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MESSAGES

FROM ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BACK TO SCHOOL—PENTECOST 2017

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Welcome

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What a pleasure it is to welcome you back to the St. Martin's newsletter! The staff and vestry just thought there were too many good things happening to not share four newsletter publications over the next year. Therefore you will be able to see what is happening at St. Martin's from September through November in this edition. Then another newsletter will come out at the end of November that will cover Advent, Christmastide and Epiphany. The third issue will come out before Lent and will go through Holy Week and Eastertide. The fourth edition will come out before Pentecost and take us through the summer season. Our weekly iMessages, bulletin inserts, and special emails will continue. Our newly designed website will continue as well. I am very grateful for the work of Jill Gould, our Communications Coordinator and Assistant to Clergy, for the extra efforts in making this possible. I thank the staff, vestry, and ministry leaders for contributing to this newsletter and the ongoing life of our parish!



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Journey to Generosity

One thought that I want to share with you as I plan sermon topics and my role in various meetings for this 2017 fall term is that of **UNITY**. Theologically we are unified by the love of God and the sacramental expressions of the church. We share a great deal as a congregation and are continually asked to pay attention to where and how God is calling us to respond. Typically we respond through the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. We do a combination of these throughout our life. The journey of our faith lives offers many opportunities to address what we receive from God and then how we respond through the efforts of our faith community. This is our way of partnering with God who is restoring and unifying all things for the sake of the Kingdom of God. We share in that privilege to serve.

With this in mind we are aware that St. Martin's is in the midst of discerning what these arenas will look like for the rest of 2017 and throughout 2018. Our commitment in three main areas, Capital Campaign, Endowment and Investment funds, and the Operating Budget, will set a trajectory for years to come. The shared witness we have is aided by the manner in which we communicate, collaborate, and celebrate our mission together. We are on a collective journey. It might seem like it meanders from time to time but it is



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never random or without purpose. Our discipleship keeps us aware that we are following the God of love and transformation. Our mission is to be joyful witnesses of hope in a world that needs to hear the good news of Christ's love. This is never causal or comfortable. It is intentional and challenging in a way that reveals the power of serving others as a Christ – led community who worships and grows in spiritual maturity together. In short – being a member of a Christian movement and the church means something. It is not substituted by walks in the park or time with a good book as nice as those things can be. The work of the church is not something that is always measurable or visible. Yet God knows.

This fall we will be having simultaneous conversations about how we will respond to God's providence. For instance you will hear about the upcoming opportunities to give to the Capital Campaign Fund. There are needs all over the church campus and as stewards of this space we are looking at short-term and long-term solutions. This campaign does not need to be seen as competition to the other areas of stewardship we will be discussing further.

Another area of stewardship is that of growing our Legacy Endowment Fund and St. Martin's Investment Fund. We have printed information explaining how each fund operates plus you can find descriptions on our website. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with each and how they complement not only one another but other areas of our stewardship.

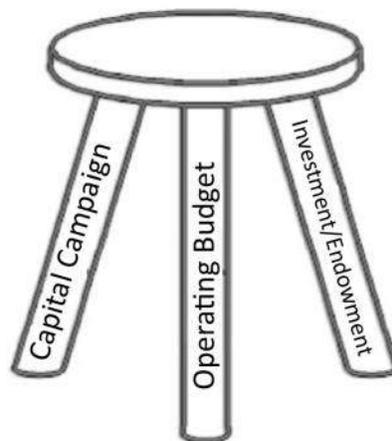
The third leg on the stool, so to speak, is our Operating Budget. This is mainly driven by pledges but like most churches has a smaller percentage supported by the Investment Fund. You as a congregation have been faithful in your pledges and for that I want to commend you for participating in the mission of the church. The Operating Budget is not merely about doing what it takes to "keep the lights on" at the church. I say it has

always been about keeping the light of Christ on in the world. Therefore the physical lights at the church are just the beginning to responding to our call as Christians and agents of change in the world. Remember Jesus said for us to be salt and light in the world (Mt. 5:13-16). In order to do that we utilize all of these aforementioned areas of stewardship with balance, grace, and intelligence. A dose of prayer and yielding to the Holy Spirit keeps us balanced as well. Otherwise we are creating a chair or stool where one or two legs are longer, or shorter, than the rest. It takes an energetic generosity to keep these conversations going. The benefit is then worth the effort because we have listened to one another. We have listened and have planned to implement, via all of our resources, what is

needed most in our witness as a living church. If we have ideas for new ministries then we listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's people. If we have issues regarding the building that serves St. Martin's as a parish and several worthwhile community groups then we listen to what repairs need to be done and prioritize those jobs. If we understand that additions or subtractions in staff influence our

ministry opportunities then we listen to how we can stretch and adjust to make that happen.

