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FROM ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Pumpkins and the Generous Heart

I arrived at 4:06pm on Tuesday.

We had set the huge white and yellow tent up on Sunday afternoon after church, and most of the pallets had arrived thanks to Brian Diel in the days leading up to this year's Pumpkin Patch. We were supposed to have unloaded on Monday, but the truck was running late, and I seriously wondered if we were going to have enough people to unload, because of the last minute change and everyone's busy schedules.

As I came around the curve on Clayton Road. I saw that the pumpkin unloading had already started. In fact, there were already one hundred or so pumpkins sitting on pallets under the big top, and there was a line of 30 people moving pumpkins at a steady pace. Teil and I got out of the car as fast as we could and went to join the line with parishioners and local girl scouts and boy scouts.

There were a lot of fun and funny moments that happened during the unloading, but there are two that stood out the most. The first was a conversation that we overheard from the youth who were inside the truck passing pumpkins down the line. It went something like this...

Youth #1: "I was BORN on a pumpkin farm!!"

Youth #2: "Oh yeah, well, I was RAISED on a pumpkin farm!"

Youth #3: "My family ate pumpkins, and ONLY pumpkins, year-round!"

Youth #1: "My shoes were made out of pumpkin leather!"

Youth #2: "My shoes WERE pumpkins!!"

And on and on they went, joyfully trying to one-up each other in their dedication to pumpkins as they passed a couple thousand pumpkins down the line (for the record, there were no mentions of Pumpkin Spiced Lattes).

The other thing that I found particularly amusing was the younger scouts vying with one another to see who could carry the biggest pumpkin to the pallets. In some cases, I swear the pumpkins were bigger than two of them combined. Nevertheless, they grabbed the bigger and bigger pumpkins from the end of the line and waddled with them the last ten feet to set them on the pallet (usually with some help setting them down, so they didn't hurt themselves or the pumpkin during the dismount).



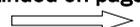
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MUSIC NOTES from Denise



Vest Our Voices achieves rapid success!!

"I gotta robe, you gotta robe, all God's children gotta robe...when I get to heaven gonna put on my robe and walk all over God's heaven."



Contact Denise Marsh at dmarsh@stmartinschurch.org



Your generosity has allowed St. Martin's Choir to purchase 24 new robes and 72 stoles!! **We have PLENTY of robes and PLENTY of room for anyone interested in joining us!** Pat Dorn, our local representative from Murphy Robes has completed the order and sent it off so that we will have our new robes in December. We selected cream-colored robes with reversible stoles that reflect the liturgical colors for each season of the church year. Beginning with Advent, we will wear the blue side of our stoles and for Lent, we will wear the purple side. During Pentecost, we will wear red, and for the remaining Sundays of the year, we will wear an emerald green which will match the paraments on the pulpit and lectern in the sanctuary. On the important holy days during Christmas and Easter, we will wear our satin White stoles.

Each and every choir member wants to THANK YOU from the depths of our hearts for your generous donations to supply us with new vestments which will last for many years to come.

HALLELUJAH !!!

Up and Coming Music This Month

Each Sunday in November has a special observance, and we will sing the following music during the 10:15 service:

- November 6th:**
(All Saint's Sunday) We will sing all the traditional hymns for All Saints such as, "For all the saints" and "I sing a song of the saints of God." The choir will sing a new offertory, "African Psalm" which is based on a traditional Zambian song. We're asking all the children to come forward to help us with the song by playing rhythm instruments.
- November 13th:**
(St. Martin's Sunday) We will honor St. Martin and his legacy of service with the hymns: "Now thank we all our God", "In Christ there is no east or west," and "Lord, you give the great commission." Beverly Kinkade is bringing her cousins, Timothy and Stacie Martin, to join her in singing a beautiful arrangement of the David Haas tune, "You are Mine."
- November 20th:**
(Christ the King Sunday) On Christ the King Sunday, a trumpet will bring us in for the processional, "Crown Him with many crowns." The choir will sing a new arrangement of "O for a thousand tongues to sing" by Mark Hayes with flute, trumpet, and percussion.
- November 27th:**
(First Sunday of Advent) We will introduce a beautiful new song during the lighting of the Advent candles, "Come Now, O Prince of Peace," by Geonyong Lee/Jeremy Bankson, which we will sing together each Sunday during Advent. The choir will also sing a brand new song, "Walk in Light," by Karen Marroli, featuring Erv Heyde on clarinet.

