

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers:	Bob Bartel, Myrtie Bartel, Linda Wetz, Sara Wetz
Communion Assistants:	Judy Svoboda, Glenn Hollenbeck, Judy Houston, Doug Hole
Lector:	Marianne Drumm
Assisting Minister:	Bob Drumm
Children's Message:	Marta Wallace
Communion Bread:	Altar Guild
Communion Clean Up:	Ron and Gerri Simmons
Hospitality:	Sally Dempster
Organist:	Dr. John Walker
Preacher and Celebrant:	Rev. Dr. David G. Oravec

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Jamshed Chaudry, the family of Ardith Diffendorfer who passed away this week, Jina Eckhardt, Louise Gebelein, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Pr. George Mathews, June Peddicord, Sandy Raphael, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, Mike Taylor, Jack Teel, 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—Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, Anna Robinson, and Betty Strohl.

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 25:6–7, Psalm 112, Acts 8:26–40, Luke 14:1, 7–14

Dedications: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in appreciation of God's beautiful creation. The flowers are from St. Martin's rain gardens. The candle and bulletin are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Dave's birthday by Jack and Norma Teel.

TODAY

We welcome as our **guest organist, Dr. John Walker**, Minister of Music Emeritus at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. Dr. Walker serves on the faculty of the Peabody Institute.

Our T-shirts have arrived! You can pick up your T-shirt in the narthex after today's worship service. For those who are not in church this Sunday, T-shirts will also be available the following week in the narthex.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Now that we have our T-shirts, **it's time to sign up and actually use "Our Hands" to do "God's Work!"** The **South River Federation Flood Bucket oyster restoration project** will take place on Harness Creek, close to the Church and School, **on September 21st**. That project will involve 30 St. Martin's volunteers, working alongside members of an elementary school football team. To volunteer for the project, contact Heather Tuckfield for more information at HTuckfield@cbf.org.

The Chesapeake Children's Museum is "Dedicated to creating an environment of discovery about oneself, the peoples, the technologies, and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay area for all our children and for the children in us all." Visit www.theccm.org to learn more about the museum and its activities. What will our volunteers be doing during our workday on **September 29th**? Mulching a trail, painting both indoors and out, and redoing a playground (what fun!). To volunteer for the project, contact Molly Edsall at mollyedsall@verizon.net.

Marianne Drumm will send in another T-shirt order on **Tuesday, September 3**. If you haven't yet ordered yours or would like to order more, please see her after church today or contact her at croftondrumms@gmail.com or 410-703-0876 (cell)/410-721-2376 (home).

Light House Shelter News

Thanks go to Pastor Dave and his wife for agreeing to assist with the September 9th dinner. The menu will be Italian. If you would like to contribute a dish, please email me at solostyleforu@gmail. Please make sure you reference the dinner in the subject line. Brian and I would appreciate the extra food, as we've been serving 50–60 persons. The residents were very excited at this week's Ribs Feast. Ribs were a first for their menu! Extra thanks to my husband, Brian, for making it happen. I could not have managed all those overflowing pots of boiling water by myself!

Volunteers are needed for the annual **Pumpkin Patch** on the first weekend of October. Please email me if you are interested in helping out, and specify which day and time frame you prefer.

Many thanks to members of the congregation who helped fulfill some of the Light House's needs over the summer. Lunch items were in short supply during several weeks, and your generosity went a long way toward helping us feed many mouths. Remember, there are many ways to give back—time, money, resources, services, prayers. In giving there is receiving, and God always rewards a generous heart.

Thank you.

–Tara Chaudry Kovalski

Lock-up Team: Thanks to Mark Sindt for locking up our church this past week. Rick Ruhf (410-267-6198) 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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Preparations are underway for the **start of Sunday School on September 8**. If you are interested in teaching or assisting with Sunday School in other ways, please contact Sara Wetz at slwetz@verizon.net or 410-956-6515. Thank you for considering this very important ministry!

St. Martin's Garden Club News: A big thank you to the 11 people who helped on Tuesday, August 27 to beautify the gardens at St. Martin's. We weeded the rain gardens and other landscaped areas. We hauled away two truckloads of weeds and pruned branches! We give special thanks to Ben and Kristin Blomendahl, Tim Doyle, Mary Ann Elliott, Tom Freeman, Patty Laubscher, Joanne Lewis, Debra Mangin, Kristina Von Roseninge, and Betty and John Knupp.

Communion Cleanup: Each Sunday after the service, a small group of volunteers washes the communion ware, stores the linens, refills the communion trays, and cleans the sacristy. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Barbara Freeman (410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net). Thank you also to Martha Hollenbeck who regularly washes and irons the communion linens each week. An Altar Guild meeting will be held **on Saturday, September 7th** in the lounge.

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Sunday School starts on September 8th (Rally Sunday). We will meet in the gym at 8:45 am for fun and surprises. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Sunday School will go back to the normal 9 am start time on September 15th.

Pastor Dave's Installation Service and Reception on September 15: The Service of Installation begins at 4 pm and will be followed by a reception of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wine, fruit punch, cake, and coffee. We are planning for a large crowd and would like all to feel welcomed and well fed! For this we need the help of the village, in performing needed tasks and helping to prepare hors d'oeuvres or providing funds to purchase ingredients and supplies. To help, please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board opposite the lounge or you may contribute by writing a check to St. Martin's Church with the memo line marked for Installation Reception. Place the check (or cash) in a pew envelope with your name and envelope number on it and then place it in the offering plate. You may also include your contribution using your regular offering envelope, indicating the amount for the Installation Reception on a separate line from Current Expenses. Any way you give—time, talent, or treasure—please give so we can make this reception reflect the joy we feel in welcoming Pastor Dave to our family!

Fall Adult Bible Study! On **Sunday, September 15th at 9 am**, you are invited to a meeting in the Music Room to learn more about two adult education opportunities at St. Martin's this fall. Pastor Dave plans to teach "Bible 101" which will enable participants to better understand God's Word! As Paula Thistle continues her seminary work, she will also teach a course on "The Epistles" that will offer an in-depth look at Paul and his journeys and writing. We also want to ASK participants about your hopes for upcoming classes. Please join us on September 15th!

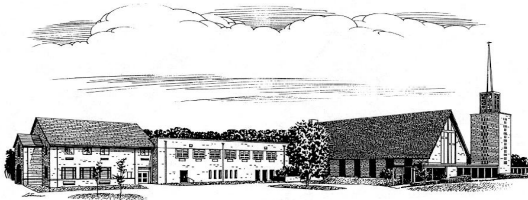
Blood Drive at St. Martin's on September 18, 1-7 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Call Ches Lanham (410-268-4756) for an appointment.

The Annapolis 5K Run/Walk for the Light House—Sunday, September 29, 2013: The run for the Light House will be held from 7:30 am to 12 noon at Quiet Waters Park. Entry is \$85 per person. Register online at www.runforthelighthouse.com.

Please email your weekly announcements by **Wednesday at 12 noon** to church@stmartinsonline.org. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)
Monday, September 2		<i>Labor Day/Church and School Closed</i>
Tuesday, September 3		
Wednesday, September 4	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting (Conf) Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday, September 5		
Friday, September 6		
Saturday, September 7	10:30 am	Altar Guild Meeting (Lounge)
Sunday, September 8	8:45 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Rally Sunday for Sunday School and Confirmation Class (Gym) Choir (S) Worship with Communion (S)



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