

## Pastor's Corner

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**April Newsletter Deadline:**

**March 25**

The universe that God created is *rhythmic*. The sun rises and sets. Our hearts beat. Our lungs breathe in and out. The land produces growth, followed by fallow time, and then new life comes again. The seasons come and go and each one of them brings a spiritual wonder when we pause to notice through a lens of faith.

The Church is marked by rhythm too. Within the rhythm of the Church year we are still in the days of Lent. These days are to be marked by repentance, worship, prayer, acts of love, and deep contemplation on our need for a Savior. Have you allowed the blessings of God to find you by doing your part this Lent? I hope so, because soon the rhythm of the Lord transforms our time of quiet growth into the blossom of Easter. And this transition to our High Feast of Celebration of Christ's Resurrection is the foundation of our lives in faith.

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday on March 20<sup>th</sup> and then we enter into the holiest days of the Christian year when we gather on Maundy Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon or 7PM), Good Friday (March 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon or 7PM), and then on Easter morning. *Please note that on Easter we will continue our custom of worshipping at 9AM and 11AM. In between services we will have a brunch and the kids will be blessed with an egg hunt and joyful festivities that befit our great day of celebration.*

I thank God for the wisdom of the Church that offers seasons and rhythms that nourish us and help us grow. I thank God for each one of you and pray that you will finish Lent faithfully and be ready to step into the joyful season of victory that is coming.

I hope to see you in church soon. God bless you!

Your Brother In Christ,

Pastor Dave+

## Music Ministry News



We didn't get much of a break between Christmas and Lent this year, but the choirs haven't missed a beat, (excuse the pun). For those still curious about our work, but haven't "plugged in" yet, here's what we've been up to: On Feb. 7th, the **Children's Choir** joined the adults on Transfiguration Sunday and sang a special anthem for their friends receiving First Holy Communion. Three days later, on Ash Wednesday, the **Chancel Choir** introduced Lent-themed music with a beautiful anthem that evening. Volunteers continue to lead music on Lent Wednesdays for the mid-week "Holden Evening Prayer" service at 6:15 pm, then start rehearsing at 6:45 pm. On Feb. 15th the choir sang "Come to Jesus", donated in memory of **Faye Wetherhold**, a music lover and supporter of St. Martin's Music. If you were in worship on Feb. 21st, you heard a flugelhorn and trumpet played by **Buddy Deshler**. (Buddy attended *University of Miami* with Nick Drumm and is currently a graduate student at *Peabody Conservatory*; he graciously donated his time and talents to us - and we were blessed.) The **Sunday School children** closed out our month by singing a song in worship on Feb. 28th.

**Doug Hole** will return on saxophone for March 6th and **Mary Rosekrans** will help out on trumpet for Palm Sunday, March 20th. The Chancel Choir will be singing during the 7 pm services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. For those in town for Easter, we're scheduled to have the French horn quartet, "**Velvet and Tweed**", from *Peabody* at both 9 am and 11 am services. The Sunday School children are learning an Easter anthem and have been invited to sing with the Children's Choir at either service that morning. As of this writing, an open-sing of the "**Hallelujah Chorus**" for Easter is also being considered, so start brushing up on it now if you'd like to join us! It's also never too late to add another Lenten discipline, so why not join us at rehearsals for some great anthems we have planned for Lent, Holy Week and Easter? (Wednesdays, 6:45 pm in the sanctuary) Hope to see you there!

**School news:** For anyone interested in attending, **St. Martin's School Spring Concert** (featuring Broadway music) will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday, **March 24th at 2 pm**, before they are dismissed for Spring Break.

## March 5<sup>th</sup> Bible Retreat

Currently there are 45 people signed up for the Bible Retreat with Dr. Jen McNeel. While the food has already been ordered—folks who haven't registered yet may still come but will need to bring their own lunch. Participants should plan to gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>! There is great excitement about this special day!

## Flying Quilters

All are welcome to join, including non-sewers. Our next meetings are **Monday, March 7th and 28th from 10 am to 2 pm** in Fellowship Room A. **We are still in need of fabric – especially sheets.** If you have any materials at home for our quilt tops, please send them to the church office. Call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or email [djhouston1@comcast.net](mailto:djhouston1@comcast.net).