I believe that God's gifts to us are a means to not only be on a random journey but a Christian Journey of Generosity. This is why Jesus shared stories with us such as the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler, and Zacchaeus. In each account the people responded by giving so much more than a tip to God. Something profound occurred that caused them to shift, to listen, and to pay attention. They each met Jesus in their own way. My prayer is that our individual and corporate lives would also meet Jesus. In fact I care more about that happening than having certain numbers in our savings or in our budget. I can say this because I believe that whenever we encounter Jesus we want to be like



MUSIC NOTES from Denise



WHY does St. Martin’s have a church choir????

I was reading an article, “**The Four Functions of a Church Choir,**” on the website ChoralNet. It was written by Brian Hehn, a fellow Director of Music Ministry for Arapaho United Methodist in Richardson TX, and it spoke to me, affirming many of my own ideas. Here are some highlights:

1. The church choir leads and enlivens the congregation’s song.

This may come as a surprise to some, but this is the first and most important function. Why is this? We become what we sing. When we take words and put them to music, it becomes part of who we are....By giving the congregation new singing skills and confidence, we empower them for the rest of their lives to better embody God’s word through music.

2. The church choir sings music that the congregation cannot.

There are some texts set to challenging music that congregations need to hear, whether it’s because it is comforting in times of crises, praising in times of joy, or inspiring in times of apathy. By spending the time and effort to rehearse each week, the choir provides a great service by opening up the amount of literature the congregation can be exposed to.

3. The church choir serves as a small group within the church for faith formation.

When we sing together, a bond is created that unites us unlike any other activity. Because we meet together to do God’s work, taking care of each other becomes a natural responsibility. Because we sing, “Ubi caritas,” “Where charity and love are, God is there” as a biblical witness in worship, we treat each other with love and act like “Christ’s love has gathered us into one.”

4. The church choir sings beautiful & challenging music to praise God & edify the congregation.

It is important that when we sing we sing beautifully, because it touches people’s souls. It is important, however, that the first three goals are not forgotten when trying to achieve this. A church choir’s job is not just to sing beautifully, but rather it is to minister to everyone in a variety of ways, helping to change the world into a more loving and peaceful place.



Contact Denise Marsh at dmarsh@stmartinschurch.org

St. Martin’s Choir invites singers of all ages, 6th grade and up, to join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the choir room downstairs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

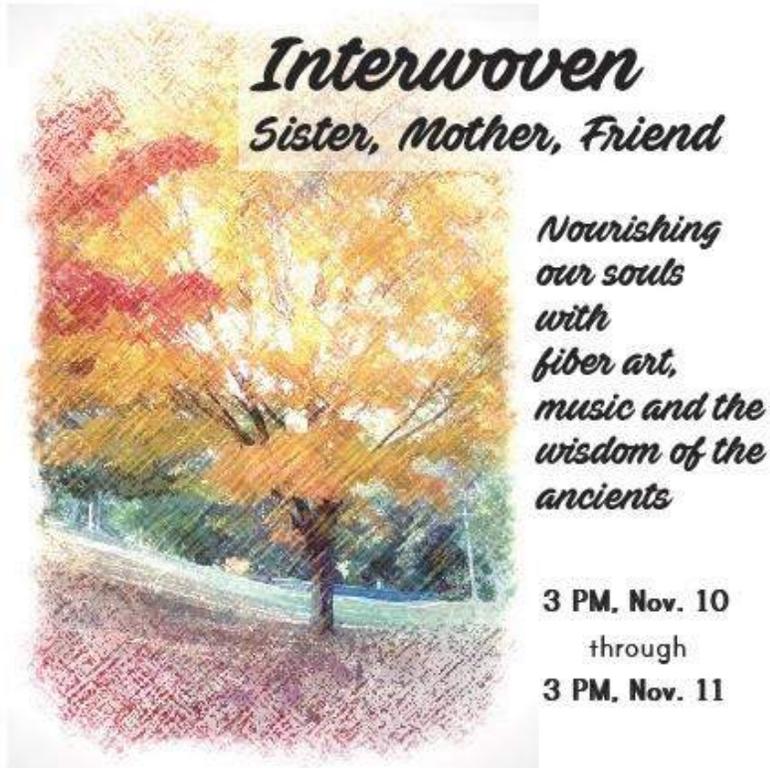
YOUNG PEOPLE in the ART of WORSHIP: There will be many opportunities for children and youth to participate in St. Martin's Worship through music, dance, and art throughout the coming year. Please send the names and ages of your children to Denise Marsh: dmarsh@stmartinschurch.org so that we can stay connected.

