



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Nov 5, 2025)

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Central Florida

114 North Osceola Ave., Inverness, FL 34450, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 12/21/25.

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Weekly Average Sunday
Attendance (ASA)

72

Number of Weekend
Worship Services

1

Number of Weekday
Worship Services

2

Number of Other per Month
Worship Services

Current Annual
Compensation

\$65578

Cash Stipend

\$60578

Housing / Rectory Detail

\$5000

Utilities

\$3040

SECA reimbursement

Compensation Available for
New Position

\$85000

Housing Available for

Pension Plan

**We're in compliance with
CPF requirements.**

Healthcare Options
Clergy only

Dental
Yes

Housing Equity Allowance in
budget
Negotiable

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

4

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks

2 (standard)

Continuing Education Weeks
Details

Continuing Education
Funding in budget

up to/including
\$500/year

Sabbatical Provision

No

Travel/Auto Account

Yes

Other Professional Account

Yes

Rectory and utilities supplied - \$20,000. Travel/auto budget - \$5000. Professional account - \$2400.

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

St. Margaret's has provided a food program for decades which has been very successful in the provision of food for the needy in Citrus County. Until February of 2024 the program functioned as two separate entities, the food pantry and Feed My Sheep. Due to factors which were affecting measurement of true success, we placed both programs "on hold" for 6-7 weeks and took a fresh look at our accomplishments, basically examining how we could do it better. Upon resumption of the reimagined Feeding Ministry, we established specific volunteer roles, standardized food packaging, streamlined processes and improved accountabilities. We've also added the provision of books, magazines, and gently-used clothing to our offerings. Elimination of USDA products has allowed us to openly pray and our clients experience spirituality and the support of our Deacon. We have background guitar music during our Friday meals to add to a warm family atmosphere.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

At St. Margaret's we are looking towards our future by understanding that we need to involve the young people who are currently part of our family as much as possible, while regularly brainstorming ways to attract others of all ages. The use of evangelism events such as Trunk or Treat, Blessing of the Animals, military cards, rental of meeting space, etc., we also feel are helpful. Staying ahead with livestreaming our services we also feel is important in connection with in our community. We regularly upgrade and maintain the church campus physically and structurally for appearance and safety purposes. We believe that in being prudent with expenditures and monitoring financials we are preparing ourselves for the church of the future.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

We use a blend of services and styles. Rite 2 is used for most services except for Advent and Lent when Rite 1 is used. The complete service is printed in the weekly bulletin, making the service easy to follow. Our complete Sunday service is live streamed on You-tube. Regarding our musical preferences, we tend to lean towards traditional hymns and music while being open to occasional forays into other types such as praise & worship.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Our individual gifts lead us towards the ministry for which we are best suited, whether it be Deacon, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, choir, children's Sunday School, or hospitality functions. We match members' backgrounds with related and available ministries as best as possible. Volunteers in ministries receive training by the ministry coordinator either individually or in a small group. Other members of the group support them in their roles until they feel comfortable.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

We do this by taking care of each other and showing our love in a variety of ways. Newcomers regularly state that their first impressions are that St. Margaret's is a very caring church. For example, as needs, such as illness, arise amongst one of our own, we "make it happen" to see that needed services are provided; we recently re-instituted Lay Eucharistic Visitors to assure that shut-ins are still a part of our worship family and receive communion. Our pastoral care program supplies comfort, emotional, social, and spiritual support to our parish family who are sick, homebound, and in time of need through visits, calls, and cards. We see ourselves as a community of love.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

For those outside our regular worshipping community we know no bounds. We actively seek events, holidays, and other churches advertised programs in order to reach out to help. In the past, prior to Covid, we were leaders of the Good News Club at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. Presently our resources allow us involvement in our weekly Feeding Ministry, annual yard sale, Blessing of the Animals, holiday angel tree, Christmas caroling at neighboring Crown Court Assisted Living Facility, and weekly donations of bread for the Pregnancy Center.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

In the past we were supportive of the Sao Paulo Mercy Mission, and Honduras. At this time our geographic region of involvement in terms of outreach is our local Citrus County Community. We encourage our clergy and lay leaders to be actively involved in the Deanery and Diocesan level. Further, we hope our clergy will be involved in our community.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

The ministry that St. Margaret's has initiated in the past 5 years is the formation of our Feeding Ministry in its current format. We introduced significant improvement in accountabilities, record-keeping, format, and duties of volunteer staff. This allowed us to concentrate on an organized and efficient program providing food for take-home as well as a community hot meal and fellowship opportunities. Another meaningful component of this weekly ministry was the initiated provision of books and gently-used clothing to our clients on a regular basis. Please contact our Senior Warden, Laura Hennings, for additional information; she was instrumentally involved in the initiatives of both the reimagined Feeding Ministry and the initiating of online worship services due to Covid restrictions.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

St. Margaret's is a very giving community of Christians. This is evidenced concretely by the fact that during Covid, though attendance decreased 42%, pledges decreased only 14%. We regularly have meaningful stewardship talks focusing on financial as well as other categories of giving. Our parishioners regularly donate their time and meals for fundraising events which is a wholesome part of our overall stewardship focus. Members are encouraged to pledge their tithe and or increase when possible. Giving back a portion of our blessings is promoted.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

As with most churches, we have experienced conflict centered around social, fiscal, and liturgical practices. Conflict management is handled prayerfully and literally from prayer book guidelines, having the flexibility to assess all information. Having a strong Senior Warden with Christian leadership is very helpful in the process.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

Our former priest was the right person at the right time for our church. The congregation totally supported him in his care, concern, ability to institute change gradually and explain "the why". The major changes that occurred and were needed could have gone poorly if done immediately. But "old dogs" can learn if changes are presented positively. In some cases parishioners helped each other accept the changes. The leadership style of our rector enabled progress. A great example of effective leadership was the revamping of our feeding ministries. Both were put on hold for a month, volunteers met together to discuss what was working and what was not, and through a collaborative process, these ministries were successfully improved and restarted.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Rev. Mason Waldhauser	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2022-01	2025-06

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Rev. Eugene Reuman	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2001-07	2021-09

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
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Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
	4	5

Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: <https://www.stmaggies.org/>

Media Links:

Online References:

> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4L5Ko9mB88ccQXLEWojOJQ>

> <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092516657948>

Languages Significantly Represented:

Provide Worship or Classes in:

References

Bishop:

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S.
Holcomb**

Diocesan Transition Minister

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Parish/Institution

Local Community Leader