## Germany Trip Meeting

At this point we have about two dozen folks who have registered to take the "Footsteps of Luther, with Prague and Austria" tour this summer. Pastor Dave will be leading this trip that departs on July 11<sup>th</sup> and returns on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It promises to be a deeply enriching learning experience about the Protestant Reformation—but also a lot of fun as folks will see breathtaking scenery and visit some of Europe's most beautiful towns and cities.

On **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** right after church (**at 11:30 am**) there will be an informational meeting in the Library Lounge. This meeting is for all who have signed up and also for folks who have interest in the trip. Although the window for sign-ups is now getting shorter—there is still time and this pre-trip meeting will be a good place to learn more and have your questions answered. All are welcome to come and learn more! If you need a brochure or have questions, please contact Pastor Dave (240-457-2043).

## Adult Forum - "The Easter Story in Art"

On **Sunday, March 13th at 9 am** in the lounge, Betty Knupp will present "The Easter Story in Art." Using many works of art in the National Gallery of Art, we will explore paintings, woodcuts, engravings, and works in ivory that were inspired by the glorious story of Easter. Discover the various ways artists over 5 centuries have interpreted the events of Easter.

## St. Martin's School Open House

Join us at our School Open House on **Tuesday, March 15th** from 9:00 to 11:00 am or in the evening at 7:00 pm. Come for a tour, learn about our educational programs, meet our teachers, students, and Head of School. St. Martin's educates students from 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For additional information, please call or email Mrs. Carol Campbell, Director of Admissions, at 410-263-8016 or visit [www.stmartinsonline.org](http://www.stmartinsonline.org).

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 17, 1 - 4 pm** at the home of Rita Moday. Her address is 1725 Tedbury Street, Crofton, MD 21114. If you have questions, please call Rita at 410-721-1655. 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 (301-262-6213). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

## Garden Workday at St. Martin's - Please Join Us

On Saturday, **March 19th** from **9 - 12 pm**, we will work to beautify St. Martin's landscaped areas and rain gardens before Easter. We will rake leaves, tidy up our rain gardens, the courtyard, the area around the signs, and plant pansies. Come and help us anytime during the morning and enjoy some fellowship! Bring gloves and a trowel. Thanks! Betty and John Knupp, 410-956-4881.

## USNA Tour Fellowship

On **Thursday April 14th**, Mel Tuckfield will be conducting a private walking tour of the **US Naval Academy** for the congregation and friends of St. Martin's Church. Included in the tour are the beautiful grounds, Noon Formation (weather permitting), Lejeune Hall, Dahlgren Hall, Bancroft Hall, Memorial Hall, Navy Chapel, John Paul Jones Crypt and more. A tour is typically 1 ½ hours but Mel has agreed to provide an extended tour of 2 ½ hours. Maximum number of guests are between 25-30 so first come first serve. Plan to be at the USNA Visitor Entrance rain or shine not later than 10:15 am in order to get through Security. A 100% ID check is required so bring a picture identification. A 13 minute movie begins at 10:30 am and the tour will begin promptly at 11:00 am. Bring your walking shoes and note that the tour will cover approximately 1 ½ miles. The cost of the tour is \$8.00 for Students, \$9.00 for Retirees and \$10 for all others. Provide cash or check to Heather Tuckfield not later than March 30th since payment has to be made to the USNA two weeks in advance.

## Women's Ministry News

On February 27th, the Women's Ministry met for its inaugural breakfast in the St. Martin's Fellowship Wing. Our April meeting will focus on Christopher Buckley's new book, The Relic Master. If you haven't yet received a copy of this book from Marianne Drumm *and are interested in reading it*, contact Marianne: [croftondrumms@gmail.com](mailto:croftondrumms@gmail.com),

and she will order a copy for you. The book can loosely be described as a historically accurate fictional mash up of Monty Python and the Reformation! Anyone currently reading Here I Stand by Roland Bainton for the Sunday morning Adult Forum will recognize the events in Buckley's book such as indulgences that Martin Luther took issue with. The March and April meeting dates will be announced in the bulletin soon. Please join us when we discuss Buckley's book against the backdrop of the Reformation!

- Marianne Drumm, [croftondrumms@gmail.com](mailto:croftondrumms@gmail.com)
- Peg Kamp, [peg@kampfamilly.net](mailto:peg@kampfamilly.net)

## News from the Endowment Fund

Last December the Fund turned 21 years old. The first deposit was \$2,676.41 with a check dated December 29, 1994. From that somewhat quiet beginning, the fund has not only grown to well over \$200,000 today, but has benefitted many people in the community.

