



# THE HOLY HOTMAIL

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## THE WARM TREE IS COMING!

We will be setting up the Warm Tree in the Narthex on Monday evening, the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. That is in two weeks!

As a very special treat, we will have the awesome Allison Matthews of the Broadneck feeder system come talk to us about the about specific needs of her charges.

**PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS!** You are more than welcome to come hear her speak. Her presentation won't be long, but it is an excellent opportunity to learn a lot more about the hidden poverty and economic challenges facing our neighbors here on the Broadneck Peninsula. (We meet in Classroom D of the Formation Building, and we will begin about 6:45pm).



Following her talk, we will get the tree set up and make sure we have the correct number and type of tags for the items she needs this Christmas season.

## AND, SO IS THE MLK JR. LOCK-IN!



I know, it isn't even Thanksgiving, but here is Jeff talking about something in January. Well, it is never too early to start advertising about something this important.

This is an annual Diocesan event, which means a relatively rare opportunity to get together with youth from a wide variety of Maryland parishes, while performing service, learning and laughing. Here are the details from the Diocesan website:

*Martin Luther King Jr Lock In  
January 16-17  
7th-12th Grade  
Memorial, Baltimore (1407 Bolton Street). Cost: \$25*

An overnight at Memorial, Baltimore that includes discussions about history and reconciliation about racism in the church and the country.

As more details are available, I'll keep you posted. In the meantime, put this event on your calendar!

**And now, a new and recurring (as needed) HOLY HOTMAIL feature –  
HELP NEEDED!**

## **BABYSITTERS NEEDED!**

Looking for a babysitter from 3:45 to 6 on Mondays- Pick up can be provided (at 3:30) as well as drop off at St. Margaret's church at 6:15 for youth group. Care needed for 9-month-old Oliver and 5-year-old Graham. Pay commiserate on experience. Call or text Emily DelSordo at 240-620-8551 if interested.

## **THE ETERNAL PLEA: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Okay, you've read this far. That means I'm assuming you are truly interested in our youth and our program. We are entering Stewardship season. I'm not going to plea for money. Stewardship is about more than money. It is about recognizing that you can influence the future while growing and protecting the present. We find ourselves in stewardship positions many times in our life, and for many reasons.

I'm asking you to consider taking on one more stewardship role and volunteer to help the Youth Group. This is not a major commitment relative to some others. At the most basic level, as a youth-worker I must put in place certain safeguards, one of which is ensuring there are always enough adults to ensure a safe environment. But it really is about much more than that.

It is about getting to know some interesting and thoughtful young people you might not otherwise encounter.

It is about sharing your accumulated wisdom – yes, you have some.

It is about listening and understanding.

It is about belonging.

It is about joy.

I'm not asking for much. If you can give us two hours a month on a Monday night that would be amazing. And I'll make you a deal. If at the end of your first meeting you don't feel a mixture of

happiness, excitement, and maybe even a little wonder, I'll pay for your dinner and the gas you used getting here and home again.

**Spoiler alert** – I won't be paying, and you'll be back.

## THE HOLY HOTMAIL CALENDAR

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

- This calendar is keyed to the Anne Arundel County Public School calendar for the school year 2021-2022 (<https://www.aacps.org/Page/2#calendar1/20210914/month>) If there is no school on a particular day, there is no regularly scheduled Youth Group meetings.
- All Zoom meeting links are always sent out a few minutes before the actual meeting, so watch your email!
- **NOTE: All Diocese of MD events are listed in PURPLE**

**DATE:**      **EVENT:**

11/15	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building
11/17	<b>Virtual Youth Group Meeting</b> , 7-8 pm
11/22	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building
11/24	<b>NO Virtual Youth Group Meeting</b> THANKSGIVING!
11/29	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building <i>This is the meeting where we will set up and decorate our Warm Tree! Come listen to Allison Matthews tell us about the needs of our neighbors.</i>
12/01	<b>Virtual Youth Group Meeting</b> , 7-8 pm
12/06	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building
12/08	<b>Virtual Youth Group Meeting</b> , 7-8 pm
12/13	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building
12/15	<b>Virtual Youth Group Meeting</b> , 7-8 pm
12/20	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building

## CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS DURING AACPS WINTER BREAK.** Our next meeting is....

01/03	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building
01/05	<b>Virtual Youth Group Meeting</b> , 7-8 pm
01/10	<b>Youth Group - All Together Now!</b> 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building
01/12	<b>Virtual Youth Group Meeting</b> , 7-8 pm

**01/16-17** **MLK Jr. Day Observance (Diocese of MD)** *7th-12th Grade, Memorial Church in Baltimore (1407 Bolton Street). Cost: \$25*  
An overnight at Memorial, Baltimore that includes discussions about history and reconciliation about racism in the church and the country. Our hope is that we can participate in the Baltimore City Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade where we can march proudly with signs proclaiming God's love!

