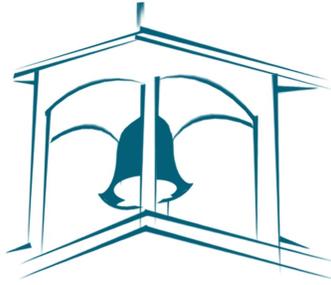


December 2020



ST. MARGARET'S

ECUMENICAL & RETREAT CENTER

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What's Happening this Month @ SMH?



2020 is almost over! Can you believe it? It sure has been a tough and trying year for everyone. As we end 2020 and begin a new year, I encourage you to begin to reflect on this past year. Ask yourself:

How have I grown?

What did I learn?

How can I move forward in 2021 on a positive note?

Traditions may not be the same this year. We will all need to continue to adapt. So, I encourage you to start new traditions! Make something new for your holiday meal! Discover a new way of doing things! After all, we've all learned to adapt and change in the blink of eye in 2020.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

End 2020 on a positive note & begin 2021 with a heart of gratitude and a willingness to continue to learn!

SMH will be closed from Thursday, December 24th through Sunday, January 3rd, 2021.

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This Month @ SMH



Tuesdays, December 1, 8, & 15th @ 6:30pm

Join Deacon Barb Groves as she facilitates a 3 week study on the Star of Bethlehem.

Call or email to sign up.

Thursday, December 3rd @ 5-6pm

Take-Out Night @ SMH! Golumpki (stuffed cabbage), potato & cheese pierogi, rye bread, & dessert.

Pick up time will be from 5-6pm only. \$15pp suggested donation. Call or email to sign up!

Saturday, December 5th @ 10- 3pm

Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 5th, presented by the Rev. Dr. Becky Driebert.

\$25 suggested donation. Lunch & materials included. Call or email to sign up. Limited seating.

Thursday, December 10th @ 5-6pm

Take-Out Night @ SMH! Lasagna! Includes salad, bread, & dessert!

Pick up time will be from 5-6pm only. \$15pp suggested donation. Call or email to sign up.

Wednesday, December 16th @ 5:00pm

The Rev. Gillett will hold an Evening Prayer Service in the Chapel.

All are welcome to join.

Wednesday, December 16th @ 5-6pm

~ SMH House Monthly Dinner ~ TAKE-OUT ONLY due to COVID-19

Baked Ham w/ maple raisin glaze, sweet potatoes, seasonal veggies, roll, & dessert.

\$15pp suggested donation. Call or email to sign up!

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, December 21st-23rd @10-12pm

Christmas Movie Week!

We will be playing one Christmas movie each day to kick off the week of Christmas!

The movies will begin at 10am each day! Donations graciously accepted.

Consider staying for lunch at 12:30 pm; \$10 suggested donation for lunch.

Call or email to sign up.

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS ~ Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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We will reopen Monday, January 4th, 2021.



~ SMH Monthly Dinner ~

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seasonal veggies, roll & dessert.**

\$15pp suggested donation

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Join us for:

**Take-Out Thursday's
December 3rd & 10th**

&

Christmas Movie Week!

December 21st-23rd

[Join us for Holy Eucharist Service Wednesday's @ 12 pm followed by lunch!](#)

Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 5th @ 10am to 3pm

**Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 5th, presented by the Rev. Dr. Becky Driebert,
which will focus on the spirituality of Julian of Norwich.**

**Becky is the rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bainbridge, N.Y., a long-time Associate of
the Order of St. Julian, and an experienced spiritual director. What better way to begin
Advent than to be opening ourselves to God's all-encompassing Love as we eagerly await the
physical manifestation of that Love?**

\$25 suggested donation. Lunch & materials included.

Call or email to sign up. Limited seating.

"Following the Star" Video & Bible Study

Join Deacon Barb Groves as she facilitates a 3 week study on the Star of Bethlehem.

**Barb will show a BBC film on the science and research behind the
Star of Bethlehem. Discussion to follow.**



Join her in the Great Room on Tuesdays @6:30pm. December 1, 8, & 15th.

Happy Holidays!

December Service Project

This month we will be collecting monetary donations & gift cards from:
Price Chopper, Aldi's, Walmart & Boscov's.

The donations will be used to purchase holiday meals & Christmas presents
for the women & children at Emmaus House.

Donations can be dropped off and/or mailed to Emmaus House or
St. Margaret's House.

Emmaus House
Attn: Christina
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Utica, NY 13501
315-797-3339



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A note from our lovely Librarian, Diane...

This month as the holiday season begins I would like to share with you a book by
Charles R. Swindoll ~ *Improving Your Serve, The Art of Unselfish Living*~

Swindoll offers accurate, clear, and practical help from the scriptures on how to
develop a servant's heart. Living an unselfish life is an art you can learn! This book
will introduce you to "Authentic Servanthood! Please keep in mind no matter how
busy you are with the holiday season, there are always needy people around us.

Find ways to help those in need and those we love!

Merry Christmas!

Diane Denison, SMH Librarian

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