



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 28, 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 today to the glory of God and in celebration of Heather and Mel Tuckfield's wedding anniversary. The candle and bulletin are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Dave and Sandy's 2nd wedding anniversary and Sandy Oravec's birthday by Norma Teel.

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.

Flying Quilters: The Flying Quilters will meet again on Monday, **January 12** and **26** in Fellowship Room A/B from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Any questions call or email Judy Houston at 410-263-3888/djhouston1@comcast.net.

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 *fifty 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 led by Pastor Dave will resume on **Monday, January 5** from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Library Lounge.

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

6th Annual Annapolis New Year's Eve Interfaith Celebration, December 31. Musical offerings at 6:30 pm; Program at 7 pm. Eastport United Methodist Church, 926 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis (410-263-5490). A unique way to end the old year and celebrate the new! Prayers and readings led by members of faith groups, local agencies, and area organizations. Refreshments will be available. Stay and catch up with your friends and neighbors and make new friends for the New Year!

Holiday Sharing: Thank you to all the members of St. Martin's that participated in the Holiday Sharing program. We were truly blessed with such tremendous generosity for this outreach ministry. Thank you for helping make Christmas a special time for ten needy families in our community. Thank you also to the Knupp, Lanham, Laubscher, Ruhf, Trump-Starkey, Shenk, Schoonmaker, Fox, Huang, Doyle and Freeman families for delivering meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas along with gifts for each family at Christmas.

New Ministry with Samaritan House Needs Your Support: St. Martin's has started a new ministry partnership with one of our neighbors, The Samaritan House, which is a state certified treatment facility for adult men struggling with substance abuse. For over 40 years, Samaritan House has worked with thousands of men in their journey to rebuild their lives, families and careers. On **Monday, December 22nd** we sponsored a Christmas dinner for the residents and they were deeply appreciative! Please note that the Samaritan House is in need of 4 sofas for their fellowship room, so if you have a sofa around your house that you would like to donate especially for a year-end tax deduction, please consider donating it to the Samaritan House. They are also in need of new bed linens. If you are interested in learning more about this new social ministry outreach or would like to donate sofas or linens, please Contact Lenny Bosley at 443-354-2947 or Greg Maxwell at 410-757-8039.

Interested in joining St. Martin's Lutheran Church (or just learning more about the Christian faith)? Pastor Dave will be leading a **new member class** on **Wednesday, January 7, from 7 to 8:30 pm in Fellowship Room A.** Please speak with Pastor Dave or call the church office if you plan to come (and we hope you do!). New members will be received on **Sunday, January 11th.**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE- SATURDAY, MARCH 14!! On this special day, we welcome the Rev. Bill Tenney-Brittan to be with us for an inspiring day at St. Martin's. Bill will help us understand how healthy churches position themselves for growth and vital ministry. He'll help each one of us clearly understand how we can engage in ministries within the congregation so that our efforts *together* best glorify God. Pastor Dave gives Bill his highest recommendation and 4 key leaders returned from one of his recent workshops extremely excited about how his presence among us will bless and guide us for years to come. All members and friends of St. Martin's are invited. More information to come...but PLEASE do save the date!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

8:00 am: (Chapel)

Assisting Minister: Jonathan Aseltine
Ushers: The Lanhams

10:00 am: (Sanctuary)

Preacher & Celebrant: Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec
Organist: Kerry Heyes
Assisting Minister: Mike Huhn
Communion Assistants: Glenn Hollenbeck, LeAnn Myhre,
Judy Svoboda, Linda Wetz
Lector: Jeannette Brzozowsky
Children's Message: Pastor Dave
Ushers: Joanne Lewis, Lissi Umlandt,
Carole Komenda, Martha Hollenbeck
Communion Bread: Altar Guild
Communion Clean Up: Joanne Lewis, Judy Svoboda

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, Clifford Lebo, Bobby Marsden, Bob Nicoll, Lisa Norgard, Dan Oravec, Joseph Poncharik, Elinore Pribble, Deborah Ridel, Julia & Kyle Saye, Charles Shott, Kristi Sjöholm-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 28

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

Monday, December 29

-School Closed-

Tuesday, December 30

-School Closed-

Wednesday, December 31

-Church Office Closes at Noon-

Thursday, January 1 (Happy New Year!)

-School Closed-
-Church Office Closed-

Friday, January 2

-School Closed-

Sunday, January 4

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

Building Lock-Up this week: Michael Green (410-268-4792). If you could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle (410-974-9033).