Under its charter, only interest and dividends may be spent. The Fund's principal is not touched. All grants must be used for projects that further the overall mission of St. Martin's ministry, and may not be used to support the church's budget.

Most recently, \$2000 was granted to The Community of St. Dysmas Lutheran Church, which provides church services inside Maryland's prison system. The funds will be used to help recently released inmates adjust to life outside the walls. Paula and Mick Thistle have been active in this ministry for over 20 years with Paula doing weekly Bible studies and leading one service per month at the men's prison in Jessup. This is only one example of how your gift to the Endowment Fund reaches out to others.

Are you ready to give a gift that keeps on giving? Your tax-free charitable donation in any amount is welcomed, and may be given in memory of someone or in honor of someone.

Special envelopes for the Endowment Fund are in the pews. Please make your check payable to St. Martin's Endowment Fund. All gifts will be acknowledged and notes will be mailed to families of anyone honored or memorialized.

Many, many thanks to those of you who have contributed to the Fund in the past. We are blessed with a wonderful and caring congregation.

Peace,  
Mick

## Organ Sale

The small organ in the rear of the sanctuary has been sold. Because the organ is rarely used, no longer in good repair, and deserves a better home, the council determined that it would be good to sell it. Therefore, Tim Smith was contacted to facilitate the sale. The organ is being sold to an organ builder in Lititz, Pennsylvania who has a son who is a budding musician. Now it will received the love it needs and become a valuable tool to help train the next generation of church musicians. The sale price for the instrument was \$4,000 and this money will go into a fund to offset repair costs to our larger Moeller organ.

## FORE!! Golf League News

Our 2nd annual golf league is forming now. This year we will play on **Mondays at 5:30 pm** beginning **May 16th** and we'll be ending in September. The location is Eisenhower golf course. You do not have to be a member of St. Martin's to play. Please invite your friends - all skill levels welcome. Cost is \$25. Please RSVP to Lenny Bosley by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Lenny's number is [443-354-2947](tel:443-354-2947) or [lenbos2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lenbos2000@yahoo.com)  
Format: TBD and input is welcome.

## Slate is Inbound- Sanctuary Work to Commence in April

Exciting news about the chancel renovations! After much hard work and extremely thoughtful feedback things are moving forward. In the coming weeks the slate for the chancel flooring will be delivered (and it'll be quite obvious when it arrives!).

We project that work will begin in early to mid-April and will take several weeks to complete. During the chancel renovation we'll all need to be patient and have an adventurous spirit because we'll worship in the Fellowship Wing for a few Sundays. This will be a new adventure and should be fun to worship our Lord in a different part of our wonderful facilities. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this effort with money, time, prayer, and words of encouragement along the way. Stand-by for updates. 😊



## EASTER DEDICATIONS

Dedications for Easter flowers to beautify our sanctuary on Easter, and/or gifts to our homeless and hungry neighbors will be received through Sunday, March 6th. The cost of flowers is \$17.00 per plant. Make checks payable to *St. Martin's Lutheran Church*. Plants may be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday.



Please complete entire form and return in the offering plate.

Dedication to read as follows:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of lily plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

# of hydrangea plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Flowers to be picked up \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers to be given to ill or home bound\* \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SECTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to offer the following:

For our homeless and hungry neighbors  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

For dedication of lilies/hydrangeas  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*If at all possible, we request you deliver the flowers to the ill or home bound yourself.

NOTE to Sunday tellers: please initial here to verify receipt of payment. \_\_\_\_\_

Vacation Bible School for 2016 will be  
August 1-5.

Our theme is "Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love". The children will be exploring how to put their faith into action as they learn how God "Creates", "Helps", "Loves", "Calms", and "Sends". As before we will be presenting 5 Bible stories (2 from the Old Testament and 3 from the New Testament) all different from last year. We had a wonderful experience last summer and hope to make this one even better!

We could also use some props to decorate the church. We could use pool noodles, boogie boards, beach towels, buckets and sand toys,

beach balls, inflatable life rings etc., beach umbrellas, drift wood, large shells, leis, party lanterns or other beach related items.

If you can help in any way, contact us at vbsSMLC@gmail.com.



