

ST. MARGARET'S

ECUMENICAL & RETREAT CENTER

May & June 2022



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47 Jordan Rd - New Hartford NY - 13413



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On-Going Weekly Activities

Worship Services Wednesdays at Noon

Zoom and In-Person Worship Services - All Welcome!

Zoom.us ID: 842 3057 0175 Passcode: SMH

Wednesday Lunches at 12:30pm

Includes main + veggies, salad, bread, and dessert

Please make a reservation by the Friday before 315-724-2324

Suggested donation \$10 per person

On-Going Monthly Activities

Friends of Emmaus House Meetings

2nd Wednesdays at 10AM - St. Margaret's House

New Members Welcome!

Conversations with Rev. Gillett

2nd Wednesdays at 1:30pm

Group discussion about Matters of Faith

What's Cooking with Irene

May 18th Monthly Dinner

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Salad, & Dessert

June 15th Monthly Dinner

London Broil, Salt Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, & Dessert

Third Wednesdays at 5pm (take out) and 5:30pm (dine in)

Please make a reservation by the Friday before 315-724-2324

Suggested donation \$15 per person



Juneteenth

June 19th, 2022

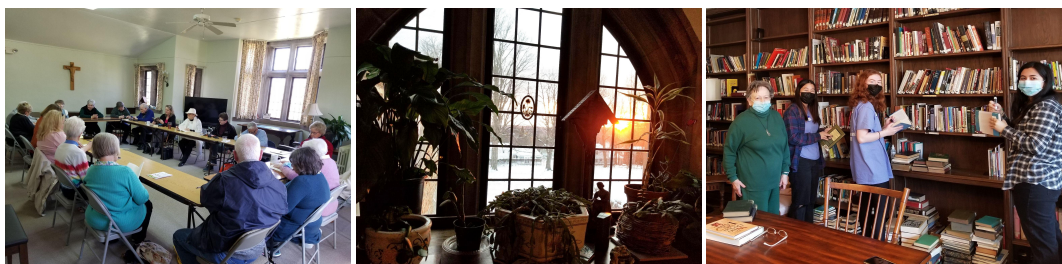
“Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.”

For More Information, Please Visit: Juneteenth.com

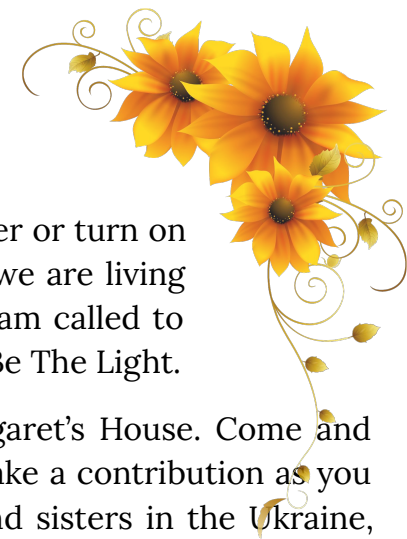
St. Margarets, Friends, & Events!



Top Row: Lenten Study Group, Morning, Librarian Diane & Hamilton Student Volunteers; 2nd Row: Donated quilts, Mass with Rev. Elizabeth, Soundproofing decor; 3rd Row: Saying Goodbye to Christina after many years of service to Emmaus House, Ladies crafting and donating bags for guests at Emmaus House, Flowers!



All Welcome!



My heart aches every time I pick up the paper or turn on the news. In dark times such as those that we are living in today, I am comforted in knowing that I am called to Be The Light Matthew 5:14; We are called to Be The Light.

Come walk around the grounds at St. Margaret's House. Come and spend some time in the chapel in prayer. Make a contribution as you see fit and are able to help our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine, and around the world. For those coming to events in May & June, you will see that you are being asked to consider an extra donation as well. Please see the details below for more information.

We have also welcomed a new staff member, Teresa Carnright, as our new Executive Assistant of Emmaus House. This change comes as Christina Mason has decided to transition to her own new path after many years of dedicated service to our community.

We look forward to seeing you - our house is your house, always.

Be the light!



Judy



Donations for the Ukraine will go to Episcopal Relief & Development - a trusted organization that sends 100% of donations to the relief effort. The first \$500 collected has been matched by the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York.

