

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 18, 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 flower arrangement is given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Carolyn Haroth's birthday from her parents, Tim and Jane Doyle.

**Christmas is almost here** and our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be wonderful! We hope that you invite loved-ones to St. Martin's so that they might receive the gift of Good News of God's love in Jesus, our Savior. Worship opportunities are:

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 4pm Children's Service.** *This simple and beautiful service is geared for kids and includes the nativity readings, beloved carols, and a special guest to help us think about the meaning of Christ's birth.*

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Service of Carols, Communion, Candlelight, and Brass.** *This service is for folks who want the beauty of the candlelight service at an earlier time. Special music will be provided by a brass quintet. **You're invited to bring your bells from home to ring during the refrain in "Angels We Have Heard on High".***

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 9pm Service of Carols, Communion, Candlelight and Brass.** *In addition to the beautiful brass players, our choir will provide musical leadership as we remember the songs of the angels long ago on that holy night. Once again, you're invited to **bring your bells from home to ring during the refrain in "Angels We Have Heard on High".***

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10am Service of Holy Communion .** *Christmas morning is a quieter celebration that prompts us to contemplate the beauty of the gift of Christ given for us!*

**Sunday School Christmas Pageant:** Today during the 10 am worship service our children share a special Christmas message! (Please note: The kids will meet in the sanctuary at 9 am for a short rehearsal.)

Thanks to Pastor Kendall Summers who is helping in worship today! Kendall will begin a three year term call in Bethesda starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> so we thank God for her new call and will pray for every blessing!

**Today** after the 10 am service, we will meet in the lounge for a quick snack/lunch, then go caroling for our homebound members. Songbooks and carpooling will be available but we need your voice and smile!

**The Adult Forum** today will continue last weeks discussion led by Dr. Jane Strohl on Luther's Christmas book. It will also feature a display of nativity sets brought in by members and friends of the congregation. This will be lots of fun and we hope you can bring yours and share the story behind it today at 9 am in the fellowship wing.

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 and return it to the church office, Pastor Dave, or Glenn Hollenbeck. Our giving together brings God's light into the world. Thanks!

**Monday Bible Study** continues tomorrow, Dec. 19 at 7 pm, focusing on the nativity according to Matthew. Join us in the Fellowship Wing.

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 10 am service. Each week after the children's message, children ages 3 years old - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 trained on Child Protection Policy. If you want to assist and need training, please contact Laura Albanese [youthdirstmartins@gmail.com](mailto:youthdirstmartins@gmail.com)

**Light House Shelter Dinner:** Thank you to the Spain and Houser families for serving dinner at the Light House Shelter this past week. They served a delicious meal of baked ham, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. Many thanks! If you are interested in preparing a meal for the Light House Shelter, please check the bulletin board on the hallway. We have openings for February and April of next year.

**Holiday Sharing:** Many, many thanks to everyone who helped provide gifts for the Holiday Sharing Program this year. Twelve families are very blessed. Thank you also to the Drumm, Maxwell, Ruhf, Livingston, Trump-Starkey, Crupi, Knupp, Stockton, Bradshaw and Freeman families for delivering the food and gifts.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**8:00 am:** **Assisting Minister:** Matt Lanham  
**Ushers:** Patricia & Donald Dorn-Lopez

**10:00 am:**  
**Preacher & Celebrant:** Pastor Dave Oravec  
**Organist:** Sister Stacie Lightner  
**Assisting Minister:** Mel Tuckfield  
**Communion Assistants:** Glenn Hollenbeck, Tom Freeman, Barb Freeman, Larry Day  
**Lector:** Heather Tuckfield  
**Ushers:** Martha Hollenbeck, Dave Edsall, Ches Lanham, Sue Lanham  
**Communion Bread:** The Drumms  
**Communion Clean Up:** Martha Hollenbeck, Myrtie Bartel

**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 Sjöholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Kerry Staats, Andrea Viera, Mildred Voytko, Barbara Wagner, Ethel LaRue, and Betty Strohl.

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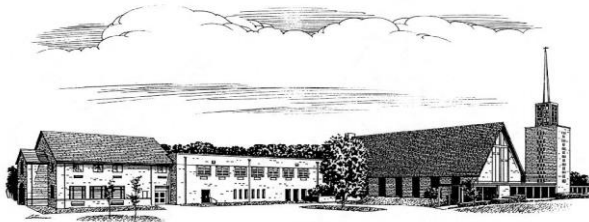
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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK****Sunday, December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent-**

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)

**Monday, December 19 \*\* School Closed\*\***

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**Tuesday, December 20 \*\* School Closed\*\***

7:00 pm Executive Committee

**Wednesday, December 21 \*\*School Closed\*\***

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study (Double T Diner)  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)  
 11:30 am Staff Christmas Luncheon  
 6:00 pm Bell Choir (S)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, December 22 \*\*School Closed\*\*****Friday, December 23 \*\*School Closed\*\***

12:00 pm Church Office Closes

**Saturday, December 24**

3:30 pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 4:00 pm Children’s Service (S)  
 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service with Brass (S)  
 8:15 pm Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 9:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service with Brass (S)

**Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day-**

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)