

**Pastor:**

The Rev. Dr. David G. Oravec  
240-457-2043 - cell  
chapsdo@gmail.com

**Director of Music Ministry:**

Sister Stacie Lightner  
410-263-4723 x13  
music@stmartinsonline.org

**Director of Youth & Young Adults  
Ministry:**

Laura Albanese  
443-699-2539 - cell  
youthdirstmartins@gmail.com

**Building Manager:**

Barbara Hoffman-Krickbaum  
410-544-1707  
buildingmanager@stmartinsonline.org

**Church Office:**

Christine Sindt  
410-263-4723  
church@stmartinsonline.org

**Day School Principal:**

James D. Moorhead  
410-269-1955  
jmoorhead@stmartinsonline.org

**Director of Admissions:**

Carol Campbell  
410-263-8016  
ccampbell@stmartinsonline.org

**Church Council**

**President and Fellowship:**

Heather Tuckfield

**Vice President and Worship & Music:**

Marianne Drumm

**Fellowship:** Debbie Livingston

**Christian Education:** Linda Wetz

**Financial Secretary:** Glenn Hollenbeck

**Church Treasurer/Memorials:**

Mick Thistle

**Finance Chairperson:** Greg Maxwell

**Social Ministry:** Sara Wetz

**Stewardship:** Allison Poltorak

**Youth Representative/Design:** Rick Ruhf

**Evangelism:** Jonathan Aseltine

**Memorials:** Mick Thistle

**Property:** Tim Doyle

**Chair, School Board:** Molly Michaelson

**Youth:** Tony Tuckfield, Elizabeth Haroth

**President Emeritus:** Steve Raabe

**Deadline for February Tabletalk  
Articles is January 20**

**Pastor's Corner**

Not long after moving to Annapolis Sandy and I were blessed with a wonderful tour of historic downtown by Judy Houston, who serves as a docent. It was fascinating to see where Washington resigned his commission, learn about the tinted windows in the USNA chapel, and so on. But one part of the tour was particularly poignant--- the controversy surrounding the Roger Brooke Taney statue which sits just outside of the State House.

As the fifth Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Taney, of course, remains a famous son of our state who did much important work. However, his name is also synonymous with the Dred Scott decision which rendered that black people had no claim (nor could they ever) on U.S. citizenship and the freedom it brings. Constitutional scholars widely consider Dred Scott to be the worst decision in the history of the Supreme Court. So there is tension about Taney on the lawn of the State House because some look to the good he did and the position he achieved- while others see only the tragedy. It's been a point of contention for a long time.

Recently, though, one of my pastoral colleagues (Pastor Bill Hathaway) relayed an interesting idea and I like it. He shared that there is a movement afoot in Annapolis to address the Taney issue-- but not by removing him and throwing out our past. Rather, the idea is that another statue should be placed alongside of him-- in "conversation" with him. And the figure who is proposed is another famous and (more) brilliant Marylander from Talbot County-- Frederick Douglass. There is an informational meeting about this idea on Wednesday, January 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Banneker-Douglass Museum at 84 Franklin Street in Annapolis and I plan to attend. If you're interested, I invite you to join me at the meeting.

So, why am I focusing on this as my Pastor's Corner? As we steer into 2017, our nation is polarized in ways that are both sad and frightening. I believe that our Lord, Jesus Christ, calls us to seek after ways of justice-- and also to find common ground solutions that bring healing to his beloved creation. The Taney/Douglass idea might be one small way this can happen and my hope is that it is emblematic of how God calls each of us to live in the New Year.

We are to be bridge builders, peace-makers, and healers---and our world needs us to live this out more than ever. There are challenges ahead and we are to be the change agents in these tumultuous times. How will you respond?

I pray that you will anchor your life in worship in the New Year. As we journey together, God will make our paths clear and we will be blessed to be a blessing for the sake of Christ and His children near and far.

Thanks for your faithfulness.  
In His Service, Pastor Dave+

## Annual Congregational Meeting

There will be a regularly scheduled **congregational meeting** following the 10 am service on **Sunday, January 8th**. At this meeting we plan to adopt the 2017 budget, hear an update on our school, the chancel renovations, and also address recommended changes to our constitution. We hope you can come to this important meeting!

