

Pastor's Corner

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February Newsletter Deadline:

January 20th

In Roman mythology, the god Janus has two faces. One face looks backward and the other forward. January gets its name from Janus and this fits well because the first month of the new year is a time when we look both backward and forward.

As followers of Jesus there is always a theological dimension that enters when we look both ways.

Reflection on life at St. Martin's in 2013 reminds us of God's provision. Working through amazing and generous people (you who are reading these words), the Holy Spirit positioned the congregation for a hope-filled future. On many fronts there have been signs of new life: more folks at church, kids(!), wonderful music and worship, an upswing in households that made pledges (from 49 to 81), the adoption of a 3 year plan of ministry, seamless coordination between church and school, ongoing outreach to the needy, and a spirit of joy and hope that are permeating the place. I remain grateful that our Lord has enabled me to step into (and share in) His exciting work with you.

So...what's next? What will the new year bring? My hope is that we will focus on the basics and do them well. Worship is central. We all need Word and Sacrament. This is where God touches and shapes us. In worship we are reminded of God's promises. Through Law and Gospel we are both challenged and comforted. This is the foundation and this is where we are truly a family.

Next comes growth in faith through education, prayer, and spiritual disciplines. I will work hard with our other committed leaders to ensure creative and effective offerings for adults, youth, and kids - so that we are growing in grace together. Maybe 2014 will be the year when God surprises you with new insight as you open up to a Christian growth opportunity.

Additionally, I hope that each of you will "own" a ministry at St. Martin's - something that you claim as a part of your congregational life. It might mean teaching, or perhaps greeting guests or ushering on Sunday morning. It could involve singing in the choir or helping in the rain gardens. There are many ways to serve - and I hope every one of us will claim at least one in 2014 - and do it well to God's glory.

2014 will bring us some challenges - every year does. 2014 will bring us some surprise blessings - count on that too. Of course, the most important thing we should all remember is that in the year that lies ahead - our Good Lord will be with us. Even as He made provision in the past - He will again.

I'm excited about our life together and the New Year now at hand. Living in the promises of Jesus Christ - one of the great blessings that awaits us will be moving forward in faith together! I hope to see you in church soon. God bless you and Happy 2014!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Dave+

St. Martin's School News

Our School's next **Open House** is Friday, **January 17, 9-11 am**.

St. Martin's School is seeking extended day staff, Monday-Friday, from 3 to 6 pm. If you are interested, please send a resume to Carol Campbell, ccampbell@stmartinsonline.org.

Sunday School Reminder

M & M (Music and a Message) for all Sunday School students will be **January 5th** in the gym, at **8:45 am** with an Epiphany theme. Students will then proceed to regular Sunday School classes at 9:15 am.

Blood Drive at St. Martin's

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.



New Member Orientation

On Wednesday, **January 22nd** Pastor Dave will lead a new member's class from **7:00-8:30 pm** in the Fellowship Wing. All interested in membership, or who want to learn more about Christian faith are invited to attend! While not mandatory, it will help if you call the church office to register.

Memorials Report

- A donation has been received in memory of **Ken Amundsen** from Helen Williams.
- A donation has been received in memory of **Earle L. Peddicord** for the Narthex Memorial Bench, from his wife June B. Peddicord.
- A donation from John and Betty Knupp has been received for the landscaping around the outdoor Veterans/Memorial Benches.

Donations are always welcome year-round, whether in memory of or in honor of a loved one, so please just designate your check to Memorials if you wish to make a donation. All donations are forwarded to the recording secretary and will appear on your yearly giving statement. Thank you for all the donations received in 2013.

- *Faye S. Wetherhold, Memorials Committee Chair*

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.

Flying Quilters

We are still in need of fabric. If you have any materials at home for our quilt tops, please send them to the church office.

Meetings this month are **Monday, January 6, and 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 info.

The Bishop is Coming

Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane will be preaching on **Sunday, February 16th**....mark your calendars! Bishop Wolfgang's sermons are always inspiring and his presence radiates joy and hope. Please be in worship to hear him and to thank him for all that he has done to help our congregation over the past several years!

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 each 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!



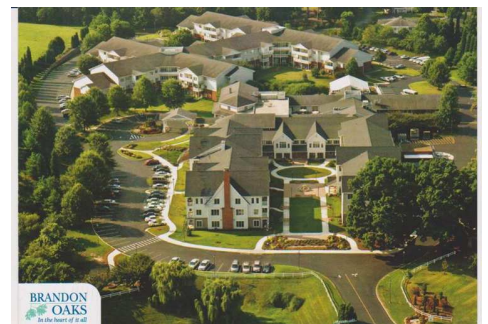
You Have Talent!

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 ministers 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 to serve. Remember, **it's God's work, but our hands!**

St. Martin's Friends' News

For those of you who have asked about **Betty Mitchell and Kay Tarter**, they have moved from Heritage Harbor to an assisted living complex in Roanoke, VA.



Here is their new address: Brandon Oaks, 3804 Brandon Ave., SW, #140, Roanoke, VA 24018. A card would be most welcome to these two long-time supporters of St. Martin's.

