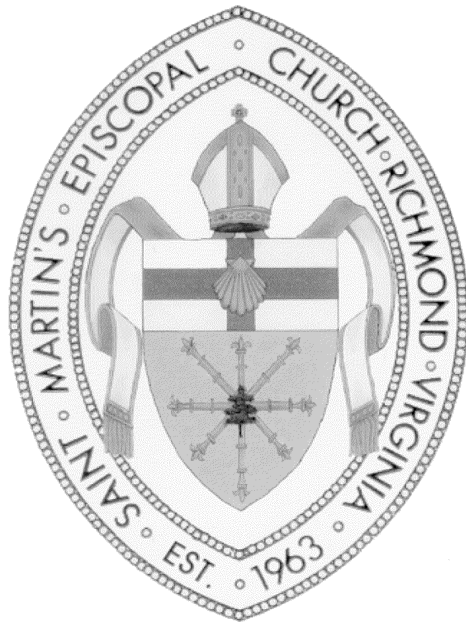


**ST. MARTIN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2008**

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**ST. MARTIN'S  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2009**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Hymn
- III. Opening Prayer (Prayer Book p. 818, # 12):

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in St. Martin's for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**IV. Appointment of Secretary**

**V. Appointment of Tellers (2)**

**VI. Introductions**

- Vestry Nominations and Ballot
- Resolutions

**VII. Reports**

- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Budget
- Report of Council

**VIII. Hymn**

**IX. Adjournment**

**Eligibility to Vote:**

All adult Communicants in good standing, registered in the particular church in which they offer to vote, shall be entitled to vote. (A Communicant in good standing is a person, age 16 +, who has been baptized, received communion at least 3 times during the preceding year, and has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and in working, giving and praying for the spread of the Kingdom of God).

## **PRIEST'S ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Father Lee Hutchson**

For several years now we have seen our congregation grow, activities increase and new people join us in worship. In some cases, long-time members might be threatened by this, but that has not been the case at St. Martin's - it has been the reverse; newcomers have been welcomed. When I first arrived, the Vestry made known their desire to work together to grow our congregation, and our prayers and work have been rewarded.

Four years ago, the Vestry set a goal to increase our attendance by 25% by the end of 2008. Although we closed 2008 short of this goal, attendance has increased by 20%. This past year we were officially joined by James and Christa Burr and Marion Welsch. Also, last year we had 8 baptisms.

Warm bodies in the pews are nice, but spiritual growth of our members is most important. Our first session of the Essential 100, in which small groups discussed five of the 100 most important stories of the Bible, went very well. The Women's Bible Study, led by Barbara Lockridge, has remained strong. We are still waiting for a guy to step forward to lead a men's group! The Prayer Group continues to meet twice a month to pray for members of our congregation. The Daughters of the King have continued their ministry of prayer and service to our congregation

I believe several things have allowed us to flourish. First is our High Church tradition. We preach and teach the Catholic faith; this is expressed in our worship. Our High Church worship makes us different from other congregations. With Scripture as our foundation and the ancient teaching of the church, we continue to mature into a stronger community of faith. One example of living out our faith was our youth service trip. It was a great success! The project allowed seven of our kids to share their faith with those in need. They participated on a 4-day service trip to Manassas, Virginia. This service trip worked because of your generous support. It also worked because Kerry Alloway and Rick Gibbs, donated 5 days out of their busy schedules to help. Thank you Kerry and Rick!

Secondly, when we come to worship on Sunday, we look not inward at our own needs, but we worship and thank our God, present in the Holy Sacrament of the bread and wine for our blessings in life.

Lastly, I believe we have grown because of our community. We are a friendly church. Worship and teaching must be accompanied by a friendly and accepting community to flourish. Everyone has a place at St. Martin's.

The Vestry worked very hard at controlling spending in 2008. This has resulted in a budget surplus, so financially, we closed 2008 on a very positive note.

I would like to offer my gratitude and that of the congregation to the following people: Kerry Alloway, who is stepping down after many years of service as a Sunday School teacher; Greg Echevarria, who is stepping down after serving as Treasurer for the last 3 years, and of course Jackie Bitler always deserves thanks for her great work with the choir.

