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FROM ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2016

#EpiscopaliansVote

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Jesus said, "The things that proceed from the mouth come from the heart." (Mt. 15:18)

Every time we celebrate mass together we lift up our hearts in the Prayers of the People. There are different forms of these prayers used during the course of the liturgical calendar and they may vary according to the worship service rite used for that time. However one aspect of the prayers that are traditionally part of our Episcopalian practice is that of praying for our elected officials.

We do not only pray for governing officials when we are happy with them or because we voted for them. We pray for all officials because our belief is that God works through all channels of power to reconcile the world to God's self. Praying also shapes us to be open minded and attentive to the connection between our roles as Christians and the communities in which we live.

This is why St. Martin's will host a dialogue this fall, **#EpiscopaliansVote**, with Fr. Jay and me facilitating, that will allow for us to listen to one another on **Sunday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. from Sept. 11-Nov. 14**. This means that we will start the Sunday after Labor Day weekend and continue to meet until the week after the Nov. 8 elections. Also remember that there are more candidates and issues than the presidential runners so please be open to any statewide and local topics that emerge.

I also invite you to check out the national church website resources **#EpiscopaliansVote** because Fr. Jay and I will be using some of their discussion questions each week. Our goal is to have a non-partisan and civil discussion. This is not a time for us to try to prove our points or push our opinions. Again it is a time of listening to one another. The dialogue is open to all ages and I encourage us to especially support any youth, young adults, and first time voters who attend.

There has already been a buzz about this group! People are looking for a place to process the daily and nightly news which includes stories of real progress being made to bizarre comments that could be from an episode of The Twilight Zone. This is an unprecedented part of our nation's history and a great opportunity for us to consider our part in it as Christians. I am looking forward to being with you as you are able to participate. Reservations are not required.

Anyone willing to bring goodies to snack on will be greatly appreciated!

Blessings, Fr. Jon



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The Pumpkin Patch Is Back!

Last year the St. Martin's Pumpkin Patch was a huge success. We sold over \$10,000 in pumpkins and gourds, which gave us just over \$3,600 for Outreach ministries at Church. With our earnings from the Patch we were able to fund a sizeable portion of our Youth Mission to New Orleans using \$1,500 of Patch money. Next, we were able to send \$1,000 to the ECW of St. Christopher's Episcopal Mission in Bluff, Utah. Those funds support their vital ministries including their Homer Dale Farm, providing clean water to the reservation, and children's ministries throughout the year. The last part of our earnings were given to help start the Garden Project, which takes fresh produce to the Circle of Concern Food Pantry. The Patch provided a little over \$1,100 to the Good Soil Project wheat field and the brand new veggie garden. As you'll see later in the Newsletter, as of mid-August we have already harvested over 250 pounds of produce for Circle of Concern!!!



Contact the Rev. Christopher Slane
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But outreach wasn't the only success of the Pumpkin Patch last year. One of the things that made me most joyful about the Pumpkin Patch was how many people stepped up to make it a success. We had over 100 volunteers log hundreds of volunteer hours. We saw participation from every demographic of our church, from the oldest to the youngest. I saw the sense of community and common purpose capture the hearts and minds of our congregation in an unprecedented way. We were visible to our neighbors, and supported by the wider community of West County. People in the church got to know each other better, new members had a chance to plug into ministry in an easy way and build a deeper connection, members who go to different services got to spend time together and share what they love about this amazing church.

It was a great couple of weeks. And now, it's time to start thinking about having that fun all over again. Here are the details:

When: Oct. 17th-31st (Start date may change to Sat the 15th if we can get our pumpkins sooner)

Time: Sunday thru Friday, Noon - 8pm; Saturday, 8am - 8pm

Who: Anyone who can donate 2 hours of their time to take a shift.

Pumpkin Unloading: We need all hands on deck when the pumpkins get here so we can get them off the truck. Unloading date and time will depend on when the shipment arrives.

How do I sign-up? The St. Martin's iPad will be set-up throughout the month of September and October after each service for sign-ups. Or, you can go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C44A5AB23A7FB6-pumpkin.