Children's Music

We have several opportunities for children of St. Martin's to get involved in music. During 7-11 Club meetings on the last Friday of each month this fall, we have been learning how to ring Melody Bells and Hand Chimes. On November 6th, when we celebrate All Saints Day at the 10:15 am service, all children will be invited to play rhythm instruments such as shakers and tambourines during our African Psalm offertory. In December, we will have special rehearsals for our youth orchestra and pageant participants to prepare for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please keep watching for more information on our website and iMessages!

St. Martin's Garden Celebrates Its First Year

On October 15th the Garden Committee of St. Martins hosted a Garden Party cookout and potluck for the congregation. This was in celebration of our first year in the garden and our thanksgiving to God for all our abundance.

Here is a tally of what we have delivered to Circle of Concern as of October 11th.

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| Tomatoes | 358 lbs. |
| Beans | 24 lbs. |
| Cucumbers | 133 lbs. |
| Potatoes | 18 lbs. |
| Peppers | 68 lbs. |
| Squash | 12 lbs. |
| Beets | 9 lbs. |



In addition, the Sunday school grew 10 lbs. of wheat. The flour from this wheat will be used in making our communion bread!

As of October 11th we have made 38 trips to Circle of Concern and delivered over 600 lbs. of fresh vegetables.

As we move further into the fall season we will continue to harvest tomatoes, beets, peppers, cabbage and sweet potatoes. We hope to have a final tally for the congregation by the December newsletter. The Garden Committee wishes to thank all those who committed their time, talent and treasure in making the dream of a St. Martins garden a reality. Your prayers and support for this ministry are much appreciated. *Thank You!*



Do you have a mini-refrigerator you no longer need?
 Ours no longer works and we are looking for a replacement. If you have one to donate, please contact the parish administrator at jtheiss@stmartinschurch.org or 636-227-1484.



Yoga Comes to St. Martin's!



We are starting Yoga classes for beginners each Wednesday beginning on November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in Park Hall!

Hatha Yoga is practiced with intentional, correct breathing into each asana (pose) and has been shown to have many benefits for the mind, body, and spirit. Practiced regularly, Yoga builds muscle strength and improves balance and brings calm to the body.

Brigitte Braley, a former Yoga instructor and member of our church, will be leading us in Hatha Yoga. Not to worry, we will start out slowly and build up to more advanced poses. So tell your friends, bring your mat and lets have some fun while doing something good for ourselves!

Any questions? Please talk with Mary Pomeroy (636-532-9183) or Brigitte Braley (636-938-5699).

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As I continue to think about the experience of unloading the pumpkins this year, I find myself inspired to write to you about our Stewardship theme of "Generous Hearts," and the idea of generosity in general.

It occurred to me, while sharing these stories from the pumpkin patch, that there are three take-aways that can inform our pledge drive this year. The first is that generosity is like a line of pumpkin unloaders getting into a rhythm and flow. The times in my life, when I've felt most inspired to give generously, are the times when I've been surrounded by others who are letting their generosity flow. We have a common goal, we believe in what we're doing, and we know that together we can do more together than we can individually. Generosity is about getting into the flow of a generous, giving community.

The second take-away from the unloading was gratitude. In thinking about how much good this patch is going to do - and how much it did last year, selling over \$10,000 of pumpkins - by giving 100% of the money to our outreach missions, I felt very grateful to our pledging members. I'm grateful, because I know that the financial foundation offered by our pledging members and our trust in God's providence allows us to be so generous with such a large sum of money. Generosity is founded on gratitude.



The third take-away from the pumpkin unloading came from the scouts. I recognized in their little contest to see who could carry the biggest pumpkin a lesson about generosity. Generosity asks us not to get trapped into thinking, "what is the least I can do?" but to lean into the more uncomfortable question, "how big of a pumpkin can I carry?" We need to be able to assess honestly what is possible when we pledge. During the unloading, we had people who for medical reasons could only carry a small pumpkin, we had scouts who for developmental reasons could only carry a medium-sized pumpkin. We had grown-ups who were able to carry the biggest pumpkins. Every single pumpkin that was carried got us to our final goal, and every pumpkin needed to be carried in order to reach it. Generosity asks not how little, but how much.

I thank you for reading through these ruminations and considering your pledge to St. Martin's this year. I am grateful for the important and unique vision that the Episcopal Church has for a more compassionate, reasonable, and open Christianity, which is sorely needed in our nation and our world. I am grateful for the generous hearts of our parish, which allow us to operate St. Martin's from year to year, and to support the mission and ministry of our church.

Please pledge generously.

