There was a tremendous spiritual awakening, a spiritual revival under his leadership, and that being the case, it is an encouraging book to study. It shows us what can happen when we hear the Word of God and when God's Spirit begins to work in the hearts of God's people. The two themes that predominate the message of this book are Spiritual Apathy and Spiritual Awakening, and that being the case, I propose to draw your attention to Spiritual Apathy.

Service Schedule

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

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

11:00am
Sunday School
On Hold

Wednesday 6:30pm
Bible Study
Via Zoom

Rector's Desk Cont'.

Satan has a tool in his arsenal of weapons and has been making good use of it here in America. The device is the Spirit of Apathy, and that's the subject of this article.

According to Wikipedia, Apathy (also called impassivity) is a state of indifference, or the suppression of emotions such as concern, excitement, motivation, and passion. An apathetic individual is not interested in or concerned about emotional, social, spiritual, philosophical, and physical life.

We live in a modern-day global society that is highly apathetic about almost everything - there is an indifferent attitude on the part of many - little or no interest - little or no concern. I am appalled at the number of unvaccinated people in our community against the Coronavirus. They are not interested. They don't care.

But Apathy is a problem in so many areas of life, and people may not even realize that some of the issues they're facing today are the direct result of Apathy. People don't care about much anymore unless and until it directly affects their comfort zones. I can't think of anything more insidious or more destructive than the Spirit of Apathy. It causes depression, stifles our creativity, stunts our spiritual growth, and drains our energy. It can take hold in every area of life where we allow it to grow, and it can completely immobilize us.

Apathy can affect us all, no matter what age, regardless of our education or income level. Kids stop caring about their schoolwork or their parent's rules. Apathetic teens tend not to care about much at all. Employees can be indifferent about the quality of their work and their service level. Wealthy and politically connected people are unconcerned about the poor, or the country for that matter, if their plan is advanced.

Apathy can affect all areas of a person's life, from the value placed on health, nutrition, and exercise, to time spent with family, to the cleanliness of the home, to tidiness of one's front yard, to the condition of one's financial state, to one's responsibility to their neighbor and God Himself.

Rector's Desk Cont'.

God created us as human beings to care. We are to care for the people in our lives. We are to be God's caretakers. Life loses its meaning and purpose when we stop caring and become apathetic and indifferent. Because to live is to give. Without one, we never truly get the other. That's how it works.

God hates indifference. In Revelation 3:15-17, we read, I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, I am about to spit you out of my mouth because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot. For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing." You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Revelation 3:20 goes on to say, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me. And verse 22, Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.'

That's a solemn statement: Hear what the Spirit says to the churches. As Christians, we have gotten good at ignoring the one at the door. We don't listen. We are busy with our own lives and interests and can't be bothered. But God doesn't force His way into our lives. He doesn't break in. He knocks! It is up to us to either open up the door of our hearts and allow Him to bless us - and others through us - or to decide otherwise.

We all suffer from Apathy to some degree. It's another one of the weeds Satan sows in our lives that we need to identify and then pull out by the roots because this weed is incredibly poisonous.

If we open the door and turn to Him, the Holy Spirit will break the Spirit of Apathy that has taken up residence in us, bring back our motivation and get us moving again. But we can't expect the Spirit to do this if our door remains closed. Furthermore, He doesn't force His way in; He knocks. Our job is to open the door.

Is there a spirit of Apathy in your life today? Are you indifferent to the needs of others? Are you too busy to be otherwise? Are you an uninvolved, apathetic Christian too busy to do something substantial with your faith? Why should Apathy rule if Jesus, the Christ, is available to everyone?" Apathy, by definition, is a lack of concern or emotion toward something of importance. The devil would like nothing more than to push us to be unconcerned for the kingdom of God or those that are outside it.

Rector's Desk Cont'.

