



Get Involved!

**In The Ministries of St. Margaret's
Episcopal Church**



COME. GROW.

“If you come here, you will grow.” That’s our hope for this community, a collective commitment to every person who makes a connection here. It’s an expression of our confidence that every person is on a spiritual journey that matters to God, and so those journeys matter to us. With that in mind, we offer this connections booklet, a mosaic of ministry descriptions about what God is doing among us. Please take the time to read these ministry descriptions. Consider the descriptions, lovingly composed by members of the St Margaret's community, as an invitation to be part of one or more of these ministries. Consider them to be an opportunity to grow in relationship to God, to others, to the world God has made and to yourself.



In the Peace of Christ,

In. Tommy⁺

The Very Reverend Tommy Dillon II, Rector

Welcome

We at St. Margaret's are excited by the new life and transformation in this place, and we are delighted that you are part of our community. We are a congregation committed to celebrating Christ's enduring love and respect for the dignity of all.

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, dirt poor, filthy rich, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some clergy who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Anglican than the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the horse track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts...and you!



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PRAY

ALTAR GUILD – Joe Boniol

The Altar Guild is a group of dedicated men and women who assist the Priest by preparing the church for worship and Holy Communion. We have 4 teams who each are on duty for one week at a time on a rotating basis. During Christmas and Easter, we all pitch in to help and decorate. Anyone can be on an altar team and the only requirement is a desire to prepare the Lord's table. It is also a great way to meet people and to learn about the Episcopal Church.

To join please contact Joe Boniol at: lesandjoe@att.net

Acolytes – Lester Mut

Acolytes serve the congregation by helping the clergy facilitate a meaningful worship experience. The symbolism of a lay person being at the altar is significant, as it models orders (lay, deacon, priest) working together as we do in our daily lives. Minimum age requirement is third grade and there is no maximum. The Acolytes receive on-the-job training, facilitated by our vergers, Lester Mut.

To join please contact Lester Mut at lesandjoe@att.net Or 225.921.6406

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM)- Lester Mut

Lay Eucharist Ministers (LEMs) are licensed by the bishop in order to administer the chalice at Holy Communion in the church's services. Lay Eucharistic Visitors, also licensed by the bishop, administer the Eucharist, confected at a regular Sunday service, to shut-ins and others who cannot attend the Sunday Mass.

These ministries are vital and important duties in the parish, acting as midwives of Christ in delivering the Blessed Sacrament to the faithful.

Eucharistic Visitors, as much as a sacramental ministry, are a ministry of visitation and presence for those whom they come to. They are also agents of the parish's love and presence in people's lives.

To join please contact Lester Mut at: lesandjoe@att.net

Lectors-Lester Mut

Lectors perform the vital ministry of reading the Word of God from the Old and New Testaments at the Eucharist and on other occasions. Likewise, our Intercessors read the prayers of the people during the Mass. Adding not only a personal touch of these intercessions being read from the congregation but making these bindings a true part of the liturgy, "the work of the people."

Lectors and Intercessors, by necessity, should be those who possess the gift of reading well in public

To join please contact Lester Mut at: lesandjoe@att.net

HEALING ANOINTER - Denny Allman

Ministering to the sick has always been a part of Episcopal liturgy. Anointing and laying on of hands came with the advent of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Anointing and laying on of hands illustrates the sacramental aspect of this ministry. This ministry may be participated in by anyone feeling the need for healing of any illness of body, mind or spirit. This ministry is offered two times weekly. Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. a Healing Service, with Holy Eucharist, is offered. Sundays, during communion, a station is available near the Mary chapel, to the left of the altar. Any time prayers are offered and hands laid on a healing takes place. Maybe not a cure, but always a healing.

