



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 20, 2015

**Welcome to St. Martin's!** Please take a moment to fill out the blue attendance cards and if you're a guest, please let us know your contact information so we can reach out!

**Dedications:** The flower arrangement is given today to the Glory of God.

**Christmas is almost here** and our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be wonderful! We hope that you invite loved-ones to St. Martin's so that they might receive the gift of Good News of God's love in Jesus, our Savior. Worship opportunities are:

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 4pm Children's Service.** *This simple and beautiful service is geared for kids and includes the nativity readings, beloved carols, and a special guest to help us think about the meaning of Christ's birth.*

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Service of Carols, Communion, Candlelight, and Brass.** *We've added a 7pm service for folks who want the beauty of the candlelight service at an earlier time. Special music will be provided by a brass quintet. You're invited to bring your bells from home to ring during the refrain in "Angels We Have Heard on High".*

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 9pm Service of Carols, Communion, Candlelight and Brass.** *In addition to the beautiful brass players, our choir will provide musical leadership as we remember the songs of the angels long ago on that holy night. Once again, you're invited to bring your bells from home to ring during the refrain in "Angels We Have Heard on High".*

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10am Service of Holy Communion** with Pastor Russell Fink preaching. *Christmas morning is a quieter celebration that prompts us to contemplate the beauty of the gift of Christ given for us!*

Thanks to our Sunday School kids and leaders for a wonderful pageant last weekend! Thanks to Kerry Heyes, our choirs, and instrumentalists for an amazing candlelight concert last Sunday afternoon. These two events made the day extra-extra special!!

The **Adult Forum** will be led today by Paula Thistle at **9 am** in the **library lounge**, and will cover the key themes of Advent. Join in the conversation as we seek to faithfully prepare for the joy of Christmas.

**Pledge Cards:** If you haven't done so yet, we invite you to turn in your pledge card to Glenn Hollenbeck or Pastor Dave. Thanks!

**Monday Bible Study** is on break until January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all who helped with the **Holiday Sharing** program so that all local families will have a blessed Christmas.

**Social Ministry Opportunity -- Help Refugees by Donating New or Used Baby Carriers:** We're supporting a former SMELC School student (Sophia Gassman) who will be transporting baby carriers to Europe to help refugee families. She is seeking donations of new/used soft baby carriers with straps such as Ergo, Bjorn, etc. Please add a note to the recipient with a paper clip and if the carrier has a pocket, you may stuff it with items such as infant/children's socks and mittens or a small plush toy. Donations will be accepted until mid-January. Sophia Gassman can be reached at [shg4mx@virginia.edu](mailto:shg4mx@virginia.edu). Information can be found on [facebook.com/carrythefuture](https://facebook.com/carrythefuture).

The **2016 offering envelope sets** have been placed in the Narthex. Please pick yours up and, if you see a set for someone else whose set you can deliver (such as a homebound member), please take the set and get it to them. If you notice any discrepancies, please let me know. If you don't see your set and you want one, please let me know that also. Also, there are a few sets where the address is missing. If yours is like that, please let the church office know your address so that your year-end statement will arrive in your mailbox. This also applies to e-mail addresses as we do send statements during the year via e-mail, so please be sure that yours is up-to-date with the office. Thank you for using your offering envelopes.

**Tellers Needed:** We are still in need of tellers for counting the offering on Sunday mornings. This volunteer service task involves about 1 - 2 hours, one Sunday per month, after the 11:00 service to count the offering and help prepare the bank deposit. If you like to count money and would like to participate in this important service, please contact: Glenn Hollenbeck, 410-224-5747 or 410-279-1627. Thank you!

**Congregational Meeting- January 10<sup>th</sup>** following the 10am service. Please plan to attend as we approve our budget.

**Congregational Directories coming soon-** the directory has been in process for a long time due to some unforeseen software glitches that we've finally worked through. They should be here soon.

**Light House Shelter:** Thanks to the Houser and Spain families for preparing dinner at the Light House Shelter this past week. They served a delicious dinner of ham, turkey nuggets, potato casserole, beans, salad and dessert. If your family or church group would like to prepare a meal at the shelter, we are in need of volunteers for March 14th, April 11th and May 9th.

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**8:00 am:** Assisting Minister: Matt Lanham

**10:00 am:**

**Preacher & Celebrant:** Pastor Dave Oravec

**Organist:** Kerry Heyes

**Assisting Minister:** Mike Huhn

**Communion Assistants:** Donnaleen Trump-Starkey,  
Judy Houston, Larry Day, John Knupp

**Lector:** Donnaleen Trump-Starkey

**Ushers:** Sara Wetz, Linda Wetz, Sue Lanham,  
Ches Lanham

**Children's Message:** Pastor Dave

**Communion Bread:** The Drumms

**Communion Clean Up:** Donnaleen Trump-Starkey,  
Joanne Lewis

**Readings:** Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55;  
Hebrews 10:5-10

**We include the following in our prayers:** Carolyn Abel, Alana, Elinor Amundsen, Kaye Bailey, Wendy Barnhill, Carly Bastiansen, Bernie Bernsten, Donna Binder, Betty Blanset, Jamshed Chaudy, Dennis Dennis, Tim Doyle, Linda Duffus, Joe Duncan, Jina Eckhardt, Dave Edsall, Doug Edsall, Barbara Fink, Donna French, Luke and Clyde Greeley (Jane Terry's grandsons), Gregory, Joe Henson, Missy Hile, Tom Hoffman, Shari Kristiansen, Mike Huhn, Missy Jeffries, Bill Jerman, Michael Kelly, Michelle Kinal, Sue Lanham, Sam Loeffler George Mathews, Maureen, Cherie Monarch, Bob Nicoll, Irmgard Perrin, Elinore Pribble, Deborah Ridel, Lauren Riordan, Debbie Ritzema, Bill Sarver, Charles Shott, Kristi Sjolholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Mildred Voytko, Lily Ann Weeks, Don Weller, Ronnie Wells, Mark Whirley, Jonathan and Nikki Aseltine, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, OS1 John Shutt, and homebound members—Muriel Eser, Ethel LaRue, , and Betty Strohl. We also pray for the family and friends of Charlene Brogan who entered the church triumphant recently.

### ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)
- 9:00 am Adult Forum (Library Lounge)  
Sunday School (M)  
MSY Confirmation Class (All grades in Youth Rm.)
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir (S)

### Monday, December 21 \*\*School Closed\*\*

### Tuesday, December 22\*\*School Closed\*\*

### Wednesday, December 23\*\*School Closed\*\*

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)

### Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

**\*\*School Closed\*\***

**\*\*Church Office Closes at 12 pm\*\***

- 3:15 pm Children's Choir rehearsal (S)
- 4:00 pm Children's Service (S)
- 5:30 pm Brass rehearsal (S)
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service with Brass (S)
- 8:15 pm Adult Choir rehearsal (S)
- 9:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service with Brass (S)

### Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

**\*\*School Closed\*\***

**\*\*Church Office Closed\*\***

- 10:00 am Christmas Service (S)

### Sunday, December 27

- 8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S)

