



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 8, 2013

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers:	Gene Cheers, Mary Ann Cheers, Gene Humphrey, Anna Marie Humphrey
Communion Assistants:	Bob Drumm, Deb Mangin, Judy Houston, Glenn Hollenbeck
Lector:	Carin Smith
Assisting Minister:	Linda Wetz
Children's Message:	Sunday School
Communion Bread:	Bob and Marianne Drumm
Communion Clean Up:	Gene and Anna Marie Humphrey
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, Randall Fossum, Louise Gebelein, Josephine Jefferson, Bill Jerman, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, June Peddicord, Matthew Rhodes, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, the Stock family at the death of Chris's mother, 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, SGT Cara Riordan, MAJ Mark Saye, OS1 John Shutt, and our homebound members—Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, and Betty Strohl.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 11:1–10, Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19, Romans 15:4–13, Matthew 3:1–12

Dedications: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in thankfulness for our many volunteers by Bob and Marianne Drumm.

TODAY

Budget Review Meeting, 9 am in the music room.
(No Adult Bible Study today.)

Our Sunday School students are guiding us through Advent with a presentation during Worship each of the four Sundays of the season. During the Children's Message, all students will sing and students from one or more classes will share a brief presentation. We encourage all Sunday School families to attend church during Advent so that their students can participate! **Today, all students will join in singing and our 3rd and 4th graders will be presenting.**

Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship to approve 2014 budgets (for church and school) and the three-year ministry plan.

Deadline for Christmas Dedications is today. Please see an usher if you need a green form.

Items for Seafarers' Christmas at Sea due today:

For the 20th year, St. Martin's is preparing Christmas boxes for the Seafarers. To contribute, please bring the following items to the church Narthex: warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks, travel-size deodorant, and ChapStick. We also need regular-size shoe boxes; our youth will box and wrap the items. Thanks!

Caroling today at 3 pm—All are welcome! Invite a friend and join in sharing some Christmas cheer with our homebound members. We will meet at 3 pm in the Art Room. (Please park on the playground side of the church.)

Light House Shelter News

- **Thanksgiving Baskets:** A very special thank you to the congregation for contributing food and gift cards to the shelter's holiday drive! St. Martin's donated over \$700 in gift cards and approximately 20 gift baskets. The Light House raised 400 baskets this year, setting a new record!
- **December Dinner:** The Finance Committee will provide dinner on Monday, December 9th. If you are participating and have any questions, email Brian Kovalski at brian.kovalski.adm@gmail.com.
- **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 at left), 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 with any questions.
Thank you for making this holiday season much brighter for the Light House residents!! Merry Christmas! – *Tara Chaudry Kovalski*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday Sharing: St. Martin's is sponsoring 10 families through the county's Holiday Sharing Program. To purchase a gift for one of the children, please take a tag from the family cards in the hallway off the Narthex. There are three tags for each child. Some gift suggestions have been provided by Social Services and are listed on the family card. Please wrap your gift and attach the gift tag. All gifts should be **returned before the church service by December 15**. Gifts can be placed in the library/lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Freeman at 410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

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 Ben Blomendahl for locking up our church this past week. Ches Lanham (410-268-4756) 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 **December 9, 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.

OTHER

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.

St. Martin's Music Candlelight Carol Service, December 15, 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.

Great News and Thanks! We've received 2014 pledges from 77 households (29 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 and 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!

Men of the Congregation should note that Pastor Russell Fink and Pastor Dave are leading a weekly **Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study** from **7 to 8 am** at the Double T Diner (West St. and Rt. 2). All men are welcome!

You are cordially invited to the retirement celebration for The Reverend B. Nicki Parrish on Sunday, January 12, 2014, at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Worship Service at 3:30 pm followed by Dinner & Celebration at 5 pm. **To attend, RSVP to officejrc@gmail.com.**

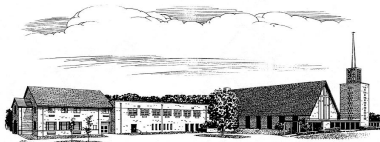


The Gift of Generosity: This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Martin's this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan 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/>.

Publication Deadlines: Please email your weekly announcements by **Wednesday at 9 am** to church@stmartinsonline.org. January Tabletalk articles are due **December 15**; please email to the church office with "Tabletalk" on the subject line.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 8	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Budget Review Meeting (M)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion/SS Advent Program (S)
	11:15 am	Annual Congregational Meeting (S)
	11:15 am	Confirmation Round-Up (Y)
	3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling to our Homebound – All Invited! (Art Room)
	5:00 pm	YAG Event after Caroling (Galway Bay)
Monday, December 9	10:00 am	Flying Quilters (A)
	5:00 pm	Light House Shelter Dinner (Finance Committee)
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Library Lounge)
Tuesday, December 10	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 11	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)
	8:40 am	Chapel Service (S)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conf)
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	Thursday, December 12	7:30 am
Friday, December 13	7:00 pm	Middle School Christmas Dance
Saturday, December 14	10:00 am	Choir Concert Rehearsal (S)
	7:00 pm	SHY Gathering (Haroth's)
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 Service (S)
	5:00 pm	Youth Cookie Bake Sale after Service (N)



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