



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 27, 2016 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

We are thankful to see the next important steps of our chancel renovations today. The additions of the **cross and communion rails** will bless us and generations to follow. The generosity behind these gifts and the entire project is amazing. We are drawing closer to a rededication service!

We rejoice that **Laura Albanese** has accepted the position of **Director of Youth Ministry!** She brings many years of youth leadership experience and will officially join our staff soon. Please pray for Laura as she ministers to our wonderful youth!

If you were unable to be in worship last week, you can place your **stewardship pledge forms** in the basket near the font as you come forward to the Lord's Table this morning. Our giving together brings God's light into the world. Thanks!

Please note that Christian Ed classes will not be held today but reconvene next Sunday. The Children's Choir **will** rehearse briefly after both services today.

Today after the 10 am service, we'll share in an **Advent Workshop!** Join us in the fellowship hall for a pot-luck luncheon as we make wreaths, crafts, cards for homebound folks and gifts for Seafarers all while enjoying the warmth of Christian fellowship and as we listen to seasonal music together. .

Monday Bible Study continues tomorrow, Nov. 28 at 7 pm, focusing on the powerful conclusion of Mark's Gospel. Join us!

The **Bell Choir** begins rehearsing on **Nov. 30** from **6 - 7 p.m.** If you've always wanted to give it a try, this is a good time to begin! Contact Sister Stacie for more information.

Annapolis Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast: St. Martin's Lutheran School's Random Acts of Kindness Club is partnering with the Evening Annapolis Rotary Club for a Pancake Breakfast on **December 4** from **8 - 10 am**. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 kids. Proceeds benefit Backpacks of Love *and our R.A.K. club!* Purchase your tickets today between services or in the school's main office starting tomorrow (checks payable to the Annapolis Evening Rotary Club). Please come!

Flying Quilters will meet again on **Mon., Dec. 5** in Fellowship Rooms A/B from 10 am – 2 pm.

Women's Bible Study: The Joyful Hearts Women's Group invites all women to a Bible study on **Sat., Dec. 3** from **10 am – 12 pm** in Fellowship B. Dr. Jenn Houston McNeel will focus on some of the lesser known women in the ministries of Jesus and Paul (Joanna, Salome, Prisca, Phoebe and Junia). Invite a friend. Reservations not required, but if going, drop an email to judyhouston2@gmail.com.

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: this Thurs., Dec. 8 from 7 - 9 pm in the Music Room**. 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: 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 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.)

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.

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. This week and next, info about each family will be 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 18th.** 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.

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 your voice and smile! Please see Sister Stacie, or sign-up outside the music office. 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.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

8:00 am: **Assisting Minister:** Matt Lanham
Ushers: The Lanhams

10:00 am:
Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Dave Oravec
Organist: Sister Stacie Lightner
Assisting Minister: Mary Rosekrans
Communion Assistants: John Knupp, Kim Rosekrans, Judy Svoboda, LeAnn Myhre
Lector: John Knupp
Ushers: Brian Kovalski, Tom Freeman, Barb Freeman, David Moday
Children's Message: Julie Dupree
Communion Bread: The Thistles
Communion Clean Up: Tom and Barb Freeman

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14

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 Hrubby, 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 Sjoholm-Sierchio, Terri Sparks, Kerry Staats, Andrea Viera, Mildred Voytko, Barbara Wagner, Ethel LaRue, and Betty Strohl. We also continue to pray for the family of Betty Blanset who now dwells among the saints in light.

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent-

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:15 pm Childrens Choir rehearsal
11:30 am Advent Workshop (A,B,C)

Monday, November 28

3:00 pm Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, November 29

3:00 pm Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm School Board (A); Girl Scouts (Art Room)

Wednesday, November 30

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)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

3:00 pm Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, December 2

6:30 pm School Pajama Party (A,B)

Saturday, December 3

10:00 am Joyful Hearts Bible Study (B)

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)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary); Blessing of Quilts
11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (S)

