

ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

May 19, 2013

Serving in Worship

Ushers:	Myrtie Bartel, Bob Bartel, Sue Lanham, Ches Lanham
Communion Assistants:	Larry Laubscher, Bob Drumm, Doug Hole, Linda Wetz
Lector:	Deb Mangin
Assisting Minister:	Mel Tuckfield
Children's Message:	Marta Wallace
Communion Bread:	dotti Kauffman
Communion Clean Up:	Barbara Freeman
Hospitality:	Confirmation Reception and Pastor Mary's Luncheon
Organist:	Timothy Smith
Preacher and Celebrant:	Pastor Mary Miller-Zurell

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Kelly Adams, Ken Barnes, Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Jina Eckhardt, Angela Ellis, Louise Gebelein, Doug Hole, Gene Humphrey, Jonathan, Don Kredensor, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Rhea Lee, Pr. George Mathews, Marilyn, Laird O'Neill, June Peddicord, Pr. John Ranney, Sandy Raphael, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, Stephanie Spies, Mike Taylor, Pr. Alan Vomhof, Lily Ann Weeks, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, SGT Francis, civilian Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, SGT Cara Riordan, OS1 John Shutt, Matthew Rhodes and family, and our homebound members—Ardith Diffendorfer, Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, Anna Robinson, and Betty Strohl.

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1–21, Psalm 104:24–34, 35b, Romans 8:14–17, John 14:8–17 [25–27]

Dedications: The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the leadership and influence of Pastor Mary's heartfelt ministry with St. Martin's staff. The candle is given today to the glory of God and in celebration of our 47th wedding anniversary, by Gene and Anna Marie Humphrey.

Today

Today is Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, the last day of Sunday School, and Pastor Mary's last day at St. Martin's. A reception to welcome the new confirmands will be held immediately after our worship service in the narthex. We will then adjourn to the church courtyard or gym for a light luncheon and celebration in Pastor Mary's honor. Please come and wish her Godspeed as she travels to her new home in North Carolina where she will be joining her husband, Bill.

Future Sundays

Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane will be here next Sunday, May 26, as our preacher and celebrant. On June 2, Pastor Barron Mayberry will preach and preside at the table.

Learning

2013 Vacation Bible School, July 8–12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Our classes are all full. If you would like to be put on the wait list, please contact Judy Houston. We still need volunteers—especially several adult volunteers. Many jobs do not require planning or teaching. If you think you can help in any way or have any questions, please email Judy at judyhouston2@gmail.com or call 410-263-3888. We hope to see you in July! **Vacation Bible School Wish List:** Here are some items we could use for VBS. We will have a bin in the narthex to collect items. Please check the list often as new things will be added: world globes, maps, tent canopy, items from other countries, blue cellophane or plastic wrap, dried beans (any variety), rice, unpopped popcorn, red plastic tablecloths (Dollar Store), sombreros, artificial tree, piñatas, aluminum foil, white trash can, paper lanterns, bamboo, artificial fruits or vegetables, and straw mats.

Service Opportunities

Lock-up Team: Thanks to Ben Blomendahl for locking up our church this past week. Ches Lanham (410-268-4756) will be locking up this week. If you live near the church and could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle at 410-974-9033.

Current Opportunities to Help The Light House—A Homeless Prevention Support Center, 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis, MD 21401; phone: 410-349-5056. *Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to be scheduled to help or donate. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!* – Michele L. Marshall, Associate Director of Development – Volunteer Services. **Breakfast Groups:** Small groups to provide, prepare, and serve breakfast are needed on Mondays and Fridays of each week, as well as many Sundays. The menu is totally at the discretion of the volunteer group and can include serving a "Continental Breakfast" of cereal, fruit, breakfast

pastries, and juice. We have the cereal (and sometimes the pastries or bagels) here already, so the volunteer group would just be asked to provide the milk, fruit, and orange juice. Breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m. **Bagged Lunches:** We tend to have difficulty meeting the demand for bagged lunch donations each year from June through September, because many of our lunch donations for the rest of the year come from schools and other organizations that are not active during the summer months. That also happens to be the time of year that we have more children coming to us for lunches, who would normally have received free or reduced price lunches at school. If you are able to donate any number of lunches, please contact me to be scheduled. **Adult Bikes:** Last year, we began a bike loaner program at the Light House that has been very popular with the residents. We are in need of additional adult bikes that are in good condition. Help is also needed with bike repairs.