The time is coming quickly when the Judge of the universe will evaluate and examine us all. Will He know you when He sees you, or will He say, Depart from Me, I never knew you!? Now there's a thought to stir up your comfort zone. It's hard to be apathetic about that.

By: The Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.K. Speare Hardy II



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Brotherhood News

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the Brotherhood and ECW meetings are now held following the 9:30am service on the Second Sunday of the month. The brotherhood Fish Fry takes place on the first Friday of each month unless otherwise notified.

ECW News

The ECW is making plans for their annual Women's Weekend Celebration to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22, 2022. Sunday's speaker will be Rev. Deborah Howard. Our raffle for a pair of tickets to the Ohio State University vs Purdue University home football game was very successful, thank you to all who participated. More info to come concerning Women's Weekend plans.

Please continue wearing your mask, washing your hands, getting vaccinated, and practicing social distancing.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve, fine full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, ranker, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely free from every clinging spite, pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness – in short, see that these months are freed from all the past – Have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil this entire lot in this way). Just prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day, put twelve parts of FAITH
Eleven of PATIENCE
Ten of COURAGE
Nine of WORK (some people omit this ingredient and spoil the flavor of the rest)
Eight of HOPE
Seven of FIDELITY
Six of LIBERALITY
Five of KINDNESS
Four of REST (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad – don't do it!)
Three of PRAYER
Two of MEDITATION
Ad one Well-Selected RESOLUTION

If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoon of Of GOOD SPIRITS, a Dash of FUN, A Pinch of FOLLY, a Sprinkling of PLAY, and a Heaping Cupful of GOOD HUMOR
Pour into the whole LOVE, Cook thoroughly in a fervent Heat, garnish with a few smiles and sprig of JOY; then serve with Quietness, Unselfishness, and Cheerfulness and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR is a CERTAINTY!!!

*From: Father M. B. Cochran
Submitted By: Brenda Cochran*



There's NO STORM
that God won't carry you
through. NO BRIDGE that God
won't help you cross.
NO BATTLE that God won't
help you win. Trust God
and NEVER Give Up.
Amen!

News from the Diocese of Southern Ohio

COVID 'care packages' enroute to churches

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Siblings in Christ,

As the Omicron variant sweeps through our communities, I realize the burden on parish leaders as you struggle to keep people in your care both safe and connected. I share a sense of weariness with you. And I am enormously grateful for your faithfulness during this long season.

My staff have assembled “care packages” with KN95 masks and at-home test kits, a small sign of our regard for all that you do, and a thank-you. *(Editor's note: These packages were mailed out to all congregations on Friday, Jan. 21 and should be arriving this week)* Know that you and the people whom you serve remain in our prayers.

George Wayne Smith
Bishop Provisional
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

Say Hello to....

This month, my contribution will take a different slant. Instead of interviewing one of our members, I would like to offer some words of comfort as we enter our third year of COVID-19 and unspeakable political disarray.

We are faced with a political upheaval such as we have never seen, piled on by a worldwide epidemic that seems to have no end. Our families are experiencing dysfunction and disarray that is difficult to explain or come to terms with.

Our world has fallen into the unvaccinated versus the vaccinated, each sure the other is wrong, stubborn and uncaring. Though we have seen with our own eyes what havoc is caused by this alarming trend, social media and hate groups have become more persuasive than prayers and common sense.

Our young people are convinced that the pandemic is another effort to control us and take away our rights. They seem to forget that with the advent of the internet and cell phones for all, those rights have long been gone. Is there such a thing as privacy anymore?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. asked the question, "How do we find the courage, the will, the desire to, yet again, rise to the occasion? It is our faith in God, our belief in a Supreme Being that has carried us this far and will show us the way again. In this juncture of our nation's history, there is a need for strong, aggressive leadership from the Federal Government. In the midst of this tragic breakdown of law and order, the executive branch of government is all too silent and apathetic." These words were spoken 65 years ago, but still ring true today.