Saint Martin's Music

Sunday, January 5, 4:00 pm, Winter Brass Blast -

Eight outstanding brass musicians join organists Tim Smith and Nick Smoot in music to warm a winter day.

Sunday, February 9, 4:00 pm, Organ Romantics -

Dr. Paul A. Thornock puts the Moller through its paces in music of August Barié and Max Reger. Dr. Thornock hails from Washington state, earning graduate degrees in organ performance from Notre Dame University and Cincinnati Conservatory. He currently serves as music director at the renowned Saint Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio.

A Note from The Light House Shelter

As we ring in the New Year, we would like to thank you for your generous financial and volunteer support during this past year. Because of YOU, The Light House is able to continue the mission of rebuilding lives by providing shelter and services to prevent homelessness. This year, The Light House:

- **Hosted over 27,271 nights** of shelter to homeless individuals and families
- **Provided 84,019 meals** - including breakfasts, bagged and hot lunches, and dinners to residents and hungry community members
- Received and distributed **in-kind donations of over \$400,000** of pantry food, clothing, furniture and supplies to those in need
- Provided **Winter Shelter** to 59 people
- Received 12,484 **volunteer hours** from over 2,000 volunteers who believe in our mission
- 80% of our clients leave The Light House with a **housing solution**
- Provided 3,137 articles of **career clothing**
- Our 100th student graduated from the **Building Employment Success Training (B.E.S.T.)** program in December! 77% of B.E.S.T. graduates find employment with employment partners including: Annapolis Seafood, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Burlington Coat Factory, Historic Inns of Maryland, Kohl's and Annapolis Smokehouse



While these numbers speak volumes to the quantitative success of the programs and services The Light House offers, **when we change the life of just one person we know our work has been a success.** With the love and compassion of volunteers, partners, donors and staff we can make a huge difference in the lives of so many. **The Light House is 91% privately funded.** Your donations of time and treasure make a huge difference in the services we are able to offer.

First Communion Instruction

First Communion Instruction for children will be held after worship on **Sundays, Feb 9, 16, and 23.** They will receive their **first holy communion on Transfiguration Sunday, March 2nd.** Interested? Please speak with Pastor Dave.

LMS Clothes Sorting

Sorting takes place **Thursday, January 9th**, starting between 9 and 9:30 am in Fellowship Room B. Volunteers are welcome! Questions? Please contact Beverly Fossum at 410-571-5810 or bevfossum@icloud.com.

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 very 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters at St. Martin's,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, e-mails and good wishes since my knee replacement surgery last month. Each note of encouragement helped me in my healing process and I am grateful to all of you. Each day I get stronger and my goals are more in focus than ever before. Heather has been my rock through my convalescence and I thank God for her love and support. I hope all of you have a blessed Christmas and a happy 2014 New Year.

In Christian love,
Mel Tuckfield

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please provide the church office with the information so you can be included next time!

Birthdays

1/2 Charles Taylor V	1/18 Elinor Amundsen
1/5 Mary Miller-Zurell, Kelly Adams	1/21 Jina Eckhardt
1/11 Eugene Humphrey	1/22 Desmond Rafferty
1/13 Michael Taylor	1/26 Melvin Tuckfield
1/15 Will Dengler	1/29 Larry Laubscher
1/16 Amy Buckner	1/30 Emily Spain
	1/31 Delores Grauel

Anniversaries

1/3 Pete & Jane Paulson
1/31 Robert & Myrtie Bartel

Baptisms

12/22 Lillian Elizabeth Albanese, Lucy Claire Marie Freeman, Miles David Kilfoyle

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Ongoing Events		
Sunday	10 am	Orthodox Church (B)
	7:45 pm	AA (A, B, and C)
Monday	3 pm	GPS Program (YR)
	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Tuesday	3 pm	GPS Program (YR)
	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Wednesday	3 pm	Girls on the Run (A)
	3 pm	GPS Program (YR)
	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
	3 pm	St. Martin's Game Club (C)
Thursday	6 pm	Cub Scouts (G)
	7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (G)
	7:45 pm	AA (A)
	3 pm	GPS Program (YR)
Friday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
	3 pm	Girls on the Run (A)
	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Saturday	4 pm	Orthodox Church (B)

Calendar Rev. 1/2/14
 Please continue to
 check our website's
 News & Events tab
 for any new updates.