For more information, please contact Fr. Denny Allman at: abbadenny@yahoo.com

MEDITATION GARDENS - Molly Blackwell

The purpose of this ministry is to develop sacred spaces for reflection, contemplative prayer, meditation, and spiritual formation for the community of St Margaret's. It has the potential to serve as a place of hospitality and outreach for the greater community. The gardens will be located in the woods behind St Margaret's. The plan is to rebuild an existing altar, create meditation paths and in the future perhaps an outdoor labyrinth. The hope is to provide opportunities to seek God within the beauty of His own creation, to open ourselves to hear His voice, perhaps, in the whispers of the wind, the rustling of leaves and the sounds of nature abounding. It can be a place of refreshment and renewal for all who seek to be still. It can be a quiet place to share stories with companions on our journey to a closer relationship with Christ and each other.

If you would like to find out more about how to get involved in the development of this ministry you may contact Molly Blackwell (mblackwell4@cox.net)

Ushers-Lester Mut

Ushers work together as a team, rotating throughout the year. Some of the duties include greeting churchgoers within the Narthex of the Church, helping to orient guests and newcomers to our church, handing out the bulletins, assisting with seating, recording service attendance and answering questions. Arriving early for services, ushers help prepare the entry area of the church for services, collect and present the offering during the service and direct people to and from their pews during communion. Ushers can also serve at special services during holidays, holy days and funerals. We would like to invite anyone interested in this ministry to join us.

To join please contact Lester Mut at lesandjoe@att.net

LEARN

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – Jay Weber

Please join us for opportunities to discuss the many ways to learn how God wants us to honor God and how we can live our lives in God's name. Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall or online. For Bible study. Currently, we are discussing the scripture readings for the Sunday service. This is a wonderful way to get a better understanding of the weekly scripture readings, and since it is between services, we can hear insight from those that attended the 8 am service, while preparing those that attend the 10 am service. We also offer other opportunities on Wednesday nights after the Healing Service.

For more details contact Jay Weber at: jyweber@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP / GENEROSITY TEAM - Paul Allman

The Stewardship Committee is responsible for planning and directing the annual stewardship appeal, working closely with the rector and the vestry's Finance Committee. The approach taken each year varies. In the past, some of the elements have included cottage meetings, a stewardship lunch, witnessing at Sunday worship, a series of stewardship letters, and phone calls to members. In recent years, there has been increasing interest in year-round stewardship, shifting our attention from the annual campaign to "everything we do with everything we have," and this is becoming a new focus for the committee. We welcome your interest in joining this important ministry.

For more details contact Paul Allman at: p_allman@yahoo.com

WOMEN' S GROUP – Doris Weber

The purpose of this organization is to deepen and nurture the spiritual life of the women at St. Margaret's through worship of God, glorification of Christ, and presentation of Christ to the world, and to enlist their active participation in ministering to people inside and outside the church. Our Vision for all women of St. Margaret's Church is that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the church. We aspire to be God's Spark – shining and sharing the love of Christ.

For more details contact Doris Weber at: weber4mk@yahoo.com

YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY - Molly Blackwell

St. Margaret's is creating a space open to everyone, but with activities conducive to families with young children. We have monthly get to-gethers where everyone feels welcome, kids can play, and adults can enjoy their time together.

For more details contact Molly Blackwell mblackwell4@cox.net

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION – Molly Blackwell

Youth at Saint Margaret's are integrated and complete members of the broader parish community. They participate in our worship, service, and learning alongside other generations in the community. Youth reach "up" to their elders as well as reach "downward" towards their younger peers as mentors and examples.

For more details contact Molly Blackwell at: 225-773-9659

Education for Ministry- Joan Weber

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year, adult education program for lay ministers. The program is created and administered by the University of the South's, School of Theology and is presented in small groups facilitated by mentors. Participants study scripture, history, morality and ethics. Through group theological reflection, participants learn to "do" theology and build personal skills used in all types of ministry. New members join the group at the beginning of the year. At St. Margaret's, each year begins in January, and members register each year in November.

For more information, please contact Joan Weber at: ticklesweber@me.com

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY - Bill LeBlanc

St. Margaret's **Recovery Ministry** is affiliated with the **Addictions Recovery Ministry** (ARM) of the Diocese of Louisiana. This ministry reaches out on behalf of the Church to welcome recovering people into the Episcopal community and helps recovering Episcopalians find a home within the organized Church.