THANKS FOR GIVING

Holiday Food Drive 2016

In addition to the regular groceries we provide to our client families each month, Circle Of Concern provides a Thanksgiving Basket to all of our clients and their families for Thanksgiving dinner. Your gifts of food and funds help us offer Thanksgiving dinner to 550 families plus share food with more than 2,000 people each month.

Thanksgiving Items:

Cornbread Mix/Biscuit Mix
 Stuffing
 Cranberry Sauce • Canned Fruit
 Dessert Mix (cake/cobbler mix, canned pumpkin or pie filling)
 Turkey Gravy (Canned)
 Macaroni & Cheese • Rice Mixes
 Canned Vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed veggies)
 Jello Gelatin
 Yams/Canned Sweet Potatoes
 Broth or Cream Soup
 Canned Milk (evaporated or sweetened condensed)
 Large Foil Roasting Pans

Your **Cash Donation** will help purchase turkeys!



Everyday Needs:

Peanut Butter • Jelly and Jam
 Canned Meals (chili, chicken, stew)
 Dinner "Helpers" • Cereal
 Canned Fish, Meat
 Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce

***Drop off at St. Martin's by
 Sunday, November 13th***

Reminder for UTO Blue Box Collection

By Mary Drastal

The United Thank Offering will hold its annual ingathering on October 30th. Please bring in your Blue Box and place it in the box in the narthex. If you prefer to bring a check, please write UTO on the memo line and place it in the offering plate.

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.

Book Club

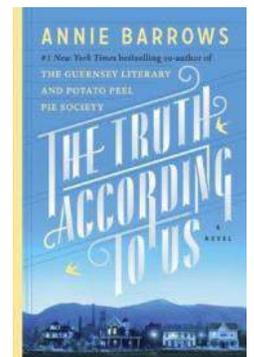
The Book Club meets on Tuesday, November 22nd from 7:00-8:30 pm in Packwood Library. We will discuss **The Truth According to Us** by Annie Barrows. Come join the discussion. Newcomers are always welcome!

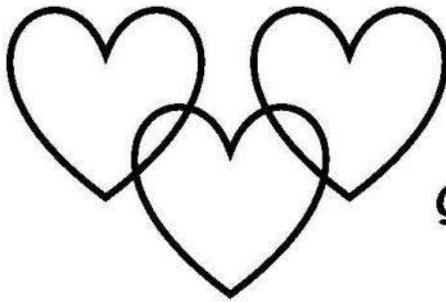
About the book:

Annie Barrows once again evokes the charm and eccentricity of a small town filled with extraordinary characters. Her new novel, *The Truth According to Us*, brings to life an inquisitive young girl, her beloved aunt, and the alluring visitor who changes the course of their destiny forever.

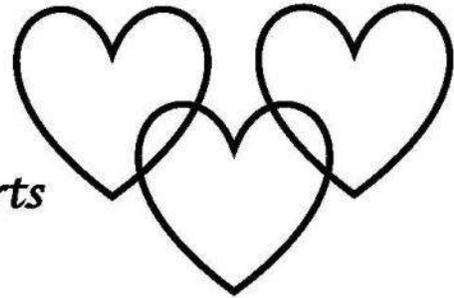
In the summer of 1938, Layla Beck's father, a United States senator, cuts off her allowance and demands that she find employment on the Federal Writers' Project, a New Deal jobs program. Within days, Layla finds herself far from her accustomed social whirl, assigned to cover the history of the remote mill town of Macedonia, West Virginia, and destined, in her opinion, to go completely mad with boredom. But once she secures a room in the home of the unconventional Romeyn family, she is drawn into their complex world and soon discovers that the truth of the town is entangled in the thorny past of the Romeyn dynasty.

At the Romeyn house, twelve-year-old Willa is desperate to learn everything in her quest to acquire her favorite virtues of ferocity and devotion—a search that leads her into a thicket of mysteries, including the questionable business that occupies her charismatic father and the reason her adored aunt Jottie remains unmarried. Layla's arrival strikes a match to the family veneer, bringing to light buried secrets that will tell a new tale about the Romeyns. As Willa peels back the layers of her family's past, and Layla delves deeper into town legend, everyone involved is transformed—and their personal histories completely rewritten.





St. Martin's
Generous Hearts
of Fall!



Fall, what a beautiful time of year!

God is generous with the mid-west by giving us a change in every season and He is generous with the colors of Fall. The trees are turning yellow, orange, and red and a drive on a country road is breath taking.

