

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers:	Dave Edsall, Martha Hollenbeck, Kristin Blomendahl, Ben Blomendahl
Communion Assistants:	LeAnn Myhre, Judy Houston, Glenn Hollenbeck, Linda Wetz
Lector:	Marianne Drumm
Assisting Minister:	Mike Huhn
Children's Message:	Pastor Dave
Kids' Time:	Jolene Lanham
Communion Bread:	Bob and Marianne Drumm
Communion Clean Up:	Jean Gates and Carolyn Goldberg
Hospitality Clean Up:	Volunteers needed.
Organist:	Kerry Heyes
Preacher & Celebrant:	Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Carolyn Abel, Shelby Bennett, Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Marilyn Burke, Sandra Cwalina, Jina Eckhardt, Cecilia Edwards, Rick Elliott, Ted Gatchel, Louise Gebelein, Jim Harden, Bill Jerman, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Suzanne and William Rimler, Charles Shott, Pr. Alan Vomhof, Mildred Voytko, Lily Ann Weeks, Mark Whirley, Lizzie Winters, 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, June Peddicord, Helen Rudderow, and Betty Strohl.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17

TODAY

The first of three **Vacation Bible School Craft Sessions** will be held after worship today. This is a great opportunity for those of you who can't help during the week of VBS. If you would like to help, but can't stay today, stop by **the Art Room** and we can give you some take-home work!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Lenten Soup/Salad Sign-Ups: Volunteers are needed to bring food and help with clean up. There is a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board. (Bring your own container for leftovers!) Our Wednesday services in Lent will focus on the theme of forgiveness. Questions? Ask Pastor Dave!

Hospitality Assistance for the Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir Concert is needed! We are providing dinner for 81 people on **March 27** before their 7 pm concert. If you can help in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

3rd/4th grade Sunday School Teaching Assistant needed until May. Contact Sara Wetz (slwetz@verizon.net or 410-956-6515).

Lock-up Team: Thanks to Michael Green for locking up our church this past week. Tim Doyle (410-974-9033) is locking up this week. If you could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle.

Flying Quilters Meets Monday, March 17, 10 am to 2 pm, in Fellowship Room A. All are welcome to join, including non-sewers. Fabric is always needed and greatly appreciated. Call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or email djhouston1@comcast.net for more info.

Hospitality Clean-Up Volunteers are still encouraged 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.

Vacation Bible School Craft Sessions: We will be holding two more sessions after church on **March 30 and April 6**. This is a great opportunity for those of you who can't help during VBS. If you would like to help, but can't stay after church, drop in and we can give you some take-home work! If you are able to attend on April 6, please bring a box cutter/Exacto knife if you have one. Contact Judy Houston at djhouston1@comcast.net or 410-263-3888.

Light House Shelter News

Lighten Up in Lent: In an effort to eat healthier and address dietary concerns, the Light House is implementing organic food items in its pantry. For the duration of Lent, feel free to drop off items in the corner baskets located in the Narthex. On Sunday, April 27th, I will set up a table after service to collect items after church. Items needed are as follows:

- Healthy Fats: Olive, Coconut, Ghee, and Canola Oil.
- Grains: Steel Cut Oatmeal, Brown Rice, Brown Rice Pasta, Quinoa, Whole Wheat Crackers, Whole Grain Cereals (high fiber/low sugar).
- Veggies: Low-Sodium Canned Veggies (assorted), Vegetable/ Tomato Juice, Tomato Sauce/Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Salsa (all free of high fructose corn syrup or added sugar).
- Fruits: Canned Fruits in Natural Juices (assorted), Apple Sauce, Dried Fruit, Jellies, Jams, Fruit Juice (all free of added sugars).
- Meat/Protein: Canned Fish, Chicken, and Beans; Dried Beans; Canned Chili, Bean Soup, and Beef Stew; Natural Peanut Butter; Nut Butters; Nuts (assorted/unsalted/raw); Seeds (assorted/no added flavors).

Many people have dietary restrictions, but having access to healthier foods isn't always feasible. Many health conditions are linked to improper diet. This program is a great way to help the residents learn how to take better care of their bodies. God asks us to take good care of our temples. Thank you for helping the residents achieve their health goals!

-Tara Chaudry Kovalski

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Thank you to the Sunday School students for their help last Sunday in making lunches for Light House Shelter residents. Our Sunday School students made over 100 lunches!

Attention Women of St. Martin's (& Friends)! Do you ever wish you had a chance to grow closer to other women at St. Martin's and to grow in your faith? **Women's Retreat: Getting Out of the Boat - Water Walking!** Friday, April 25, 4 pm - April 26, 4 pm Cost: \$65. An **information session will take place after worship on March 23** so you will know all the details! Sara Wetz has a sign-up sheet ready to go today. You won't want to miss! Questions? Contact Pastor Nicki Parrish, RevNicki2951@gmail.com, Tara Kovalski, Kim Gebelein or Sara.

