

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church & School

Parish Profile 2024



Parish Life

Mission Statement

To serve God and make disciples.

Worship

Sunday:

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional, Rite I
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Adult Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary, Rite II; includes Children's Chapel/Sunday School

Wednesday:

- 11:00 a.m. Healing Eucharist

Leadership

- Parish Administrator (part-time, paid)
- Sexton (part-time, paid)
- Organist (8:00 a.m. service, paid)
- Praise Band Director (10:30 a.m. service, non-paid)
- Director of School (paid)
- Vestry (9 members, 1 treasurer)



Christmas Pageant



Youth Sunday Ushers

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Back to school Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks



Youth making Advent wreaths



Fall Festival visit from SAFD



Fall Festival



Parish Potluck



Chili Cookoff Participants



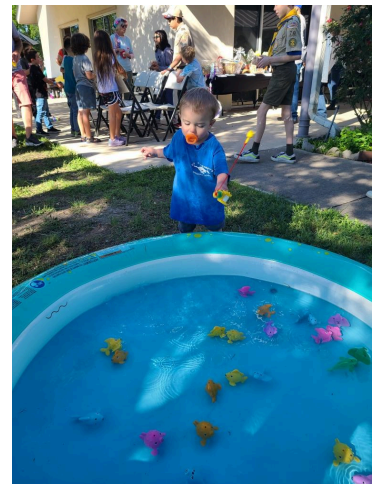
Lenten Dinners



Pumpkin Patch Shenanigans



Photo Op with the Grands



Spring Fiesta

Fellowship & Ministries

Throughout the year, St. Margaret's sponsors and supports various events that are open to both the church and the surrounding community. Below is a list of some of the fellowship gatherings and ministries we have.

Parish Gatherings

- Annual Parish Meeting
- Blessing of the Animals
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Las Posadas
- Lenten Suppers
- Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
- Potlucks
- St. Margaret's Day Celebration
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Ministries

Worship

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild
- Bulletin Folders
- Children's Chapel
- Children's Christmas Pageant
- Flower Guild
- Greeters
- Lay Eucharist Ministry
- Lay Eucharist Visitors
- Lectors
- Praise Band
- Prayer Team
- Prayers of the People
- Ushers
- Youth Sundays



Maundy Thursday Agape Meal



First Communion

Nurture

- Adult Christian Education
- Birthday and Anniversary Cards
- Blessing of the backpacks
- Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
- Children's Sunday School (in conjunction with Children's Chapel)
- Hospitality Committee
- Ladies Night Out
- Nursery
- Parish Prayer Gardens - Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday Morning Book Study Group



Community helpers on Pumpkin Patch Set-up Day

Outreach & Mission

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Ashes to Go
- Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts
- Camp Scholarships
- Discretionary Fund
- Spring Fiesta Carnival
- Pumpkin Patch & Fall Festival
- St. Margaret's School, Before & After Care
- St. Margaret's School Summer Program (Camp Maggie)



Church Campus Cleanup Day



Episcopal Church Women



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Vivid Vision - 2024

With our future in mind, in 2021 St. Margaret's developed a Vivid Vision of how we envisioned our community would look on Pentecost in 2024. The Vision incorporated a three-year plan, allowing us to continually revisit the Vision as we moved toward Pentecost 2024; this work has served to guide us and remind us where God was leading us. The work focused on the 3 main areas: worship, nurture and outreach. For a complete look at this Vivid Vision click [HERE](#). As we close out 2024, we look forward to working with our new rector to develop our next 3-5 year strategic plan.



St. Margaret's - Aerial View

The Search for our Next Rector

From a list of pastoral and ministerial skills, our congregation prioritized what we would like to see in our next rector. The results are listed below, from highest to lowest priority:

1. Strong, energetic preaching that relates the Gospel to our daily lives.
2. Developing and supporting formation for children and youth.
3. Emphasizing the spiritual growth of members.
4. Providing administrative leadership for the congregation's ministry. (a tie with No. 5)
5. Pastoral care that includes visiting the sick, bereaved, and homebound.

What Any Rector Candidate Should Know

What we love about St. Margaret's

"We are a small, diverse community that has a family-centric environment."


"We are an open minded congregation who are Christ centered and try to live the ideals of loving and serving our neighbors."

"We are a neighborhood church and school who are fully involved in activities, events, and ministries."

"Our congregation - from many backgrounds and traditions – watches out for each other. 'We have your back!'"

"There is a true feeling of belonging and fellowship, and we have active community outreach with many future aspirations."

"We have an early childhood school that serves the community."



Areas of Need - Areas of Focus - Opportunities for Growth

- Striking a better balance of engaging the entire congregation with ministry support instead of reliance on the 'reliable few'
- Solidifying youth/children's program that stand the test of time
- Maturing and expanding the relationship between church and school
- Growing our population, especially the younger than 60 demographic
- Creating a sustainable building and grounds maintenance plan that highlights our lovely property
- Keeping ministries active
- Efficient and robust bilateral communications with members and clergy/ministries

Where we want to go...Our hopes for St. Margaret's

"To be a thriving and growing Episcopal Church that serves both the needs of our parishioners and the community in the service of God."

