



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 22, 2013

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	Ben Blomendahl, Kristin Blomendahl, Ches Lanham, Sue Lanham
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Deb Mangin, Bob Drumm, Larry Day, Donnaleen Trump-Starkey
<b>Lector:</b>	Tara Chaudry Kovalski
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Doug Hole
<b>Children's Message:</b>	Sunday School
<b>Communion Bread:</b>	Bob and Marianne Drumm
<b>Communion Clean Up:</b>	Joanne Lewis, Donnaleen Trump-Starkey
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Everyone please bring something to share.
<b>Organist:</b>	Nicholas Smoot
<b>Preacher and Celebrant:</b>	Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec

#### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

##### CHRISTMAS EVE

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| 4 pm | Children's Service                 |
| 9 pm | Candlelight Service with Communion |

##### CHRISTMAS DAY

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| 10 am | Worship with Communion |
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**Today's Prayer List:** We include the following in our prayers: Jim Harden, 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. We also pray for Saint Martin's companion congregation in Kihelkonna, Estonia, on the recent passing of their previous pastor, Elmar Reinsoo.

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 7:10–16, Matthew 1:18–25

**Dedications:** The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of our grandchildren, Lucy Freeman and Miles Kilfoyle, by Tom and Barbara Freeman.

### TODAY

**Adult Bible Study, 9 am** in the music room with Paula Thistle; today's discussion: Ephesians and Colossians. Pastor Dave's Bible study will not be held on December 23 or 30 but will reconvene on January 6th. The Men's Bible Study/Breakfast will reconvene on Wednesday, January 8th, at 7 am at the Double T Diner (West St. and Rt. 2).

**Today we celebrate with the Albanese, Freeman, and Kilfoyle families as they celebrate God's wonderful gift of Holy Baptism.**

Together we rejoice as Lillian Elizabeth Albanese, Lucy Claire Marie Freeman, and Miles David Kilfoyle are baptized! We also thank God that the Albanese family has joined St. Martin's and welcome them within the baptismal liturgy. Please extend warm greetings following Worship on this happy day!

Our Sunday School students continue to guide us through Advent with a presentation during Worship. **Today, all students will join in singing, and our 5th and 6th graders will be presenting.**

Is Your Christmas Tree Still Pining for a **St. Martin's 50th Anniversary Christmas Ornament**? Be sure to purchase your ornament in the Narthex after Worship! Your minimum gift of \$25 will go toward a new lectern for our sanctuary. The ornaments were designed by Tim Doyle, Jr., and are a wonderful way to celebrate our golden anniversary. This is a keepsake to enjoy each Christmas as a reminder of our life together as the congregation of St. Martin's.

**Support Our 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! **Cookie Bake Sale:** Stop by today in the Narthex after Worship and pick up some treats to take home!

#### Light House Shelter News

- **Monthly Dinners:** The Light House residents were incredibly grateful for the ribs feast provided by the Finance Committee earlier this month. Ribs are their favorite! Thank you to members of the Committee who generously contributed cash, food, and time to this special meal. The Young Adults Group is providing the next meal service on Monday, January 13th. Please see Marta Wallace, the group coordinator.
- **Winter Supplies:** The shelter has started its winter relief effort and is always in need of outerwear for men and women, blankets, and other winter supplies. For those who resolve to clean out the clutter and get more organized in the new year, please consider the shelter's needs for your drop-offs.
- **Winter Volunteer Efforts:** Giving back to the community is a great resolution to put into practice in the coming year. If you are interested in donating some of your time and/or resources to those in need, the Light House has several volunteer opportunities. Giving back is a great way to nourish your soul. For more information, contact Michele Marshall at [Marshall@annapolislighthouse.org](mailto:Marshall@annapolislighthouse.org).

Wishing Everyone a Very Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!

— Tara Chaudry Kovalski

**Light House Shelter Clothing and Gift Card Donations Due Today:** Tara Chaudry Kovalski will be collecting items after Worship in the Narthex.

