



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOVEMBER 24, 2013

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	Martha Hollenbeck, Lissy Umlandt, Carole Komenda, Tim Doyle
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Glenn Hollenbeck, Sara Wetz, John Knupp, Judy Svoboda
<b>Lector:</b>	Debra Mangin
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Linda Wetz
<b>Children's Message:</b>	Marta Wallace
<b>Communion Bread:</b>	Bob and Marianne Drumm
<b>Communion Clean Up:</b>	Martha Hollenbeck, Myrtie Bartel
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Everyone please bring something to share.
<b>Organist:</b>	Timothy Smith
<b>Preacher and Celebrant:</b>	Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec

**Today's Prayer List:** We include the following in our prayers: the Amundsen family at the death of Elinor's husband Ken, Robin Bolig, Bob Brock, Charlene Brogan, Jina Eckhardt, Randall Fossum, Nora Garman, Louise Gebelein, Josephine Jefferson, Bill Jerman, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, June Peddicord, the Pilka family at the death of Jody's mother, Matthew Rhodes, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, Jack Teel, Mel Tuckfield, Pr. Alan Vomhof, Lily Ann Weeks, Mark Whirley, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, SGT Francis, civilian Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, SGT Cara Riordan, MAJ Mark Saye, OS1 John Shutt, and our homebound members—Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, Anna Robinson, and Betty Strohl.

**Scripture Readings:** Jeremiah 23:1–6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11–20, Luke 23:33–43

**Dedications:** The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in gratitude for all our new members by John and Betty Knupp.

#### TODAY

**Adult Bible Study, 9 am** in the music room, Paul's Epistle to the Philippians: Join us for this enlightening study of the Epistles with Paula Thistle. Pastor Dave's Bible study will not be held on November 25, but will continue on Monday, December 2, 7 pm in the Lounge.

During Worship we celebrate with little **Cooper Payton Karam** and his family as God's love is poured out upon him in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome extended family members and friends who are worshipping with us today and rejoicing at this special time.

Immediately following worship, we'll adjourn to the Narthex for refreshments and you'll have an opportunity to personally thank **Tim Smith** for his blessed ministry among us and bid him a fond farewell as he answers a new Call from God.

#### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Christmas at Sea for Seafarers:** St. Martin's will participate in preparing Christmas boxes for the Seafarers again this year. This marks the 20th year that the good folk at St. Martin's have prepared these Christmas boxes. We already have plenty of most toiletry donations, so please bring just the following items to the church Narthex from **November 25 to December 8**: warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks, travel size deodorant, and ChapStick. We will also need regular size shoe boxes; our youth will box and wrap the items.

**Holiday Sharing:** St. Martin's is sponsoring 10 families through the county's Holiday Sharing Program. If you would like to purchase a gift for one of the children, please take a tag from the family cards located in the hallway off the Narthex. There are three tags for each child. Some suggestions for gifts have been provided by Social Services and are listed on the family card. Please wrap your gift and attach the gift tag. All gifts should be **returned before the church service by December 15**. Gifts can be placed in the library/lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Freeman at 410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

**Special Time for Kids During Worship:** After the Children's Message, children may go to the Art Room to hear a story and sing or watch a video. The children will be brought back to you in the rear of the sanctuary during the passing of the peace. Volunteers are needed to help with this special time. Please sign up in the hallway. Thanks!

**Lock-up Team:** Thanks to Bob Hruby for locking up our church this past week. Larry Day (410-224-3979) is locking up this week. If you could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle at 410-974-9033.

**Flying Quilters desperately needs fabric!** If you have any materials at home for our quilt tops, please send them to the church office. As you know, our quilts are sent around the world, most recently to aid victims of **Typhoon Haiyan**. Our next meeting is **December 9, 10 am to 2 pm** in Fellowship Room A. All are welcome to join, including non-sewers. Call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or email [djhouston1@comcast.net](mailto:djhouston1@comcast.net) for more information.

## OTHER

**Attention Sunday School Kids and Parents!** The Sunday School students will help guide us through Advent with a presentation during Worship each of the four Sundays of the season, **December 1, 8, 15, and 22**. During the Children's Message, all students will sing and students from one or more classes will share a brief presentation. We encourage all Sunday School families to attend church during Advent so that their students can participate! For the first Sunday of Advent, December 1st, all students will join in singing and our 1st and 2nd graders will present a poem. **Please don't forget M&M on December 1 at 8:45 am in the Gym.**

**Free to Good Home or Donation to the Youth Group!** The Altar Guild recently cleaned out our storage closet. We left a few items that may be able to find a new home in the library/lounge. Please feel free to take anything you would like home. Included in this giveaway are anniversary church plates. Be sure to check it out!

