



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 14, 2014

St. Martin's is a place where you can grow in faith, fellowship, and opportunities to serve God's people. We welcome all and look forward to growing together to share God's love and serve Christ with energy and joy.

Dedications: The flowers are given to the Glory of God with thanksgiving for His many blessings.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant: Today during the 10 am worship service, the Sunday School kids will be taking part in a Christmas Pageant.

Christmas Cookie Bake Sale: After the 10 am service today, help support our youth by purchasing some delicious Christmas cookies. Cookies will also be available for purchase after the 4 pm Christmas Candlelight Concert today.

Please pick up your **2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES** in the Narthex today!! If you have questions, please contact our Financial Secretary, Glenn Hollenbeck (410-224-5747). Thanks for your generous giving so that God's work may be done.

Christmas Candlelight Concert, Sunday, December 14, 4 pm: Take an hour out of your stress-filled schedule, sit down, relax, and focus on the meaning of the season while the sun sets and the candles glow. We plan to feature our Children's, Adult, and Bell Choirs, Amy Buckner and Keith Stoltzfus' quartet, Sarah Schofield, soloist, Barbara Wagner, flute, Gary Shenk, djembe, and congregational participation on a few hymns. A free-will offering will benefit our concert series. Please plan to come, and bring a friend! *There are postcards on the tables in the Narthex for you to share in your community.*

Flying Quilters: We will have our second annual Christmas soup lunch at Judy Houston's on Monday, **December 15**. Any questions call or email Judy Houston at 410-263-3888/djhouston1@comcast.net. The flying Quilters will meet again on Monday, **January 12** and **26** in Fellowship Room A/B from 10:00 am -2:00 pm.

2015 Pledges: THANKS to all who have already made pledges for the coming year. We have surpassed last year's pledges in both number of households and amount pledged (over twenty thousand dollars more, and growing). If you haven't been able to submit your pledge letter yet, we invite you to do so. An usher can help you with a form and you may place them in the "pledge basket" or hand them to Pastor Dave or Glenn Hollenbeck. Our offerings to our Lord through His church bless people far and wide. Thank you!

Monday Bible Study will be led by Pastor Dave and will take place from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Library Lounge.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study with Pastor Russell Fink meets on **Wednesdays** at the Double T Diner (corner of West St. and Rt. 2), 7-8 am.

Children's Choir Rehearsals: Sundays after the 10 am service. Parents can enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Narthex while the children rehearse in the Sanctuary for about 20 minutes. We're preparing for the Christmas season.

New Members Class: There will be a new members class on **Wednesday, January 7** at 7 pm in Fellowship Room A. New members will be received during the 10 am service on **January 11**.

M.A.D. Envelope Fundraiser: Please support our youth with your contribution to the "Make A Difference" Envelope Fundraiser. The Envelope Board is located in the Narthex. Your donation will support our youth in attending the National Youth Gathering in Detroit next summer.

Light House Shelter Meal: Thanks to the Spain and Houser families for preparing the Lighthouse Shelter meal last week. They served a delicious dinner of beef or vegetarian chili, cornbread, salad and dessert. If your church group or family would like to serve a meal, we still need a volunteer for the January 12th dinner. There is a sign-up sheet located on the hallway bulletin board.

Thank You! Thanks to all who went Christmas caroling last Sunday. Residents at Fairfield, Sunrise, and Bay Woods were greatly blessed by the songs of the season and the love extended from St. Martin's!

For those attending **Christmas Eve's 9 pm worship**, please **bring a small bell** to ring during the refrain on "Angels We Have Heard on High".

Upcoming Christmas Events:

Sunday, December 14: Sunday School Christmas Program during the 10 am worship.

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve):

4 pm: Children's Service

9 pm: Candlelight Service with Brass (Preludes 8:30 pm)

Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day):

10 am: Christmas Service

Merry Christmas!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

8:00 am: (Chapel)

Assisting Minister: Greg Maxwell
Ushers: Brian Kovalski

10:00 am: (Sanctuary)

Preacher & Celebrant: Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec
Organist: Kerry Heyes
Assisting Minister: Bob Drumm
Communion Assistants: Sarah Schofield, Judy Houston,
Gene Humphrey, Deb Mangin
Lector: Mel Tuckfield
Children's Message: Marta Wallace
Ushers: Bob Bartel, Myrtie Bartel,
Gene Cheers, Marianne Cheers
Communion Bread: The Drummis
Communion Clean Up: Gene & Anna Marie Humphrey

We include the following in our prayers: Carolyn Abel, Alana, Elinor Amundsen, Jackie Angle, Kaye Bailey, Donna Binder, Charlene Brogan, Jimmy Brown, Marilyn Burke, Jamshed Chaudy, Alan Creager, Joe Duncan, Jina Eckhardt, Cecilia Edwards, Hilda Erickson, Louise Gebelein, Jim Harden, Joe Henson, Tom Hoffman, Bill Jerman, Michael Kelly, Michelle Kinal, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Bobby Marsden, Bob Nicoll, Lisa Norgard, Dan Oravec, Joseph Poncharik, Elinore Pribble, Deborah Ridell, Charles Shott, Kristi Sjolholm-Sierchio, Pr. Alan Vomhof, Mildred Voytko, Lily Ann Weeks, Mark Whirley, Pat Wiley, John Wiley, Tim and Cheryl, Luke Anderson, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, SGT Peter Francis, Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, OS1 John Shutt, and our homebound members—Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, June Peddicord, Helen Rudderow and Betty Strohl.

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am Worship with Communion (Music Room)
9:00 am Sunday School – Christmas Program Rehearsal (S)
Adult (Parent) Forum (Art)
Adult Forum (L)
Confirmation Class (YR)
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
10:00 am Worship with Communion and Sunday School
Christmas Pageant (S)
11:15 am Children's Choir (S)
Christmas Cookie Bake Sale (SHY)
3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)
4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Concert (S)
Christmas Cookie Bake Sale (SHY) *After Concert*

Monday, December 15

7:00 pm Bible Study (L)

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)
8:40 am Chapel (School)
10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm)
12:00 pm Church Staff Christmas Luncheon
6:00 pm Bell Choir (S)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 771 (Gym/Art)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 771 (Gym/Art)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

Friday, December 19

10:30 am School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am Worship with Communion (Music Room)
9:00 am Sunday School (Chapel)
Adult (Parent) Forum (Art)
Confirmation Class (YR)
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
10:00 am Worship with Communion (S)
11:15 am Children's Choir (S)

Building Lock-Up this week: Dave Edsall (281-703-3372). If you could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle (410-974-9033).