HAND BELL CHOIR: We meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and play 4 or 5 times throughout the year. We welcome new members who are curious to learn a new skill!

EVENSONG will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 8th. Please come to experience the “*presence*” of the Holy Spirit through song and meditation with our brief Evensong service.

Sharing Thanksgiving Service with St. Francis Episcopal Church! St. Martin's congregation has been invited to share a special Thanksgiving service at St. Francis' new building: 602 Rockwood Arbor Drive in Eureka, at **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 21st.** Our choir will join the St. Francis choir to celebrate the many things that both churches are thankful for and we hope everyone will attend!

The Episcopal Church Women 2017 Annual Retreat



The Rev. Emily Hillquist Davis, retreat leader
 Mary Drastal, artist, Lura Koch, musician

Held at the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center,
 2039 N. Geyer Road in St. Louis, 63131

\$45 cost includes retreat, overnight room and meals
 Register at <http://tiny.cc/ECW-Annual-2017>
 Scholarships available

Changes in Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will now meet **twice a month** instead of weekly. We will meet on **Wednesday** instead of Tuesday. This Fall we will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays in September and October. Because of Thanksgiving, we will meet on the second and third Wednesdays in November. We will also meet on the fifth Wednesday in November to avoid interfering with Advent and Christmas. So our meetings will be on September 13, 27; October 11, 25; November 8, 15, 29. We meet in the **parish library** from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** with one exception. The art presentation on November 29 will be from 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Come join our interesting discussions on how Luke treats outsiders and foreigners; the rising of women in Lucan Christianity; the change in worship from temple to "house churches" in Luke/Acts and comparison with China today; the Roman Empire in the time of Jesus (led by historian Dr. Bonnie Stepenoff) and the life of Jesus in art (presented by artist Mary Drastal). All women are invited to come to any or all classes. For more information contact The Rev. Virginia Noel, 636-779-2888, veelee03@yahoo.com.

Spiritual Growth and the Tract Rack

Ever wonder about the origins of Episcopal worship, or the difference between the Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church, or maybe what it means to be a Godparent or how to keep the Sabbath? Answers to these questions and more can be found on the Tract Rack in the Narthex here at St. Martin's as seen in this picture. Tracts are brief pamphlets explaining aspects of religious life. Most of the tracts found here at St. Martin's are produced by Forward Movement, which is a ministry of the Episcopal Church in the United States, whose mission is to reinvigorate the life of the church. Since 1935, Forward Movement has published the quarterly devotional Forward Day by Day, as well as books and pamphlets that foster spiritual growth and encourage discipleship. Tracts and the Forward Day by Day booklets are made available as one aspect of Christian Formation in the parish. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities for spiritual growth. If you are able, we ask that you make a contribution to this effort by dropping something into the grey tract rack box on the wall next to the rack. Each small pamphlet or a Forward Day by Day pocket size edition costs the parish \$1 each, the large print version costs \$1.35. Liturgical calendars are also offered each year for \$2.00 each.



Flowers to the Glory of God

In the same picture, next to the Tract Rack is the Flower Chart. Traditionally, Churches have used a Flower Fund to serve a dual purpose, most importantly to provide flowers on the altar each Sunday to the Glory of God. Socially, signing up to make a donation to the Flower Fund on a certain Sunday with a dedication to appear in the bulletin can highlight the milestones of life. You might celebrate a birth, baptism, birthday, or anniversary; mark a memorial or give thanks by making a dedication through the Flower Fund. Above the chart is a description of how the Flower Program works. Consider if you have a milestone event in the life of your family to celebrate and choose a Sunday to sponsor flowers. You will receive a reminder letter in the mail with a coupon to describe your dedication.

St. Francis Celebrations – Sunday, October 1

We will celebrate this amazing saint at all worship services the weekend prior to October 4 (St. Francis' actual feast day).

Pets are welcome at 2:00 p.m. (in Park Hall or outside in good weather)

We will have pet blessings and a short service at 2:00 p.m.

St. Francis medals will be available for pets.

This service will be in Park Hall or outside, depending on the weather.





Charity Drives: Thanksgiving through Christmas

Thanksgiving Food Collection for Circle of Concern

Grocery bags will be given out at services on October 29 to fill for Circle of Concern. Food items needed will be listed on the bags. If you want to make a monetary donation, please put on the memo line, “Thanksgiving Collection.” The food should be returned to St. Martin’s by November 12.

