



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 13, 2015

Welcome to St. Martin's! Please take a moment to fill out the blue attendance cards and if you're a guest, please let us know your contact information so we can reach out!

Dedications: The flower arrangement is given today to the Glory of God.

Today we celebrate with Jake Donnay and Lauren Smith as their beautiful daughter **Elle Smith Donnay is baptized**. Elle was born on Oct 26th. Her godparents are Stephen Smith and Jennifer Meier. We also welcome out of town family with us today!

Sunday School Christmas Pageant: Today during the 10 am worship service our children share a special Christmas message!

Christmas Cookie Bake Sale: After the 8 and 10 am service today, help support our youth by purchasing some delicious Christmas cookies.

The wait is over! St. Martin's Christmas Candlelight **Concert is today at 4 pm**. Guest quartet, *Classical FX*, a group of very talented opera singers will be joining our Adult, Childrens, and Bell Choirs in the exciting program this afternoon. Gary Shenk and Barbara Wagner also return to help with percussion and flute. This is a great family event that you should really make time for – it's about an hour long and it's free!

The **Adult Forum** will be led today by Paula Thistle at **9 am** in the **library lounge**, and will cover the key themes of Advent. Join in the conversation as we seek to faithfully prepare for the joy of Christmas.

Pledge Cards: If you haven't done so yet, we invite you to turn in your pledge card today as you come forward for Communion. Thanks!

Children's Choir continues rehearsing today after the 10 am service. ☺

Monday Bible Study continues tomorrow, **7:00 - 8:30 pm in Fellowship Room B**. Pastor Dave will teach about the Gospel stories pertaining to the birth of Jesus. Join us!

Advent poetry - Special thanks to Peggy Eastman for her gift of sacred poetry that is blessing us during this holy season. The poems are being emailed each week. If you're not on our church email distribution list and would like to be, please contact Christine Sindt at the church office 410-263-4723.

Holiday Sharing: We are extending the Holiday Sharing deadline until **Sunday, December 20th**. If you haven't had a chance to participate, there are still a few families with gift tags available. Please bring your wrapped gifts with the gift card attached to the library lounge by Sunday, December 20. Many thanks!

Adult Choir Rehearsals are back to **7 pm beginning this Wednesday, Dec. 16**.

Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party: Please mark your calendar for **Friday, December 18 at 7:30 pm** for a Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party. We will meet at the Tuckfield's home. Please bring a 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 email Heather Tuckfield at htuckfield@gmail.com

Social Ministry Opportunity -- Help Refugees by Donating New or Used Baby Carriers: We're supporting a former SMLC School student (Sophia Gassman) who will be transporting baby carriers to Europe to help refugee families. She is seeking donations of new/used soft baby carriers with straps such as Ergo, Bjorn, etc. Please add a note to the recipient with a paper clip and if the carrier has a pocket, you may stuff it with items such as infant/children's socks and mittens or a small plush toy. Donations will be accepted until mid-January. Sophia Gassman can be reached at shg4mx@virginia.edu. For more information, visit: facebook.com/carrythefuture.

The **2016 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 (such as a homebound member), please pick their set up as well. If you notice any discrepancies, please let me know. If you don't see your set and you want one, please let me know that also. Also, there are a few sets where the address is missing. If yours is like that, please let the church office know your address so that your year-end statement will arrive in your mailbox. This also applies to e-mail addresses as we do send statements during the year via e-mail, so please be sure that yours is up-to-date with the office. Thank you for using your offering envelopes. Glenn Hollenbeck, 410-224-5747 or 410-279-1627.

Tellers Needed: We are still in need of tellers for counting the offering on Sunday mornings. This volunteer service task involves about 1 - 2 hours, one Sunday per month, after the 10:00 am service to count the offering and help prepare the bank deposit. If you like to count money and would like to participate in this important service, please contact: Glenn Hollenbeck, 410-224-5747 or 410-279-1627. Thank you!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

8:00 am: **Assisting Minister:** Greg Maxwell
Ushers: The Lanhams

10:00 am:
Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Dave Oravec
Organist: Kerry Heyes
Assisting Minister: Joe Morrison
Communion Assistants: Judy Svoboda, Doug Hole,
 Bob Drumm, Glenn Hollenbeck
Lector: Judy Svoboda
Ushers: David Moday, Martha Hollenbeck,
 Gene Humphrey, Anna Marie
 Humphrey
Acolyte: Aidan Ludwig
Communion Bread: The Drummis
Communion Clean Up: Judy Svoboda, Donnaleen Trump-
 Starkey
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-17; Philippians 4:4-7

We include the following in our prayers: Carolyn Abel, Alana, Elinor Amundsen, Kaye Bailey, Wendy Barnhill, Carly Bastiansen, Bernie Bernsten, Donna Binder, Betty Blanset, Jamshed Chaudy, Dennis Dennis, Tim Doyle, Linda Duffus, Joe Duncan, Jina Eckhardt, Dave Edsall, Doug Edsall, Barbara Fink, Donna French, Luke and Clyde Greeley (Jane Terry's grandsons), Gregory, Joe Henson, Missy Hile, Tom Hoffman, Shari Kristiansen, Mike Huhn, Missy Jeffries, Bill Jerman, Michael Kelly, Michelle Kinal, Sue Lanham, George Mathews, Maureen, Bob Nicoll, Irmgard Perrin, Elinore Pribble, Deborah Ridell, Lauren Riordan, Debbie Ritzema, Bill Sarver, Charles Shott, Kristi Sjolholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Mildred Voytko, Lily Ann Weeks, Don Weller, Ronnie Wells, Mark Whirley, Jonathan and Nikki Aseltine, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, OS1 John Shutt, and homebound members—Muriel Eser, Ethel LaRue, and Betty Strohl. We also pray for the family and friends of Nora "Sugar" Garman, Bernie Bernsten, and Charlene Brogan who entered the church triumphant recently.

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)
 8:30 am Youth Cookie Bake Sale (Narthex)
 9:00 am Adult Forum (Library Lounge)
 Sunday School (Sanctuary) – Pageant Rehearsal
 MSY Confirmation Class (YR & 5th grade room)
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S); SS Pageant
 11:15 am Children's Choir (S); Youth Cookie Bake Sale (N)
 2:00 pm Concert Rehearsal (S)
 4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Concert (S)

Monday, December 14

3:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
 4:30 pm Boy Basketball Practice (Gym)
 5:00 pm LHS Dinner (The Houser's)
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

Tuesday, December 15

3:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
 4:30 pm Boy Basketball Practice (Gym)
 7:00 pm Church Council Christmas Gathering (the Oravec's)

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)
 8:40 am School Chapel (S)
 10:00 am Staff Christmas Gathering (the Oravec's)
 3:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
 4:30 pm Boy Basketball Practice (Gym)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, December 17

4:00 pm Girls Basketball Game (Gym)
 5:00 pm Boys Basketball Game (Gym)

Friday, December 18

10:30 am School Concert (S)
 7:30 pm Yankee Gift Swap Party! (the Tuckfield's)

Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)
 9:00 am Adult Forum (Library Lounge)
 MSY Confirmation Class (All meet in YR)
 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S)
 11:15 am Children's Choir (S)

Our Christmas Eve/Day schedule is:

Dec 24 - 4 pm - Children's Service

**7 and 9 pm - Services with Carols, Candlelight,
 Communion and brass.**

Dec 25 - 10 am Christmas Day service and communion