Dr. King reminds us that "Sometimes it gets hard, but it is always difficult to get out of Egypt. The red sea always stands before you with discouraging dimensions, and even after you cross the red sea, you still have to move through a wilderness with prodigious hilltops of evil and gigantic mountains of opposition."

Continued:

In short, we are being encouraged to NEVER GIVE UP!!! We must continue to believe, to pray, to reunite and to struggle together or whatever we have gained and fought so hard for will surely fade away.

When you think, “what’s the use?” “why keep trying?” I say, why give up? What’s the alternative?”

So the next time you find your faith slipping a little, when all hope seems gone, when there seems to be nowhere to turn,

SAY HELLO TO..... GOD!!!

Submitted By: Ms. Judy Wilson





SAVE THE DATES



Saturday, May 21 &
Sunday, May 22, 2022

**St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

Annual Women's Day Weekend

Theme: Women Chosen for Such a Time as This (Esther 4:13-14)

Saturday, May 21, 2022



**Fedoras, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
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Luncheon, Card Games,
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Sunday, May 22, 2022

Church Service ~ 9:30 A.M.

**Keynote Speaker
The Rev. Deborah Howard**



**St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
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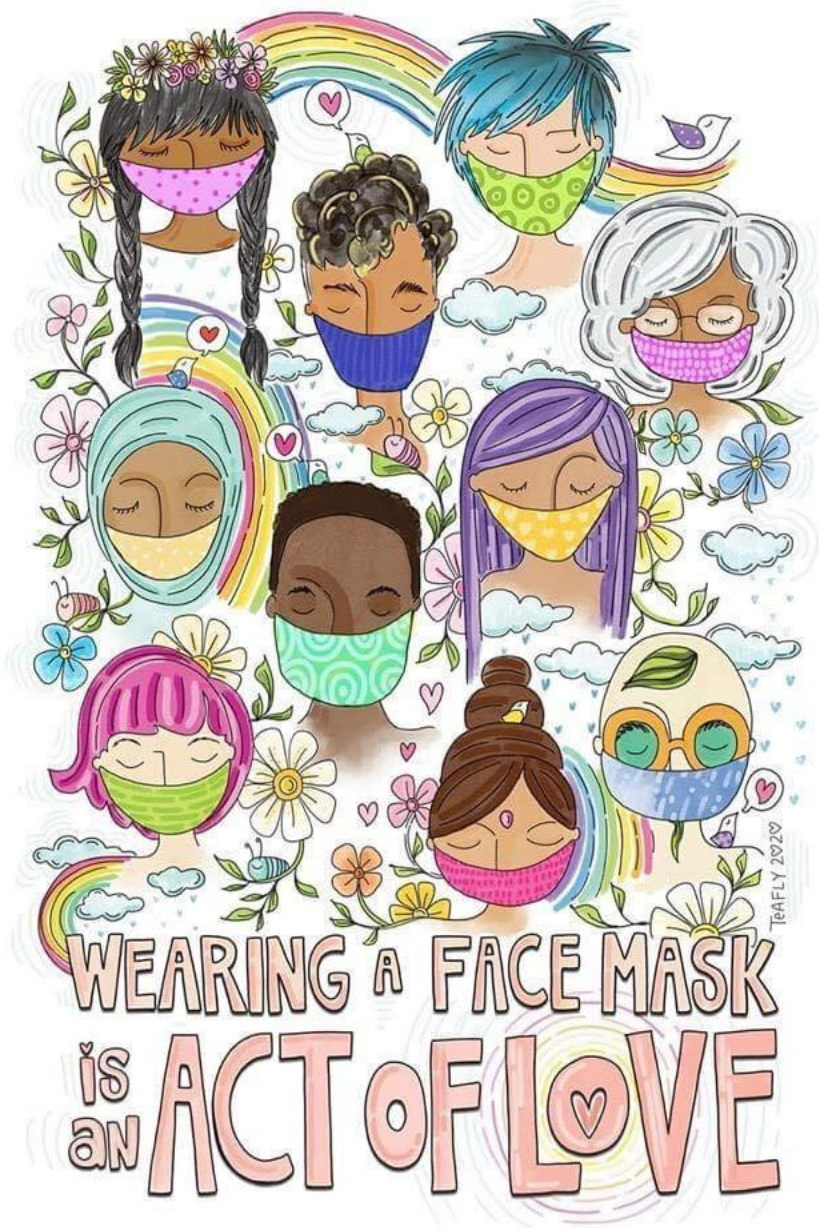
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Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's opening remarks for Executive Council: January 25, 2022