Light House Shelter Dinner: Thank you to the Gunhus and Giorgio families for preparing the meal for the Light House Shelter last Monday. They served a delicious meal of pulled pork, cole slaw and salad. If you are interested in preparing a meal, please check the chart by the fellowship area in the narthex. **We are in need of someone to prepare the August 12th meal.** If you would like to prepare a meal and need any menu suggestions or other help, please contact Barbara Freeman, 410-798-6612/
tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

Wedding Coordinator: If you like to help couples on the day of their wedding to assure that all goes as planned, you might make a wonderful Wedding Coordinator. See Pastor Mary or Molly Edsall for more info.

Other

Shipment of Medical Supplies to Tanzania: Through **May** we are using our Wishing Well (located in the narthex) to collect funds to help support the cost to transport a van of medical supplies to our Companion, the Mara Diocese of Tanzania. The approximate cost to ship the van is \$17,000. The medical supplies are donated and have a value of over \$350,000. Please take this opportunity to place your loose change and bills in the Wishing Well.

Communion table? Altar? What is the difference? Around the time the LBW (now retired green hymnal) came into being (1978) and the ELCA began (1988), another change was emphasized - that of "altar" to "table". In older church architecture the altar was fixed to the wall and the pastor faced away from the congregation as a sign of the "otherness" of God. The altar was originally reminiscent of the altars of the Old Testament which were used to sacrifice animals to God. As the church realized more and more **the presence of God in our midst**, some architectural changes began. First, the "altar" was moved out from the wall so that the pastor would be facing the congregation, recognizing that God is present with us and is not some God far off somewhere. Next, the church looked at the function of the altar (sacrifice) and the function of a table (sharing a meal). In considering the Last Supper where Jesus instituted the meal we call "Holy Communion" (or, the Lord's Supper, or the Eucharist), **Jesus and his disciples were most certainly gathered around a table**, not an altar. Hence, the Lutheran church's move toward the table. Our new communion table is clearly a table, albeit one of church dimensions rather than of home dining room size.

Flower, bulletin, and candle dedications can be made each week to honor, remember, or celebrate a special person or event. The cost for a flower arrangement ordered from Sandi's is \$50, or you may bring an arrangement yourself at no charge. You may use one of our vases here or bring your own. The Candle Dedication is \$12 and the Bulletin Dedication is \$15. Please take an envelope from the board across from the church office, complete it, and return it to secure your dedication dates.

Fellowship Hour: We need volunteers to host one of our Fellowship Hours on Sunday mornings immediately following our worship service. There is a hospitality sign-up sheet in the hallway with a schedule for upcoming Sundays. Find a Sunday that works for you and bring some goodies to share. We have written instructions for those of you who haven't yet had the opportunity to sign up.

Communion Bread: If you would like to provide or bake communion bread for worship some Sunday, please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church entryway. A tasty and easy recipe we have used in the past year, Luther Seminary's Communion Bread, may be found on the sign-up bulletin board.

Opportunities This Week

Sunday, May 19	9:00 a.m.	Last day of Education Hour
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Marta's office)
	9:00 a.m.	Choir (S)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion & Confirmation (S)
	11:00 a.m.	Reception for Confirmands (Narthex)
	11:30 a.m.	Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Mary (Courtyard or Gym)
Monday, May 20		
Tuesday, May 21		
Wednesday, May 22	11:00 a.m.	Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (CF)
Thursday, May 23	6:00 p.m.	School Sports Banquet (G)
Friday, May 24		School Closed
Saturday, May 25		
Sunday, May 26	9:00 a.m.	Last Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion (S)

Ministers

Vice Pastor:	The Rev. Earl Janssen	Interim Principal:	Dr. Dorothy (dotti) Kauffman
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