Toy Collection for Circle of Concern

We will be collecting toys and other suggested items for the clients of Circle of Concern, our West County social service agency. There will be a list of suggestions in the bulletin insert in November. All items should be new, unwrapped and dropped off at St. Martin’s by December 10. There will be a collection box in Park Hall. Thank you for supporting this Outreach Ministry.

Collection for Episcopal City Mission

ECM provides chaplaincy to youth in detention. Items that we collect at Christmas are wrapped at a wrapping party and distributed to the youth. A list of suggested items will be available in November and there will be a collection box in Park Hall. All items should be new, unwrapped and dropped off by December 10. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile project.

Peace Meal

The Peace Meal Project is a free fellowship meal for all every Saturday evening at St. John’s in Tower Grove. St. Martin’s will sponsor two more of these dinners this year on September 23 and December 9.

We typically run two shifts on these days: preparation 2:00–4:00 pm and serving 4:00–6:00 pm. Some choose to work one shift and others opt to help out during the full four hours. Our volunteers always come back thankful for the opportunity and experience of working here.

Please contact Larry Cornelius (larry.cornelius@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate.

Blood Drive

St. Martin’s fall blood drive will be on Tuesday, October 3, 2:30–6:30 p.m. in Park Hall. Volunteers will be able to sign up in Park Hall or online at redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: St. Martins. YOU can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.

- On any given day, an average of 38,000 units of red blood cells are needed for hospital patients in the United States.
- One in 10 people entering a hospital needs blood.
- There is no substitute for human blood. It cannot be manufactured.
- The average body has 10 to 12 pints of blood.
- There are about 1 billion red blood cells in 2 to 3 drops of blood. A newborn baby has about one cup of blood in his or her body.
- Blood is often needed for traumas, heart surgeries, joint replacements, organ transplants, premature babies, leukemia and cancer treatments.
- Medications do not prevent people from donating.
- One year cancer survivors as well as diabetics and people with high blood pressure are eligible to donate.

For questions please contact D’Arcy Elsperman at darcyge@att.net.

United Thank Offering

St. Martin’s Fall UTO Ingathering will be Sunday, November 5. The United Thank Offering, or UTO, has been a financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church since 1889. Through the decades the United Thank Offering has expanded with changing leadership and expectations. Through prayer and thankful giving of our gifts, we reach out into the world. It is a part of our heritage and an important part of the Episcopal Church history.



The money collected supports missions and ministries, domestically and internationally. Just a few examples of UTO grants in recent years have included solar power for an African orphanage and medical clinic, a community tractor for sustainable food production, camps for children of incarcerated parents, musical instruments for music appreciation in rural communities, a playground for children with special needs, and a sewing program for vocational training.

The mission statement of UTO is “Put gifts into the Blue Box with thanksgiving, prayer, and generosity; take blessings out of the box for grants extending the church’s faithfulness to God’s mission.” On the day of Ingathering, our donations, mostly in the form of coin-filled Blue Boxes will be collected and blessed. If you have not done so, please pick up a Blue Box located in Park Hall.

The Blue Box can serve as a daily opportunity to give thanks to God. Keeping the Blue Box out on the kitchen table can be a gentle reminder to be thankful. For me, sometimes the remembering (even with phone alerts and calendars) can be difficult in our busy lives! The important things, like taking time to be thankful, can easily be overlooked.

As written on the UTO website: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto>, “Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity.” Remember to bring your Blue Boxes to church Sunday, November 5. If you prefer to write a check then please make it payable to St. Martin’s Episcopal Church with “UTO” in the memo line. Thank you!

For there to be joy in our hearts, we need to change. We need to say grace over everything, every morsel and every crumb. We have to be grateful for our work, for the parts of our jobs that are not on our wish lists and the tasks that drive us crazy. In all these things, we are nurturing a creative spirit that can be a source of wonder.

Becca Stevens
 Founder, Thistle Farms

And I remind you to count those “uncomfortable” blessings with coins in the UTO box so that all your blessings can go out into the world to bless others.

Jeanne Lucas King
 Diocese of Missouri UTO Coordinator

St. Martin’s Garden Keeps Growing!

Your St. Martin’s Garden keeps growing! This spring we added four new grow beds; plus we planted four new “in-ground” beds for strawberries, beans, eggplant and cantaloupe.

Last year we delivered nearly 750 lbs. of fresh vegetables to Circle of Concern. This year our goal is to deliver 1,000 lbs.! Through the end of July we have delivered over 500 lbs. The months of August and September will be our heaviest production months and in the next several weeks we will be planting vegetables for our fall harvest. So as you can see “our eyes are on the prize.”