## 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

- 3/1 Michael Huhn
- 3/2 Susan Connell
- 3/3 Betty Strohl
- 3/5 Robert Connell
- 3/9 Holly Stock
- 3/10 Kim Rosekrans
- 3/11 Jean L. Gates
- 3/12 Nicki Parrish
- 3/13 Kerry Heyes
- 3/18 Betty Knupp
- 3/25 Aaron Ochalek
- 3/26 Margerete Washington
- 3/28 Sarah Gatchel
- 3/31 John Parker



### Anniversaries

- 3/21 David & Nicki Parrish

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## Daylight Savings Time Reminder March 13th - *Spring Forward!*



### Holy Week Services

**Sunday, March 20:** Palm Sunday; 8 and 10 am Service.

**Maundy Thursday, March 24:** 12 and 7 pm Service.

**Good Friday, March 25:** 12 and 7 pm Service.

**Easter Sunday, March 27:** 9 and 11 am Service: \*There will be a pot-luck breakfast after the 9 am service and also an easter egg hunt for the children at 10:30 am.

*Happy Easter!*

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# March 2016

*Calendar Rev. 2/29/16*  
 Please continue to check our website's **News & Events** tab for any new updates.

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7 am Men's Bible Study  
 8:40 am Chapel  
 10 am Staff Mtg  
 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner/Worship  
 6:45pm Choir (S)

7 pm Volleyball

9 am Bible Study Retreat  
 6:15 Movie Night  
 9:00 SHY Box Night

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**12**

7 am SHY Breakfast  
 8 am Worship (S)  
 9:00 Sun. School  
 9:00 Adult Forum  
 9:15 am Choir  
 10 am Worship (S)

10 am Flying Quilters (A,B)  
 7 pm Adult Bible Study (A,B)

7 am Men's Bible Study  
 8:40 am Chapel  
 10 am Staff Mtg  
 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner/Worship  
 6:30 pm YSC Mtg (Budneys)  
 6:45pm Choir (S)

6 pm School Science Fair Night (Fellowship Rms)  
 7 pm Volleyball

7 pm Bulldog Bash (Loews Hotel)

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8 am Worship (S)  
 9:00 Sun. School  
 9:00 Adult Forum  
 9:15 am Choir  
 10 am Worship (S)

5 pm Light House Shelter Dinner (MSY & SHY)  
 7 pm Adult Bible Study (A,B)

9 am School Open House  
 7 pm School Open House  
 7 pm Church Council (B)

7 am Men's Bible Study  
 8:40 am Chapel  
 10 am Staff Mtg  
 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner/Worship  
 6:45pm Choir (S)

1 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.  
 7 pm Volleyball

9 am Garden Workday

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**Palm Sunday**  
 8 am Worship (S)  
 9:00 Sun. School  
 9:00 Adult Forum  
 9:15 am Choir  
 10 am Worship (S)  
 11:30 am Europe Trip Mtg. (Chapel)

11:30 am Doll Club (A,B)  
 7 pm Adult Bible Study (A,B)

6:30 pm School Board Meeting

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

**Maundy Thursday**  
 12 pm Service (S)  
 2 pm School's Spring Concert  
 6 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 7 pm Service (S)

**Good Friday**  
 \*School Closed\*  
 12 pm Service (S)  
 6 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 7 pm Service (S)

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**Easter Day**  
 9 am Worship (S)  
 10:15 am Pot-Luck Breakfast  
 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt  
 11 am Worship (S)

\*Church Office Closed\*  
 \*School Closed\*  
 10 am Flying Quilters  
 7 pm Adult Bible Study (A,B)

\*School Closed\*

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 7 am Men's Bible Study  
 8:40 am Chapel  
 10 am Staff Mtg

\*School Closed\*  
7 pm Volleyball

Sunday	7:45 pm	AA (A, B, and C)
Monday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Tuesday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Wed	10 am	Staff Meeting (CF)
	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
	6 pm	Cub Scouts (G)
	7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (G)
	7:45 pm	AA (A)
Thursday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Friday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)



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Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.

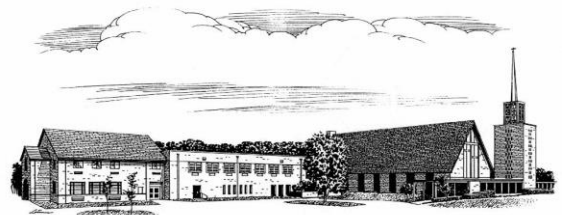
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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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!**