

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DECEMBER 15, 2013

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Ushers:** Bob Bartel, Myrtie Bartel, Dave Edsall, Joanne Lewis  
**Communion Assistants:** Linda Wetz, Judy Houston, Larry Day, Larry Laubscher  
**Lector:** Marianne Drumm  
**Assisting Minister:** Bob Drumm  
**Children's Message:** Sunday School  
**Communion Bread:** Bob and Marianne Drumm  
**Communion Clean Up:** Jean Gates,Carolynn Goldberg, and Jeannette Brzozowsky-Leventry  
**Hospitality:** Lydia Hegel-Huhn  
**Organist:** Nicholas Smoot  
**Preacher and Celebrant:** Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
4 pm	Children's Service
9 pm	Candlelight Service with Communion
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
10 am	Worship with Communion

**Today's Prayer List:** We include the following in our prayers: Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Jina Eckhardt, Louise Gebelein, Josephine Jefferson, Bill Jerman, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, June Peddicord, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, Jack Teel, Mel Tuckfield, Pr. Alan Vomhof, Lily Ann Weeks, Mark Whirley, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, SGT Francis, civilian Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, MAJ Mark Saye, OS1 John Shutt, and our homebound members—Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, and Betty Strohl.

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 35:1–10, Psalm 146:5–10, James 5:7–10, Matthew 11:2–11

**Dedications:** The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of our third wedding anniversary by Ben and Kristin Blomendahl. The candle is given today to the glory of God and in memory of my parents' 60th wedding anniversary, December 15, 1953, by Jody and Eric Pilka.

### TODAY

**Adult Bible Study, 9 am** in the music room with Paula Thistle; today's discussion: Galatians. Pastor Dave's Bible study continues on Mondays at 7 pm in the lounge. Men's Bible Study with Pastor Russell Fink and Pastor Dave continues Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8 am at the Double T Diner (West St. and Rt. 2).

Our Sunday School students continue to guide us through Advent with a presentation during Worship. **Today, all students will join in singing, and our Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergartners will be presenting.**

Thanks to everyone participating in the **Holiday Sharing Program**. All gifts for the children **should be brought to the library/lounge before the church service today.**

**Christmas ornaments are in!** If you haven't had a chance to see our beautiful gold ornament commemorating the 50th anniversary of St. Martin's sanctuary, you will have the opportunity to purchase yours today. The ornaments were designed by Tim Doyle, Jr. A minimum gift of \$25 will go toward a new lectern for our sanctuary. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our golden anniversary as a keepsake to enjoy each Christmas as a reminder of our life together as the congregation of St. Martin's.

**Support Our Youth!** Today, we have **three ways** to help St. Martin's Youth:

- Check out our **Sponsorship Board** in the Narthex and sign up to help out a youth by giving \$10 or \$20 a month toward their Mission Trip expenses. Your help will go a long way!
- **Coffee Sales Fundraiser:** Buy some coffee for yourself or someone else. Makes a great gift!
- **Holiday Treats:** Stop by the table, pick out your cookies, and give a donation.

**St. Martin's Music Candlelight Carol Concert at 4 pm.** Join our choirs in the candlelit sanctuary as they sing and ring in the holy season! Doors open at 3:30 pm. Prelude music begins at 3:45 pm. Donation: \$10/Students: \$5.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Special Time for Kids During Worship:** After the Children's Message, children may go to the Art Room to hear a story and sing or watch a video. Volunteers are needed to help with this special time. Please sign up in the hallway. Thanks!

**Lock-up Team:** Thanks to Ches Lanham for locking up our church this past week. Dave Edsall (281-703-3372) is locking up this week. If you could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle at 410-974-9033.

**Flying Quilters desperately needs fabric!** If you have any materials at home for our quilt tops, please send them to the church office. Our next meeting is **January 6, 10 am to 2 pm** in Fellowship Room A. All are welcome to join, including non-sewers. Call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or email [djhouston1@comcast.net](mailto:djhouston1@comcast.net) for more information.

**Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 22nd following Worship.** All are welcome! We hope you can join in sharing some Christmas cheer with our homebound members. We will meet in the Narthex after Worship.