CONTACT INFORMATION & EVENT RESERVATIONS:

Call: 315-724-2324

Email: info@stmargarethouseny.org

Special Events

It Takes a Village - May 3rd & June 7th

You are cordially invited to join Rev. Elizabeth Gillett and Executive Director Judy Reilly for a faith-based, community-building series. Each month the group will select a religious work with a contemporary theme from which to begin a dialogue. Themes that will be covered include: poverty, income and equality, joy, racism, addiction, and more. Meets from 12 to 2pm - lunch included. *This program is graciously provided through the funding from the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York's ministry grant.*

Norman Rockwell Presentation - May 4th

Join us at St. Margaret's on May 4th from 1:30pm to 3pm for a presentation by Darby O'Brien from Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute regarding their upcoming Norman Rockwell Exhibit.

World Labyrinth Day at SMH - May 5th

Join us on Thursday, May 5th, from 1pm to 3pm for a celebration of World Labyrinth Day. We will offer a variety of activities, to include: house tours, education about labyrinths, and a guided labyrinth experience. <https://www.worldlabyrinthday.org>.

Grief Group - May 10th

A facilitated monthly group to support anyone experiencing loss. Will continue to meet second Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8pm.

Scrabble Day - May 26th

You are welcome to join us for a day of fun with Scrabble and Friends. Please call by May 16th to reserve your space at the table. Lunch included (suggested donation of \$10). We will be collecting donations for Emmaus House that day - toiletries and porch flower baskets.

Summer Concert Series

**1st Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM
June, July, August, & September**

June 7th

July 5th

Aug. 2nd

Sept. 6th

Sherry Anne

Two Friends

to be determined

Kevin Bailey

End of Season Concert - Sept. 27th at 6:30pm - Wildflower

Refreshments Provided

Please Bring Lawn Chairs - Picnic Blankets

** Rain or Shine **

In Case of Inclement Weather Events Will Be Held Inside

Donations Gladly Accepted to Support the Ministries of
St. Margaret's & Emmaus House

***These events have been supported by a grant from
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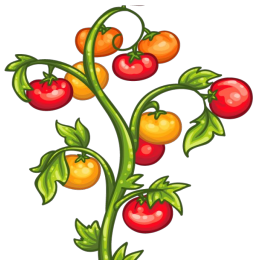


*Sherry Anne (L) & Donna Mucks (R) performing at St. Margaret's
Summer 2021 - the beginning of a wonderful new tradition!*

Emmaus House

Thank you to all who donated necessities and niceties to the women and children staying at Emmaus House!

New Home Welcome Kits and Hygiene Supplies are always in need. As we “think spring,” donations of potted flowers and garden veggies and herbs would be a welcome addition to the Emmaus House porch and gardens.



If you would like to become a sustaining supporter and member of “Friends of Emmaus House,” here is more information about how to get involved:

Friends of Emmaus House

Friends of Emmaus House is a group of volunteers who provide additional support to help meet the needs of the house & guests. This is done through various donations, fundraisers, and our annual Open House. We typically meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month to determine the needs and find solutions to those needs.

Upcoming meeting dates are May 11th & June 8th at 10am at St. Margaret's. New Members Welcome!

Special Events

Work Day - May 31st at 11:00am

Bring your work gloves & boots and help beautify the grounds at St. Margaret's. Refreshments and lunch provided.

Calling All Saints (yes, that's you!) - June 16th

We are planning an All Saints Day Extravaganza to be held Tuesday, November 1st. An informational dessert meeting to determine interest in pulling on a “Dinner with the Saints” evening is scheduled for June 16th at 6:30pm. We need men and women who are willing to go back in time and share their experiences as a first-hand disciple of Jesus. We need children to participate as angels. Musicians, actors, stage designers, sound experts - come one, come all! Please contact Penny Moncrief at 315-486-0027 for further information and to sign up for the June 16th meeting and dessert. Hope to see you there!

Remembrance Garden - June 21st at 10:00am

Please join us to help with the installation of a Remembrance Garden on the grounds of St. Margaret's. Refreshments and lunch provided.

