



# *Get Involved!*

## **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,



Fr. Tommy<sup>+</sup>

The Very Reverend Tommy Dillon II, Rector

# WELCOME to St Margaret's Episcopal Church

We extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church a place where understanding meets a welcoming embrace and where genuine connections are made. Our doors stand wide open to all, regardless of your background or where you find yourself on your spiritual journey. We invite you to step in just as you are, at a pace that feels right for you, and meet kindred souls embarking on their spiritual paths.

At St. Margaret's, we believe that the essence of church transcends bricks and mortar—it's a vibrant community of individuals navigating life's journey together, supporting and fortifying one another through the highs and lows. We are confident you'll discover something within our walls that resonates deeply with you. Our aspiration is to foster relationships founded on love and forgiveness. In this place, we embrace restoration over judgment, recognizing that God holds a profound interest in your future, cherishing your journey towards purpose far more than dwelling on past missteps.

So, we warmly invite you to come just as you are to St. Margaret's. In our diversity, God takes delight. Explore what makes our Parish truly special and why you belong here. It's an opportune time to nurture your spirit and contribute to a blossoming community. Consider yourself equipped to engage with ministries that resonate with you, ones that need your involvement to flourish and remain robust.

Amidst the trials of the COVID pandemic, we adapted to the evolving needs and circumstances of our community. We experienced loss and stood resilient. This year, with the collective engagement of everyone, we are poised to infuse our church with a profound sense of love and a caring, compassionate community. Join us, extend the invitation to your friends, and together let's make a significant difference within our church, our community, and the world at large.

Welcome to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church—a place where faith finds its wings and love finds its home.



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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: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **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 verger, Lester Mut.

To join please contact Lester Mut at [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **Eucharistic Ministers – Lester Mut**

Eucharist Ministers are licensed by the bishop in order to administer the chalice during celebrations of Holy Communion. To join please contact Lester Mut at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **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: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **HEALING ANOINTERS – Fr. 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; Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. during the Healing Service, and on Sundays during the 10:00a.m. Holy Eucharist.

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## **MEDITATION GARDEN – 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 and is located in the woods behind St Margaret's.

To join contact Molly Blackwell at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **CREATION CARE TEAM – Molly Blackwell**

The Creation Care Team introduces concepts of creation care, contemplation, environmental awareness through eco theology and spirituality to our parish community.

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## **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: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

# 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 education opportunities throughout the year.

For more details contact Jay Weber at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **STEWARDSHIP / GENEROSITY TEAM – Amy Warrington**

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 Amy Warrington at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **LA MESA - Danielle Thomas**

La Mesa is St. Margaret's Hispanic and Latino ministry. Please join us if you are interested in cultural and language exchange. Everyone is welcome!

We host two, ten-week cycles of English and Spanish classes and after each class we share a meal and practice our language skills. New students are always welcome, and even if you are not interested in taking classes we need volunteers passionate about hospitality to help prepare and serve the meals.

If you are interested in assisting with teaching classes or stepping into leadership with La Mesa, there is space on our leadership team. In addition to classes, La Mesa celebrates several bilingual masses each year and important holidays and feasts in the Latin American community. We welcome people to celebrate with us and/or to volunteer to assist with special events (donating supplies, preparing food, serving meals, decorating, etc.).

For more details contact Danielle Thomas at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **WOMEN' S GROUP – Kathy Myer**

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 peace-making, healing part of the church. We aspire to be God's Spark – shining and sharing the love of Christ.

For more details contact Kathy Myer at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION – Brittany Zimmerman**

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 Brittany Zimmerman at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)



## **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY – Maria Curry and Mike Baldwin**

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 details, please contact:

Maria Curry or Mike Baldwin at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **SMALL GROUPS – Michelle Fuselier**

Centered is a discipleship series guiding small groups to get deeply rooted in love with God and one another. The series consists of nine small group sessions which are held in host homes once a month. Small group provides space for prayerful support and accountability as we seek to intentionally follow Jesus and His Way of Love.

For more details, please contact Michelle Fuselier at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **CARE**

### **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.

Diocesan page [www.edola.org/arm/](http://www.edola.org/arm/)

Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/AddictionsRecoveryMinistry/](http://www.facebook.com/AddictionsRecoveryMinistry/)

For more details contact Bill LeBlanc at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **PASTORAL CARE/EUCHARISTIC VISITORS – Andrea Pitre Butler**

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 desiring the Sacrament. To join please contact Andrea Butler at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TEAM - Paul Allman**

The Disaster Preparedness and Response Team is a group of parishioners working at ways to take care of the church, its members and members of the surrounding community in the event of an emergency. It is our goal to help everyone become better prepared.

To Join please contact Paul Allman at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## ***OUTREACH***

### **INVITE, WELCOME, CONNECT – Ronny Daley, Jack Warner, Bill Bethea**

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 asks us to move our community into a culture that values mission versus the maintenance mindset with which 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 strive 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 better.

To join please contact Ronny Daley at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE – Molly Williams**

The Montessori School of Baton Rouge, located on the grounds of Saint Margarets, 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

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## **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 7:00-8:00pm September through May. Summer 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](mailto:composer007@cox.net)

## **PRAYER SHAWL – Katherine Martin**

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. A weekly crochet group meets every Tuesday at 10:00a.m. in Lyle Hall.

For more details contact Katherine Martin at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **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: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **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 deliberately crossed the lines of race, religion, neighborhood and political affiliation. It works on issues affecting families and communities, and is a 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.

For more information contact Jenny Hastings at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **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 march and ride on the Diocese of Louisiana float in the annual New Orleans Gay Pride Parade. St. Margaret's also hosts a booth at the Baton Rouge Pride event held at the Raising Cane River Center. This annual event boasts an attendance of over 13,000. We also host six Open Table Eucharists around the Diocese yearly.

For more details contact Fr. Tommy at: [rector@saintmargarets.com](mailto:rector@saintmargarets.com)

## **INTERFAITH FEDERATION OF GREATER BATON ROUGE – Jenny Hastings**

The Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge was established in 1986. It joins over 50 faith-based groups working together to foster understanding and cooperation to reduce human suffering in our community. The work of the Federation is mainly done by volunteers. The primary and longest activity is serving lunch at the Holy Grill at the Cadillac Street BREC gym five days a week. (Our church could sign up to serve for a week!) There is also a beautiful prayer breakfast and a musical program featuring musicians from our member institutions. As we all regroup post-COVID, the Federation will be adding other activities which will cultivate unity, justice, and peace.

Please contact Jenny Hastings at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com) or visit our website at: <https://www.ifedgbr.com/>

## **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: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

# OUTREACH

## **VIDEOGRAPHY TEAM – Ross Young**

St. Margaret's videography ministry was created during the pandemic of 2020 through 2022. It was a priority for St. Margaret's to keep her congregation connected to the eucharistic service of Sunday mass, this important ministry was created by Mr. Ross Young at the direction of Fr Tommy Dillon. St. Margaret's now boasts a small studio based in the sanctuary behind the altar where the 10:00AM mass is produced for streaming to Facebook each Sunday.

If you are interested in helping out in this important ministry please contact Mr. Ross Young at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **Landscape and Maintenance Team - Susan Rains**

Maintaining and planning improvements on church grounds and performing building maintenance and upkeep.

For more information contact Susan Rains at: [secretary@saintmargarets.com](mailto:secretary@saintmargarets.com)

## **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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