Gina Garbo receiving her scholarship award from the Diocesan representatives of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on Sunday, August 21, 2016

Mary & Martha Guild Wednesday, September 14

Calling all women who like fun & friendship and are 50+! The Mary and Martha Guild will be visiting the Missouri Botanical Garden on September 14th to stroll (or take a tram ride around) the grounds & have lunch. We will meet at the church at 10 a.m. to carpool. Please let Daryl Norman know (636-394-3677 or tblover50@sbcglobal.net) by the 13th if you can join us so we don't leave without you!

Choir Retreat

St. Martin's Sanctuary Choir gave up a summer Saturday to hone their choral skills and prepare for the fall. Thank you, choir, for your dedication!



MUSIC NOTES from Denise



Vest our Voices.....our hems are falling....

You may not be aware of the sad state of our choir vestments, but every Sunday, our St. Martin's choir members are attempting to piece together the ancient (well, at least 30-year-old) black cassocks and white cottas before they process up the aisle. Not only that, but we don't have additional vestments to outfit new choir members. A solution must be found!



Contact Denise Marsh at dmarsh@stmartinschurch.org

The choir has met with Pat Dorn, a local apparel specialist for Murphy robes. She recommended the Universal Choir robe in ivory wonder crepe, which is a breathable, non-wrinkling washable fabric. The neck is reinforced and there is balanced machine fluting around the yoke which distributes fullness and ensures an even drape of fabric for the robe. The zipper has a lifetime guarantee. The robes would be custom measured for each choir member. The stoles would be reversible to allow us to wear the appropriate color for each liturgical season of the church year. Obtaining these new vestments would give us many, many years of use.

We currently have 18 choir members with additional members for special services. The cost to outfit each member is \$225. Please pick up a "Vest our Voices" envelope at our display in the narthex and fill it with your appreciation of our St. Martin's choir! If you include a check, write Choir Robe Fund on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or in the mail.

Please consider a donation for new choir vestments for our beloved St. Martin's Choir!

If we receive adequate funding by the end of September, we can have everything in time for Christmas.

Thanks so much for your support of our music ministry .

New Rehearsal Time for St. Martin's Hand Bell Choir
 Beginning September 7th, the St. Martin's Hand Bell Choir will have rehearsals from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. downstairs in the music wing. Everyone and anyone is invited to join us.
 We will be learning basic ringing skills, so it's a great time to attend.
 Please contact Denise with any questions! dmarsh@stmartinschurch.org



Save the Date!

St. Martin's Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 4

2:30 to 6:30 pm

Park Hall

Sign up online at

www.redcrossblood.org

and enter sponsor code "stmartins" in the search box

Garden Update

The St. Martin's Garden Committee is proud to announce that as of mid-August, they have given Circle of Concern over 250 lbs. of produce! This includes tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers (sweet and hot), beans and potatoes.

And they haven't stopped! The fall harvest will include sweet potatoes, squash (yellow and acorn), beets and cabbage.



UTO

And How It Works!

UTO is the Episcopal Thank Offering given by parishioners around the world for good things that happen every day. This might include thanks for little things like a good parking spot on a busy day, a supportive card from a friend, a good grade earned by your child in a difficult subject at school, a fun date night at your favorite restaurant. It can include thanks for the big things like recovery from a serious illness, managing a difficult diagnosis, landing a new job or promotion, reconciliation after a long dispute, recognition of a job well done. As you give thanks for the small and big things in your day, you put some coins or dollars in a UTO Blue Box, or set aside a reminder for later in the day. You are never too old to count your blessings and share your thankful spirit. People who are thankful and grateful on a regular basis lead happier lives. You begin to notice the good things more often. The UTO Handbook talks about the donations as coming from our “grateful hearts.”



Small acts of prayerful, tangible thanksgiving has a wider impact than you can possibly imagine.

Your new job or promotion supports career readiness training in Haiti

The birthday card from a friend becomes an elevator for a wellness facility in a low-income area in California

The now forgotten dispute funds and English immersion program in Tanzania

Your recovery from an illness becomes a new kitchen at a church that feeds the hungry in Ferguson, Missouri

UTO has a long history in the church. It was founded in 1883. It has become the single most important source for funding specific missionary projects around the world. The Blue Boxes raised \$2000 in 1889, \$107,207 by 1900. The UTO ingathering currently raises between \$2.5 to 3 million yearly. One hundred percent of the donation goes to grants awarded around the world. Every cent that is collected through Blue Boxes and Blue Envelopes is given away in grants.

