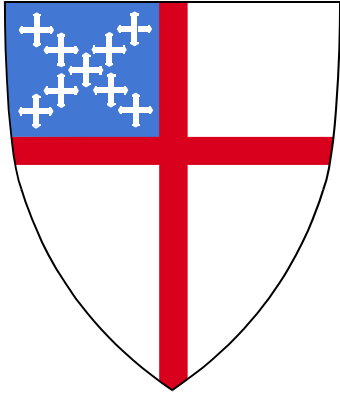


The Witness



St. Margaret's Episcopal Church



Dear Friends,

“Our worship begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer...”

You can hear these words uttered in the vast majority of Episcopal Churches in the United States on Sunday morning. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer is the worship book we use at St. Margaret's. But there are other services, of course. Anglicans worship from different prayer books in different countries, and sometimes churches borrow from each other. For example, St. James' Episcopal Church in Greenville likes to use a worship service from the Anglican Church of Ireland for their Wednesday night healing service. Are you curious about what other texts are used in other places?

For our Lenten Series this year, we look at a different order of service each Wednesday night. I will tell you a little bit about them and we will celebrate Communion using that service. (Yes, I have received permission from Bishop Waldo to do this.) Afterwards, over our usual soup supper, we'll talk about what you thought of the service. The schedule will be:

February 29	The 1928 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.
March 7	Rite I from our current 1979 Prayer Book
March 14	The prayer book of the Province of Southern Africa
March 21	The New Zealand prayer book.
March 28	The Church of England prayer book
April 4	Enriching Our Worship, an alternative Episcopal text

I'm looking forward to sharing and discussing these different worship services with you. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent for worship, conversation, and food while we look at the diversity of worship in the Anglican Communion.

Yours in Christ,

Alan

Special points of interest:

- Oyster Roast Tickets on Sale Now!
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- New Vestry
- Lenten Activities

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Weekly Gospel Readings for February

February 5, 2012	The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 1:29-39
February 12, 2012	The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 1:40-45
February 19, 2012	The Last Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 9:2-9
February 26, 2012	The First Sunday in Lent	Mark 1:9-15

Shrove Tuesday All You Can Eat Pancake Supper



Date: February 21st
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$3.00/child
\$5.00/adult
\$15.00/family

Save the date and make plans to attend one of the tastiest fellowship suppers of the year!



St. Margaret's will begin our Lenten observance with the Ash Wednesday Service on February 22nd at 7pm. Each following Wednesday in Lent we will enjoy a soup supper beginning at 6:30pm and celebrate the Holy Eucharist using different services from the worldwide Anglican Communion. On February 29th, we will use the 1928 Prayer Book Service. As in the past we are asking that each week different families volunteer to provide the meal. If your family would like to volunteer, please look for the Lenten Soup Supper Sign-up in the connector. A reminder will go out weekly to those who signed up.

Fr. Alan+



St. Margaret's 2012 Vestry Members & Convention Delegates

Front Row: Kristie Sloan;-ECW; Scott Collins-Jr. Warden; Caroline Smoogen-Secretary; Rachel Zickefoose-Youth; Melissa Woolen-Christian Ed; Rita Golden-Evangelism; Ted Burnett-Convention Alternate. **Back Row:** Liam Maley-Convention Delegate; Will Hawkins-Liturgy; Fr. Alan Leonard-Rector; Bob Morrell-Sr. Warden; Jim Landon-Treasurer; Jim McAbee-Outreach; Jerry McDaniel-Convention Alternate. **Picture unavailable:** Bill McDaniel-Stewardship and Danielle Regoni-Youth.

Liturgy

One thing that sets St. Margaret's apart from many other parishes is that we bake our own bread. However this is one area that we could use some more help with. If you would like to volunteer to bake bread for our Sunday Eucharist, please see me.

The recipe goes as follows.

*4 c. flour - 2 each wheat and white
1/4 t. salt
1/2 t. rapid rise yeast
Mix together in large bowl.*



Add

*1/3 c. honey
1/4 c. olive oil
1 egg
1 c. warm milk (the temperature you'd drink hot cocoa)*

*Mix well, dump on counter and knead until it comes together as a nice ball.
Let rest, covered with a towel, about 20 minutes.*

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly spray-grease a couple of cookie sheets.
Divide dough in half and roll out about 1/4 inch thick. Not too thick, or it's hard for the celebrant to break it.
Cut circles 7 inches in diameter - I have a pot lid that's the right diameter, and I cut around it with a knife.
Place on baking sheet about 1 inch apart - they don't spread much.*

*Gather up the scraps, add half the remaining dough, and repeat rolling out.
Again, cut circles, gather scraps, and using all remaining dough, repeat one more time.
I usually get about 7 circles out of this recipe.*

*Take a large knife and press a cross into each circle, cutting less than half-way through, but from edge to edge.
Bake 7 minutes, then turn over carefully and back 5-7 more minutes. You want just a little bit of browning on each side. Remove sooner if your oven bakes faster. Hint: I turn the leftover scraps into a small bread patty and bake it with the first pan into the oven. That way I can gauge how long it takes, plus I have one to break apart and taste to see if it baked enough inside. :)*

Cool completely on a rack or wooden board. Wrap in saran, then bag as many as will fit in a large Ziplock to take to the freezer in the sacristy.

*Thanks,
Will H.*

Fr. Alan
Will be out of the office for
Clergy Lenten Retreat
February 6th thru 8th

To all who helped with Care Bags...