Summer Tours of the Shrines of Central NY

We are excited to offer group tours of local area holy places with a stop for lunch along the way. We will gather fourth Mondays at 10am, at St. Margaret's. Please call us to reserve your seat! By donation.

June 27th	St. Marianne Cope Shrine & Museum, Syracuse
July 25th	Rosa Mystica Foundation of America, Edmeston
Aug. 22nd	St. Kateri National Shrine & Museum, Fonda
Sept. 26th	Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville

Save the Dates for St. Margaret's Day

Join us for a special dinner with the Sisters the evening of July 19th and an afternoon celebration of St. Margaret's Day on July 20th.

SAVORING GOD'S EXUBERANT UNITY

Teilhard de Chardin, the French twentieth century theologian, scientist, and Jesuit priest, is quoted as writing:

Glorious Lord Christ . . . you who are the first and the last, the living and the dead and the risen again, you who gather into your exuberant unity every beauty, every affinity, every energy, every mode of existence; it is you to whom my being cries out with a desire as vast as the universe . . .

(Quoted in Martin Smith's *Love Set Free*, page 42)

God's exuberant unity -- what a vividly descriptive phrase and what an attractive one, especially to those of us wearied by post-pandemic fatigue, concern about the consequences of Russia's brutal aggression in Ukraine, and the myriad "changes and chances" of ministry in daily life. It is with relief that I open myself to God's exuberant unity as we experience it in worship, especially the Eucharist.

For three weeks in March, twenty of us at St. Margaret's House studied and discussed for Lent Martin L. Smith's book, *Love Set Free, Meditations on the Passion according to St. John*. (We highly recommend it at any time of the year.)

In the climax of the book, the Rev. Smith quotes John 6: 53 - 57, in which Jesus shocks his listeners by offering his body as food and his blood as drink. This body and blood of Jesus is to be taken into us, sacramentally eaten and drunken, and absorbed so that we live from communion with him.

Smith comments: *This Eucharist is no mere fellowship meal or vague memorial. It is a matter of life and death. It is nothing less than taking into ourselves the very person and life of Jesus glorified, so that his union with God becomes ours through his abiding in us.*

He continues: *Believing is not a matter of acknowledging the existence of God or even "having a relationship with God" however devout. Nor is it an external affair of obeying, following, serving, or imitating Jesus. **Belief is admission of Christ into ourselves, as it is our admission into His self.** . . . Faith is the mystery of our being entered.*

Faith is the act of recognition that we cannot any longer defend ourselves against the interiority of God in us. . . . In believing, we realize that [we] have been opened up, and there God is at home in us, in Jesus, through the Spirit.

Alongside this, Richard Rohr, Franciscan monk, director of the Center for Action and Contemplation, and prolific spiritual guide adds from Bernard of Clairvaux's *Commentary on The Song of Songs*:

Bernard said that we are the mutual food of one another, just as lovers are. Jesus gives us himself as food in the Eucharist and the willing soul offers itself for God to eat in return. "If I eat and am not eaten, it will seem that God is in me, but I am not yet in God " (Commentary 71: 5). I must both eat God and be eaten by God, Bernard says. Now this is the language of mystical theology, which is upsetting to the rational mind but utterly delightful to anyone who knows the experience.

(Richard Rohr, "A Reflection on the Feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux")

Wow! God's exuberant unity, which encompasses all that God has created, is available for our nurture and energizing, for our healing and wholeness, when we welcome God deep within our selves and allow ourselves to be consumed, or incorporated into, God.

In receiving God into ourselves and allowing God to incorporate us into "Him", we also become not only a part of one another, but also are joined to all those who have gone before us and to those who will come after us. One incomprehensibly immense Communion of Saints! Another reverent Wow! I will never receive Communion or celebrate it the same again.

You are invited to savor God's exuberant unity during the weekly Wednesday noon Eucharists in the chapel at St. Margaret's House and to enjoy the fellowship of our delicious lunches (please sign up for lunch ahead of time) following the service. We are delighted to welcome you!

With best wishes for an exuberantly holy Spring and early Summer,

Elizabeth+

(the Rev. Elizabeth Gillett, Chaplain)