**01/17** **NO Youth Group - All Together Now! MLK JR. Day**

**01/19** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**01/24** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**01/26** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**01/31** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**02/02** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**02/07** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**02/09** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**02/11-13** **Happening Retreat (Diocese of MD)** *9th-12th Grade, The Claggett Center, Cost: \$95*  
All 9th -12th grade students are invited to participate in this student designed retreat! Our youth led staff will lead students through a weekend of small groups, large groups, worship, fun, and community building. This weekend is centered on deepening a student's relationship with Jesus and one another!

**02/14** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**02/16** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**02/21** **NO Youth Group - All Together Now! President's Day Observance**

**02/23** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**02/28** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**03/02** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**03/07** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**03/09** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**03/14** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**03/16** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**03/18** **LOCK IN! St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 6 pm – 8 am**

**03/21** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

**03/23** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**03/28** **NO Youth Group - All Together Now! Winter Relief will be using our room.**

**03/30** **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

**04/04** **Youth Group - All Together Now! 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building**

04/06      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

04/11      **NO Youth Group - All Together Now! Easter/Spring Break**

04/13      **NO Virtual Youth Group Meeting, Easter/Spring Break**

04/18      **NO Youth Group - All Together Now! Easter/Spring Break**

04/20      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

04/22-24    **New Beginnings Retreat (Diocese of MD)** *6th - 12th grade, Camp Wright, Stevensville, Cost: \$75*  
 All 6-8th graders are welcome to become campers for this weekend staffed and designed by our high schoolers! All 9-12th graders are welcomed to become staff members and participate in this great opportunity to be silly, pray out loud, and be a mentor to younger students.

04/25      **Youth Group - All Together Now!** 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building

04/27      **NO Virtual Youth Group Meeting** (*it's my anniversary!*)

04/28      **High School Youth Group/Sunday School Meeting, 7:30-8:30 pm**

05/04      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

05/09      **Youth Group - All Together Now!** 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building

05/11      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

05/15      **YOUTH LED SERVICE**, St. Margaret's Church, **both** the 9 am and 11:15 services

05/15      **Senior Sendoff (Diocese of MD)** *All ages, The Claggett Center*  
 Help us celebrate the class of 2022! Seniors are welcome to sign up to be honored at this worship service and luncheon. Then, have time to explore the beauty of the Claggett Center. All friends, family, and honored guests are welcomed to come to this outdoor event.

05/16      **Youth Group - All Together Now!** 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building

05/18      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

05/23      **Youth Group - All Together Now!** 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building

05/25      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

05/30      **NO Youth Group - All Together Now!** **MEMORIAL DAY**

06/01      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

06/06      **Youth Group - All Together Now!** 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building

06/08      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

06/13      **Youth Group - All Together Now!** 6:45-8:30, Classroom D, Formation Building

06/15      **Virtual Youth Group Meeting, 7-8 pm**

06/17      **END OF SCHOOL LOCK IN!** St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 6 pm – 8 am

07/07-14    **General Convention: Volunteers for the Children's Program (Diocese of MD)**. *July 7-14, Baltimore Convention Center, 16 y/o and up.*

It takes a lot to keep children safe, entertained, and connected to community during a ten-day long conference! Come volunteer to assist in the building of this special program for children of General Convention!

**07/06-13** **TENTATIVE! SUMMER SERVICE TRIP** There is lots to discuss (to include exact dates), and we have some time. Stand by!

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

*Oh yeah, one more thing.*  
Somewhere in this newsletter there might be a spelling and/or grammar error. I proof these pretty carefully, but things do slip by on occasion. If you find one, text me at 410-507-9370 (and now you have *my* cell number). If you are the first to correctly identify an error, you will win a prize!

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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**HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES  
AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK  
FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE  
INVITED?!?**