

# ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

May 5, 2013

## Serving in Worship

Ushers:	Sue Lanham, Ches Lanham, Kristin Blomendahl, Ben Blomendahl
Communion Assistants:	Tom Freeman, Sara Wetz, Deb Mangin, Larry Day
Lector:	Marianne Drumm
Assisting Minister:	Bob Drumm
Children's Message:	Pastor Mary Miller-Zurell
Communion Bread:	Drumm Family
Communion Clean Up:	Ron and Gerri Simmons
Hospitality:	Drumm Family
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, David Houston, Jonathan, Don Kredensor, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Rhea Lee, Marilyn, Laird O'Neill, Pr. John Ranney, Sandy Raphael, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, Stephanie Spies, Mike Taylor, Lily Ann Weeks, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, civilian Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, SGT Cara Riordan, OS1 John Shutt, Matthew Rhodes and family, our homebound members - Donald Burkness, Ardith Diffendorfer, Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, Anna Robinson, and Betty Strohl. We celebrate with and pray for Stephanie Genco and Stephen Kittredge, married here Saturday.

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5, John 14:23 - 29

**Dedications:** Altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and have come from the wedding held here yesterday.

## Today

**We welcome** Desmond Rafferty into the family of God through Holy Baptism; Brian Kovalski and Tara Chaudry Kovalski as members by Affirmation of Baptism; and, Aidan Madsen to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion.

**With great gratitude and also great sadness** we share the news that Pastor Fink has ended his service here at St. Martin's. In his letter, he explained that he began serving here at Pr. Mary's request and with council approval. Since Pr. Mary is leaving, his "inner pastoral ethics lead (him) to conclude that it is appropriate for (him) to end (his) serving to coincide with the end of (Pr. Mary's) ministry in the congregation". Since Pr. Fink's schedule is taking him away from Annapolis for 7 Sundays in May and June, he made the end of his ministry here effective May 1. He also wrote, "I also offer my prayers for the congregation; that the gentle warm spirit within the fellowship will continue unchanged; and that a new relationship with a new pastor might be a most positive and spirit directed experience". Pastor Fink, we thank YOU for your wise and humble presence with St. Martin's over the last two years. An opportunity to do "something" to say an official "thank you" will be discussed by the council.

## Next Sunday

**Mother's Day! Church Music Sunday! And, the 50th Anniversary of this Building (actual day)!** As part of the worship next week, the Sunday School children will sing and we will dedicate the new communion table that was commissioned to be made in memory of Robert E. Kauffman by his wife dotti.

## Learning

**2013 Vacation Bible School:** Registration is now open! Our Vacation Bible School will be **July 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Our theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair," a combination of state and world's fairs and stresses our relationship with our neighbors both locally and abroad. We will present five Bible stories (two from the Old Testament and three from the New Testament), all different from last year, and feature the countries of Japan, Australia, United Kingdom, Mexico, and Zimbabwe. We had a wonderful experience last summer and hope to make this one even better. We will have classes for age 4 through finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or above, we would welcome you as a volunteer! You can register your child (or yourself as a volunteer) by visiting: [smartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/](http://smartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/). If you can help in any way or have any questions, please contact Judy Houston at [judyhouston2@gmail.com](mailto:judyhouston2@gmail.com) or 410-263-3888. We have a bin in the narthex to collect items on our **Vacation Bible School Wish List:** 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, swimming pool noodles, aluminum foil, white trash can, paper lanterns, bamboo, artificial fruits or vegetables, and straw mats. Please check the list often as new things will be added.

## Service Opportunities

**Lock-up Team:** Thanks to Larry Day for locking up our church this past week. Tim Doyle (410-974-9033) 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.

**Flying Quilters** will meet **Monday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 pm** for the last time before we break for Summer. Thank you all for your support and supplies this year. We are **always in need of fabric and gently used sheets** for backing, so please continue to keep us in mind while you clean your closets, and do consider joining us when we resume in the Fall. For more information, call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or email djhouston1@comcast.net.

**Homework Club:** The Homework Club meets most Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. tutoring children from the Newtowne Rec Center. We will be meeting **May 8**. We are in desperate need of some new volunteers. We usually have between six to eight children each week. Most of the students this year have been in 1–3rd grade so knowledge of calculus is not required! If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Barbara Freeman at 410-798-6612 or 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

**An Invitation To St. Martin's Lutheran School "Evening Of The Arts":** St. Martin's Lutheran School cordially invites the St. Martin's Lutheran Church congregation and staff to St. Martin's Lutheran School "*Evening of the Arts*" program on **Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The event will take place in the School Gymnasium. Mrs. Carol Thoemke and her art students look forward to the **Church** members and staff being present to view the artistic, creative, and talented showcase that will be on display. In conjunction with the Art Show, there will be musical performances by the Middle School Chorus and Band and also by the Lower School Chorus.

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** is Pastor Mary's last day at St. Martin's. It is also Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, and the last day of Sunday School. A reception to welcome the new confirmands will be held immediately after our worship service that day. We will then adjourn to the church courtyard 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.

**Shipment of Medical Supplies to Tanzania:** For **April and May** we will use 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.

**Earth Day at St. Martin's:** A big thank you to Devan Willemsen and the twelve volunteers from Maryland Energy Administration who helped us on April 22 to beautify the gardens at St. Martin's. They raked leaves, weeded and planted perennials in the rain gardens and weeded other landscaped areas. A special thanks to Mel Wilkins with Spa Creek Conservancy for helping to arrange it. Thanks also to St. Martin's members for their hard work: Mary Ann Elliott, Tom Freeman, Martha Hollenbeck, and Betty and John Knupp.

**Mar Lu Ridge Summer Camp SPECIALS:** Register for any Week 1 camp (Junior and Junior High 1, Wandering Work) and save \$75 off the total cost. If you are already registered for any other week of camp, ADD a Week 1 camp and save \$150! Our campership program is available to those families needing financial assistance. We welcome all and look forward to sharing Christ in this beautiful setting this summer. Visit our website for more information [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org). Call the office at 800-238-9974 to take advantage of the specials!

**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.

## Opportunities This Week

Sunday, May 5	9:00 a.m.	Education Hour
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Marta's office)
	9:15 a.m.	Choir (S)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion (S)
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Planning Meeting (Marta's office)
Monday, May 6		
Tuesday, May 7		
Wednesday, May 8	11:00 a.m.	Chapel
	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir (Chapel)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir (S)
Thursday, May 9	6:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal (S)
	8:00 p.m.	Ascension Day Evening Prayer Vespers (S)
	8:45 p.m.	Wine and Cheese reception (N)
Friday, May 10		
Saturday, May 11	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal - 8 <sup>th</sup> graders (S)
	11:30 a.m.	Kayaking at Quiet Waters - Youth event
Sunday, May 12	9:00 a.m.	Education Hour
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Marta's office)
	9:15 a.m.	Choir (S)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion (S)
	6:00 p.m.	YAG Potluck Supper (Ben and Kristin's)

## Ministers

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Mary B. Miller-Zurell

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**Director of Music:** Timothy E. Smith

**Connections Ministry:** Marta Wallace

**Interim Principal:** Dr. Dorothy (dotti) Kauffman

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