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FROM ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear St. Martineers,

What a summer this has been! And we still have a good month to go.

The news has been dominated with violence, election promises at party conventions, national scandals, extreme heat in the northeast and wildfires on the west coast. Naturally people are looking for solutions and are praying for change. Change to take things back, change to fix the problems, or change to take us into a better times.

Psalm 4, especially verse 6, offers us the assurance that God knows our deepest prayers for peace. (Compline - p. 128-129, The Book of Common Prayer)

*"Many are saying, 'Oh, that we might see better times!'
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD."*

Psalm 4 could easily be our mantra this summer. It reminds us that while we certainly participate in the process of peace and reconciliation that it is ultimately God who puts "gladness in our hearts" and helps us "dwell in safety."

I invite you to keep a holy ear open for good news too. Balance the day with taking time to give thanks to God for being present. Ask God to reveal the light of God's countenance in the midst of great upheaval and darkness. Download, so to speak, an app of hope through daily prayers and quiet time. Remind yourself of God's living word and promises through scripture. If you do not have a bible or a Book of Common Prayer, and cannot find one online, then I will make sure you are given a bible, a BCP, or both.

Thank you for your participation in the continual blessing of God's enduring grace. In the meantime here are some ways God has been faithful to our congregation so far this summer:



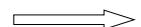
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Spark! Worship and Formation for Children

“Let the little children come to me, do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.” Mark 10: 14b

We have a unique opportunity with our formation programming to bring our children to Jesus’s feet, so that they can inherit the Kingdom of God, both the heavenly kingdom, but also the kingdom of God here on earth. We all want this world into which we are bringing our kids to be a safe place, a place of kindness, an ethical and moral community, a community and nation of peace, mercy, and love. I think we are all reminded daily of how important this is, when we see the news. Here at St. Martin’s, we know that each family is doing this in their own home, and instilling important values into our children, which will make our world a better place. Spark! Formation and our teachers are here to help in the process that you’ve already begun at home. Please join us in this already successful ministry.



Contact the Rev. Christopher Slane
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Spark! Begins at 10am on Sunday, September 11th. Spark! combines traditional Sunday School curriculum from Sparkhouse Media with our successful Children’s Worship program. We’ve been listening to the needs of parents and children in the church and it became more and more clear that trying to get everyone out the door for 9am Sunday School added a lot of stress to Sunday mornings. This newly envisaged Spark! Formation allows us to offer a fun, educational, and worship-filled program at a more convenient hour for parents and children.

Spark! Begins at 10am, which gives parents some time to visit and settle into worship, and the children will return to the end of the service at the same time they usually do during the Peace. Each week’s lesson will be based on the church’s readings for the day, so the whole family will hear the same lessons.

Spark! Is for children ages 4-12 (tweens 11-12 year olds will be helpers) Spark! will begin with the same type of worship that the children are used to in Children’s Worship. Then, we will move into the lesson, and activities for the day. Each week there will be a video featuring silly and serious characters, who will help the kids engage the meaning of the story in a way that makes sense to them. The characters and stories are so great, they won’t want to miss an episode. Finally, they will end each Sunday with the usual Children’s Worship ending to help them transition back into big church.

I believe in this program, and in this curriculum. I believe in our teachers and the love they have for each and every one of our children, and the passion they have for offering a great Christian Education. In fact, they are parents just like you. Please help us show them how much we value their ministry by signing-up for SPARK! Registration begins on August 28th at the Ministry Extravaganza.

Youth Mission To New Orleans

Our youth group went to New Orleans during the first week of June. They spent this week in intentional Christian community with each other, worked at the Second Harvest Food Pantry, visited the Lower 9th Ward, enjoyed the Creole culture and worshipped at Trinity Episcopal Church. A great experience for all involved!