The term "addiction" includes a relationship with any activity or substance which interferes with healthy functioning - alcohol, drugs, relationships, sex, work, gambling, internet or food for example.

St. Margaret's has hosted one (Open) AA weekly meeting on Tuesday nights for 20+ years with an average weekly attendance of 17 in 2019

Diocesan page www.edola.org/arm/

Facebook Page www.facebook.com/AddictionsRecoveryMinistry/

For more details contact Bill LeBlanc at: bill.leblanc@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE - Jeannette Bourg

The Pastoral Care Ministry gives lay members of St. Margaret's the opportunity to bring love and fellowship of the Church to those who are hospitalized, home bound, in nursing homes, lonely, or in need of companionship. This ministry has five teams who rotates each week bringing communion to those in need and also shares the church's news.

To join please contact Jeannette Bourg at: 225-371-1096

Grief Recovery Center- Kelly Maples

The mission of the Grief Recovery Center is to compassionately assist all those experiencing grief to move beyond the pain of loss, isolation and loneliness through support, education and counseling. In serving this mission, we see children, teenagers and adults in our program and serve everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

Mental health needs are extremely important in our community and we provide these services to help people reach their mental health goals. Our services include: counseling for individuals, children, teenagers, families and couples, free weekly and monthly support groups for adults, teenagers and children, educational workshops and an annual memorial service. Virtual therapy sessions are also available.

In partnership with St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, The Grief Recovery Center is happy to provide a free grief support group for members of the community.

For more details contact Kelly Maples at: kmaples@grcbr.org

OUTREACH

INVITE* WELCOME* CONNECT* - Bill Bethea & Ronny Daley

The ministry of Invite, Welcome, Connect is an evangelical expression that empowers congregations and the Church to reach out with the good news offered by Christ. It is an effort that tasks us to move our congregation into a culture that values mission versus the maintenance mindset many of us have been most comfortable with. It is a ministry that welcomes new people into our fold and also seeks to engage our members through sharing of life stories and intently listening to those stories. Finally, we seek to empower the laity to discover the gifts that God has bestowed on them and use those gifts to better serve Christ and our faith community

The leaders and team members are as follows:

Invite – Mark Liggett

Welcome – Jack Warner

Connect – Catherine Buck

To join please contact Ronny Daley at 225-324-1609

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE - Molly Williams

The Montessori School of Baton Rouge is an early childhood, independent non-profit school enrolling 65 students ranging in age from 2.5 to 6 (pre-K through kindergarten). We are accredited through the State Department of Education with certified Montessori teachers and assistants committed to the children we serve. Our school features multi-age grouping, a focus on global education, and specially designed curriculum and classroom atmosphere that's based on a deep understanding of human learning and development. We have a long, proud history of providing early childhood education for the Baton Rouge area.

Please call for a tour! 225.766.9942

MUSIC MINISTRY – Maria Curry

Music ministry at St. Margaret's leads the worship music at the 10am Sunday service and other special occasion services such as Evensong, Holy Week, Advent, Christmas, and various feast days. St. Margaret's Choir is open to all and rehearses on Wednesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm September through May. Summer Family Choir meets at 9:30am Sunday mornings June through August and leads worship at the 10am Sunday service. All are welcome to join us.

For more details contact Maria Curry at: composer007@cox.net

Laundry LOVE – Lester Mut

Laundry Love is a neighborhood movement that partners individuals, groups, and laundromats to care for the poor, vulnerable and marginalized by assisting them in washing their clothes and bedding. Laundry Love believes that through the neutral space of a laundromat, every guest and stranger can become a friend. This is certainly a modern day foot washing.

Since, Monday was traditionally washday; Laundry Love is hosted on the 4th Monday of every month from 5-8 p.m. at JD Duz Laundry and Cleaners at 14027 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

Persons interested in volunteering or donating for Laundry Love should contact our Outreach Coordinator, Lester Mut at: 225.921.6406

ST. NICHOLAS GIVING TREE –Lester Mut

St. Margaret's has partnered with Greenoaks Funeral Home to provide Christmas presents for families/individuals in need through the Volunteers of America's Tree of Hope Project. Through the congregation's generous donations and toys donated by the employees of Greenoaks we were able to provide over 225 gifts for needy families.