## New Bible Study Beginning!

On **Monday, January 9th** from **7 - 8:30 pm**, Pastors Dave and Nicki will launch into a detailed study of the **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**. Everyone is welcome to join this informative study that will recount the birth of the Church and the courageous men and women who shared the Good News of the Risen Christ and changed the world. Everyone is welcome and we hope you'll bring friends and family members to join you too.

## Flying Quilters

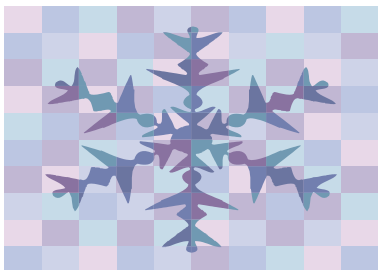
The flying Quilters will meet **Mondays, January 9** and **23** in Fellowship Room A/B from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please consider joining us. You don't need sewing skills. If you can put in a pin or tie a knot, we can use your help. Bring a lunch and stay for the day, or come for whatever time you can. This is a great way to serve others and also meet some new people (and we always have a good time!). Any questions please contact Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or [djhouston1@comcast.net](mailto:djhouston1@comcast.net).

## Outie Lunch

"Outie Group" - Lunch on **Tuesday, January 10, 1:00 p.m.** at "**Plazuelas Mexican Restaurant**" - 3029 Solomons Island Rd., (Rte. 2) across from Panera Bread. Hope you can join us! Contact: Carole Komenda (410-266-7132)

## LMS Clothes Sorting

We will be sorting clothes for the LMS on **Thursday, January 12th starting between 9:00 and 10:00 am** in fellowship rooms A and B. If you would like to help, please contact Beverly Fossum at 410-571-5810.



## Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Martin's on **January 13th** from **12:30 pm - 6 pm** in the Fellowship Wing. If you are able to donate please register online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> or via the signup sheet in the Narthex or contact Sara Wetz ([slwetz@verizon.net](mailto:slwetz@verizon.net), 410-956-6515). Also if anyone is interested in helping check people in, please contact Sara Wetz.



## Joyful Hearts Event

Ladies of all ages and stages, come on down to Joyful Hearts 1<sup>st</sup> year celebration! A birthday party with cake, drinks, and balloons will be held on **Sat. Jan 14th at 10 am**. We will also be revealing our secret sisters. Bring a small gift for your sister. After all, what's a birthday without presents? Mark your calendars for this festive occasion and wonderful ministry!

## Prayer Shawl Meeting

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 19, 1 - 4 pm** at the home of Jan Withers. Her address is 2457 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054. If you have questions, please call Jan at 410-672-5910. For those unable to meet with us, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Dave continues to find loving homes for our efforts. If you have a family member or friend who would like a prayer shawl or lap throw, please contact Pastor Dave or Dottie Hall (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

## St. Martin's School News

Our **St Martin's Day School** continues to change young lives as kids (pre K3- 8th grade) learn in a stellar academic environment and also grow in faith through regular prayer, worship, nurturing, and love. Perhaps your kids would be blessed by our St Martin's education...or maybe you know kids who would. Our next scheduled **Open House is Friday, January 20th** from 9-11 am. However, our Assistant Principal, Carol Campbell is always at the ready to accommodate schedules and give detailed tours and convey information about the school. Her email address is [ccampbell@stmartinsonline.org](mailto:ccampbell@stmartinsonline.org).

The children and youth of our Day School will be fund raising in the coming months in order to purchase a large **bulldog sculpture** to sit outside. This SMLCS bulldog will advertise our school-- and the kids plan to

decorate him appropriately for the various seasons. This is a fun, creative, and wonderful idea and **each one of US can support their exciting vision**. The first part of the fund raising will be a special **Italian Restaurant night on Friday, February 3rd in the church Fellowship Hall**. Students will be cooking and serving and it will be great. Much more information will be forthcoming but we hope you'll save the date (Feb 3rd) now. Thanks!

## The Souper Bowl of Caring RETURNS!

Each year at St. Martin's our children collect a special "noisy offering" to support the Souper Bowl of Caring to help hungry friends near and far. Please plan to attend on Sunday, February 5th and share generously to help the needy with your noisy change offering-- and your not-so-noisy offerings too. Our work together to help the hungry matters!