Lastly, we entrusted several beloved members to the nearer presence of God. We will greatly miss Sam Corpening, Virginia Chowning, Hugh Farleigh, Gary Harris, and Roz Van Ness. May their souls and the souls of all of the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Serving as the Rector of a congregation is always a humbling experience. Our prayers for one another have carried us through some difficult losses. Those same prayers will strengthen us to meet whatever challenges lie ahead. It has been a privilege to serve as your Rector these past 5 years, and I look forward to meeting the challenges of 2009 with you.

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT**

**Janice Carpi**  
**Senior Warden**

The strength of St. Martin's is in its people. We have been blessed this year that new families are finding St. Martin's, and making it their new church home. We have also joined together in sorrow as we have lost loved members and friends. But in these changes, we grow stronger as a church family.

Our youth programs are growing, thanks to the efforts of Kerry Alloway and Karen Werner. Their dedication has made such a big impact on the lives of our littlest members, and we need to thank them for all they have done.

Our special events, like the Fall Festival, are big successes. And our continuing programs, such as the Book Club, the Daughters of the King, and the Essential 100 are popular additions to our lives.

This year we started a third service on Sunday. We advertise it as a contemporary service, but it's really just a more relaxed Rite II service, with contemporary music, and the ability to come to church at another time on Sunday. I would encourage any of you who miss the morning services due to travel or other plans, to come to our 5 pm service. I promise you that you will enjoy it.

The Saint Martin's Project hit a bump this past year, when the company that used to donate day-old bread stopped doing that. But we found the money to buy the bread, so we could continue to provide lunches to homeless people. If you have never volunteered for the Saint Martin's Project, I strongly encourage you to come just one Saturday when we are preparing these lunches, so you can see the dedication, as well as the fun times, of the people who participate in this special, and very local and personal, ministry.

Financially, St. Martin's is strong. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the church during 2008, because without your support, we wouldn't have the money to pay the electric

bill, or to run all the other aspects of this church. I'd also like to thank those who have sent in their pledges for 2009. Without the generosity of everyone in this church, we wouldn't be able to provide such a wonderful environment for our members.

I want to thank Jackie and our Choir for their beautiful music throughout the year, and especially for special occasions, such as Christmas, Easter, and funerals. This is a commitment of time from these talented people, and our worship is made so much more meaningful because of their wonderful music.

I'd like to thank the Vestry for their hard work during the year. We were very lucky that we didn't have any major problems or issues to deal with. But I know that if we had, your Vestry would have risen to the occasion. We were blessed with a great mix of people, and we had a lot of fun during our meetings. Probably more than we were supposed to have, but it made our monthly meetings so much more enjoyable! I want to thank them for letting me be your Senior Warden this year. With such a great Vestry, it was an easy job, and I feel guilty taking credit for it. Rick Gibbs was, as usual, superlative as Junior Warden, and he deserves a special "Thank you" for all his hard work in getting our new water heaters installed in the Parish Hall, and all the other things that he does to keep this church in such great shape for such an old building.

Lastly, I want to say a huge "Thank You" to Father Lee. I want to let him know that everyone in this congregation appreciates him and that we recognize the time and energy he has devoted to us. His dedication and tireless efforts to our members has been tremendous. Because of his efforts, we have had a big increase in our membership this year. His ministry to support our members who have been ill, and his support for their families, is part of why this church is so special. During this past year, I have worked closely with Father Lee, and I have really enjoyed working with him. I hope you all will let him know just how lucky we are to have him as our priest.

Thank you all for the opportunity and the pleasure of being your Senior Warden this past year.

## **FACILITIES REPORT**

**Rick Gibbs**

**Junior Warden**

The Facilities Committee always has something to keep us busy with maintenance and upkeep of the church. Below are a few highlights from 2008:

- We installed 2 new water heaters this year, one for the Parish Hall and one for the Christian Education Building.
- We took the opportunity to strip and clean the floors and hallways as you enter the Parish Hall, and throughout the Christian Education Building.
- We cleaned the carpets in the Parish Hall, Father Lee's and Donna's office, the nursery and the Library.
- We did much needed maintenance to our heating / air conditioning system.
- The Grass Cutters Union kept the grass cut and the driveway and sidewalks clear of debris.
- The committee organized a Spring and Fall clean up to focus on cleaning both building and grounds. We have been blessed to receive the support of the Boy Scout troop at these endeavors.