MUSIC NOTES from Denise



"Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." (Isaiah 55:3)

This was the theme of the 66th Sewanee Church Music Conference that I attended in July at the University of the South in Tennessee. Along with over 100 music directors, organists, and choir members from across the country, I experienced the unique qualities of Episcopal music and liturgy. We sang Compline, Morning and Evening Prayer, Rite I Eucharist, Rite II Eucharist, and a moving Choral Evensong. I came to realize that chanting the prayers and singing the Psalms and service music placed the liturgy in a different context. I especially noticed that when *singing* familiar words, such as The Lord's Prayer, my spirit was lifted to a new dimension. At the same time, we learned that God's plea to "Be still and know" encouraged us to inhabit silence and to learn to listen to those around us. I wish to thank the church for allowing me to attend the conference and assisting me with tuition costs. I'm looking forward to utilizing my learning and fresh experience for worship planning at St. Martin's this year. Episcopal worship can bring us into a special place that gives us sustenance to face our daily challenges in today's world.



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St. Martin's Choir Retreat

It's almost time for our annual Choir Retreat and it's open to everyone at St. Martin's! This year, it will take place on **Saturday, August 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church.** We will once again have Claire Minnis, a local choral director and music educator, to present a workshop on basic singing skills. She will teach us healthy breathing techniques, vocalizing, and how to sing expressively. Following that, we will learn new ways to sing the Psalms. During lunch, we will have a chance to get to know each other better and to reconnect. In the afternoon, we will sing through new music and plan our Musical Program to celebrate our Choir Robe fundraising. We will end by singing and celebrating an Evening Prayer service. Everyone is invited to join us! Please contact me so that I will have an accurate count at dmarsh@stmartinschurch.org. Regular choir rehearsals will resume at 7:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, August 24th.

NEW CHOIR ROBES

After many decades, our St. Martin's Choir is in the process of obtaining new choir robes! We have started a Choir Robe fund and will be asking for contributions. Our choir is growing and we will need 20-22 robes. We plan to buy white robes and variously colored stoles reflecting the liturgical colors of the church season. Each robe and stole will cost \$200, so a \$150 gift would purchase a robe, and a \$50 gift would purchase a stole. Of course, we welcome contributions in any amount. If you wish to help us, you can make the check out to St. Martin's Episcopal and write Choir Robe Fund on the memo line. We are planning a special Musical Program later in September to complete our fund raising. Our plan is to have the new robes in time for Advent.



Congratulations Gina!

Gina Garbo recently received a \$1000 scholarship from Diocesan Episcopal Church Women. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Missouri - St Louis.

How Our Garden Has Grown...

We have donated 70 lbs. of produce so far, and the harvest has only just begun!



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- The youth group went to NOLA (see pictures on page 3) to help sort food at food banks and learn about post Katrina efforts via a sister church.
- Barb and Jim Hankemeyer attended an Episcopal stewardship conference in June and a webinar in July as part of their leadership roles at St. Martin's.
- We welcomed 16 new members of all ages!
- We buried four beloved parishioners, baptized a baby, and surrounded all of them with love according to celebrations appropriate to both.
- We welcomed The Rev. Kevin Aldridge from Episcopal City Mission to speak with us about serving youth in detention.
- We welcomed The Rev. Rebecca Ragland and the Episcopal Service Corps interns from Deaconess Anne House: Olive, Peter, and Martin, to speak with us about their work in Old North, St. Louis. You also "threw in" a few sets of towels for the interns and money for Rebecca's discretionary fund. Thank you!!
- We sang, rang bells, and learned how Jesus is still surprising us in VBS.
- We have continued Senior Chair exercises on Thursdays at 10 a.m.!
- We had the hospitable offer to share brunch after the Sunday 10:15 a.m. service on 1st Sundays starting August 7!
- We saw the installation of our new sign which will be visible day and night.

These are a few of the good things God has done so far in the last few weeks. Imagine what August is going to reveal. I mean, really now, do you want to miss a single opportunity to be in worship or to pop into the church during the week?

Friends, we have a new sign. One that has a light inside. One that shines with good news day or night.