## First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes for 5th grade students will be held immediately following the 10 am service on February 5, 12, and 19. Each class will last 45 minutes and include snacks for our hungry learners. If families of younger children are interested in having their children also prepare for first communion, they should contact Pastor Dave at 240-457-2043. Our young people will receive their first communion on Transfiguration Sunday, February 26th.

## Thank you!

The staff of the church would like to extend special **thanks** to the congregation for your amazing outpouring of love to us during the Christmas holy days! We also thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas services extra special this year.

## Holiday Sharing

Thank you again to all the members who contributed gifts to the Holiday Sharing program. There were many children that had a merry Christmas because of all of you. Thank you so much for your generosity. Thanks also to the St. Martin's Middle Schoolers who sponsored three families and to the Bradshaw, Crupi, Drumm, Freeman, Knupp, Livingston, Maxwell, Ruhf, Stock, and Trump-Starkey families for delivering all the food and gifts.

## Light House Shelter Dinner

Thank you to all the church members that have help prepare meals for the Light House Shelter this past year. We have had a tremendous response to this important mission of St. Martin's. I appreciate everyone's time and willingness to serve a meal for fifty people each month. A new sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for 2017 if you are interested in preparing a meal. We currently need families/church groups to serve a meal for February and April.

Questions? Contact Barbara Freeman at [410-798-6612](tel:410-798-6612)/[tombarb.freeman@verizon.net](mailto:tombarb.freeman@verizon.net).

## Kids Time Volunteer Leaders Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to help with Kids Time at the 10 am service. Each week after the children's message, children ages 3 years old - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade can attend a meaningful and fun children's experience during the sermon. Activities include service projects, movies, games and crafts all prepared for the leaders in advance. In order for us to continue to offer Kids Time, we need two adult volunteers each Sunday. If you are interested in helping out, please click on the following link and sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AAFA728A6FE3-kids> *Note: We do ask all Kids Time Leaders be Child Protection Policy trained. Please contact Laura Albanese [youthdirstmartins@gmail.com](mailto:youthdirstmartins@gmail.com) if you would like to assist but need to arrange for training.*

**2017 Offering Envelopes are now in the Narthex.** Please pick up your envelopes today. Questions? Contact our Financial Secretary, Glenn Hollenbeck, or the church office.



## 2016 Memorials

Memorials received in 2016 include as of December 23, 2016:

- A gift in memory of Elton Miller was received from Janet & Robert Downey.
- A gift in memory of Corolla Grubbs was received from Janet & Robert Downey.
- Gifts in memory of Helen Elizabeth Scheuch Walters were received from Thomas and Diane Sherlock and Deborah L. Goode.
- A gift in memory of Matthew R. Fast was received from Jessica E. Fast.
- Gifts in memory of Kristina von Rosenvinge were received from Veronica (Vera) Ramaty and Henry & Patricia Meneely.
- Gifts in memory of Faye Wetherhold were received from Katherine Tarter & Betty Mitchell, Janet & Robert Downey, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Doyle, Jean Gates, Tom & Barbara Freeman, Robert Brock, Barry Woodland and Kim Rosekrans.
- Gifts in memory of Louise Gebelein were received from Tom and Barbara Freeman and Jean Gates and the Gebelein family..
- A gift in memory of Mike Huhn was given to the Music fund by Lydia Hegel Huhn.
- Gifts in memory of Betty Blanset were received from Cary & Jeanne Mangus, Harry F. Strain, James & Janet Withers, Jean Gates, Sigrid & Gary Beecher, JoAnn D. Lohsen, Richard & Carmen Kosko, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Cirone, John & Betty Knupp, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Allen, Joanne Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. David Baine and Constance Halbig.

In 2016,, the following Memorial funds were transferred to the Pastor Hyson Sanctuary Fund and a check for \$10,406.12 was written to the church to help cover the costs of the sanctuary renovations: Kristina von Rosenvinge fund, Faye Wetherhold fund, Louise Gebelein fund, Margaret Mason fund, Louise Herklotz fund, Elton Miller fund, Helen Elizabeth Scheuch Walters fund, Matthew Fast fund, and Corolla Grubbs fund.

