



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 27, 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. The candle and bulletin are given today by Norma Teel to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Dave and Sandy's wedding anniversary and also for Sandy's birthday.

**Special THANKS** to all who worked so hard (and lovingly) to prepare decorations, music, hospitality, and support in preparation for Christmas! St. Martin's is blessed by so many generous souls and we give thanks to God for all you do.

**Holiday Sharing:** Thanks to everyone who participated in the Holiday Sharing program this year. All ninety gift tags were taken and your generosity ensured that many children had a joyous Christmas this year. A special thanks to the Bitonti, Drumm, Freeman, Knupp, Lanham, Raabe, Roemer, Ruff, Spain and Trump-Starkey families for delivering gifts to each of the families.

**From the staff**—we wanted to convey our deep appreciation for the many gestures of love and caring from St. Martin's members during this holy time of year. The cards, goodies, hugs, and well-wishes are a tremendous blessing and we thank all of you!

**Pastor Dave's Monday Bible Study** is on break until January 4<sup>th</sup>. If part of your New Year's resolution includes learning more about God's Word—know that you are always welcome to join this study that has proven to be a wonderful and caring fellowship. New folks drop in often—so don't be shy—come and see!

**Social Ministry Opportunity -- Help Refugees by Donating New or Used Baby Carriers:** Sophia Gassman, a former St. Martin's Day School student (now a law student in Virginia) is organizing an effort to help the refugees flooding into Europe. Sophia is collecting baby carriers for families with little ones. These carriers will help these families carry babies and toddlers as they walk. 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 and then flown to Greece for distribution. Sophia Gassman can be reached at [shg4mx@virginia.edu](mailto:shg4mx@virginia.edu). Information can be found on [facebook.com/carrythefuture](https://www.facebook.com/carrythefuture).

The **2016 offering envelope sets** have been placed in the Narthex. Please pick yours up and, if you see a set for someone else whose set you can deliver (such as a homebound member), please take the set and get it to them. 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.

**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 11:00 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!

**Congregational Meeting- January 10<sup>th</sup>** following the 10am service will meet to approve a budget. Please note that the annual book of reports (with the agenda and budget) will be available next Sunday for your review.

**Congregational Directories** - the directory has been in process for a long time due to some unforeseen software glitches that we've finally worked through. They should be here soon.

**Inter-Faith New Year's Eve Worship Service-** You are invited to a local ecumenical service to be held at **Eastport United Methodist Church at 7 pm on December 31**. This service involves people from various faith backgrounds joining together in prayers for peace.

**First Communion Classes** for 5<sup>th</sup> graders are coming in mid-January. If you have a child younger than 5<sup>th</sup> grade who is interested in receiving the sacrament, please get in touch with Pastor Dave.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**8:00 am:** Assisting Minister: Greg Maxwell  
**10:00 am:**  
**Preacher & Celebrant:** Pastor Dave Oravec  
**Organist:** Kerry Heyes  
**Assisting Minister:** Linda Wetz  
**Communion Assistants:** LeAnn Myhre, Sara Wetz,  
 Tom Freeman, Barb Freeman  
**Lector:** LeAnn Myhre  
**Ushers:** Brian Kovalski, John Knupp,  
 Sue Lanham, Ches Lanham  
**Children's Message:** Doug Hole  
**Communion Bread:** Altar Guild  
**Communion Clean Up:** Tom & Barb Freeman  
**Readings:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148,  
 Colossians 3:12-17

**We include the following in our prayers:** Carolyn Abel, Alana, Elinor Amundsen, Kaye Bailey, Wendy Barnhill, Carly Bastiansen, 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, Sam Loeffler George Mathews, Maureen, Cherie Monarch, Bob Nicoll, Irmgard Perrin, Elinore Pribble, Deborah Ridel, Lauren Riordan, Debbie Ritzema, Bill Sarver, Charles Shott, Kristi Sjoholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Mildred Voytko, Lily Ann Weeks, Don Weller, Ronnie Wells, Mark Whirley, Michelle Yackel, 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.

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK****Sunday, December 27**

8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)  
 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S)

**Monday, December 28 - Church Office Closed & School Closed****Tuesday, December 29\*\*School Closed\*\*****Wednesday, December 30\*\*School Closed\*\***

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

**Thursday, December 31 - New Years Eve - \*\*School Closed\*\***

**\*\*Church Office Closes at 12 pm\*\***

**Friday, January 1 - New Years Day**

**\*\*School Closed\*\***

**\*\*Church Office Closed\*\***

**Sunday, January 3**

8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)  
 9:00 am Confirmation Class (MSY)  
 Sunday School (M)  
 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S)