The Church is relying on God like never before. People are asking profound questions about faith and how we are going to move forward. My suggestion is that we continue to catch people doing good things and let them know we appreciate them. My prayer is that we will journey with confidence and courage in the face of anxiety. My hope is that we will bring our questions forward too as we indeed bring ourselves forward as the main offering of the week.

This is the eternal nature of the Church that opens our hearts, quells our fears, and calls us to new life. If we are going to see better times then we need to know the One who the traditional psalmist cried out to in Psalm 4, and who the modern day psalmists, whether it is our neighbor on our street, next to us at church, or a voice across social media, is seeking. God is still listening.

In Christ's amazing love, Fr. Jon

Chair Exercises

Our Chair Exercise class continues on Thursdays 10:00-11:00 am. The instructor moved away, but the class didn't miss a beat... Now the participants follow along to a DVD and continue to enjoy the exercise and camaraderie of the group! If you or anyone you know would like to join in, just show up! There is no need to RSVP and there is no cost to participate.



The Ministry Fair Is Now The Ministry Minute Extravaganza!

By Barb & Jim Hankemeyer

Greetings everyone! We hope you have had a safe and fun summer. August is here and that means the Ministry Fair is coming BUT we've changed the name and the format. It is now called the Ministry Minute Extravaganza!

What does this mean? The Ministry Minute Extravaganza will give everyone the opportunity to hear a short one-minute talk about each of the ministries of St. Martin's with a slide show. The Ministry Minute Extravaganza will begin on Saturday, August 27 after the 5:05 pm service. There will be pizza for everyone from about 6:00 to approximately 7:00 pm. On Sunday, August 28, St. Martin's will have only one service at 9:00 am! Breakfast will be served to everyone beginning at 10:15 am. The Ministry Minute Extravaganza will begin then as well!

We hope everyone will enjoy hearing about all the opportunities to participate at St. Martin's. Don't Miss It!!! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 27 after the 5:05 pm service or Sunday, August 28 after the 9:00 am service for the Ministry Minute Extravaganza!

Notes For Ministry Leaders:

1) Reflections on the Ministry Directory

As your ministry prepares for the Ministry Minute in August please take a moment to look for your ministry in the parish directory with a view to what newcomers are learning about this aspect of the St. Martin's. Is this information still an accurate portrayal of this ministry? What else might someone new to the parish want to know? Is there an invitation in there somewhere for those who may be considering where to invest their time and talent? Changes and updates may be sent to stmartin@stmartinschurch.org by September 1.



2) Ministry Event Request Forms

When preparing for any event at St. Martin's, please use the Ministry Event Request Form as a tool to help your committee plan every aspect of the event. This form will not only help keep you on track, it will also allow the staff to support you every step of the way. You can find these forms on the bulletin board (they are pink). Fill it out as much as possible, then turn in the first page to the church office and keep the second page for your information.



Camp Phoenix

Several youth and friends from St. Martin's attended Camp Phoenix (August 24-30). What a great time having fun with old and new friends, and enjoying all the fun that summer has to offer! After all this summer fun, it is time to get ready for school and the new program year at St. Martin's!



August Women's Bible Class

"Reading the Gospel of Luke" is our topic for 3 Tuesdays in August. Luke was the first Christian historian. The Gospel According to Luke is Volume 1 of his 2-volume work. Volume 2 is The Acts of the Apostles, which tells how the Holy Spirit guided the Christian community as it expanded from the center of Israel in Jerusalem to Rome, the capital of the Empire.

Luke sets the gospel and its mission firmly in world history. By doing so, Luke is proclaiming that Jesus is Lord of human history. We also will note some other themes in Luke's gospel, such as the importance of women, prayer/worship, and that salvation is offered to **all**.

Women of all ages are invited to join us on August 9, 16, 23 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the library. For more information, call The Rev. Virginia Noel at 636-779-2888.