**Christmas Caroling after Worship:** All are welcome! Join in sharing some Christmas cheer with our homebound members. We will meet in the Narthex after Worship.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Volunteers Needed!** We are grateful to everyone who helps each Sunday to bring us together in fellowship for coffee and goodies after Worship. Rather than asking for a host or hostess to help prepare and set up food for a particular Sunday, we will continue with "everyone bring something to share." If you haven't had a chance to bring something, please keep it in mind for an upcoming Sunday. Volunteers are needed to **SIGN UP for JUST ONE SUNDAY to HELP CLEAN UP**. That just means hanging out a little longer one Sunday to clear the table of leftover baked goods (you may bring them home to enjoy) and emptying the coffee pot. Please sign up on the bulletin board, or contact Heather Tuckfield at [htuckfield@gmail.com](mailto:htuckfield@gmail.com). You will be shown exactly what needs to be done beforehand. Your help is needed! God's Work – Our Hands! Many thanks.

**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 Dave Edsall for locking up our church this past week. Darrell Dempster (410-263-4460) 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.

**Holiday Sharing:** Thank you to all the members who provided gifts or financial contributions for the ten Holiday Sharing families this year. Everyone's generosity and willingness to support this program each year is much appreciated! Thank you also to the Doyle, Drumm, Freeman, Knupp, Lanham, Laubscher, Ruhf, Trump-Starkey, and Tuckfield families for delivering the gifts and food this holiday season.

## OTHER

**Have you noticed the beautiful blue Chasuble that Pastor Dave has been wearing during Advent?** This Chasuble is a gift to St. Martin's from Celebration Art and lovingly given to God's glory. Our sincere thanks to Vickie DeVilbiss and the Rev. Ray Blanset!

**Coming Up Soon...You're Invited! Adult Fellowship Christmas Party and Yankee Gift Swap at the home of Mel and Heather Tuckfield** in Arnold on **Saturday, December 28th at 7 pm**. Please bring an hors d'oeuvres and wrapped gift (recycled, regifted, reused) for our fun gift exchange. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be provided. To join in on the fun, please RSVP to Heather Tuckfield at [htuckfield@gmail.com](mailto:htuckfield@gmail.com).



**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/>.

**Note for those who donate to St. Martin's electronically:** In order to be credited to your St. Martin's 2013 contribution statement, your contribution **MUST** be posted on St. Martin's website **BEFORE 3 pm CT on December 30, 2013**.

**For those who wish to make a gift of stocks or equities to St. Martin's,** please contact our Treasurer, Mark Sindt (410-897-1091), by year end. We thank God for so many generous people who further the work of Christ through our church family!

**2014 Offering Envelopes are now in the Narthex:** Please pick up your envelopes today. Questions? Contact our Financial Secretary, Glenn Hollenbeck, or the church office. Thanks!

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

**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).

**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. If you haven't had a chance to return your pledge form, copies are available in the Narthex with the 2014 envelopes. Thanks to all who have (and will) respond with your commitments of time, talent, and money to the ministry of Christ!

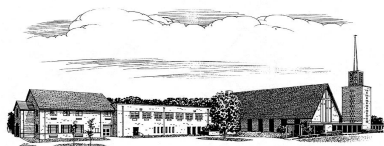
**Winter Brass Blast, Sunday, January 5 at 4 pm:** Eight outstanding brass musicians join organists Tim Smith and Nick Smoot in music to warm a winter day. Repertoire draws from five centuries in a program for all ages. Included is festive hymn and carol singing led by the full ensemble. Donation: \$10/Students: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

**Interested in joining St. Martin's Lutheran Church (or just learning more about the Christian faith)?** Pastor Dave will be leading a **new member class on Wednesday, January 22nd from 7:00-8:30 pm**. Please speak with Pastor Dave or call the church office if you plan to come (and we hope you do!).

**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.

### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 22	9:00 am	Regular 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)
Monday, December 23		<i>School closed all week for Christmas recess</i>
Tuesday, December 24		<i>Church office closes at noon</i>
	3:15 pm	Rehearsal for Sunday School Kids for Children's Service
	4:00 pm	Children's Service (S)
	8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	8:30 pm	Prelude for 9 pm Candlelight Service with Communion (S)
Wednesday, December 25		<i>Church office closed</i>
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)
Thursday, December 26		<i>Church office closed</i>
Saturday, December 28	7:00 pm	Yankee Gift Swap (Tuckfields)
Sunday, December 29		No Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)



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