This Spring we trenched a water and electric line from the church to the garden in order to make watering and edging around the beds easier. Hats off to Mark Warren, Jim Fisher, Scott Pattengill, Dan Patterson, Bob Pomeroy and Lincoln Drake for all the hard work they put into this project. In order to pay for this improvement we had a fundraiser in July where we asked the congregation for a donation and we offered our “garden garlic” as a “thank you.” Kudos to Leslie Lentz for growing the wonderful garlic and to Mary Pomeroy for her recipe and organizing the fundraiser. The good news is that garden donations for the month of July totaled \$534. A big THANK YOU goes out to all at St. Martin’s for your support.

Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to recognize the members of our Garden Project. We have grown to quite a sizable committee. Not everyone can spend a lot of time with the garden due to family and job commitments. But we all do what we can – that’s the important part. We all contribute in some way and all contributions are valued. Finally, let me close by saying that whenever we deliver vegetables to Circle we make sure to say “here are vegetables from St. Martin’s.” Not from some individual, not from some committee, but from you – St. Martin’s. This is your ministry and we the undersigned are proud to serve on your behalf and on behalf of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Garden Project Members

Stacy Bendl
Jim Fisher
Bob Pomeroy
Leslie Lenz

Mary Pomeroy
John Lange
Jonathan Raiche
Chelsea Raiche

Scott Pattengill
Leslie Pattengill
Gail Schneider
Cindy Warren

Nancy Sinclair
Mark Warren
Lincoln Drake
Dan Patterson

Production Update as of 8/13/2017

<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Tomatoes	298	Five beds planted; still producing strong
Cucumbers	86	Disappointing; plants died early
Peppers	75	Good, three beds planted
Onions	47	Good; 40 plants harvested
Cantaloupe	43	Good; 24 cantaloupe produced so far
Squash	37	Good; both green and yellow producing
Lettuce	32	Good; part of one bed planted re-planted
Beets	30	Good; one bed; 46 plants; re-planted
Cabbage	17	Good; 5 plants harvested; re-planted
Eggplant	16	Good; five plants producing
Potatoes	12	Disappointing; produce too small
Garlic	10	Good; fund raiser; 40 plants
Spinach	7	Good; partial bed planted; re-planted
Peas	6	Good; one side of trellis planted
Cauliflower	3	Bad; big plant, little produce
Radish	2	Good; only two rows planted; re-planted
Broccoli	2	Bad; big plant, little produce
Beans	0	Bad; herbicide infected
Okra	0	Bad; big plant, little produce
Total	723	

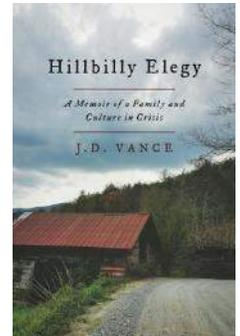
Book Club

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

The Book Club meets in Packwood Library on the fourth Tuesday of the month. In September we will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance. Come join the discussion!

About the book: From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream.

Vance's grandparents were "dirt poor and in love." They got married and moved north from Kentucky to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. Their grandchild (the author) graduated from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of their success in achieving upward mobility for their family. But Vance cautions that is only the short version. The slightly longer version is that his grandparents, aunt, uncle, and mother struggled to varying degrees with the demands of their new middle class life and they, and Vance himself, still carry around the demons of their chaotic family history.



Delving into his own personal story and drawing on a wide array of sociological studies, Vance takes us deep into working class life in the Appalachian region. This demographic of our country has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, and Vance provides a searching and clear-eyed attempt to understand when and how "hillbillies" lost faith in any hope of upward mobility, and in opportunities to come.

At times funny, disturbing, and deeply moving, this is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of this country.

Upcoming sessions:

October 24: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

November 28: *The Story of the Fourth Wise Man* by Juliet Ellis-Behnke and Henry van Dyke

January 23: *The Other Einstein* by Marie Bennedict

February 27: *Still Life* by Louis Penny

March 27: *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg

April 24: *Back Channel* by Stephen L. Carter

Our next newsletter will be mailed just before Advent.