Youth Group

On August 14 (4-6 pm) the youth group will begin the new school year with a Kick-off Barbecue and Pool Party at the home of Ralph and Michelle Trieschmann. If you are going to be in 6th-12th grade, bring your whole family, bathing suits, and a potluck dish to share. Hamburgers and bratwursts will be provided (if you need a veggie option, let Fr. Chris know).



The first retreat of the school year will be August 19-21 (Friday 6pm—Sunday 1pm) at the Deaconess Anne House. This will be a local mission/service weekend in the Old North neighborhood. There will be games, service hours, Crown Candy Kitchen, prayer, and a great way to get back into the swing of the school year. Worship will be at the Cathedral on Sunday Morning, 1210 Locust St., Downtown St. Louis.

For more information about either of these events, or the Youth Program in general, please contact Father Chris at cslane@stmartinschurch.org.

Story Time Resumes At St. Martin's

STORY TIME will resume at St. Martin's on Monday, September 12. We meet in the nursery from 10:00-11:00am. This special ministry is for children 12 months and up and their caregivers. We have moms that bring their little ones but we also have nannies, Dads, and grandparents.

Each week we have a special theme and stories, music, drama and an art activity are coordinated around it. We also allow little ones time to play in our beautiful new nursery. It is a fun time for all!



In the past two years we have had a wonderful core group of 12 children and their caregivers but this year, most of them will be in either preschool or kindergarten. WE NEED SOME NEW MEMBERS! If you know of a neighbor or relative who is available on Monday mornings we would love to have them. Interested folks are welcome to call me at 636.394.7085 for more information.

Teresa Reeves
THE STORY LADY

ST. MARTIN'S MILESTONES

August Birthdays

August 1	Phyllis Duff, John Calhoun
August 2	Abby Trieschmann
August 5	Jim McLaughlin
August 6	John King
August 7	Addison Young, Ashleigh Kellogg
August 9	Mackenzie Morrison
August 10	Jim Arras
August 11	Elizabeth Crabtree
August 12	Peggy Dougald
August 13	Jessica Griggs, Todd Rasmussen
August 15	Mary Coon
August 17	Daryl Norman, Amanda Claycomb, Katie Quade
August 18	Teresa Reeves
August 19	Tom Shepperd, Lauren Willis
August 20	Loretta Irwin, Greg Utz
August 21	Bob Marchetto, Doug Edmonson
August 22	Mary K Heyde
August 23	Caitlin Cogan
August 24	Cindy Warren
August 26	Shirley Pugh, Greg Marx, Pamela Beardsell
August 27	Erv Heyde, Wayne Peters, Aaron Eidson, Scott Quade
August 28	Sandy Laney
August 30	Winnie Peeples, John Lange, Melanie Slane, Nathan Parker
August 31	Steve Brunkhorst

Important Dates to Remember

Choir Retreat
Saturday, August 20

Ministry Minute Extravaganza
Saturday, August 27
Sunday, August 28

Sunday School Begins
Sunday, September 11

Story Time Begins
Monday, September 12

Mary & Martha Guild
Wednesday, September 14

Peace Meal at St. John's in Tower Grove
Saturday, September 17

Parish Picnic / Garden Party
Sunday, September 18

5 Marks of Mission
Sunday, October 2



With Sympathy

The following deaths were reported in the St. Martin's church family:



Julie Dobbins, friend of Loretta Go
Bill Huheey, son of Bob and Linda Huheey
Kathleen Koutroubis, cousin of Melanie Slane
Anne Krelo, parishioner
Shannon LaRock, step-granddaughter of Evie LaRock
Maria Lopez, mother of Chris Slane's brother-in-law
Bob McElroy, parishioner
Michael Parce, cousin of Ruth Minster
Lavon Richardson, parishioner
Henry Winner, brother of Beverly Kinkade

Thank You!

To all who supported our School Supply Drive for the Circle of Concern.



Did we miss your birthday?