IN REACH
OUTREACH

thanks

for all your hard work



Camp Gravatt, located in Aiken County, South Carolina, is taking camper registrations for summer 2012. At Camp Gravatt campers make friends, share in an affirming, Christian community, experience unconditional love, and have fun! Activities include archery, arts-and-crafts, canoeing, environmental education, swimming, challenge course, campfires, singing, Episcopal worship, Bible study and more. Staff members work to nurture and develop campers' self-esteem, rather than competitive expertise in a particular sport or skill.

Spring Break Camp	April 2-6
Family Camp	May 19-20
Session 1 – Elementary	June 3-9
Session 2 – Elementary	June 10-16
Session 3 – Jr. High	June 18-28
Session 4 – Sr. High	June 30-July 3
Session 5 – Mini-camp	June 30-July 3
Session 6 – Jr. High	July 6-12
Session 7 – Elementary	July 14-20
Session 8 – All Ages	July 22-28
CITLD1	June 3-16
CITLD2	July 14-28
Family Camp 2	August 3-5

**Jr. High sessions are for rising 7th-9th graders. Elementary sessions are for rising 1st-6th graders. Mini-Camp is for rising 1st-3rd graders. CITLD (Counselor-in-Training Leadership Development) sessions provide a special leadership development program for rising 10th-11th graders.*

***Sr. High Service Camp is for rising 10th-12th graders. Each morning, campers will be transported into Aiken for a service project and will resume regular camp activities in the afternoon and evening.*

****Discounts for multiple session attendance and siblings are available.*

*****Limited scholarship money is available.*

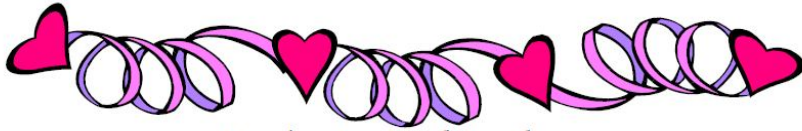
For registration materials, see your church office, call 803.648.1817 or visit www.bishopgravatt.org.



Senior High Service Camp

Camp Gravatt is partnering with the United Way of Aiken County to offer rising 10th-12th graders the chance to grow in Christian leadership through service in the Aiken community. Campers and staff will work with Project Vision in the city of Aiken each morning and will be able to experience traditional Camp Gravatt activities in the afternoon and evening. The session is for three nights.

Register at www.bishopgravatt.org or call 803.648.1817 for more information.




You're Invited to the
 SMEC Adults
 Valentines Dinner, Dancing
 &
 Renewal of Marriage Vows
 (By Father Alan if you would like to participate)

Romantic Dinner


Dancing



Fellowship


Forever Memories

Saturday, February 11, 2012
 7:00pm

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

(Dinner will be served by the youth & tips will be greatly appreciated for the youth fund)

(Bring your own bottle of wine if you desire to be served
 by our very own Wine Steward, Tom Smoogen)

(Sign up on Facebook, in the connector or contact Cindy Collins at 864-809-5964)



OYSTER ROAST

Saturday, March 17th
 6:00p.m.

Steamed Oysters with Fried Fish
 * PEANUT OIL USED IN PREPARATION *

Tickets on Sale NOW!

\$25.00 in advance
 \$35.00 at the door

Free Hotdogs & Fries for the
 kids.

Free childcare

Please sign-up to help in any of the following
 areas: Setting up Friday night Mar 16th at 6p.m.
 -Serving, Cooking, Clean up, Making desserts,
 and odd jobs. See Janice for more details.

We need people
 to bake Lasagna,
 salad and bread
 for the
 Valentine's
 Dinner.
 If you are
 interested in
 helping let me
 know.

Sue Maley
 590-3024

February 22nd
 7:00 p.m.

Ash
 Wednesday
 Service

Youth-All Jr. & Sr, youth are needed to help
 with the Valentine's Dinner.



Dear St. Margaret's Family,

As it is said in Revelation 21:5a, "See, I am making all things new...", it is now a new cycle of working together to grow our church and sharing the "good news" of our Savior with those we know and those we chance to meet. I look forward to the time ahead and am excited by all the possibilities.

The Latest "happening," finally, is the forthcoming Church Directory. How great it will be to be able to put names and faces together! It will help us avoid those awkward moments when we have to introduce people to others and, knowing faces, seeing them every Sunday, we are not sure of their names. It is a good thing and a wonderful beginning to the new year.

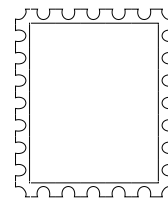
I have news about the T-shirts and it will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. I don't want to go into the details before they are finalized.

For now, may the new year be a blessed one for each and every one of us and may we draw closed together as we work to bring the love of Christ to the world.

Love and Big hug to you all!

In Christ,
 Rita





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The mission of St. Margaret's Church is to joyfully and without hesitation celebrate and embrace God's Love through worship, fellowship, service and sacrifice.

The deadline for the next newsletter is: Feb. 27th

The deadline for the weekly bulletin: Wednesday

Happy Birthday



- 2/06 Janice Ownbey
- 2/09 Taylor Alexander
- 2/11 Dustin Seigler
- 2/14 Rita Golden
- 2/15 Marietta Kolinchak
- 2/16 Emily Truman
- 2/18 Debbie Zickefoose
- 2/20 T. Truman
- 2/21 Sheril Sheppard
- 2/23 Richard Brassler
Debbie Smorgala
- 2/27 April Alexander
Nancy Cassell

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

2/14 Rickey & Christel Gilbert



LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesdays:
February 29th,
March 7th, 14th, 21ST,
28TH & April 4th

6:30 pm.

LENTen program
and
Soup Dinner



February Neighbor-to-Neighbor Team

Betty McAbee
Glynda Todd
Marietta Kolinchak