Fall also brings the St. Martin's Episcopal Church Fall Pledge Campaign. In keeping with God's generosity we are calling this fall's campaign *Generous Hearts!*

And so with a *Generous Heart* we come to you, the parishioners of St. Martin's, to ask you to examine your *Generous Hearts*. Think how much you are a part of the "heart" of St. Martin's. Without our parishioners there would be no church.

Fr. Jon Hall has sent a letter to each of you asking you to fill out a pledge card. This pledge helps keep the "heart" of St. Martin's Church beating. The more pledge cards we receive the stronger the "heart" beats!

Not sure how much to pledge? No problem, just turn the pledge card over and you will see suggested amounts to give.

Generous Hearts are beating at St. Martin's and it is our goal to hear from each one!

Please take a "beat" to consider your pledge. While considering that pledge, also take a breath to think about increasing your pledge.

Generous Hearts fill St. Martin's Episcopal Church every day of the week! Go there practically any day and you will see a group gathered here and there throughout the body of St. Martin's keeping the "heart" beating strong.

It is our goal to reach 100% participation!

Will YOU pledge something – whatever you feel you can, to keep the *Generous Heart* of St. Martin's beating?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Peace to each and every one of you!

Jim and Barb Hankemeyer
Stewardship Committee Co-chairs



The Lunch Bunch on their recent outing to the Sight and Sound Theater in Branson for the stage play, "Moses"



St. Martin's Youth Group at World Food Day

On Friday, October 14th, our Youth Group participated with numerous other groups to package 398,736 meals! These meals will be distributed locally and internationally by the St. Louis Area Foodbank and the Outreach Program.

ST. MARTIN'S MILESTONES

November Birthdays

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| November 1 | June Edwards, Bennett Carron |
| November 2 | Margaret Eidson, Sally Warren |
| November 5 | Chuck Laney |
| November 6 | Ralph Trieschmann |
| November 7 | Susan Merchak |
| November 8 | Gregg Palermo |
| November 10 | Lyn Patterson |
| November 12 | Dee Robinson |
| November 13 | Bob Bennett, Kent Montgomery |
| November 14 | Hedy Frankenfield, Billy Cline |
| November 16 | John Matthews |
| November 19 | Ken King, Florence Raiche |
| November 22 | Lana Biondo, Sam Glazer |
| November 23 | Sherrie Algren, Teil Slane |
| November 25 | Jane Klein, Sarah Greenbaum |
| November 26 | Chuck Batch, Bill Gamlin |
| November 27 | Daniel Spaethe, Jay Kanzler |
| November 29 | Joan Voit, Collin Willis |
| November 30 | Tim Cibulka |

Important Dates to Remember

Yoga Class Begins
Wednesday, November 2nd

Trivia Night
Friday, November 4th

Fall Service Day
Saturday, November 5th

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6th

Food Drive Ends
Sunday, November 13th

Diocesan Convention
November 18-19

Book Club
Tuesday, November 22nd

Combined Thanksgiving Service at
St. Anselm's Catholic Church
Tuesday, November 22nd

Peace Meal at St. John's
Saturday, December 2nd

Bishop Visits St. Martin's
Sunday, January 22nd

With Sympathy

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

Craig Erhardt, husband of Kathy Erhardt
Letty Cash, parishioner
Bob Calhoun, friend of Kirt Beckman



Births

The following birth was reported in the St. Martin's family:

Marketa Anne Raiche (born September 20, 2016), daughter of Jonathan and Chelsea Raiche
Henry Drake Clark (born October 16, 2016), son of Kevin and Julie Clark



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will not meet on Election Day (Nov. 8) or during Thanksgiving Week (Nov. 22). We will meet the other Tuesdays: November 1, 15 and 29. Women of all ages are welcomed to join our discussion of the Gospel of Luke. For more information, contact The Rev. Virginia Noel, 636-779-2888, veelee03@yahoo.com.

Did we miss your birthday?