**Men of the Congregation** should note that Pastor Russell Fink and Pastor Dave will lead a weekly **Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study** from **7 to 8 am** at the Double T Diner (West St. and Rt. 2). All men are welcome!

**All Invited to the Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 1 - Please sign up at the hallway bulletin board so we know how many to expect.** We hope you'll join in this fun event. Please arrive at the gym between **4:45 and 5 pm** with a potluck dish to share. We are supplying hot apple cider, hot chocolate, and lemonade. After we eat and learn a bit about Advent from Pastor Dave, the craft-making will commence! Adults will make Advent wreaths; kid-friendly crafts will include gingerbread houses, paper Advent count-down chains, and greeting cards. We'll enjoy the music of the season as we gather in God's love to outwardly and inwardly prepare. Those who can **help with supplies**, please bring a staple-gun, clippers, greens, holly, drills, and large drill bits (to accommodate the diameter of candles). Please see Marta if you'd like to contribute a monetary donation for supplies or if you have any questions.

### Congregational Meeting

**When:** Sunday, December 8th following worship

**Where:** In the Sanctuary

**Purposes:** To approve 2014 budgets (for church and school) and approve the three-year ministry plan.

An informational session will be held at 9 am that day in the chapel/music room to field questions and hold conversation about the motions (the regularly scheduled adult Sunday School class will resume the following week). Please feel free to contact Pastor Dave or Steve Raabe, Council President, if you have any questions prior to December 8th.

**St. Martin's Lutheran School Book Fair at Barnes & Noble** (Annapolis Harbour Center), **Tue., December 3**. Children in grades 1-5 will be singing a **mini-concert** of Christmas music in the store at 5 pm. A percentage of the purchases made with a St. Martin's voucher (*available in the Narthex on the circular table*) will go to our school library and music department. You can also support the book fair online at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) on December 3-8. Our school ID number is 11131976. This is a good time to do your Christmas shopping and help St. Martin's at the same time! Please share this information with those who shop at B&N. Thanks for your support!

**5th Annual Annapolis New Year's Eve Interfaith Celebration, December 31.** Musical offerings at 6:30 pm; Program at 7 pm. Eastport United Methodist Church, 926 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis (410-263-5490). A unique way to end the old year and celebrate the new! Prayers and readings led by members of participating faith groups, local agencies, and area organizations. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the program. Stay and catch up with your friends and neighbors and make new friends for the New Year!

**You are cordially invited to the retirement celebration for The Reverend B. Nicki Parrish on Sunday, January 12, 2014,** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Worship Service at 3:30 pm followed by Dinner & Celebration at 5 pm. **To attend, RSVP to [officejrc@gmail.com](mailto:officejrc@gmail.com).**

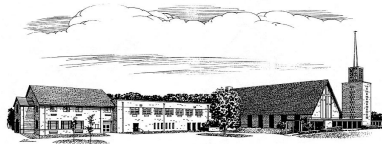
**Publication Deadlines:** Please email your weekly announcements by **Wednesday at 9 am** to [church@stmartinsonline.org](mailto:church@stmartinsonline.org). January Tabletalk articles are due **December 15**; please email to the church office with "Tabletalk" on the subject line.



**Online Giving Option:** Using your phone's QR code reader, simply scan the image you see here (or use a larger one on our pew cards). You may also go to [StMartinsAnnapolis.org](http://StMartinsAnnapolis.org) and click on the Giving link for more online options.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 24  Monday, November 25 Tuesday, November 26 Wednesday, November 27  Thursday, November 28 Friday, November 29 Saturday, November 30 Sunday, December 1	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:15 am  7:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm  8:45 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Bible Study Choir (S) Worship with Communion (S) Farewell Reception for Tim Smith (Narthex) Wreath Delivery (Narthex) <i>No School - Parent Teacher Conferences</i> <i>No School - Parent Teacher Conferences</i> <i>School Closed</i> Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis) Staff Meeting (Conf) Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service (John Wesley U.M. Church) <i>School/Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>School/Church Office Closed</i>  M&M for Sunday School/Confirmation/SHY/YAG (Gym) Adult Bible Study (M) Choir (S) Worship with Communion (S)/SS Advent Program Advent Workshop and Potluck (Gym)
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