It is good to be together, I wish we were in Cleveland right now, I wish we were all together, but we will be together very soon. Recently I was talking to a good friend who suggested that I needed to take a look at the reading from Nehemiah appointed for last Sunday (Nehemiah 8:1-10). In the text, Ezra the priest reads the law of God to the people. And the text says that when he reads it and interprets it and applies it to their lives, the people wept when they heard it. Why did they weep? My friend was right. That's simply extraordinary! God's word was read, interpreted, and applied to their lives, and the people wept! Why in God's name did they weep?

(Click [HERE](#) to watch the video)



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In Memory of our Loved Ones



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Erin M. Reece



St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Annual Women's Weekend Program
May 21-22, 2022

Theme: *Women Chosen for Such A Time as This (Esther 4:13-14)*

September 18, 2021

Greetings St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Sisters in Christ,

Prayers this letter finds you safe and well as we continue to journey through these challenging days.

I write today to share some good news. I have been asked to serve as **Chairwomen** for the St. Margaret's Episcopal Church ECW Annual Women's Weekend Program scheduled for **May 21-22, 2022**. I am kindly requesting your prayers and support as I step into this leadership role and work with our ECW sisters to fulfill the vision God has given us for this momentous annual weekend.

We are planning numerous activities to praise God, celebrate our sisterhood and support our church's community outreach programs, including activities like our *emergency response activities during the 2019 Dayton tornados, Montgomery County Public Health Covid testing and vaccination support, summer arts and STEM camps, workforce development training and summer school academic programming for K-3, to name a few*. All funds raised will be donated by the ECW to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in support of women centered programing and continuing general community outreach and service.

Today I am prayerfully seeking your commitment to **serve as a 2022 St. Margaret's Episcopal Church ECW Women's Weekend Captain**. As a *Captain* you are committing your available time, talent, and willingness to *personally* raise **\$500** by April 2022 toward our overall goal. Please know this is a group effort, we will work together along this journey by providing a template solicitation letter and guidance on how to ask your friends, family, and colleagues for support. We are trusting God to help us each step of the way and prayerfully request your consideration of this faithful request.

Please acknowledge your acceptance (*or declination*) to serve '*at such a time as this*' by calling me at **708.369.1314** or via email at **stacy_m_thompson@keybank.com**. Abundant blessings to you all.

Blessings,

Stacy

Stacy Thompson Speare-Hardy
2022 St Margaret's Episcopal Church
ECW Women's Weekend Chairwoman

**36th Annual Ecumenical Worship Service Sponsored By
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Union of Black Episcopalians

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To Celebrate the Life and Ministry of

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Saturday, February 12, 2022 on ZOOM

(ZOOM Link to follow)

9:30am - 12noon.....Symposium & Presentation of Humanitarian Awards

12noon - Worship Service.....Preacher: The Rev. Owen Thompson, Dean Christ Church Cathedral