*If you have news to share with the St. Martin's
congregation, please submit it to
communications@stmartinschurch.org
no later than Wednesday, November 8, 2017.*

Youth Group Calendar

Sunday, September 17	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Saturday, October 7	12:00–3:00 p.m.	Pumpkin Unloading
October 7-31	All Day Shifts	Pumpkin Patch
Sunday, October 15	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Saturday, October 21	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
Friday, November 3	5:00–8:00 p.m.	World Food Day
November 17-18	Times TBD	Youth Group Lock-In
Sunday, November 19	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, December 17	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
January 5-6, 2018	Times TBD	Diocesan Youth Lock-In
Sunday, January 21	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Saturday, February 10	9:00–11:00 a.m.	Absalom Jones Celebration
Tuesday, February 13	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Sunday, February 18	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, March 18	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, April 15	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, May 20	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
May 28–June 1, 2018	Times TBD	Youth Mission Trip
June 2018	Times/Date TBD	DYAC Mission Trip
July 29–August 4	Times TBD	Camp Phoenix

Confirmation classes start this winter and continue into the spring. They will be held the second Sunday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (one exception: first Sunday in March). Classes will start in November and run through April.

If you would like for your child to participate in confirmation classes, please contact Father Jon (jhall@stmartinschurch.org) or Rev. Emily (edavis@stmartinschurch.org).

Youth Group will meet the third Sunday of every month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is *Change the World*.

Acolytes

All students in grades 6-12 and adults are invited to serve as an acolyte during our Sunday worship services. Training will be provided. If you need training, please contact Susan Carpenter (susancarpentercebs@gmail.com) or Father Jon (jhall@stmartinschurch.org) to schedule. Once trained, please sign up on our website (stmartinschurch.org) on the Worship Support page or the Ministries page.

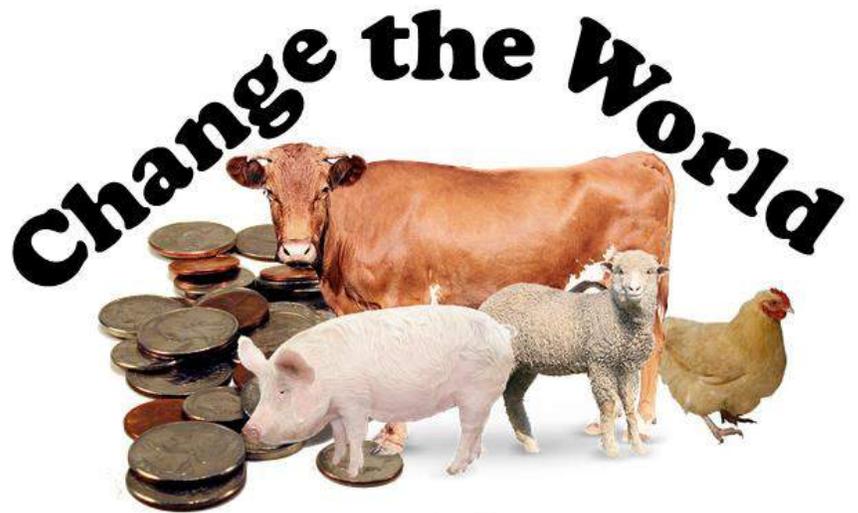
Diocesan Youth Advisory Council

Applications are now being accepted for the Diocesan Youth Advisory Council. DYAC is a committee of youth in grades 7-12 appointed by the Bishop to advise the diocese and, particularly, the Youth Missioner, about issues related to and concerning youth and youth ministry in the Diocese of Missouri and the wider Episcopal Church. Members of DYAC are expected to attend three meetings a year (the first of which will be September 24th), attend diocesan youth events, and help make a presentation to Diocesan Convention. The application is due by September 1, 2017 and can be found at https://www.diocesemo.org/files/5115/0351/5770/DYAC_app_form.pdf.

Pennies into Poultry

Over 20,000 pennies were donated to the Change the World project which purchased another flock of chickens and a goat. This brings our total 2017 donations to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) to three goats and two flocks of chickens! Great work!

Please keep the change coming so we can continue blessing families!



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Zacchaeus and bless the community around us and our Lord and Savior with our resources. If this seems crazy then so be it. We can never out give the gifts God has entrusted to us! We can't out crazy the abundance of the Good News of Christ either. We might as well join the grand Eucharistic party at Christ's table in a deeper and renewed way. After all Jesus has already sent out the invitations and has reserved a space for you and me at the table that celebrates the Great Thanksgiving and our new life in Christ.

Yes, we are truly blessed to be a blessing!
Faithfully yours, Fr. Jon

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 21.
There are several opportunities to participate!

You can sign up online by going to our website (stmartinschurch.org) and clicking on "Get Involved" or go to Ministries and you will see the sign up button.