We close by inviting your thoughts and comments if you see areas we need to address. Thank you for your support.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Garland Harwood**

January, 2009 finds Saint Martin's on solid financial ground with our assets increasing \$12,271.62 to \$203,630.80 from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008. Our cash on hand increased \$4,388.32 and investment balances rose \$7,883.30. I'm happy to report the Church generated an income of \$10,245.14 for the year with pledged and plate income coming in ahead of budget and expenses were kept under budget.

An audit of the Church's books for year 2007 was conducted by Rob Lockridge and Garland Harwood during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008 and all was found to be in order. The only audit comment that repeated from prior years was the absence of a "Planned Giving Program" as recommended by the Diocese.

The Committee developed a budget for 2009 and presented it to the Vestry at their January meeting. After much discussion and some tough choices being made, Vestry members amended and approved the 2009 Budget with a deficit of \$6,522. Pledges that have been received since the meeting have shrunk the deficit to \$522, leaving us with a budget that is, for all practical purposes, balanced.

## **ALTAR GUILD REPORT**

### **Nancye Greenwood**

#### **Chairman**

Active Committee members include: Patsy Bickerstaff, Jennifer Cooper, Leslie Dering, Nancye Greenwood, Betty Hall, Mike Miller, Anne Robbins, and Susan Wharton.

Our group, though small in numbers, continues to serve St. Martin's while learning more each week of the requirements of service preparation from each other.

We have also added the additional 5 pm Sunday service to our duties. In 2008 we replaced needed linens and assisted with the Church prep during Advent and Lent.

The Altar Guild welcomes anyone who wishes to learn more about service to our Lord through the traditions and preparation for our worship services.

In 2008, we will plan for similar expenditures, replacing old pieces of linen as needed and beginning to build on altar hangings for the additional Sunday service.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT**

### **Karen Werner**

Karen Werner has served as the Church School Coordinator for the year 2008. The following is a list of classes and their teachers:

Pre-school – Karen Werner

Elementary - Janet Aerson and Melissa Machalinski

Middle to High – Kerry Alloway

We had a great turnout for the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The children are always delighted with the many treats they find in their Easter eggs. The annual Sunday school picnic was held on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. This marks the end of Sunday school for the summer months.

We tried something a little different this year with Vacation Bible School. We held the sessions Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. On that Sunday we had class in the morning and a cookout for lunch. The children, as always, had a great time at VBS. We did not hold VBS for older children this year. We do not have enough resources to make this happen.

Sunday school classes began again for the fall on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate the start of Sunday school, a luncheon was held following the 10:00 service, known as Rally Day.

Our children's Christmas Breakfast was held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Following the children's breakfast, all the children participated in the Christmas pageant. Many thanks go out to Jennifer Cooper, Sean Cooper and Ashley Howdyshell, who directed the pageant.

The Children's Chapel continues to run each and every Sunday. Kerry Alloway got the information so that the lessons correlate with the church's readings each Sunday.

We are still lucky to have our nursery assistant Meredith with us. It is a blessing having an assistant in the nursery.

Following New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, and Christmas, no Sunday school classes are held.

## **THE CLOAK REPORT**

**Donna R. Dawe**

**Editor**

*The Cloak* is the official monthly newsletter of St. Martin's Church. It is intended to serve as a major means of communication for the pastor, vestry, parish nurse, committee chairs and any member of St. Martin's Church who has news or other information that he or she wishes to provide to St. Martin's community. *The Cloak* is especially important for those who are unable to attend Sunday services, because it repeats major announcements made from the pulpit and in the weekly bulletins. Parishioners have been kept informed of vestry decisions, special worship services, Endowment Fund news, improvements in our facilities, committee activities, health information, events at Westminster-Canterbury, birthdays, and anniversaries. *The Cloak* plays an important role in the life of the parish and helps to unite St. Martinites by keeping everyone as fully informed as possible of major developments and activities within the church. I encourage everyone to read each issue.

New in 2008 was making *The Cloak* available to our members and friends via e-mail! Where before I was mailing out 200+ hard copies, that number has been cut to less than 60! This has saved St. Martin's a lot of postage money each month. Not only do St. Martin's members receive *The Cloak* electronically (and in all of its glorious color), but area churches receive it as well. This is helping to spread the word about what we're all about. I really appreciate all of the positive feedback I have received since making *The Cloak* available electronically.