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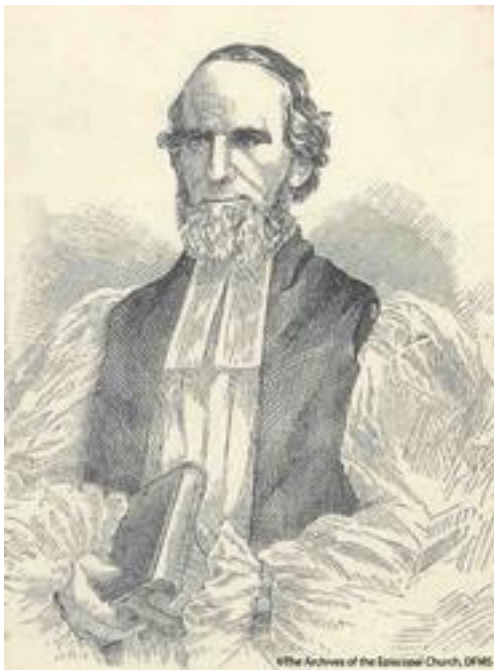
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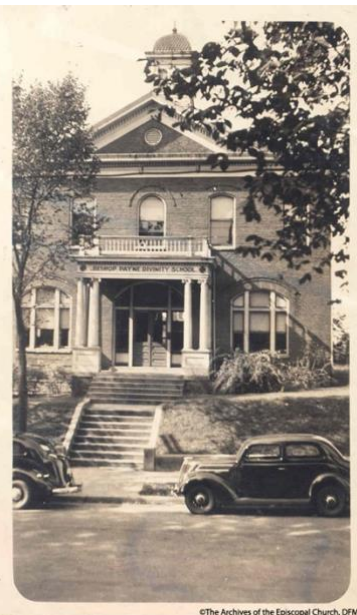
Separate and Unequal: Payne Divinity School

Bishop Payne Divinity School was founded by Virginia Theological Seminary in 1878 as a segregated seminary for black students in Petersburg, Virginia. Its first graduate was James S. Russell, who went on to found St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School in nearby Lawrenceville. When the school was chartered by the State of Virginia in 1884, it was renamed in honor of the Rt. Rev. John Payne, the first Bishop of Liberia, as Bishop Payne Divinity and Industrial School. Enrollment decreased dramatically in the 1890s following several canonical actions by the church that marginalized its black congregations. The name was changed again in 1910 to Bishop Payne Divinity School, when the school was given the power to confer the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Maintaining an adequate budget to operate and improve the school, and competing with white seminaries, which began to admit black students, were constant challenges that led to the school's closing in 1949. Its assets were transferred in 1953 to the Virginia Theological Seminary for the purpose of recruiting and educating African American clergy. [[Sources](#)]



The Rt. Rev. John Payne first Bishop of

Liberia 1851-1871



Payne Divinity School

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

- **We are members of the Episcopal Church, a denomination striving imperfectly and sincerely to offer Jesus' radical hospitality to all.**
- **We celebrate and affirm people of all sexualities and all genders, and we welcome them in all areas of our life together: worshiping in our pews, getting married in our church, participating in our ministries and serving as lay leaders, staff, and clergy.**
- **Jesus taught love of God and love of neighbor as the most important commandments. When we create a safe environment for everyone, we honor His teaching**



**The Diocese
of Southern Ohio**
Episcopalians in connection



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

Church Rental: Are you planning a reception 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.

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Dear Winter,

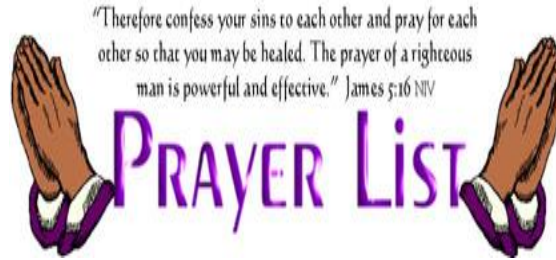
I'm breaking up with you.

I think it's time I start seeing
other seasons.

O'Melvin's Musings

Summer

is hotter than you...



**Please remember our sick and shut-in with prayers, calls and cards
(as of February 1, 2022)**

- Bernadette Wills**, 4821 Old Hickory Place, Trotwood, Ohio 45426
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