

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 12, 2014

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers:	Bob Bartel, Myrtie Bartel, Gene Cheers, Mary Ann Cheers
Communion Assistants:	Sara Wetz, Larry Day, Judy Svoboda, Mel Tuckfield
Lector:	Marianne Drumm
Assisting Minister:	Bob Drumm
Children's Message:	Pastor Dave
Kids' Time:	Sarah Gatchel and SHY
Communion Bread:	Bob & Marianne Drumm
Communion Clean Up:	Judy Svoboda, Debra Mangin, Beverly Lyall
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, the family of Betty Fugitt, Louise Gebelein, Jim Harden, Josephine Jefferson, Bill Jerman, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, June Peddicord, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, 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 42:1–9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34–43, Matthew 3:13–17

Dedications: The bulletin is given today to the glory of God and in celebration of our grandsons' birthday by Bob and Myrtie Bartel.

TODAY

Adult Bible Study, 9 am in the music room with Paula Thistle; today's discussion will be brainstorming what to study next! Pastor Dave's Bible study continues Mondays at 7 pm. Men's Bible Study/Breakfast continues Wednesdays at 7 am at the Double T Diner (West St. and Rt. 2).

2014 Offering Envelopes are now in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes. 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!

Retirement Celebration for The Reverend B. Nicki Parrish: Worship Service at 3:30 pm.

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. In the new year, we will continue with "everyone please bring something to share." However, volunteers are needed to sign up **for just one Sunday to help clean up.** 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!

Light House Shelter News

Monthly Dinners: The Young Adults will host a taco dinner for the residents on January 13th. If you would like to volunteer at a dinner (through cooking, contributing funds, and/or serving), St. Martin's hosts the second Monday of each month. My husband and I host the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, and always appreciate extra help, too. Or, if your family would like to provide a meal on a regular basis, please contact Michele Marshall (Marshall@annapolislighthouse.org).

Winter Relief Efforts: The Light House is looking for volunteers to help with extra measures taken during inclement weather. Volunteers are always needed to provide/serve breakfast, work in the pantry, and help with administrative needs.

Thank you to those who donated winter clothing. The residents now have enough winter gear. The shelter is currently at capacity and usually remains full through the winter. Please be mindful of others during this brutally cold time. If you know someone who is struggling to pay their heat bill and keep a warm roof over their head, consider offering them some help. No one should be without a warm place to lay their head, and you can be a real blessing in their time of need.

The start of a new year encourages all of us to be self-reliant, make personal resolutions, and stick to them. This year, ask God to show you where that change should be made—it may be for the benefit of someone else. Resolve to give more of yourself in 2014, for in giving there is receiving.

Happy New Year!

—Tara Chaudry Kovalski

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!**

Lock-up Team: Thanks to Tim Doyle for locking up our church this past week. If you could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle (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 **Tuesday, January 21, 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 News: Open House for prospective families takes place **on Friday, January 17 from 9 to 11 am.** The School is also seeking extended day staff, Monday–Friday, from 3 to 6 pm. Please send resumes to Carol Campbell at ccampbell@stmartinsonline.org.

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.

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 22 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!).

Many thanks for Seafarer's Gifts! The St. Martin's team prepared 27 Christmas gift boxes for the foreign Seafarers who call at the Port of Baltimore. Gift items were donated by Vacation Bible School (VBS) students and by St. Martin's members. Greeting cards were prepared by VBS students, and the St. Martin's youth prepared and wrapped the 27 boxes. Also, thanks for the leadership of Judy Houston and Marta Wallace in directing this Christian outreach.

Mar-Lu-Ridge News: A Winter Retreat for all ages, February 7, 5 pm – February 8, 4 pm. Ever wonder what the Ridge looks like in winter? It's beautiful! Join us for our first family-style overnight – a time for games, hot chocolate and marshmallows around a roaring bonfire, songs in the chilly chapel (there is heat!) and a chance to relax with family and friends; lodging in the cabin area, meals in Agape Hall. Please call 301-874-5544 to register, or email mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org. Cost: \$50/adult; \$30 ages 3-12; under 3 free. Meals include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch.

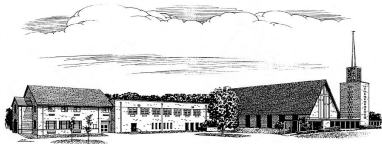
St. Martin's Music - Organ Romantics, February 9, 4 pm - Dr. Paul Thornock performs music of August Barié and Max Reger. Dr. Thornock hails from Washington state, holds graduate degrees in organ performance from Notre Dame University and Cincinnati Conservatory, and currently serves as music director at the renowned Saint Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio.



The Gift of Generosity: We thank everyone who supported St. Martin's in 2013 and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to look into our electronic-giving options. Visit <http://stmartinsannapolis.org/giving/>.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal (S) Worship with Communion (S) Confirmation Round-up with Parents (Y) Pastor Nicki's Retirement Service (S) Dinner and Celebration for Pastor Nicki (G)
Monday, January 13	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Light House Shelter Dinner (YAG) Adult Bible Study (L)
Tuesday, January 14	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting (CF)
Wednesday, January 15	7:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis) Chapel (S) Staff Meeting (CF) Bell Choir (S) Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday, January 16		
Friday, January 17	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm	School Open House <i>School Dismissal</i> Red Cross Blood Drive (A, B, C)
Saturday, January 18		
Sunday, January 19	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal (S) Worship with Communion (S) MSY/SHY Ice Skating (Quiet Waters Park)



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