

*The Saint Margaret's Youth Group Newsletter, With All the News I Can Cram In!*



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## FINAL EDITION OF THE HOLY HOTMAIL!

...for this school year 😊

*Had you going there for a second, didn't I?*

*IN THIS ISSUE:*

*A LOOK AT THE SUMMER AHEAD,*

*AND*

*A SNEAK PEEK AT SOME 2019-2020 ACTIVITIES!*

*YOUTH GROUP TO CONTINUE UNTIL SCHOOL ENDS!*

I know what the calendar says – Faith & Fellowship is officially ended for the school year. HOWEVER, the Youth Group is going to keep going until the very end! We will meet at the same Bat Time (6:30 – 8) and same Bat Location – the Youth Room. Specifically, we will meet on **MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, AND JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>**. NOTE: There **will** be dinner this coming Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Anne Arundel County Schools end on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and that means it is time for the...

## END-OF-SCHOOL LOCK-IN!

# BUBBLEBALL!



Yes, it's that time of year again. A chance to collide at full speed into dozens of your best friends and celebrate the completion of another year!

As per usual, the Lock-in will begin at 6. *Don't be late – the games start at 6:30.* We get them for a full two hours, so wear stuff you don't mind getting dirty and grass stained.

We will have food, some other activities, probably our labyrinth, some sort of closing ceremony, and then we will be done at 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Two items from the logistics list. First, I am asking **a donation of \$10.00 per participant** to defray costs. Second, every participant must fill out a waiver in order to play Bubbleball. It makes things much smoother if that is filled out ahead of time. Click on this link - [www.wonderflywaiver.com](http://www.wonderflywaiver.com) – and it will take you directly to the waiver.

To recap:

- Dates: 14-15 June, from 6pm until 8 am.
- Cost: \$10 per participant
- **BUBBBLEBALL!**

## THE SUMMER AHEAD

As many of you know, the pace of activities for the Youth Group changes once school lets out. As you saw from the article above we like to mark that milestone in a big way! But, then what?

There are two Diocesan Mission Trips this year. Participants for each are already identified, but just to remind you, they are the Brethren Disaster Relief Mission, July 7-13, 2019 in Lumberton, NC, and the Puerto Rico Mission, July 24-30, 2019.

*(Next year, we are going to do something entirely different, and St. Margaret's will have its own mission trip. We will be revisiting the journey taken by the 2014 Youth Group, and we will head north to Maine. Patti+ and I have already begun discussing it, and as we get a bit more settled in the planning you will be the first to know!)*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A SUMMER YOUTH GROUP EVENT...**

At your home or swim club, or maybe bowling – whatever – let me know. We have done this in the past, and it works out pretty well. Let me know what you'd like to do, and when, and I will provide publicity, an e-mailing list, and \$50.00 to defray associated costs.

**NEXT YEAR...ALREADY?**

Yes indeedy, we are really looking that far ahead! I have gone ahead and started to expand the Holy Hotmail Calendar (below) to include the 2019-2020 School Year. Now, it is by no means a complete or exhaustive list of all the things that will happen next year, but for those of you who obsess over plans (like me), here is a start!

*You will note that that there have been some slight shifts to the normal schedule. Why, you ask? We have struggled with the best days and times to fit in all of the activities St. Margaret's offers. While I personally would love Youth Group to be three hours! – we are trying to find ways to give the children and youth music program the time it needs while preserving the allotted times for other activities. This may still shift a bit, but most likely Monday evening **Faith & Fellowship** will follow this schedule:*

5:15-6 pm	K-2 and 3-5 (Spirit Singers)
5:30-6:20 pm	Chorale
6-6:20 pm	Acolyte rehearsal Arts and Crafts (or other activities)
6:20-6:25 pm	Prayer Circle
6:25-6:45 pm	Dinner
<b>6:45-8:15 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
7-8:15 pm	Adult Formation Motet Ensemble

So, while this schedule is maybe a bit squishy and could change, one thing we know for sure is happening is...

**Summer Camps at the Claggett Center**

- Senior High Camp: Grades 9-12, June 23-28
- Middle School Camp: Grades 6-8, July 7-12
- Youth Camp: Grades 2-5, July 14-19
- Adventure Camp: Grades 4-8, July 21-26
- Special Challenge Camp: For adults 21+ with special needs, July 28 - August 1
- Camp Amazing Grace: For children grades 4-8 with families affected by the justice system, August 2-4
- Camp for children grades 4-8 with families affected by opioid addiction, August 11-16

**Learn more and Register Online for Claggett**

## ANOTHER YOUTH-LED SERVICE!

Everyone who participated last Sunday in our first youth-led service in many years did a phenomenal job! Everyone who witnessed the service has confirmed that. And the important thing to remember is that the real achievement was not the service *per se* but learning everything we did over the course of the year. What you learn, no one can ever take away from you.

After our service last Sunday, I spoke with several of you during Sunday School. I was thrilled at how positive you were over the entire experience, and doubly thrilled that you want to do it again! In planning for the next year, I discussed this with Peter+, Patti+ and Jim. Based on your suggestion that we maybe pick another date, we have decided on a service during Epiphany. Specifically, 12 January. Two things to think about: 1) I think we need to do both the 9 & the 11:15 services, and 2) if we are lucky, there will be baptisms that day! That could make for a very interesting and exciting service!