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



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 6

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Jeanne King

Chalice: Loretta Go

Ushers: Bob & Ginny Marchetto

10:15 am

Greeters: Mopsi & Jack Hanley

OT Lesson: Rina Chittooran

NT Lesson: Michael Kovach

Prayer Leader: Gina Slobodzian

Chalice: Michael Kovach, Gina Slobodzian

Ushers: Bob Pomeroy, Sherrie Algren, Tim Bosche

Healing Ministers: Barb McCann, Judi Batch

Eucharistic Visitor: Rina Chittooran, Beverly Weaver

Sunday, November 13

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Terri Garbo

Chalice: Jim Crabtree

Ushers: Rich & Honor Hebenstreit

10:15 am

Greeters: Tim & Renee Jerry

OT Lesson: Mike Kelly

NT Lesson: Ray Harbert

Prayer Leader: Ralph Trieschmann

Chalice: Ray Harbert, Ralph Trieschmann

Ushers: Wayne Peters, Karen Sieron, Rich Eidson

Healing Ministers: Beverly Weaver, Mary Pomeroy

Eucharistic Visitor: Mike & Paula Kelly

If you cannot serve on an assigned date, please find a substitute and notify Maggie Sanders at msanders@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, November 20

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Linda Wilson

Chalice: Linda Wilson

Ushers: Steve & Maggi Brunkhorst

10:15 am

Greeters: Nancy & Steve Young

OT Lesson: Ann Harbert

NT Lesson: Judi Batch

Prayer Leader: Chuck Batch

Chalice: Judi & Chuck Batch

Ushers: Mary Jane Drake, Steve Young, Bob Pomeroy

Healing Ministers: Beverly Weaver, Diana Hauser

Eucharistic Visitor: Mary Drastal, Ray Harbert, Judi Batch, Mary Pomeroy

Sunday, November 27

8:00 am

Lessons & Prayers: Bob Elsperman

Chalice: D'Arcy Elsperman

Ushers: Bob & Ginny Marchetto

10:15 am

Greeters: Mary K & Erv Heyde

OT Lesson: John Lange

NT Lesson: Tom Allen

Prayer Leader: Mary K Heyde

Chalice: Tom Allen, Mary K Heyde

Ushers: Larry Cornelius, Bob Huheey, Linda Huheey

Healing Ministers: Barb McCann, Mary Pomeroy

Eucharistic Visitor: open

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 10:00am Women's Bible Study | 2 10:00am Yoga Class 10:00am Spiritual Direction / Lectio Divina 1:15pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 3 10:00am Chair Exercises 10:00am Joyous Word Bible Study 6:30pm Parables Bible Study | 4 office closed 6:30pm Trivia Night | 5 10:00am Fall Service Day 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion |
| 6 <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Spark! 10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Sunday Brunch 4:00pm #EpiscopalliansVote | 7 10:00am Story Time 10:30am Bible Study 11:00am Quilting Class 1:00pm Eucharist at the Fountains 5:30pm Outreach Committee | 8 <i>Election Day</i> | 9 10:00am Yoga Class 1:15pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 10 10:00am Chair Exercises 10:00am Joyous Word Bible Study 6:30pm Parables Bible Study | 11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> office closed | 12 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Men's Group Breakfast 10:00am Metro IV 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion |
| 13 <i>Feast of St. Martin</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Spark! 10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Sunday Brunch 4:00pm Executive Committee 6:00pm Youth Group | 14 10:00am Story Time 10:30am Bible Study 11:00am Quilting Class 5:00pm Stewardship Committee | 15 10:00am Women's Bible Study | 16 10:00am Yoga Class 1:15pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 17 10:00am Chair Exercises 10:00am Joyous Word Bible Study 6:30pm Parables Bible Study | 18 <i>Diocesan Convention</i> office closed | 19 <i>Diocesan Convention</i> 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion |
| 20 <i>Priest Discretionary Fund Sunday</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Advent Event 10:15am Spark! 10:15am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Vestry Meeting | 21 10:30am Bible Study 11:00am Quilting Class | 22 7:00pm Book Club 7:30pm Combined Thanksgiving Service at St. Anselm Catholic Church | 23 10:00am Yoga Class 1:15pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> office closed | 25 office closed | 26 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5:05pm Mellow Worship with Holy Communion |
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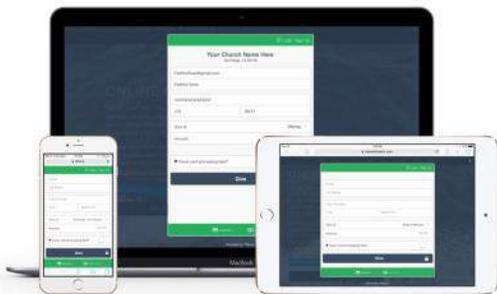
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Saturdays at 5:05 pm

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You can then register your credit card or even connect the program with your bank account to set up easy one time or regularly scheduled payments to the church. This is a great way to set up your weekly or monthly pledge payments so that when you are out of town, St. Martin's can still rely on your pledge making it into the church for our ongoing needs.