### Light House Shelter News

- **Winter Coats:** The shelter needs men's and women's coats—all sizes. Feel free to drop off at 10 Hudson Street, or leave in the Narthex for pick-up.
- **Christmas Gifts:** The shelter is collecting items to distribute to needy families and to its own residents. St. Martin's is sponsoring several area families (see **Holiday Sharing** note above), and I am collecting items for the shelter. Suggested shelter donations: men's and women's gloves, scarves, hats, socks, and underwear as well as gift cards (any value) to area stores like Target and Walmart. Please bring shelter donations to church on **Sunday, December 22nd**. I will collect items in the Narthex after Worship. You may also leave donations in the far corner of the Narthex at any time. Please email me at [solostyleforu@gmail.com](mailto:solostyleforu@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for making this holiday season much brighter for the Light House residents!! Merry Christmas! – *Tara Chaudry Kovalski*

## OTHER

**Advent Wreath:** Thank you to Martha Hollenbeck for creating our beautiful Advent wreath this season!

**Great News and Thanks!** We've received 2014 pledges from 80 households (32 more than last year). This strong commitment represents hope for the coming year as we will work together to serve Christ through our worship, teaching, social ministry, and outreach. You can still return your pledge form; copies are available at the end of each pew if you've misplaced yours. Thanks to all who have (and will) respond with your commitments of time, talent, and money to the ministry of Christ!

**St. Martin's School is seeking extended day staff, Monday–Friday, from 3 to 6 pm.** If you are interested, please send your resume to Carol Campbell at [ccampbell@stmartinsonline.org](mailto:ccampbell@stmartinsonline.org).

**Adult Fellowship: Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party on Saturday, December 28 at 7 pm.** Please join together for an evening of fun and fellowship at the home of Heather and Mel Tuckfield. This is your chance to re-gift, reuse, or recycle that present you just don't know what to do with—or perhaps you have some hidden treasure in your basement or closet that needs a new home. Just wrap it up and bring it with you for a fun "Yankee Gift Swap." In addition to the wrapped gift, please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

**5th Annual Annapolis New Year's Eve Interfaith Celebration, December 31.** Musical offerings at 6:30 pm; Program at 7 pm. Eastport United Methodist Church, 926 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis (410-263-5490). A unique way to end the old year and celebrate the new! Prayers and readings led by members of participating faith groups, local agencies, and area organizations. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the program. Stay and catch up with your friends and neighbors and make new friends for the New Year!

**Winter Brass Blast, Sunday, January 5 at 4 pm:** Eight outstanding brass musicians join organists Tim Smith and Nick Smoot in music to warm a winter day. Repertoire draws from five centuries in a program for all ages. Included is festive hymn and carol singing led by the full ensemble. Donation: \$10/Students: \$5.

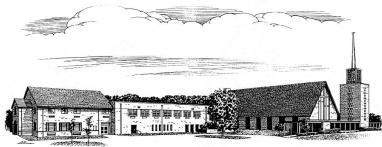
**You are cordially invited to the retirement celebration for The Reverend B. Nicki Parrish on Sunday, January 12,** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Worship Service at 3:30 pm followed by Dinner & Celebration at 5 pm. The dinner will be catered; donation is \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 5–12 (kids ages 4 and under are free). Checks can be made out and mailed to Joy Reigns Lutheran Church at 35 Mayo Rd., Edgewater, MD 21037. Please write "PN Dinner" on memo line. To attend, **RSVP by January 2nd to [officejrc@gmail.com](mailto:officejrc@gmail.com)** with the number of adults and children in your party.



**The Gift of Generosity:** This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Martin's this past year with their time, talent, and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit <http://stmartinsannapolis.org/giving/>.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 15	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion/SS Advent Program (S)
	3:00 pm	Choir Concert Rehearsal (S)
	4:00 pm	St. Martin's Music Candlelight Carol Concert (S)
	5:00 pm	Youth Cookie Bake Sale after Concert (N)
Monday, December 16	6:30 pm	Youth Support Committee Meeting (Haroths)
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Library Lounge)
Tuesday, December 17	7:00 pm	Church Council (B)
Wednesday, December 18	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conf)
	5:15 pm	Worship and Music Committee Meeting
Friday, December 20	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:30 am	School Christmas Program (Gym)
	12:00 pm	<i>School Dismissal</i>
Sunday, December 22	9:00 am	Group Sunday School & Rehearsal for Advent Program
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion/SS Advent Program (S)
	11:30 am	Christmas Caroling to our Homebound – All Invited! (N)



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