



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 6, 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 Music.

Today **we welcome** Pastor Russell Fink who will be preaching at both services. We thank God for his presence in worship today!

**TODAY:** The **Adult Forum** at **9 am** will be led by Paula Thistle and will cover the key themes of Advent. Join in the conversation as we seek to faithfully prepare for the joy of Christmas.

Also, 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!

**Pledge Cards:** If you haven't done so yet, we invite you to turn in your pledge card today as you come forward for Communion. Thanks!

**Children's Choir continues rehearsing today** for Dec. 13 and 24! All kids are welcome to join us after Sunday worship for 15 - 20 min. while parents enjoy coffee.

**Monday Bible Study** continues tomorrow, **7:00 - 8:30 pm** in Fellowship Room B.

**Flying Quilters** will meet at noon on December 7 at Judy's house for lunch. Call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or email djhouston1@comcast.net for more information.

**Advent poetry** - Special thanks to Peggy Eastman for her gift of sacred poetry that will be emailed to the congregation each week in Advent and at Christmas. If you're not on our church email distribution list and would like to be, please contact Christine Sindt at the church office 410-263-4723.

**Adult Choir Rehearsals** will still be at **6:30 pm** next Wednesday, **December 9**, but will then be back to **7 pm** beginning the following **Wednesday (Dec. 16)**.

**Holiday Sharing:** St. Martin's is sponsoring ten families through the county's Holiday Sharing Program for Christmas this year. **Information about each family will be located in the hallway off the narthex. All gifts should be returned before the church service on December 13.** We are also in need of ten individuals or families to deliver food (or a \$50 food gift

card) and gifts to each of the families. If you are interested in helping deliver food and gifts, please contact Barbara Freeman, 410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, Dec 10, 1-4 pm** at the home of Rita Moday. Her address is 1725 Tedbury St, Crofton, MD 21114. Their home is always spectacularly decorated for the holidays - you'll not want to miss this meeting. If you have questions, please call Rita at 410-721-1655. For those unable to meet with us, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Dave continues to find loving homes for our efforts.

**St. Martin's Christmas Candlelight Concert - Sunday, December 13, 2015, 4 pm:** Please make time this Sunday to 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, 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 the Announcements for our rehearsal schedule.) It looks like we may be short of tenors and basses right now, but all parts are welcome.

**Yankee Gift Swap Christmas Party:** Please mark your calendar for **Friday, December 18 at 7:30 pm** for a 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 email Heather Tuckfield at [htuckfield@gmail.com](mailto:htuckfield@gmail.com)

**Social Ministry Opportunity -- Help Refugees by Donating New or Used Baby Carrier:** We are supporting a former St. Martin's School student's service project (Sophia Gassman) during Advent. She is seeking donations of any new or used soft baby carriers with straps such as Ergo, Bjorn, etc. If you'd like, pin a note to the recipient with a paper clip. 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. Sophia Gassman can be reached at [shg4mx@virginia.edu](mailto:shg4mx@virginia.edu), and more information can be found on [facebook.com/carrythefuture](https://www.facebook.com/carrythefuture).

**Our Christmas Eve/Day schedule is:**

**Dec 24 - 4 pm - Children's Service**  
**7 and 9 pm - Services with Carols, Candlelight, Communion and brass.**  
**Dec 25 - 10 am Christmas Day service and communion**

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**8:00 am:** **Assisting Minister:** Greg Maxwell  
**Ushers:** The Knoepfles

**10:00 am:**

**Preacher & Celebrant:** Pastor Russell Fink  
**Organist:** Kerry Heyes  
**Assisting Minister:** Mel Tuckfield  
**Communion Assistants:** Deb Mangin, Tom Freeman, Barb Freeman, Gretchen Haroth  
**Lector:** Deb Mangin  
**Children's Message:** Heather Tuckfield  
**Kids Time:** Nicole Gunhus, Marianne Drumm  
**Ushers:** Joanne Lewis, Lissi Umlandt, Rosa Ruhf, Carole Komenda  
**Communion Bread:** The Drumms  
**Communion Clean Up:** Judy Svoboda, Donnaleen Trump-Starkey  
**Readings:** Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm: Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11

**We include the following in our prayers:** Carolyn Abel, Alana, Elinor Amundsen, Kaye Bailey, Wendy Barnhill, Carly Bastiansen, Bernie Bernsten, Donna Binder, Betty Blanset, Charlene Brogan, 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, George Mathews, Maureen, Bob Nicoll, Irmgard Perrin, Elinore Pribble, Deborah Ridel, Lauren Riordan, Debbie Ritzema, Bill Sarver, Charles Shott, Kristi Sjöholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Mildred Voytko, Lily Ann Weeks, Don Weller, Ronnie Wells, Mark Whirley, 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. We also pray for the family and friends of Nora "Sugar" Garman and Bernie Bernsten, who have both entered the church triumphant last week.

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK****Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Forum (Library Lounge)  
 Sunday School (Sanctuary) – Pageant Rehearsal  
 MSY Confirmation Class (YR & 5th grade room)  
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S)  
 11:15 am Children's Choir (S)  
 12:00 pm Christmas Caroling

**Monday, December 7**

12:00 pm Flying Quilters Lunch (Judy's)  
 3:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 4:30 pm Boy Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

**Tuesday, December 8**

3:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 4:30 pm Boy Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 6:30 pm YSC Meeting (Lings)

**Wednesday, December 9**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner, Annapolis)  
 8:30 am School Chapel (S)  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)  
 3:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 4:30 pm Boy Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 5:45 pm Bell Choir (S)  
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, December 10**

8:30 am School's Holiday Gift Shop (A,B)  
 4:00 pm Girls Basketball Game (Gym)  
 5:00 pm Boys Basketball Game (Gym)  
 6:30 pm YAG Holiday Party (Pastor Dave's)

**Friday, December 11**

8:30 am School's Holiday Gift Shop (A,B)  
 7:00 pm School's Holiday Dance (A,B,C)

**Saturday, December 12**

5:00 pm SHY – Holiday Get Together (Meet at St. Martin's at 5 pm – carpool to Boat Parade)

**Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am Worship with Communion (S)  
 8:30 am Youth Cookie Bake Sale (Narthex)  
 9:00 am Adult Forum (Library Lounge)  
 Sunday School (Sanctuary) – Pageant Rehearsal  
 MSY Confirmation Class (YR & 5th grade room)  
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
 10:00 am Worship with Communion (S); SS Pageant  
 11:15 am Children's Choir (S); Youth Cookie Bake Sale (N)  
 4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Concert (S)