"To have an involved, engaging priest with accepting members who are excited to come to church every week and be joyfully involved in their ministries."

"That we serve the Lord with all our hearts and love our neighbors unconditionally."



Honoring our Veterans



Blessing of the Animals

Parochial Report *reported in 2023*

Stewardship & Financials

Number of Signed Pledge Cards: 35

Total Dollar Amount Pledged: \$191,153

Total Operating Income: \$184,269

Total Operating Expenses: \$184,269

Attendance

Total Active Baptized Members: 115

Average Sunday Attendance: 68

Easter Sunday Attendance: 130

Total Communicants in Good Standing: 105

Baptisms, Confirmations; and Received by Bishop: 15



All Saints Sunday Baptism



Ladies Night Out



Youth Sunday Lector

History

St. Margaret's began as a Mission congregation in 1979, receiving its name from Bishop Scott Field Bailey in honor of Queen Margaret of Scotland (1071-1093); who was known for her devout religious observance. In the first year, St. Margaret's was made up of 30 families and 10 individuals. The church had two baptisms and 10 confirmations. In October 1979, the Bishop appointed the Rev. A. Russel Matthews to serve as Vicar.

St. Margaret's first building, currently the Parish Hall, was moved onto the 5.3 acre property in September 1980. The building was originally part of Lackland Air Force Base barracks. Bishop Bailey dedicated the building on December 17, 1980. As the congregation grew, St. Margaret's built two additional buildings on the property, including classrooms.

At the 83rd Annual Council, in 1987, St. Margaret's was granted Parish status. The Rev. William Cavanaugh, who began as Vicar at St. Margaret's in 1984, was called to be Rector. At this time, St. Margaret's congregation included 160 families and 9 individuals. There were 17 baptisms, 21 confirmations, and 3 receptions in the first year as a Parish.

Our school, St. Margaret's Episcopal School, was founded in 1983 as a Mother's Day Out program meeting only two days a week. In 1986 the program became licensed by the State of Texas when it became a 3 day a week program. It has since grown into the school we have today servicing toddlers, preschoolers and pre-kindergarteners with part time and full time options.

In 2005, our church building was damaged by fire. The congregation continued to worship, using the Parish Hall as a gathering space. Ground was broken in October 2007 and the new building was dedicated in October 2008.

1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
<p>Jan. 17, 1979 - First Gathering</p> <p>May 8, 1979 - Mission Status</p> <p>Oct. 1, 1979 - Rev. A Russel Matthews</p>	<p>Sept. 1980 - First Building</p> <p>1983 - Rectory Built</p> <p>Oct. 1, 1984 - Rev. William J. Cavanaugh</p> <p>Feb. 12, 1987 - Parish Status</p>	<p>July 1990 - Rev. Walter L. "Chip" Prehn</p> <p>Nov. 1996 - Rev. Ronald Longero</p>	<p>200X - Reverted to Mission Status</p> <p>2005 - Rev. Dr. Robert DeWolfe</p> <p>Dec. 2005 - Church Fire</p> <p>Oct. 19, 2008 - Church Rebuilt</p>	<p>May 1, 2010 - Rev. Philip Cunningham</p> <p>Feb. 2011 - Parish Status</p> <p>Nov. 10, 2013 Rev. John Hill</p> <p>Apr. 2019 - Rev. Eric Holloway</p>	<p>Sep 2024 - New rector search begins</p>



St. Margaret's School

St. Margaret's Episcopal School (SMES), toddler through Pre-Kinder, is dedicated to providing a warm atmosphere where students excel academically, socially, and spiritually. We believe children learn best by doing, so our programs are conducted using developmentally appropriate practices with a play based learning environment. Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP) is research based and supported by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). These methods are carried out in a secure environment where children are accepted as individuals, with individual needs, made in God's image.

Center-Based Curriculum

- Art
- Block Building
- Dramatic Play
- Handwriting
- Language Arts
- Math
- Manipulatives
- Science



Construction workers hard at work

Staff maintains current certifications in teaching, first aid, and CPR

St. Margaret's accepts all children regardless of race, color, or creed



Chapel time with the Head of School

Programs & Enrichment

- Chapel
- Indoor & Outdoor Motor Skills
- Library & Storytime
- Camp Maggie (weekly summer camps)
- Spanish (Looking to reinstate this program)

Current student enrollment is 25



Honoring our teachers on Episcopal School Sunday



Spring Fiesta



School Easter Egg Hunt



Early readers



Blessing the "stuffed" animals during Chapel



Building a tower with geometric shapes



Sunshine



Playtime in the leaves