Also new in 2008 was a section in every issue entitled "Our Birthday Stars", which featured a picture and short biography of all of our wonderful children celebrating birthdays during that month. The children really enjoyed seeing their picture and bio in print! I will most likely include this feature again in 2010, as the children will have grown and there will be new and exciting information to report.

I plan to feature a different kind of "Birthday Star" in 2009. The heading will be "Who Am I", followed by a baby or youth picture of a male and a female adult member of the congregation. Next to the picture will be a short bio of that person. Readers will have to guess who the person is (answers will be provided on a separate page in *The Cloak*). This will be yet another way for St. Martin's members to learn about each other.

I truly enjoy creating a new issue of *The Cloak* each month and it is one of my very favorite aspects of my job here at St. Martin's. I appreciate the cooperation of all who submit information to *The Cloak* in meeting the monthly deadlines. *The Cloak* is also posted on St. Martin's website at [www.saintmartinschurch.org](http://www.saintmartinschurch.org)

## **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**N'neka Logan**

**Chairman**

The Gift that Keeps on Giving!

As a direct result of the breakdown of the US financial industry, the year 2008 has proven to be a tumultuous year for the Endowment Fund at St. Martin's. The fund's assets decreased from \$143,097 to \$101,432, a decrease of about 30%. The Endowment fund focuses on non-budget needs of the Parish, Community Outreach, or greater Church –related Outreach.

In 2008, the fund had \$3,656.94 to disburse and made the following disbursements:

\$500 John Wallace Scholarship Fund  
\$270 EYC Youth Trip donation  
\$400 Hilliard House  
\$400 Interfaith Service of Henrico  
\$200 Meals on Wheels  
\$1800 Donation to pay for new Church doors

Please consider a contribution to the fund that will continue to operate as an Outreach arm of the church.

## **EYC REPORT**

**Kerry Alloway**

**Youth Leader**

In 2008 we have been truly blessed to have 14 active members in the EYC—Christine Areson, Brianna Bailey, Rick and Nicole Baroody, Madison Britton, Caroline and Gregory Echevarria, Jacob Henderson, Andrew Hutchson, Taylor Murphy, Austin Newcomb, Francis Stephens, Faith Walker and Shannon Werner.

They have participated in the Lessons and Carols Service, Feast of Lights Service, helped serve at our annual Pancake Supper, and decorated the Christmas tree. We have also tried to teach the children to help others by participating in Crop Walk and The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Program. Last July, 7 of our youth participated in a service trip in Manassas, VA.

We are currently meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday for the 5 pm contemporary service with dinner and a meeting to follow.

During the week of June 21-26, 2009, we will be taking a group of 10-11 of our youth to Manassas, VA for our second service trip.

Thank you to all the parents of our youth for their support and participation. I would also like to thank the congregation at St. Martin's for their spiritual and financial support for our youth, especially for supporting our fund raisers for our service trip last year.

## **FLOWER MINISTRY REPORT**

**Donna R. Dawe**  
**Scheduler**

Each week after the Sunday service, the Altar Flowers, donated by sign-up parishioners, are prepared for delivery to designated sick or mourning parishioners. The priest-in-charge prepares a list of two of the parishioners and leaves it in the sacristy. The flowers are placed into their original green containers and the Flower Ministry volunteers deliver the flowers on Sunday or Monday. If the parishioner is not at home, the flowers are left on the doorstep with a card; otherwise a ministerial visit ensues. Further instructions are kept in the sacristy. A calendar of volunteer names and delivery dates is posted in the parish hall.

The Flower Ministry is an uplifting commitment, bringing joy to both the volunteer and the recipient. Many thank you expressions, both written and verbal, have been received, making the Ministry a fulfillment of the Christian message. More volunteers are always welcome.

## **GREETERS MINISTRY**

**Barbara Lockridge**  
**Chairman**

Each Sunday morning, visitors and parish family arriving for the 10 am worship service are welcomed to St. Martin's by at least one member of the Greeters Team. The ministry carried out by these persons is an effort to ensure that all know that their presence is appreciated and to make sure each one feels comfortable and included.

