



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 24, 2017

Welcome to St. Martin's! We're glad you're here today and invite you to fill out a blue attendance card (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're blessed through worship.

Dedications: The candle and bulletin is given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Sandy Oravec's birthday and Pastor Dave and Sandy's wedding anniversary from Norma Teel.

Christmas Eve is here and our Christmas Eve 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 today:

4pm Christmas Eve 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!*

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, string quartet and a vocal quartet. **You're invited to bring your bells from home to ring during the refrain in "Angels We Have Heard on High".***

9pm Service of Carols, Communion, Candlelight, Brass, Choir, and other musical guests. *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 25th - 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! Pastor Russell Fink will be preaching.*

Youth and Family Event- All Ages: Tuesday, December 26th 9-11am- Clothes Sorting- Bring the whole family or just a friend and join us as the Riva Farmer's market (dress accordingly as we will be outside) and help sort, organize, and pack clothing into U-hauls to be delivered to those in need in our area with Giving Back Linda's Legacy organization. Please let Laura Albanese know by December 23rd if you can help and visit the Giving Back Linda's Legacy for more information <http://www.homelessdrive.org/volunteer/>.

Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Martin's on **Friday, January 5** from **12:30 pm - 6 pm** in the Fellowship Wing. If you are able to donate please register online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> or via the signup sheet in the Narthex or contact Sara Wetz (slwetz@verizon.net, 410-956-6515). Also if anyone is interested in helping check people in, please contact Sara Wetz.

"Outie" Lunch Group - Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1 pm at Red Lobster in Annapolis. Hope you can be there. Contact Carole Komenda 410-266-7132.

LMS Clothes Sorting: We will be sorting clothes for the LMS on **Jan. 11** from **9:30 – 10:00 am** in fellowship rooms A, B. If you would like to help, please contact the church office at 410-263-4723.

Calling all families with elementary-aged children! **Save the date of Sat., Jan. 13 at 9 am** for our next social outing....*pajamas and pancakes!* Hope you can join us for a yummy breakfast while still in your pajamas (parents too!). Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite board game for extra fun. Event will be held at Harbor Hills Clubhouse (1 Carson Cove, Davidsonville 21035). E-vite will be sent out soon. Contact Kathleen Spain (kathleenspain2@gmail.com).

Our semi-annual **Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sun., Jan. 14** immediately following the 10 am worship service. The order of business for the meeting will be to consider and vote upon our annual budget. The 2017 Annual Book of Reports will be available on Sun., Jan. 7.

Sunday School had a great fall session and now we're gearing up for the winter. Please consider donating your time and lend a hand during January or February. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Sunday School at St. Martin's. We need you! For more information visit the following sign-up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a9ac2ca0fd0-stmartins>. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Wetz (lkwetz@verizon.net), Sara Wetz (slwetz@verizon.net) or Kathleen Spain (kathleenspain2@gmail.com).

The 2018 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex! If you haven't picked-up your box yet, please do so today. If you don't have envelopes but would like them, please contact Glenn Hollenbeck at glennmarthahollenbeck@gmail.com. Thanks to everyone for your faithful giving that enables Christ's mission to continue here at St. Martin's!

TODAY IN WORSHIP**10:00 am:**

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Dave Oravec
Organist: Tyler Horton
Assisting Minister: Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants: Heather Tuckfield, Tom Freeman, Barb Freeman, John Knupp
Lector: Peg Kamp
Ushers: David Moday, Larry Day, Martha and Glenn Hollenbeck
Communion Bread: The Drumms
Communion Clean Up: Tom and Barb Freeman

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27

We include the following in our prayers: Chris Allegria, Chris Braun, Francis Budney, Jina Eckhardt, Russell and Barbara Fink, Donna French, Tina Frost, Valinda Gilbert, Jeff Gunhus, Lydia Hegel-Huhn, Donna Hole, Edith Johnson, Mary Kilbourne, Shari Kristiansen, Sue Lanham, Cate Ling, Lucas March, Julia McClenahan, Gina Pastrana, Deb Ridell, Ethan Riordan, Linda Ruhf, Joy Shoemaker, Terri Sparks, Russell Sperry, Bob Specht, Meghan Schuessler, Elaine Vatrall, Mildred Voytko and Betty Strohl. We also pray for the family of Barbara Lindauer as she has entered the church triumphant.

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve -**

8:00 am Advent 4 Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:00 am Advent 4 Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:00 pm Children's Service (S)
 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service with Brass (S)
 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service with Brass (S)

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day -

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

- Church Office Closed –

- School Closed –

Tuesday, December 26

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Wednesday, December 27

- School Closed –

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner)

Thursday, December 28

- School Closed –

Friday, December 29

- School Closed –

Sunday, December 31 – New Year's Eve -

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
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