Library/Lounge Use During Worship: A basket with toys and books for infants/toddlers has been placed in the Library/Lounge for use by families during the church service. The service is piped into that room, so parents can still hear the service. Please see an usher if you are unfamiliar with the location of the Library/Lounge. Donations are gladly accepted for this basket. Contact Linda Wetz at 410-956-6515.

Did you know that **The Light House B.E.S.T. Catering** catered the Council Retreat March 8th? Visit annapolislighthouse.org and click "Catering" to see their impressive menus or call 443-569-4205 for more info the next time you need a caterer.

Music News: On **Sunday, March 23, 4 pm, Felix Hell Plays Bach at St. Martin's:** Virtuoso (and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra) organist Felix Hell closes our season with a landmark performance featuring organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach with German chorales sung by St. Martin's Choir, followed by a Q & A session. Refreshments will follow this conclusion of our 50th Anniversary Concert Series (\$10/\$5 students). **Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir performs here, Thursday, March 27 at 7 pm:** Dr. Mark Mecham will be conducting the 78-voice choir on their annual Spring tour. The concert is free and will consist of all types of choral literature.

St. Martin's Lutheran School News: St. Martin's Middle School Variety Show, "¡Viva la Musica!", Friday, March 21, at 7 pm in the gym celebrates popular music by Hispanic American performers such as Gloria Estefan, Sergio Mendes, Jose Feliciano, and others. Join us for an evening of music, dancing, and a few surprises! To help with show expenses, we are asking for \$5 per person. Children in grade 1 and younger are free! Please enter through the gym/courtyard or playground doors. On **Saturday, March 29, at 7 pm the School's 6th Annual Silent Auction, "A Night on the Town,"** will be held at Loews Annapolis Hotel. For info, tickets, ad/sponsorship, or to donate an item, please contact Paula Staudt at paulastaudt@verizon.net or 443-716-8179. Thank you for your support!

Travel Opportunities: Betty Knupp has planned a **10-day trip to Greece and the Greek Islands from May 30 to June 10.** The trip's many highlights include a visit to Corinth where the early Christian community received two famous letters from the Apostle Paul who walked those streets himself, and a full day in Ephesus where Paul also spent much time (Ephesians). There is a 4-day optional extension to Istanbul (June 10-14). To learn more, **contact Betty by March 25** at Knuppster@aol.com. Participants may attend her 4-week course on Greek art at St. Martin's in May. Also, **Pastor Dave will be leading a tour to Ireland in November.** If interested, please pick up a brochure in the Narthex or speak with him!

Vacation Bible School, July 14-18, Workshop of Wonders—Imagine and Build with God: Many volunteers are coming back to help, but we still need more. We are looking for creative people to help make/paint decorations. Work can also be done in the evenings or at home. Plenty of positions don't require you to plan or teach. Please consider getting involved in this wonderful outreach program. Contact Judy Houston (410-263-3888 or djhouston1@comcast.net). Registration opens in April; early registration planned for church/school families. **Please deposit VBS Wish List items in the Narthex bin:** Dollar Store plastic tablecloths in all colors, metallic-colored spray paint, tool belts/aprons, caution tape, PVC pipe, old garden gloves, goggles, shoe boxes, small square plastic berry containers, bottles of Elmer's blue gel glue, and hula hoops.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sundays, 9 am** with Paula Thistle in the music room:
1 John, 2 John, 3 John
- **Mondays, 7 pm** with Pastor Dave in the lounge: Book of Exodus
- **Wednesdays, 7 am, Men's Bible Study/Breakfast** with Pastor Dave at the Double T Diner (West St. and Rt. 2).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 16	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Bible Study
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)
	11:15 am	VBS Crafts (Art Room)
Monday, March 17	10:00 am	Flying Quilters (A)
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (L)
Tuesday, March 18	7:00 pm	Volleyball (G)
Wednesday, March 19	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)
	8:40 am	Chapel (S)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (CF)
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper (N)
	6:45 pm	Lenten Service with Communion (S)
	7:30 pm	Choir (S)
	Thursday, March 20	6:30 pm
Friday, March 21	7:00 pm	Middle School Variety Show
Saturday, March 22	9:00 am	Concert Prep (S)
Sunday, March 23	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Bible Study
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)
	11:00 am	SHY Cake Auction (concludes at 4 pm)
	11:15 am	Women's Retreat Information Session (Library/Lounge)
	4:00 pm	St. Martin's Music - Felix Hell Organ/Choir Concert & Refreshments (S)
	5:30 pm	SHY Meeting (Y)



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