This ministry requires minimal time; most serve only about three times a year. The blessings received through interacting with others and sharing Christ's love are great. During the past year, a number of those serving as greeters found it necessary to resign, so we are presently seeking new members. Persons interested in joining the Greeters Team can speak to either Jean Rollins or Barbara Lockridge.

## **HOSTESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Lois Gibbs**  
**Chairman**

The Hostess Committee provides a very special service to our community at St. Martins. We can enjoy refreshments, meet newcomers and visit with each other before we go on our way.

For all of the volunteers who serve refreshments and/or set-up for the coffee hour after every Sunday service of the year, thank you!

We welcome all volunteers for this committee.

## **JOHN C. WALLACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT**

**Carolyn Wallace**  
**Chairman**

The Scholarship Fund was started in July, 2006 with the intent to help support members of our church family in their educational endeavors. There have been three presentations of grants since its inception.

\$2800.00 was contributed to the program in 2008 and the monies were equally divided among the applicants. The recipients were Lauren Alloway, Christopher Greenwood, Ashley Howdyshell and Claire Jenkins. The awards were presented at the 10 am service on August 17, 2008.

Committee members the past year were:

Carolyn Wallace (representing the Congregation- at- large)

N'neka Logan (representing the Endowment Committee) and

Betty Horne (representing the Vestry)

With staggered terms, Betty will be replaced this coming year by another Vestry member coming on board for a three-year term. Carolyn has one more year to serve and N'neka has two more years.

N'neka coordinated a Pampered Chef fundraising event that was held in the Parish Hall on November 7, 2008. A portion of the profits added \$147.50 to the scholarship fund for 2009. Our committee hopes to sponsor several more projects for raising funds this year.

We thank Pat Rourk (a past committee member) for again preparing and printing the information for the presentations, and Kerry Alloway, who took pictures of the recipients and committee members.

## **LAY READERS REPORT**

**Dodie Corpening**  
**Chairman**

The Lay Readers assist our priest with the services at St. Martin's. This includes the reading of lessons, special readings and helping with the Eucharist. Readers are trained and work closely with the priest. Readers are scheduled for all 3 Sunday services and special services.

## **MUSIC REPORT**

**Jackie Bitler**  
**Organist & Choirmaster**

The St. Martin's Senior Choir continues to provide musical leadership at our 10 am worship services all year long, singing anthems from September through June. They also sing for special services as needed. We are most grateful for the dedicated service of all the members, and we are eager to welcome new singers at any time. If you would like to sing for a season such as Lent/Easter, please come along! Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:30 pm.

The Junior Choir took a brief hiatus this year, because many of last year's members were heavily committed in other activities in or outside of church. We hope that next fall may bring enough interested singers to start the choir again. Now is a good time to talk to your children about choir, or to ask questions if you have any.

Any persons interested in the music program may contact Jackie Bitler at 264-0272.

## **ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING REPORT**

**Betty Hall**

**President**

The Daughters of the King is an order for women of the Episcopal Church and churches with the historic Episcopate, and was organized in 1885. Every Daughter pledges herself to a lifelong program of prayer, service and personal evangelism dedicated to the extension of Christ's kingdom, and to the strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish. By the reaffirmation of promises made at confirmation, every Daughter undertakes a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. We are women of courage dedicated to serving our Lord and building up His church. There are more than 18,000 of us in the United States and throughout the world. Yet, we have an importance in the work of the church far beyond our numbers.

The emblem of our Order is a silver Greek cross, which members wear at all times. We wear our crosses as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives. The cross is inscribed with Latin "Magnaimiter Crucem Sustine", broadly translated means "with lofty heart, mind and spirit uphold the cross". The initials FHS at the base of the cross remind us that our prayer, service and evangelism are done "For His Sake". We see our Order of St. Michael and All Angels as a community of nurturing women accepting all people, bridging differences and cherishing traditions.

Now into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision is to encourage and enable one another to the reflections of God's love, reaching out through prayer, service and evangelism to spread His kingdom.

Our chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the parish hall following the Healing Eucharist. Fr. Lee, our Chaplain, opens the meeting with prayer and advises us of any needs of the church.