Nominations Call for Leadership Positions



Diocese of Missouri
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 178th Diocesan Convention will meet Nov. 17 & 18, 2017 in Hannibal, MO, and will elect lay members and clergy to governance including to Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board, Standing Committee, and Cathedral Chapter. The Committee on Nominations and Election Procedures of this diocese is charged with finding three candidates to stand for election for each of this year's open positions.

Are you called to serve in this ministry of leadership?

Have you someone to recommend from your congregation or this diocese?

Cathedral Chapter

- Electing 1 clergy & 1 lay member, not Cathedral parishioners, both from outside St. Louis City/County
- 3 yr term, monthly meetings at the Cathedral
- is the legal governing and decision-making body of the cathedral, consisting of elected lay representatives of the congregation, elected at-large representatives from the Diocese of Missouri and ex-officio members. (In a parish this body is called a vestry.) Its duties include approving the budget and making policy.

Disciplinary Board

- Electing 2 lay members & 1 clergy person
- 3 year term, meets as needed, at least once each year after convention for training and to elect a president.
- Exists to help in cases where clergy have been presented with charges under the Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Canons (Title IV) of Episcopal Church Canons. If a presentment arises the DB president along with the bishop will review the work of the Intake Officer to determine need for further investigation. Depending on investigation's outcome, DB may work in two groups, one that would seek conciliation, the other to serve as a trial court should a case go that far.

Diocesan Council

- Electing 2 lay members
- 3 year term, meets 6 times a year, at least once each quarter, currently on Saturdays.
- Carries out the work of diocesan convention between annual meetings, prepares and oversees the budget, develops and reviews diocesan programs. It consists of elected (by convention and convocation) and appointed members.
- Functions as the Corporation of the Diocese.

Standing Committee

- Electing 1 clergy person & 2 lay members
- 4 year term, meets monthly, currently last Thursday of month, 5-7 PM at St. Martin's Church in Ellisville
- Functions as the council of advice to the Bishop, is a visioning group for the diocese. Certifies candidates for ordination in this diocese and votes on consent to the election, ordination, and consecration of bishops churchwide. May serve as ecclesiastical authority for the diocese in the absence of a bishop.

Nominations due by 5 PM, Thurs., Sept. 28, 2017

More information on these governance bodies, forms for nominations, and a copy of this flyer at diocesemo.org/convention2017

Additional information from the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedures, Mr. Rich Luebcke, nominations@diocesemo.org

Fall 2017 Stewardship Approaches, “Journey to Generosity” Theme Announced

It is with great pride and joy to be serving as the Co-Chair with Father Jon for this year’s campaign. I am very excited to be entrusted with helping our church remain financially healthy supporting our vibrant outreach missions. We have a terrific committee that reflects both the diversity and strong faith of our wonderful congregation. Please give a warm welcome and prayerful support to this year’s committee comprised of:

John Alden Co-Chair
(Vestry)

Fr Jon Hall, Co-Chair
Loretta Go

Chuck Converse
Kay Fletcher (Vestry)

Jason Smith
Anne Fisher

There will be upcoming bulletin inserts, and witness sharing and a new opportunity to journal our own personal journeys. Save the date for Sunday, October 22, for the Vestry Forum as I will be providing more insight to our Stewardship program. A great resource for understanding the broader calling of Stewardship can be found at www.tens.org.

This will be a tremendous opportunity for conversations and enrichment. I look forward to our combined success and goal attainments!

~ John Alden

Adult Christian Formation Fall Schedule

(all forums are at 9a.m. in Park Hall unless otherwise noted)

September

3 (Labor Day Weekend) = Rector’s forum

10 = Vestry forum

17 = Formation kickoff: Transforming Questions

(this is a lectionary based discussion facilitated by Mary Richardson and Beverly Weaver)

24 = Transforming Questions

October

1 = Transforming Questions

8 = Facilities / Capital Campaign presentation

15 = Transforming Questions

22 = Stewardship Committee: Journey to Generosity

29 = Transforming Questions

November

5 = Transforming Questions (All Saint’s Sunday & Pledge Ingathering for Staff, Stew Crew, and Vestry)

12 = Transforming Questions (St. Martin’s Sunday)

19 = Transforming Questions

26 = Advent Event intergenerational activity

December

3 = Advent Event intergenerational activity

10 = Social Justice Commission: Being a Beloved Community

17 = Transforming Questions

24 = No Forum Today (Christmas Eve Day)