The balance remaining in the Memorials account as of December 23, 2016 is \$ 4,012.73.

## Youth Ministry News

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."  
Ephesians 2:8*

What an amazing blessing I feel it is to be a part of the body of Christ together at St. Martin's. I began my journey working in youth ministry here in 1999 and I feel grateful and blessed to be back "home."

We have so many exciting and fun opportunities on the horizon for youth in the New Year. These opportunities will help us explore and deepen our faith, serve others in our community and build friendships. Looking ahead events include an overnight retreat for our Confirmation students, 30 Hour Famine lock-in, work camp (open to all current 7<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as beginning our preparation for the Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Details and information on each of these events will be coming soon. In the meantime here's what's happening in January:

Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm - Youth Support Team Meeting. If you are a youth or adult interested in joining the youth support team please contact Laura.

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 9am- Senior High Brunch at the Albanese's house

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:15 am or Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 7 pm - Work Camp Meeting for parents and youth. Details will be mailed prior to the meeting.

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 5:45 pm - 8 pm - Youth Dinner and Mission Escape Room- Join us for pizza at a PJTBD (Pizza Joint To Be Determined) then we'll head downtown to the Mission Escape Room to "work together as a team, testing our wits and skills, to escape from a locked room in 50 mins or less; Getting through the locked doors will require finding clues, solving puzzles and working together." We are limited in space at the Escape Room so sign up early by emailing Laura or on the sign-up sheet by office door. Cost: \$5 for pizza dinner and \$15 for the escape room.

Thursday afternoons in January- During the next few weeks and months I will be calling/emailing/texting youth to meet for an after school coffee/snack in small groups to get to know each other better and hear about their faith journey. We will coordinate dates/times and transportation with parents.

Blessings,

Laura

youthdirstmartins@gmail.com

## **BUDDY AND ANNIE TO PERFORM AT ST. MARTIN'S ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

**TIME: 3:00 PM**

**TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS; \$5 CHILDREN**

Trumpet soloist **BUDDY DESHLER** has shared the stage with ensembles such as the King's Brass and The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass. He has performed with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, Richmond Symphony Orchestra, and the American Festival Pops Orchestra and has also been in residence at the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, the Rafael Mendez Brass Institute, Le Domaine Forget in Quebec and the Banff Centre in Alberta, Canada. As a performing artist for Jupiter's XO Brass and Denis Wick of London, Mr. Deshler tours nationally, conducting lectures and clinics for students from middle school through college, focusing on sound pedagogical approach practice and the business acumen necessary for a modern career in music.

Mr. Deshler resides in Baltimore, MD, as an active freelance musician and educator. He holds a B.M. in Instrumental Performance and an Artist Diploma from the Frost School of Music, University of Miami (where he met and worked with **St. Martin's member, Nick Drumm**), and is an M.M. candidate at the Peabody Institute, John Hopkins University.

**ANNIE FLOOD** is a proud Annapolitan and versatile musician. Trained as both a pianist and vocalist, she has enjoyed exploring several genres throughout her career. As a pianist, Annie has collaborated with several groups around Annapolis and Baltimore, including The Colonial Players of Annapolis, Opera AACC, The Peabody Institute, and Regino Madrid, violinist of "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra. Most recently, she directed the music for The Colonial Players production of *A Christmas Carol*, and assisted the coaching of Peabody Opera's *Papageno!* Passionate about the creative and educational aspects of music, Annie teaches private piano and voice lessons and is active in the music ministry of several churches.

Annie is working to combine her pianistic and vocal training in the Vocal Accompanying graduate program at the Peabody Conservatory. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where she earned a B.A., cum laude, in Music, with a double concentration in Piano Performance and Vocal Performance. Annie and her family are neighbors of our **congregation president, Heather 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**

Charles Taylor	1/2
Rosana Crupi	1/6
Gregg Gallina	1/8
Virgie Hagenau	1/8
Alan Bitonti	1/11
Gene Humphrey	1/11
Will Dengler	1/15
Amy Stensland	1/16
Elizabeth Ochalek	1/18
Jina Eckhardt	1/22
Carol Livingston	1/24
Peg Kamp	1/25
Mel Tuckfield	1/26
Pam Currie	1/27
Joe Rogalli	1/27
Larry Laubscher	1/30
Emily Spain	1/30
Delores Grauel	1/31

### **Anniversaries**

Bob & Myrtie Bartel	1/31
---------------------	------

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Calendar Rev. 12/30/16  
 Please continue to  
 check our website's  
**News & Events** tab  
 for any new updates.