Our members are Betty Hall (President), Dorothy Strachan (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President), Janet Raynor (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President), Nancy M. Kirby (Recording Secretary), Celeste Porter (Corresponding Secretary), Ruth Barrett (Treasurer), Evelyn Edwards, Barbara Lockridge, and Susan Wharton. Mary Burton is a Daughter at Large.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Daughters of the King Chapter, please attend our special meeting on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the parish hall. A light supper will be served and a video will be shown. Please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or call Betty Hall at 270-1701 if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Almighty God, by Your grace alone, we are accepted and called to your service; strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit and empower our calling through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

**J.H.**

**Chairman**

The Outreach committee continued to be involved in many aspects of the community. During the summer, Jim Hughson took over as Chairman of the committee from Pat Rourk. Pat has served as the committee chairman for several years and has done a wonderful job. Her input and knowledge made the transition very smooth. Pat continues to serve as a member. Lois Gibbs continues to serve as a member of the committee, and her experience has been called upon many times. Thanks to both for their commitment and service.

In January of 2008, the committee sponsored a Super Bowl party for members and guests. There was a large turnout and a great opportunity for fellowship and fun was had by all.

The committee continued to support the Coal Pit Learning Center with donations of food and supplies, as well as a monetary donation.

Prior to the Fall Festival, a canned food drive was sponsored by the committee. Through the generous donations of our members, 217 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Central Virginia Food Bank. There was a monetary donation to the food bank in December as well.

At the Fall Festival, 150 packaged "Care Bears" for traumatized children were donated to the Division of Fire and Division of Police in Henrico County. This was coordinated through a local neighborhood watch program.

The committee's big event was the purchase, packaging and delivery of a complete Christmas Dinner to 24 underprivileged families in the area. Through the donations of the members and the volunteer efforts of those involved, approximately 150 people were able to enjoy a home cooked Christmas dinner.

The committee is looking forward to continue its involvement in the lives of others in our community through Christ and St. Martin's Church.

## **PARISH NURSE REPORT**

**Betty Horne**

**Parish Nurse**

This year we finally obtained an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) with the help of generous donations from our congregation. It is located in the hallway outside the parish hall, just above the table where you would pick up your calendars, statements etc. Several members attended a CPR class with instructions on using the Defibrillator. We will be offering additional classes in the future.

We presented a Health Fair as part of the Fall Festival. Flu shots and pneumonia shots were offered. We offered blood pressure and blood sugar testing. It was a cold rainy day prompting a smaller turnout, but there was opportunity to identify potential health problems. Please see me if you would like to see additional services provided at these Health Fairs.

There was a health care-related article or timely information in each publication of *The Cloak*. Please feel free to contact me for any questions, or any other information you would like to see in *The Cloak* or presented at some other time.

There were visits made to members of our congregation both in the hospital and at their home. There were many calls made as well.

I have the ability to check blood pressures any Sunday I am at church. I will answer any questions you may have or provide you with the requested information.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated. This is so important to our Parish Nurse Ministry. Best wishes for a healthy year. May God bless you.

## **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Rick Gibbs**

**Kerry Alloway**

In 2008, we delivered 27 balloon bouquets, 10 floral arrangements, and 40 meals. We provided 10 transportation trips. The committee has supported Fr. Lee's pastoral efforts by visiting our parishioners who are shut in and unable to travel, those who were hospitalized, and those who were under the weather and needed to see a smile on a friendly face.

The Pastoral Care Committee also delivered specially-prepared baskets for our shut-ins and those who have had a challenging year at Easter and Christmas. I don't know who gets more out of this: the folks receiving or the folks delivering! It is lots of fun for all.

Our Committee, with assistance of other parishioners, has supported receptions for weddings and funerals.

On behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee, I thank all of you for allowing us to share God's good news and support our parish family.

God bless you now and always!!

## **THE ST. MARTIN PROJECT REPORT: FEEDING AREA SHELTER RESIDENTS**

### **Todd Areson Chairman**

In Calendar Year 2008, St. Martin's continued its partnership with three other Episcopal churches to provide Saturday lunches throughout the year for four Richmond-area shelters – two Emergency Shelters (one for abused women and their children, the other for men in transition to independence), Freedom House (transitional, men and women), and The Good Samaritan Inn (transitional, men and women). Our partners for the past eight-plus years have been: The Church of the Epiphany (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday), All Saints (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday), St. Martin's (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday), and St. Matthias (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday). Each church covers a fifth Saturday, which occurs in four months of the year.