If you are interested in learning about the 2016 Grant Awards from last year's ingathering, please refer to www.episcopalchurch.org. There are descriptions about the grants awarded and photos of work in progress at the various sites around the world. It is amazing what our little bit of dollars and coin can accomplish.

Thank you, Mary Drastal

Did you know that the Episcopal Church has 5 Marks of Mission?

Evangelism – *To Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom* - Let's talk it up

Formation – *To Teach, Baptize and Nurture New Believers* – Teach it

Outreach - *To Respond to human need by loving service* – Touch Someone

Advocacy – *To Seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.* – Transformation

Stewardship – *To Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth* – Tend

This sounds like our Baptismal Covenant to me. Learn more this Formation season.

Tentative start date Sunday October 2, 2016.

Facilities Update

Our lighting project began on August 15th with the replacement of the fixtures in the Library with recessed LED 2x4 units. Work had begun on the Nave recessed high ceiling fixtures and the chandeliers retrofitting and re-lamping everything. By the end of the week the Narthex fixtures should have been replaced with recessed LED 2x4 units. Efficiency will be improved and lamp replacement needs virtually eliminated for those areas. In total 117 lights will have been converted to LED. Additionally, the associated circuit breakers in the panel will have been replaced and protected with a surge protector.



Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of hungry families?



Then hit the trails along Valley Park's scenic Meramec River on September 17 as we "Run Circles Around Hunger!" Timed for serious runners or perfect for a casual walk with family and friends – all proceeds benefit Circle Of Concern's food pantry and programs for our neighbors-in-need.

Food - CrossFit Warm-up - Music by School of Rock - Fun!

Race Details

Saturday, September 17, 2016

7:00 a.m. Check-In

8 a.m. Aerobic Warm-Up

8:30 a.m. 5K Run/Walk Start

9 – 10 a.m. Food, Music & Fun

9:30 a.m. Race Winners Announced

Runners will be chip-timed; walkers can enjoy the stroll!

Packet pickup at Circle Of Concern on September 14 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
or at event check-in

* Event held rain or shine. No refunds.

* No furry friends allowed since runners are timed.

* Children 10 and under are free but must be accompanied by an adult and will not receive a t-shirt. Children of any age with a paid registration WILL receive a t-shirt.

ST. MARTIN'S MILESTONES

September Birthdays

September 2	Paul Johnson
September 3	Eric Fencil
September 4	Gary Johnson, Sara Moore
September 5	Jeanne King
September 6	Carole Clary, Tom Allen
September 7	Eric Goettelmann
September 8	Mary Edmonson
September 9	Tim LaPlaunt
September 10	Barbara Montgomery, Ted Imrie, Rachel Lee
September 11	Ethan Arras
September 12	William Richardson, Matthew Greenbaum
September 13	Pat Purnell, Beverly Kinkade, Greg Marx
September 14	Bryan Marx, Olivia King
September 15	Riley Griggs
September 16	Michael Ehrhardt, Alexis Lowenthal
September 17	Colton Quade
September 18	Jane Valere, Denise Marsh, Katie Edwards
September 19	Scott Pattengill, Brian Peters
September 20	Bette Burfield, Linda Hoff, Jayson Slobodzian
September 21	Dick Gilbert, Terence Bostic
September 22	Ali Glazer
September 23	Charles Kidd
September 24	Tim Jerry, Deb Allen, Michael Peters
September 25	Lisa Johnson, Emaline Little
September 26	Patrick Parker
September 27	Michelle Fortune, Erica Jones
September 28	Mike Kelly, Janice Voit
September 29	Chris Iselin
September 30	Barbara McCann, Judy Mena

With Sympathy

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

- John Blackford**, father-in-law of Jane Blackford
- Esther Cornelius**, parishioner
- Linda Schroeder**, relative of Daryl Norman



Important Dates to Remember

Sunday School Begins
Sunday, September 11

#EpiscopaliansVote Begins
Sunday, September 11

Story Time Begins
Monday, September 12

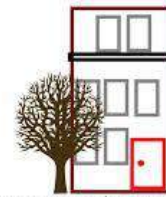
Mary & Martha Guild
Wednesday, September 14

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

Blood Drive
Tuesday, October 4



Deaconess Anne House
Episcopal Service Corps - St. Louis

Dear St. Martin's,

Thank you so much for the quick and gracious gift of towel sets for our house! It's a great addition, and will be so nice to have for the coming year. Amazing, how prompt you were are responding to our need!

