



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 4, 2016

**Welcome to St. Martin's! We hope you'll fill out a blue attendance card 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 visit again soon!**

**Dedications:** The flowers are given today to the glory of God.

**Today** we will be blessing the many lovely quilts that the Flying Quilters have made over the past several months. These quilts will be sent to needy people around the world through Lutheran World Relief to comfort those in need. The **Flying Quilters** will meet again on **Mon., Dec. 5** in Fellowship Rooms A/B from 10 am – 2 pm and they invite you to join them!

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** The Children's Choir is singing for worship today at the 10 am service. Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:40 am to warm up.

**The Adult Forum** today will feature a discussion on Advent traditions: wreaths, calendars, greenery and many more. When and where did some of these originate? Join us from 9 – 9:45 am in Fellowship Room B. On Dec. 11 we will be discussing highlights from Martin Luther's Christmas book written by Roland H. Bainpon and then on Dec. 18 we will be displaying favorite nativity sets from the congregation – more information to come!

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, fill it out, and place it in the basket near the font as you come up for Communion. Our giving together brings God's light into the world. Thanks!

**Monday Bible Study** continues tomorrow, Dec. 5 at 7 pm, focusing on an introduction to Matthew's Gospel. Join us in the Fellowship Wing.

The **Bell Choir** continues rehearsing on **Wednesday** from **6 - 7 pm**. If you've always wanted to give it a try, this is a good time to begin! Contact Sister Stacie for more information.

If you are interested in joining St. Martin's or just learning more about life in Christ, you're invited to attend a **New Member Class** next **Thurs., Dec. 8** from **7 - 9 pm** in the **Library Lounge**. Pastor Dave will be teaching. Call the church office at 410-263-4723 to sign up.

**St. Martin's Christmas Candlelight Concert – Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 pm:** We hope you can attend our annual concert featuring all choirs and guest musicians for an hour of family enjoyment, carol-singing and reflection. Invite family and friends to join

you. There is no admission fee, but we will accept a free-will offering toward our concert fund. If you'd like to sing with the choir, please start attending rehearsals now (check announcements for our rehearsal schedule.) If you can't make it to Wednesday night rehearsals, join us on these Saturdays: Dec. 3 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm and Dec. 10 from 9:30 am - 11:00 pm.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 15, 1 - 4 pm** at the home of Jane Hilt. Her address is 2715 Price Road, Crofton, MD 21114. If you have questions, please call Jane at 410-451-1443. For those unable to meet with us, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Dave continues to find loving homes for our efforts. If you have a family member or friend who would like a prayer shawl or lap throw, please contact Pastor Dave or Dottie Hall (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

**Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party:** Please mark your calendar for **Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm** for our annual Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party. We will meet at the Tuckfield's home. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and a wrapped gift to swap (something around the house or something new at a cost of no more than \$10) Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex or e-mail Heather Tuckfield at [htuckfield@gmail.com](mailto:htuckfield@gmail.com).

**Holiday Sharing:** St. Martin's is sponsoring twelve families through the county's Christmas Sharing Program. We'll provide gifts for children along with a holiday meal. Information about each family is located in the hallway off the narthex. If you'd like to purchase a gift for a child, please take a tag from one of the family cards. There are three tags for each child. **All gifts should be wrapped with attached gift tag and returned before the church service on December 18<sup>th</sup>.** We also need twelve individuals or families to deliver food and gifts to the families. Each family receives \$50 worth of groceries (or a food gift card). Contact Barbara Freeman, [410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net](mailto:410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net).

**Tis the season...to Carol!** On **Sun, Dec. 18** after the 10 am service, we'll meet in the lounge for a quick lunch, then go caroling for our homebound members. Songbooks and carpooling will be available but we need plenty of singers so we can get to everyone on our list. We hope you'll share your voice and smile! Please see Sister Stacie, or sign-up outside the music office.

**St. Martin's Art Booklet:** A booklet of St. Martin's paintings and prints, with images in color, is now available to purchase for \$9.00 (our cost). It will be a wonderful reference for you. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Betty Knupp at [knuppster@aol.com](mailto:knuppster@aol.com) or at 410-956-4881.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**8:00 am:** **Assisting Minister:** Greg Maxwell  
**Ushers:** Bill Adams

**10:00 am:**  
**Preacher & Celebrant:** Pastor Dave Oravec  
**Organist:** Sister Stacie Lightner  
**Assisting Minister:** Jane Anne Houser  
**Communion Assistants:** Donnaleen Trump-Starkey,  
Jane Doyle, Linda Wetz, Sara Wetz  
**Lector:** Donnaleen Trump-Starkey  
**Ushers:** Joanne Lewis, Rosa Ruhf,  
Lissi Umlandt, Carole Komenda

**Children's Message:** Heather Tuckfield  
**Communion Bread:** The Drumms  
**Communion Clean Up:** Donna Trump-Starkey, Judy Svoboda

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13

**We include the following in our prayers:** Carolyn Abel, Kaye Bailey, Wendy Barnhill, Carly Bastiansen, Donna Binder, Francis Budney, Dawn, Linda Duffus, Joe Duncan, Jina Eckhardt, Doug Edsall, Earl Erickson, 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 Sjolholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Kerry Staats, Andrea Viera, Mildred Voytko, Barbara Wagner, Ethel LaRue, and Betty Strohl. Please remember Doug and Donna Hole at the passing of Doug's Aunt Scottie.

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK****Sunday, December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent-**

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 am Sunday School (Music Room)  
Adult Forum (Fellowship Rm B)  
Confirmation Class (5th grade classroom)  
Sr. High (Meeting in Youth Room)  
Choir Rehearsal (S)  
9:40 am Children's Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary); Blessing of Quilts

**Monday, December 5**

10:00 am Flying Quilters (A,B)  
3:00 pm Basketball Practice (Gym)  
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**Tuesday, December 6**

4:00 pm Girls Basketball *Away* Game (Indian Creek)  
5:00 pm Boys Basketball *Away* Game (Indian Creek)

**Wednesday, December 7**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner)  
8:40 am School Chapel (S)  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)  
3:00 pm Basketball Practice (Gym)  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, December 8**

8:30 am School Holiday Shop (B)  
4:00 pm Girls Basketball *Home* Game (Gym)  
5:00 pm Boys Basketball *Home* Game (Gym)  
6:30 pm MGC Meeting (Conference Rm)  
7:00 pm New Members Class (Library Lounge)

**Friday, December 9**

8:30 am School Holiday Shop (B)  
2:00 pm Amundsen Memorial (S)  
6:30 pm Middle School Dance (Fellowship Rooms)

**Sunday, December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent-**

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 am Sunday School (Music Room)  
Adult Forum (Fellowship Rm B)  
Confirmation Class (5th grade classroom)  
Sr. High (Meeting in Youth Room)  
Choir Rehearsal (S)  
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Concert (S)

*Christmas Eve Schedule*

4 pm - Children's Service  
7 and 9 pm - Candlelight Communion Service  
with Brass

*Christmas Day Schedule*

10 am – Service with Communion