Send important dates and announcements to communications@stmartinschurch.org.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 7

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Daryl Norman
Chalice: Daryl Norman
Ushers: Steve & Maggi Brunkhorst

10:15 am

Greeters: Mopsi & Jack Hanley
OT Lesson: Rina Chittooran
NT Lesson: Michael Kovach
Prayer Leader: Ralph Trieschmann
Chalice: Michael Kovach, Ralph Trieschmann
Ushers: Steve Young, Scott Pattengill, Tim Bosche
Healing Ministers: Judi Batch, Mary Pomeroy
Eucharistic Visitor: Beverly Weaver, Rina Chittooran

Sunday, August 14

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Bob Elsperman
Chalice: D'Arcy Elsperman
Ushers: Rich & Honor Hebenstreit

10:15 am

Greeters: Renee & Tim Jerry
OT Lesson: Ann Harbert
NT Lesson: Judi Batch
Prayer Leader: Chuck Batch
Chalice: Judi & Chuck Batch
Ushers: Larry Cornelius, Bob Huheey, Linda Huheey
Healing Ministers: Diana Hauser, Beverly Weaver
Eucharistic Visitor: Judi Batch, Mary Pomeroy

If you cannot serve on an assigned date, please find a substitute and notify Loretta Go at LGO@stmartinschurch.org of the change.

If you have any special scheduling needs, please contact:

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 Terri Garbo 314-413-6799 / tmgarbo@yahoo.com

Nursery

Chris Slane cslane@stmartinschurch.org

Sunday, August 21

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Jeanne King
Chalice: Loretta Go
Ushers: Steve & Maggi Brunkhorst

10:15 am

Greeters: Mary K & Erv Heyde
OT Lesson: Doug Edmonson
NT Lesson: Mary K Heyde
Prayer Leader: Mary Edmonson
Chalice: Mary K Heyde, Mary Edmonson
Ushers: Mary Jane Drake, Sherrie Algren, Rich Eidson
Healing Ministers: Judi Batch, Barb McCann
Eucharistic Visitor: Mike & Paula Kelly

Sunday, August 28

One Service

9:00 am

Greeters: Nancy & Steve Young
OT Lesson: Terri Garbo
NT Lesson: Gina Slobodzian
Prayer Leader: Tom Allen
Chalice: Gina Slobodzian, Tom Allen
Ushers: Rich Brown, Scott Pattengill, Steve Young
Healing Ministers: Mary Pomeroy, Diana Hauser
Eucharistic Visitor: Gina Slobodzian, Mary Drastal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00pm Eucharist at the Fountains 5:30pm Outreach Committee	2	3 10:00am Spiritual Direction / Lectio Divina 1:30pm Staff Meeting	4 10:00am Chair Exercises	5 office closed	6 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion
7 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Brunch (every first Sunday of the month)	8 2:00pm Investment Committee	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study	10 1:30pm Staff Meeting	11 10:00am Chair Exercises	12 office closed	13 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Men's Group Breakfast 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion
14 Food Pantry Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Brunch (every second Sunday of the month) 4:00pm Youth Group BBQ and Pool Party	15	16 10:00am Women's Bible Study	17 1:30pm Staff Meeting	18 10:00am Chair Exercises 5:00pm Stewardship Committee	19 Youth Group Retreat (DAH) office closed	20 Youth Group Retreat (DAH) 10:00am Choir Retreat 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion
21 Youth Group Retreat (DAH) Priest Discretionary Fund Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Holy Eucharist 4:00pm Executive Committee	22	23 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Book Club	24 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	25 10:00am Chair Exercises 11:30am Lunch Bunch	26 office closed 6:00pm 7-11 Club (making Communion bread)	27 7:30am Men's Bible Study at Good Shepherd 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion 6:00pm Ministry Minute Extravaganza
28 Only One Service Today! 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Ministry Extravaganza 12:00pm Vestry Meeting	29	30	31 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			

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Join us for the Ministry Minute Extravaganza

Learn everything about the life of St. Martin's!

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Sunday, August 28 after the 9:00 am service: breakfast will be served.

