



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 29, 2013

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers:	Tom Freeman, Barbara Freeman, Carole Komenda, Faye Wetherhold
Communion Assistants:	Larry Day, John Knupp, Doug Hole, Judy Houston
Lector:	Jeannette Brzozowsky
Assisting Minister:	Mel Tuckfield
Children's Message:	Heather Tuckfield
Communion Bread:	Altar Guild
Communion Clean Up:	Tom and Barbara Freeman
Hospitality:	Everyone please bring something to share.
Organist:	Nicholas Smoot
Preacher and Celebrant:	Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Jina Eckhardt, Louise Gebelein, Jim Harden, Josephine Jefferson, Bill Jerman, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, June Peddicord, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, the Teel family at the death of Jack, Mel Tuckfield, Pr. Alan Vomhof, Lily Ann Weeks, Mark Whirley, Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane and family, 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 63:7–9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10–18, Luke 2:41–52

Dedications: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Heather and Mel Tuckfield's 40th wedding anniversary. There will be a special blessing to celebrate this wonderful milestone within our worship service today! The candle and bulletin are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Dave and Sandy's wedding anniversary and Sandy's birthday by Jack and Norma Teel.

TODAY

Adult Bible Study, 9 am in the music room with Paula Thistle; today's discussion: 1, 2 Thessalonians. Pastor Dave's Bible study will not be held on December 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).

Year-End Giving Reminders: If you donate to St. Martin's electronically, please note that your contribution MUST be posted on St. Martin's website **BEFORE 3 pm CT on December 30, 2013**, to be credited to your St. Martin's 2013 contribution statement. Also, if you would like 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.

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!

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." However, 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. You will be shown exactly what needs to be done beforehand. Many thanks!

You have talent! We *know* you do, the question is: how do you want to use it to the glory of God at St. Martin's? Maybe you love to read aloud—become a lector! Perhaps you can't wait to assist Pastor Dave—you can do that as an assisting minister. Serving communion is yet another way to minister to the entire congregation. As acolytes or torch bearers, our younger members can lead the pastor and choir as they process and recess on Sunday. Or you could greet people as an usher when you offer them a bulletin. All you need is a smile and a few warm words of welcome. **Now we have training for all these positions, so you will know exactly what to do in your new role.** Please contact Marianne Drumm (croftondrumms@gmail.com) or Linda Wetz (lkw@arinc.com) if you are interested—maybe even eager—to serve. Remember, **it's God's work, but our hands!**

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 Darrell Dempster for locking up our church this past week. Michael Green (410-268-4792) 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 for more information.

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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. Visit <http://stmartinsannapolis.org/giving/>.

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 faith groups, local agencies, and area organizations. Refreshments will be available. 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. Donation: \$10/Students: \$5.

Retirement Celebration for The Reverend B. Nicki Parrish, Sunday, January 12, at St. Martin's Lutheran Church: Worship Service at 3:30 pm with 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** with the number of adults and children in your party.

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 to 8:30 pm**. Please speak with Pastor Dave or call the church office if you plan to come (and we hope you do!).

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.

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 ornament is a keepsake to enjoy each Christmas as a reminder of our life together as the congregation of St. Martin's.

Blood drive at St. Martin's on January 17 from 12:30 to 6 pm in Fellowship Rooms A, B, and C. Sign up in the Narthex after Worship or contact Ches at 410-268-4756 or sueches4@comcast.net.

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.

Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year! - *Tara Chaudry Kovalski*

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<p>Sunday, December 29</p> <p>Monday, December 30</p> <p>Tuesday, December 31</p> <p>Wednesday, January 1</p> <p>Thursday, January 2</p> <p>Friday, January 3</p> <p>Saturday, January 4</p> <p>Sunday, January 5</p>	<p>9:00 am</p> <p>10:00 am</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>9:00 am</p> <p>9:15 am</p> <p>10:00 am</p> <p>11:15 am</p> <p>4:00 pm</p>	<p><i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Worship with Communion (S)</p> <p><i>School closed all week for Christmas recess</i></p> <p><i>Church office closes at noon</i></p> <p><i>Church office closed</i></p> <p>Memorial Service</p> <p>M&M for Sunday School, Confirmation & SHY (Gym)</p> <p>Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>Worship with Communion (S)</p> <p>Confirmation Round-up</p> <p>St. Martin's Music Winter Brass Blast Concert (S)</p>
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