31 = Transforming Questions

ST. MARTIN'S BIRTHDAYS

September

September 2	Paul Johnson
September 3	Eric FencI
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
September 14	Olivia Diel
September 15	Riley Griggs
September 16	Michael Ehrhardt
September 17	Colton Quade
September 18	Jane Valere, Denise Marsh
September 19	Scott Pattengill, Brian Peters
September 20	Bette Burfield, Linda Hoff, Jayson Slobodzian, Marketa Raiche
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
September 26	Patrick Parker
September 28	Mike Kelly, Janice Voit
September 29	Chris Iselin
September 30	Barb McCann, Judy Mena

October

October 1	Mason Bias
October 2	Tom Soule
October 3	Carolann Sternberg, Steve Lee
October 4	Max Adewunmi
October 5	Garrett Newcomer
October 6	Linda Hines, Lindsey Peters
October 8	Barbara Larson, Bob Ecker
October 10	Clayton Lee, Tori FencI, Christopher Lenz
October 12	Carl Cowles, Lorilee Baumer
October 13	Bob Hoff, Jody Mena
October 14	Thomas Andersen
October 15	Mason Smith, Henry Clark
October 16	Patty Shutek
October 17	Susan Carpenter, Tim Bosche, Ryan Lockhart
October 20	Sarah Spaethe
October 21	Bob Elsperman
October 22	Chloe Bostic
October 23	Russ Sternberg
October 24	Julie Symanek, Jason Newcomer, William Bias
October 25	Poppy Parker
October 26	Liz Arras
October 27	Brian Gould
October 28	Ginny Marchetto, Will Gerretsen
October 29	Justin Naber
October 31	Mopsi Hanley

Did we miss your birthday?
Send important dates and announcements to communications@stmartinschurch.org.

November

November 1	June Edwards, Bennett Carron	November 16	John Matthews
November 2	Margaret Eidson, Sally Warren	November 17	Reagan Muchiri
November 6	Ralph Trieschmann	November 19	Ken King, Florence Raiche
November 7	Susan Merchak	November 22	Sam Glazer
November 8	Walter Landgraf	November 23	Sherrie Algren
November 10	Lyn Patterson	November 25	Jane Klein
November 11	Michael Kovach	November 26	Chuck Batch, Bill Gamlin
November 12	Dee Robinson	November 27	Daniel Spaethe
November 13	Bob Bennett, Kent Montgomery	November 29	Joan Voit, Collin Willis
November 14	Hedy Frankenfield, Billy Cline	November 30	Tim Cibulka

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Important Dates

Mark your calendar Or post this page on your fridge

Rector's Forum	September 3
Spark! Open House	September 10
Vestry Forum	September 10
Sunday School Kick-Off	September 17
Pet Blessing	October 1
Blood Drive	October 3
Pumpkins Arrive	October 7
Pumpkin Patch	October 7-31
Evensong	October 8
Fall Festival	October 21
Garden Celebration	October 28
All Saints Sunday / First Ingathering	November 5
St. Martin's Sunday / Pledge Ingathering	November 12
Thanksgiving Service with St. Francis	November 21
Annual Meeting	January 28, 2018

Book Study: Present Over Perfect

Wednesdays, September 20 & 27, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Our clergy, Jon and Emily, will lead a new book study for two sessions in September. *Present Over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living* by Shauna Niequist is the book up for discussion. Please acquire your own copy of this book (available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble) and join us in September!

About the book: In a culture that values speed, efficiency, image, and busyness, some of us are aching for another way to live: more intentional, more connected. Simpler, slower, richer. Many of us have believed the myth that achievement and success bring us contentment, only to find it's actually things like connection and meaning, not success and achievement, that provide true peace and genuine happiness.

Present Over Perfect is bestselling author Shauna Niequist's motto for how to live a rich, engaged, and loving life in the midst of what often feels terribly messy and imperfect. Similar in format to Shauna's previous books, this is a collection of essays that focuses on the journey from frantic and tired to connected and free. Many of us find ourselves busier than we want to be, missing the sweetest moments along the way. We end up resentful and distracted, full of regret and feeling disconnected. *Present Over Perfect* is a hand reaching out to a new way of living—full of grace, space, and connection.

As a wife, mother, friend, and writer, Shauna shares with vulnerability and transparency about the reality of living wholly present in our relationships with our families and the others we love and inspires readers to discover their own path to this more fulfilling way to do life.



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St. Martin's Third Annual Pumpkin Patch



The pumpkins will arrive at noon on **Saturday, October 7**, and we will staff the patch from that afternoon until Halloween!

Please volunteer to help unload and work some shifts!
Sign-ups in Park Hall and online.

To sign up online, simply go to our website (stmartinschurch.org) and click on "Get Involved" or go to "Outreach" and click on "Pumpkin Patch."