January 2014

1

School/Church
Office Closed

2

School Closed

3

School Closed

4

11 am Memorial
Service for Ken
Amundsen

5

8:45 am M&M for
Sun. School/Conf.
Class/SHY/YAG
9 am Adult Bible
Study
9:15 am Choir
10 am Worship
4 pm Winter Brass
Blast Concert

6

10 am Flying
Quilters
7 pm Adult Bible
Study

7

8

7 am Men's Bible
Study
8:40 am Chapel
10 am Staff Mtg
6:15 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Choir

9

9 am Lutheran
Mission Society
Clothes Sorting
6:30 pm YAG
Supper & Youth
Support Mtg

10

11

12

9 am Sun. School/
Adult Bible Study
9:15 am Choir
10 am Worship
11:15 am Conf.
Round-up
3:30 pm Pr. Nicki's
Retirement
Service with 5 pm
Reception

13

5 pm Light House
Shelter Dinner
7 pm Adult Bible
Study
7 pm PTO Mtg

14

7 pm Finance
Committee

15

7 am Men's Bible
Study
8:40 am Chapel
10 am Staff Mtg
1 pm Meals-on-
Wheels Vol. Trng
6:15 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Choir

16

9-11 am School
Open House
12 pm School
Dismissal
12:30 - 6 pm
Blood Drive

17

18

19

9 am Sun.
School/Conf./
Adult Bible Study
9:15 am Choir
10 am Worship
11:30 am
MSY/SHY Ice
Skating

20

School/Church
Office Closed
7 pm Adult Bible
Study

21

10 am Flying
Quilters
7 pm Church
Council

22

7 am Men's Bible
Study
8:40 am Chapel
10 am Staff Mtg
6:15 pm Bell Choir
7 pm New
Member Class
7:30 pm Choir

23

8 am SHY
Roadtrip Retreat
begins

24

25

10 am Thom
Robertson Choir
Recording Session
Basketball Night
at USNA

26

9 am Sun.
School/Conf./
Adult Bible Study
9:15 am Choir
10 am Worship

27

7 pm Adult Bible
Study

28

29

7 am Men's Bible
Study
8:40 am Chapel
10 am Staff Mtg
6:15 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Choir

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9:30 am Maryland
Zoo visit to school

CONNECTIONS...JANUARY 2014!

Middle School Youth, Day School Kids, Senior High Youth, Young Adults

Middle School Youth (MSY)

Sun. Jan. 5 -8:45-10am -M&M Program- Epiphany! ...starts in gym with SS kids for music and a message... followed by class in Marta's office

Sun. Jan. 12 - 11:15-12:30- Confirmation Roundup w/parent- light lunch and class in the youth room!

Sun. Jan. 19 - 9-10am -Class- Marta's office...Be there!

Then Ice Skating after church at Quiet Waters Park...11:30- 1:30... bring \$10 for skating and skates... meet at church to carpool over or meet us there!

Sun. Jan. 26 - 9-10am -Class- in the Youth Room

Mark your calendars...& stay tuned to your Email for more details...

Mon. Feb. 10 - Light House Shelter Dinner- All MSY and SHY will need to contribute food for the meal and be on hand to help serve...meet at the church at 5pm to carpool over and help set up...we'll be done by 6:30...this is a great way to serve others!

St. Martins Day School - Chapel every Wednesday at 8:40-9:15am...all are welcome!

Week of Jan. 13 - Cumulative Review Tests for 6th-8th graders in each subject

Fri. Jan. 17 - Open House at School from 9-11am...invite your friends and neighbors to come check us out and take a tour

Sat. Jan. 25 - Basketball Night at USNA sponsored by the PTO- open to everyone...tickets -\$3 or \$6-stay tuned for details

Senior High Youth (SHY)

Sun. Jan. 12 - SHY helping with Kids Time during worship...10am right after the children's message! This is a great way to serve and thank those that are supporting us...pick the 2nd or 4th Sunday each month to help out!

Sun. Jan. 19 - Ice Skating at Quiet Waters then a Movie?- Skating right after church- 11:30-1:30...bring \$10 for skating and skates and stay tuned for details about a movie and munchies later!

Fri. Jan. 24-26 - Roadtrip Retreat in Ocean City for all Senior High School Youth...see Marta for more info!

Mark your calendars NOW for...

Sun. Feb. 2- Superbowl Soup Bar Fundraiser -We're doing it again on Superbowl Sunday!

Sign up or email Marta to with what kind of soup, and extras (bread, rolls, and muffins)...

Have everything here in a crockpot, hot & ready to serve by 9:45am!

Mon. Feb. 10- Light House Shelter Dinner- All MSY and SHY will need to contribute food for the meal and be on hand to help serve...meet at the church at 5pm to carpool over and help set up...we'll be done by 6:30...stay tuned for details

Young Adults Group (YAG)

Thurs. Jan. 9 - Youth Support Committee Meeting at Carin's home...6:30-supper, 7:15 meeting

Mon. Jan. 13- Light House Shelter Dinner...we are providing the meal! Everyone will need to donate and make food to serve We arrive there at 5pm...serve dinner at 6pm...stay tuned to your email and let Marta know what you can bring!

Questions.....Contact Marta Wallace.....Cell: 240-463-3746.....email: mlwalla@verizon.net



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Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.

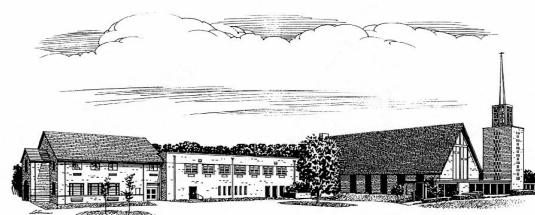
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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**St. Martin's Mission Statement:
Welcoming all and growing together
to share God's love and serve Christ
with energy and joy!**