For more details contact Lester Mut at: 225.921.6406

Together Baton Rouge-Jenny Hastings

Together Baton Rouge is a broad-based coalition of congregations and community-based organizations in the Greater Baton Rouge area, with the capacity to address community problems large and small. The coalition has been deliberately to cross the lines of race, religion, neighborhood and political affiliation. It works on issues affecting families and communities, and is a strictly non-partisan organization.

We have three basic goals:

1. To build relationships across our community based on trust and a willingness to listen to each other.
2. To equip our members and leadership with skills and practices to get results.
3. To achieve change on concrete issues, as part of our common call to justice.

If you are interested in joining contact Jenny Hastings at: jennyhastings@cox.net

INCLUSIVE LOUISIANA – Fr. Tommy

Inclusive Louisiana is an organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender [LGBT] Episcopalians and our straight friends. Its mission is to inspire and equip the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, its congregations and members, to proclaim and embody God's all-inclusive love for LGBTQ persons and those who love them. Clergy and members take active roles in this Diocesan ministry. We marched with and rode on the Diocese of Louisiana float in the annual New Orleans Gay Pride Parade. St. Margaret's also hosted a booth promoting Laundry Love at the Baton Rouge Pride event held at the Raising Cane River Center. This annual event boasts an attendance of over 13,000. Our volunteers distributed Laundry Love flyers, laundry detergent and 200 pairs of socks donated by Bombas.

For more details contact Fr. Tommy at: rector@saintmargarets.com

PRISON MINISTRY - Keith Duplechain

The Louisiana State Penitentiary, also known as Angola, or The Alcatraz of the South, is the largest maximum security prison in the country with a population of approximately 5,000 prisoners. Several denominations, including The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, have been very instrumental in bringing The Holy Mass and Bible Studies to the incarcerated.

For more details contact Keith Duplechain at: johnkdup@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl-Marie Montalbano

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meant to produce shawls to be given to any person who is physically ill, has financial problems, problems with a spouse, a child or family. In short, this ministry is to bring hope and relief to anyone with any kind of problem and who needs to feel the arms of God around them and to know they are not forgotten. We need many more shawls. This ministry not only helps people in need but helps the maker of the shawls. It brings you closer to God.

For more details contact Marie Montalbano at: malynem47@gmail.com

Here Today Gone Tomorrow (HTGT) Ministry

We have two donation boxes for Here Today Gone Tomorrow thrift shop at the entrance of our parking lot. Here Today Gone Tomorrow Thrift Store was founded in 1993 with the mission of being a year-round funding source for local charities and nonprofit organizations. Saint Margaret's has been working with HTGT for over 25 years. Here Today Gone Tomorrow strives to attain its goals through retail sales from charitable donations given by the community. Each organization is given a number. Saint Margaret's number is #417.

For more details on helping out contact church office.

Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge- Dave Foster &

Maria Curry

The Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge was founded in 1986 under the name of The Greater Baton Rouge of Churches and Synagogues. For over 34 years, the Interfaith Federation has built relationships among people of diverse religious, socio-economic and racial backgrounds, breaking down barriers of misunderstanding through dialogue. The Federation is a network of faith communities who share the religious values of compassionate love for our neighbor in need, building bridges of understanding, bear witness to a vision of peace, and are a catalyst of change.

For more information, please contact Dave Foster at: 225-673-4814

Maria Curry at: composer007@cox.net

Outreach Committee - Lester Mut

St Margaret's is involved in a diverse number of ministries to our local community, our country and our world. The Outreach Committee of St. Margaret's is being formed to coordinate fundraising and volunteer opportunities so that we might live into the command of our Lord to love others as God has loved us. The Committee is tasked to give attention to the local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice and advocacy.

Contact Lester Mut at: lesandjoe@att.net

Another Ministry?

Do you have a ministry of prayer, teaching/learning, service, or care which you feel called to start or nurture through St. Margaret's?

If so, please contact: **Fr. Tommy Dillon, Rector**
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