Thank you so much,

DAH 3.0

Did we miss your birthday?

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



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Jim Crabtree

Chalice: Jim Crabtree

Ushers: Bob & Ginny Marchetto

10:15 am

Greeters: Mopsi & Jack Hanley

OT Lesson: Rina Chittooran

NT Lesson: Judi Batch

Prayer Leader: Michael Kovach

Chalice: Judi Batch, Michael Kovach

Ushers: Bob Pomeroy, Larry Cornelius, Scott Pattengill

Healing Ministers: Diana Hauser

Eucharistic Visitor: Beverly Weaver, Rina Chittooran, Judi Batch, Mary Pomeroy

Sunday, September 11

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Daryl Norman

Chalice: Daryl Norman

Ushers: Steve & Maggi Brunkhorst

10:15 am

Greeters: Tim & Renee Jerry

OT Lesson: Ann Harbert

NT Lesson: John Lange

Prayer Leader: Tom Allen

Chalice: John Lange, Tom Allen

Ushers: Steve Young, Sherrie Algren, Tim Bosche

Healing Ministers: Beverly Weaver, Mary Pomeroy

Eucharistic Visitor: open

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:

Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers & Greeters

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

Nursery

Chris Slane cslane@stmartinschurch.org

Sunday, September 18

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Bob Elsperman

Chalice: D'Arcy Elsperman

Ushers: Rich & Honor Hebenstreit

10:15 am

Greeters: Mary K & Erv Heyde

OT Lesson: Doug Edmonson

NT Lesson: Mike Kelly

Prayer Leader: Mary Edmonson

Chalice: Mike Kelly, Mary Edmonson

Ushers: Wayne Peters, Karen Sieron, Bob Huheey, Linda Huheey

Healing Ministers: Diana Hauser, Beverly Weaver

Eucharistic Visitor: Mike & Paula Kelly

Sunday, September 25

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Terri Garbo

Chalice: Linda Wilson

Ushers: Bob & Ginny Marchetto

10:15 am

Greeters: Nancy & Steve Young

OT Lesson: John Lange

NT Lesson: Gina Slobodzian

Prayer Leader: Mary K Heyde

Chalice: Gina Slobodzian, Mary K Heyde

Ushers: Mary Jane Drake, Sherrie Algren, Tim Bosche, Rich Eidson

Healing Ministers: Judi Batch, Mary Pomeroy

Eucharistic Visitor: Mary Drastal, Gina Slobodzian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00am Chair Exercises	2 office closed	3 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion
4 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Holy Eucharist	5 <i>Labor Day</i> office closed 1:00pm Eucharist at the Fountains 5:30pm Outreach Committee	6	7 10:00am Spiritual Direction / Lectio Divina 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30am Joyous Word Bible Study 10:00am Chair Exercises	9 office closed	10 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Men's Group Breakfast 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion
11 <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School Begins 10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Brunch (every second Sunday of the month) 6:00pm Youth Group	12 10:00am Story Time 10:30am Bible Study	13 10:00am Women's Bible Study	14 11:00am Mary & Martha Guild 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 8:30am Joyous Word Bible Study 10:00am Chair Exercises	16 office closed	17 2:00pm Peace Meal at St. John's in Tower Grove 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion
18 <i>Priest Discretionary Fund Sunday</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Brunch, Garden Party, Parish Picnic 4:00pm Executive Committee	19 10:00am Story Time 10:30am Bible Study	20 10:00am Women's Bible Study	21 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	22 8:30am Joyous Word Bible Study 10:00am Chair Exercises 11:30am Lunch Bunch 5:00pm Stewardship Committee	23 office closed	24 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion
25 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Vestry Meeting	26 10:30am Bible Study	27 <i>Fall Clergy Conference</i> 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Book Club	28 <i>Fall Clergy Conference</i> 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	29 <i>Fall Clergy Conference</i> 8:30am Joyous Word Bible Study 10:00am Chair Exercises	30 office closed 6:00pm 7-11 Club	

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Send contact changes to communications@stmartinschurch.org or 636-227-1484.*



Sundays starting
September 11th
4:00 - 6:00 pm