## VOLUNTEERING WITH THE YOUTH GROUP

Next fall I am going to try and make volunteering with the Youth Group a bit more systematic and a bit less last-minute! Over the summer I plan the year out in some detail. This fall look for a way to sign up for any particular YG event – even months in advance! It will make all our lives simpler and will keep this excellent youth program properly staffed.

And now.....

### THE THE HOLY HOTMAIL CALENDAR

(a.k.a. *The thing that makes this newsletter so ridiculously long!*)

**Date:**

**5/20**





**5/27**

**Event:**

**Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building (there is dinner tonight!)

**NO Youth Group** – MEMORIAL DAY



- 6/03 Youth Group, 6:30 – 8 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building (there is **NO** dinner tonight)
- 6/10 Youth Group, 6:30 – 8 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building (there is **NO** dinner tonight)
- 06/14 Our traditional End-of-the-School-Year LOCK-IN! *St. Margaret's, 6 pm until 8 am the next morning.* **BUBBLEBALL!** See above.
- 07/07-13 Brethren Disaster Relief Mission 
- 07/24-30 Puerto Rico Mission
- 09/09 First Faith & Fellowship of the 2019-2020 School Year! Youth Group, 6:30 – 8 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 9/16 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 9/23 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 9/30 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 10/07 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 10/14 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 10/21 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 10/28 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 11/01-02 LOCK-IN! 6 pm Friday evening until 8 am Saturday morning
- 11/04 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 11/11 Youth Group, 6:30 – 8 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 11/18 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 11/25 **NO Youth Group**, Thanksgiving 
- 12/02 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 12/9 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 12/16 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building
- 12/23 **NO Youth Group**, Merry Christmas! 
- 12/30 **NO Youth Group**, Happy New Year! 
- 01/06 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building. Rehearsal for Youth Service
- 01/12 **YOUTH SERVICE!**
- 01/13 Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**01/19-20** **MLK Jr. Diocesan Lock-In** (Details as soon as they are published)

**01/20** **NO Youth Group**, MLK Jr. Day



**01/27** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**02/03** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**02/7-9** **Happening #13**

*(grades 9-12) Arrive Friday at 7:00PM - Parent pick-up on Sunday 3:00PM*

*Cost: \$95 Deadline: January 24th*

Happening is a national program designed, staffed, and run by Episcopal youth!

This weekend will deepen your relationship with Jesus and connections with



those on similar spiritual journeys. Most of this weekend is kept a surprise for those attending so they can fully live into the moment and the community. General activities include large group talks, small group discussion, prayer through art, and games! This retreat is like New Beginnings for middle schoolers and Cursillo for adults. Happening is being held at Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD.

**02/10** **NO Youth Group**, **WINTER RELIEF**

**02/17** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**02/21-22** **Nightwatch NYC: Pilgrimage to St. John the Divine**

*(grades 6-12), Friday leaving Maryland at 11 AM through Saturday 5:00 PM, Cost: TBD Deadline TBA*

**THIS IS A HIGHLIGHT!** Connect with God and one another in the sacred space of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Nightwatch has created a safe, spirit-centered program of joyful fellowship, contemplative-contemporary spiritual direction, devotional singing, and lots of fun activities. And the next day we explore some of the sights of the Big Apple! We had a truly amazing time last year, and this year promises more of the same!



**02/24** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**03/02** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**03/09** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**03/16** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**03/20-21** **LOCK-IN!** 6 pm Friday evening until 8 am Saturday morning

**03/23** **Youth Group**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building



**03/30** Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**04/06** **NO** Youth Group, Holy Week



**04/13** **NO** Youth Group, Easter Monday

**04/20** Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**04/24-26** **New Beginnings**

*(grades 6-8) Arrive at Camp Wright Friday at 7:00PM - Parent pick up on Sunday at 3:00PM Cost: \$75 Deadline: April 18<sup>th</sup>*

Our annual retreat for middle school youth is a fantastic weekend at Camp Wright in Stevensville, MD. Previous New Beginners that have reached high school are the designer team and staff for the weekend. This makes for a perfect sense of what it means to be a part of the community. A whole weekend dedicated to youth working through the transitions of middle school through talks, skits and small group. A place where they can find community in Christ and mentors in high school students. Campers are responsible for personal transportation to and from Camp Wright. Parents, family, and adult leaders are warmly invited to attend closing Eucharist at 2:00PM in the dining hall.



**04/27** Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**05/04** Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**05/11** Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**05/18** Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**05/25** **NO** Youth Group, Memorial Day



**06/01** Youth Group, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**06/08** **LAST** Youth Group of the school year! 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Classroom D, Formation Building

**06/15** **LAST** Lock-In of the school year! 6 pm Friday evening until 8 am Saturday morning

**06/22-26** **Vacation Bible School**

**TBD** **Service Trip** – Mid-Coast Maine. More to follow.

*And now, as always, because you made it this far...*

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FIRST THORNS, THEN PAINFUL CHILDBIRTH,  
AND NOW THESE INCESSANT PHONE CALLS  
ASKING US TO SWITCH OUR LONG DISTANCE  
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