# January 2017

**1**

Happy New Year!  
10 am Worship

**2**

\*Church Office  
Closed\*  
\*School Closed\*

**3**

\*School Reopens\*

**4**

7 am Men's Bible  
Study  
8:40 School Chapel  
10 am Staff Mtg  
6 pm Bell Choir (S)  
7 pm Choir  
Rehearsal (S)

**5**

7 pm YSC Meeting  
(Haroth's)

**6**

**7**

**8**

8 am Worship (S)  
9 am Choir  
Rehearsal (S)  
9 am Ed. Hour/  
Confirmation  
10 am Worship (S)  
11:30 am  
Congregational Mtg.

**9**

10 am Flying  
Quilters  
5 pm Shelter Dinner  
7 pm Bible Study (B)  
7 pm PTO Mtg.

**10**

1 pm Outie Lunch  
(Plazuelas)  
6:30 pm Girl Scouts  
(Art Rm)

**11**

7 am Men's Bible  
Study  
8:40 School Chapel  
10 am Staff Mtg  
6 pm Bell Choir (S)  
7 pm Choir  
Rehearsal (S)

**12**

**13**

12 pm School Early  
Dismissal  
12:30 pm Blood  
Drive (fellowship)

**14**

10 am Joyful Hearts  
(A,B)

**15**

8 am Worship (S)  
9 am Choir  
Rehearsal (S)  
9 am Ed. Hour/  
Confirmation  
10 am Worship (S)

**16**

Martin Luther King  
Jr.'s Birthday  
\*School Closed\*  
\*Church Office  
Closed\*  
7 pm Bible Study (B)

**17**

7 pm Council Mtg.  
(B)

**18**

7 am Men's Bible  
Study  
8:40 School Chapel  
10 am Staff Mtg  
6 pm Bell Choir (S)  
7 pm Choir  
Rehearsal (S)

**19**

1 pm Prayer Shawl  
Meeting (Withers)

**20**

9 am School Open  
House

**21**

**22**

8 am Worship (S)  
9 am Choir  
Rehearsal (S)  
9 am Ed. Hour/  
Confirmation  
10 am Worship (S)

**23**

10 am Flying  
Quilters  
7 pm Bible Study (B)

**24**

6 pm School Board  
Meeting

**25**

7 am Men's Bible  
Study  
8:40 School Chapel  
10 am Staff Mtg  
6 pm Bell Choir (S)  
7 pm Choir  
Rehearsal (S)  
7 pm School Info.  
Night (Fellowship)

**26**

**27**

**28**

**29**

8 am Worship (S)  
9 am Choir  
Rehearsal (S)  
9 am Ed. Hour/  
Confirmation  
10 am Worship (S)  
3 pm Concert (S)

**30**

4 pm Thrivent  
Financial Workshop  
(A,B)  
7 pm Bible Study (B)

**31**



1120 SPA ROAD ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403

**St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1120 Spa Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403

410-263-4723

E-mail: [Church@StMartinsOnline.org](mailto:Church@StMartinsOnline.org)

Web site: [StMartinsAnnapolis.org](http://StMartinsAnnapolis.org)

*The Rev. Dr. David G. Oravec, Pastor*  
[chapsdo@gmail.com](mailto:chapsdo@gmail.com)

Sunday Worship: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m.

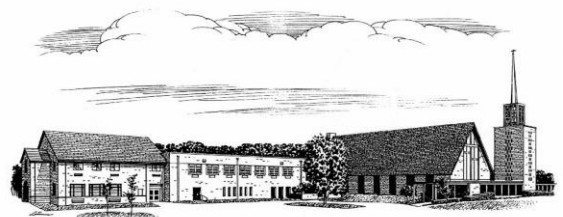
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

**St. Martin's Lutheran School**

Pre K 3's through Grade 8

410-263-8016 or 410-269-1955

*Mr. James D. Moorhead, Principal*



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