In 2008, St. Martin's three teams prepared 1780 bag lunches for shelter residents. The partnership delivered just shy of 5700 Saturday lunches this year.

St. Martin Project volunteers include: (1) Buyers: Joanne Stebick and Melinda Jenkins; (2) Team Captains: Barbara Campeau, Ida Moore, and Jean Rollins; (3) Team Members: the Alloways, the Atkins, the Aresons, Phyllis Berkle, Maggie Caskie, the Clements, Anna Cope, Dodie Corpening, Leslie Dering, Nancy Fleming, Lois Gibbs, Sandy Goolsby, Betty Horne, J. & V. H., Jenkins, Levines, and Lockridges, Melissa Machalinski, Pat Rourk, the Stones, Juanita Thompson, Wendy Tate, members of the Youth Group, Helen Walsh, Faith Walker, Karen and Shannon Werner, Mary Lou Wolf; and Father Lee; and (4) Drivers: Scott Alloway, Rick Gibbs, and Todd Areson. The Vestry and individual donors provide our financial support.

Thanks to each volunteer for your participation and service, and to the vestry and others for financial support! We know we make a difference in the lives of the shelter residents we feed. Residents unfailingly express appreciation to the drivers and, through them, their heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and churches for providing the meals.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

**Dodie  
Chairman**

### ***"TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE"***

Mission Statement: *The Stewardship Committee encourages members of St. Martin's to give, in thanksgiving to God, the gifts of time, talent and treasure.*

Stewardship is a year- round campaign. The theme of "Time, Talent and Treasure" was continued for this year's Stewardship campaign.

Time:	The time we devote to God's work
Talent:	Talents we give to God
Treasure:	The money we give to God's church

In October of 2008, a professionally-designed pamphlet and pledge card for treasure commitment in 2009 were mailed to our members.

**The Cloak** and the **Sunday Bulletin** carried original stewardship articles to enrich and stimulate thinking and prayers. In addition, *The Cloak* featured articles based on interviews of various committee chairs. A committee member also gave a brief talk during the services, which encouraged parishioners to join committees.

Activities are in the planning stages for 2009 to create awareness of the many talents and communications used in our service to God and St. Martins.

The Stewardship Campaign is implemented by an active committee and volunteers with support from the Priest, Vestry and the Congregation. The Stewardship Campaign has been an on-going success due this continuing support.

## **USHERS REPORT**

**Rick Gibbs**

The ushers are an important group in our parish. They assist our members with seating, help with our offering, and try to ensure our safety. We are blessed to have such a wonderful group to support St. Martin's.

We are pleased to welcome James Burr as new member to the Usher's Guild. Thank you James!

We, as a group, thank you for allowing us to serve you this past year. God bless you one and all!

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY REPORT**

**Barbara Lockridge**

**Chairman**

Tuesday mornings are a treasured time of prayer, study and sisterhood for the ladies who take part in the weekly Bible study. We began 2008 reading and discussing The Frazzled Female, by Cindi Wood. The teachings on Bible passages in this book, along with daily devotional readings in Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young, supplied us with much encouragement and instruction for learning to better handle life's responsibilities and stresses by carving out time each day to spend with the Lord and His Word. Individual DVD Bible Studies with teacher, Beth Moore on topics such as, "The Captivity of Activity" and God's Purpose in Your Life" added richly to our discussions and continued efforts to grow. Our summer endeavor was a comparative study of world religions and cults which was enlightening and which left us even more thankful to have come to know and trust in Christ.

In the latter part of the year, we began a Beth Moore Study entitled, "Stepping Up". In preparation, we did our own reading, meditation and discussion of the 15 Psalms of Ascent, on which this study is based. We are presently still in the midst of "Stepping Up" and are finding these Psalms to be a great resource in our journey of faith.

Along with our Bible studies, we sometimes watch a movie together or share lunch at a restaurant or in one of the member's homes. Truly, our times spent together, with Christ and His Word, have created a sisterhood of trust and love in which each feels free to be just who she is in the Lord. We welcome and would enjoy sharing our special time with anyone who would like to join us in the parish hall any Tuesday morning, from 10 am -12 pm. For further information, you can speak to Barbara Lockridge.

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