

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 11, 2016

Welcome to St. Martin's! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a blue attendance card (found in the pew) and hand it to an usher as you come for Holy Communion. If you're a guest, we thank God for your presence and hope you experience God's love through our time of worship today!

Dedications: The flowers are given today to the glory of God.

New Members! We welcome new members who are joining St. Martin's this weekend: Ginger and Ryder Henley, Sister Stacie Lightner, Sean, Nina, Connor, Nora, and Claire Wolfe. We **thank God** for these brothers and sisters in Christ and hope you all welcome and celebrate with them!

Sunday School will meet today at 9 am in the sanctuary. We will be rehearsing for the Christmas program that will take place during the 10 am service next week (Dec. 18).

The wait is over! **St. Martin's Christmas Candlelight Concert is today at 4 pm:** We hope you can attend our annual concert featuring music for choir and handbells, carol-singing and uplifting reflections written by Henri Nouwen. Invite family and friends to join you. There is no admission fee, but we will accept a free-will offering toward our concert fund.

The Adult Forum today will feature a discussion led by Dr. Jane Strohl on highlights from Martin Luther's Christmas book by Roland H. Bainton. On Dec. 18 we will display favorite nativity sets from the congregation. We hope you can bring yours and share the story behind it next Sunday.

Thanks to the many folks who have already turned in their **stewardship pledge forms!** If you haven't had time to make a commitment to God's work in the coming year, we invite you to get a pledge form in the narthex, fill it out, and place it in the basket near the font as you come up for Communion. Our giving together brings God's light into the world. Thanks!

Monday Bible Study continues tomorrow, Dec. 12 at 7 pm, focusing on the nativity according to Matthew. Join us in the Fellowship Wing.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 15, 1 - 4 pm** at the home of Jane Hilt. Her address is 2715 Price Road, Crofton, MD 21114. If you have questions, please call Jane at 410-451-1443. 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 (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party: Please mark your calendar for **Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm** for our annual Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party. We'll meet at the Tuckfield's home. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and a wrapped gift to swap (something around the house or something new at a cost of no more than \$10) Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex or e-mail Heather Tuckfield at htuckfield@gmail.com.

Holiday Sharing: *Thanks* to everyone who is buying gifts for our 12 adopted families through the county's Christmas Sharing Program as we provide gifts for children and a holiday meal. **Please make sure the wrapped gifts with attached gift tags are returned before the church service on December 18.** Volunteers are also needed to help deliver food and gifts to the families. Please contact Barbara Freeman - [410-798-6612](tel:410-798-6612) or tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

Tis the season...to Carol! On **Sun, Dec. 18** after the 10 am service, we'll meet in the lounge for a quick lunch, then go caroling for our homebound members. Songbooks and carpooling will be available but we need plenty of singers so we can get to everyone on our list. We hope you'll share your voice and smile! Please sign-up outside the music office.

St. Martin's Art Booklet: A booklet of St. Martin's paintings and prints, with images in color, is now **available** to purchase for \$9.00. It will be a wonderful reference for you. If you are interested, please contact Betty Knupp at knuppster@aol.com or at 410-956-4881.

The **2017 offering envelope sets** have been placed in the Narthex. Please pick yours up and if you see a set and are able to deliver it to someone you know who is unable to come to church please pick their set up as well. If you notice discrepancies, please let me know that also. Thank you! Glenn Hollenbeck, 410-224-5747 or 410-279-1627.

Kids Time Volunteer Leaders Needed: We are looking for more volunteers to help with Kids Time at the 10am service. Each week after the children's message, children ages 3 years old- 3rd grade can attend a meaningful and fun children's experience during the sermon. Activities include service projects, movies, games and crafts all prepared for the leaders in advance. In order for us to continue to offer Kids Time, we need two adult volunteers each Sunday. If you are interested in helping out, please click on the following link and sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AAFA728A6FE3-kids>
Note: We do ask all Kids Time Leaders be Child Protection Policy trained. Please contact Laura Albanese youthdirstmartins@gmail.com if you would like to assist but need to arrange for training.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

8:00 am: Assisting Minister: Greg Maxwell
Ushers: Patricia & Donald Dorn-Lopez

10:00 am:

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Dave Oravec
Organist: Sister Stacie Lightner
Assisting Minister: Bob Drumm
Communion Assistants: Larry Day, Judy Svoboda,
 Judy Houston, Kim Rosekrans
Lector: Marianne Drumm
Ushers: Bob and Myrtie Bartel,
 Gene and Anna Marie Humphrey
Children's Message: Doug Hole
Communion Bread: The Drumms
Communion Clean Up: Gene and Anna Marie Humphrey

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6; Luke 1:46-55

We include the following in our prayers: Carolyn Abel, Kaye Bailey, Wendy Barnhill, Carly Bastiansen, Donna Binder, Francis Budney, Mike Carroll, Dawn, Linda Duffus, Joe Duncan, Jina Eckhardt, Doug Edsall, Earl Erickson, Russell and Barbara Fink, Donna French, Jeff Gunhus, Joe Henson, Missy Hile, Tom Hoffman, Donna Hole, Terry Hruby, Bill Jerman, Joshua Jones, Michael Kelly, Tom Kennedy, Mary Kilbourne, Michelle Kinal, Shari Kristiansen, Sue Lanham, Lucas March, Julia McClenahan, Maureen, Evangeline Nurmi, Idania Perez, Craig Powell, Deb Ridel, Debbie Ritzema, Cindy Robinson, Donna Rohrbaugh, Linda Ruhf, Russell Ruhf, Charles Shott, Kristi Sjolholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Kerry Staats, Andrea Viera, Mildred Voytko, Barbara Wagner, Ethel LaRue, and Betty Strohl.

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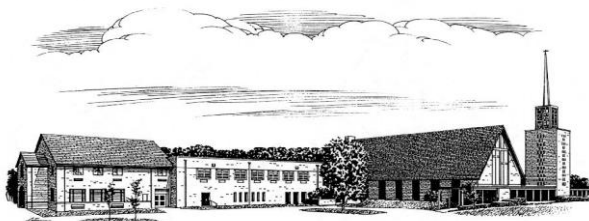
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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK****Sunday, December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent-**

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 am Sunday School (Sanctuary)
 Adult Forum (Fellowship Rm B)
 Confirmation Class (5th grade classroom)
 Sr. High (Meeting in Youth Room)
 Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary); new members received
 11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (S)
 4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Concert (S)

Monday, December 12

3:00 pm Basketball Practice (Gym)
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, December 13

4:00 pm Girls Basketball *Away* Game (St. Mary's)
 5:00 pm Boys Basketball *Away* Game (St. Mary's)

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner)
 8:40 am School Chapel (S)
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)
 3:00 pm Basketball Practice (Gym)
 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, December 15

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg. (Jane Hilt's home)
 4:00 pm Girls Basketball *Home* Game (Gym)
 5:00 pm Boys Basketball *Home* Game (Gym)

Friday, December 16

10:30 am School Christmas Program (S)
 12:00 pm School Early Dismissal
 7:00 pm Yankee Gift Swap (Tuckfields)

Sunday, December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent-

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 am Sunday School (Sanctuary)
 Adult Forum (Fellowship Rm B)
 Confirmation Class (5th grade classroom)
 Sr. High (Meeting in Youth Room)
 Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary); Sunday School Christmas Program
 11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (S)
 11:30 am Christmas Caroling (meet first in lounge)

Christmas Eve Schedule

4 pm - Children's Service
 7 and 9 pm - Candlelight Communion Service with Brass

Christmas Day Schedule

10 am – Service with Communion