



# The Cloak



*St. Martin's – A Christian Church for all people Sharing God's Love, Following Christ, Serving Others*



## Follow your Dreams!

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# Father Lee Hutchison



It takes tremendous courage to commit ones self to a new idea or way of life

- There is no guarantee that the change will be to your benefit or that the idea to create something new outweighs the risk

Those who signed the declaration of independence mutually pledged to each other "Our lives, our fortunes our sacred honor"

Of the 56 signers of the declaration of Independence:

9 died of wounds or hardship during the war which followed, 5 were captured and imprisoned.

Several had wives or children imprisoned by the British

12 had their homes burned to the ground

17 lost all they owned

By the end of the Revolutionary War, only one signer, Richard Stockton, had recanted. His imprisonment was so severe he never recovered from his injuries and he died a few years after the war.

Our Ancestors in faith committed their lives and their honor to a new idea as well. Among these ideas were:

- That God did not want to condemn the world but save it.
- Sin could not be forgiven with the killing of animals but by changing one's heart.
- God offered love and a 2nd chance if Gods grace is accepted.
- As a result of these new ideas the family of Jesus said he had lost his mind
- Some people tried to follow these new ideas but found the cost too high
- Others tried to kill Jesus and his disciples because of their new ideas
- All but one of the disciples of Jesus gave their lives for these new ideas.



A person once described Christians as colonists from heaven.

- Far flung outposts representing the power and love of God on this earth

- You and I are members of a colony founded by Jesus based on words inspired by God as its center.

- So powerful are the ideas of Jesus that we seek to making them a reality in the world by the way in which we live our lives.

The threat to this colony of heaven today is not guns and prison but apathy. Among these threats are:

1. The urge to be silent or recant our vows taken at baptism
2. To act on desires which draw us from love of God
3. Not to resist evil where ever it may be
4. Not to continue in apostles teaching, fellowship, in breaking bread and prayers
5. Not to live by example the message of Christ

It is easy to give up the ideals set before us and abandon Gods outpost on earth.

As we remember the struggle the founders of this country had to face to make their vision a reality and to celebrate their success, let us rededicate ourselves to our faith so that when the king of kings returns he may find his colony of the faithful waited to be received into his arms.

*Fa. Lee*

# Announcements



**July 10 and 24 - 10am - Social Bridge Group** will meet the 2nd and 4th Friday,

**July 11 - 8am - Men's Breakfast** Read about it on page 9

**Now til July 12 - BBQ Sign up** NOW! Distribution will take place on July 26th. Read more on page 9

**July 12 - 15 EYC Mission Trip**- Read more about it on page 8

**July 16 - 10:30am - Book Club**

**Now til July 19 - Baby Boy** - David Bul Dau and Angok Goch are having a baby boy with the due date of September 5th. The ECW will be placing a container in the Parish Hall for anyone who is interested in contributing a baby gift for their new son. The deadline for these contributions is Sunday, July 19th when we will present it to her.

**July 19 - 2:30 to 4:30 pm ECW Craft workshop** Read more on page 7 - Info: Christa Burr

**July 20, 21 and 22 - 6 to 8:30pm VBS** The theme: **G-Force** (Cokesbury's God's Love in Action) 4 year olds to 5th graders - Wanted: volunteers to participate in this fun. Let the office know that you are interested so you can be notified of the class for all volunteers. For more information contact Jennifer Cooper!

**July 28 at 5:30 pm - ECW monthly meeting** - This will be a Pot Luck and Poetry meeting. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite poem to read aloud. This can be long or short, funny or sad, one you've written or someone else's creation, an adult or a children's poem - it's your choice. All the women of St. Martin's are automatically members of the ECW and are invited to attend what promises to be an evening of friendship, fellowship and fun.

**July 31 from 7 to 10 pm - Movie Club**

# Happened in June:



**The Memorial Garden** received a new bench donated by Sally Dvorak and her two sons in memory of her late husband, and their father, to honor the 20th anniversary of his death.

Just before father's day the elder son and grandson affixed a plaque to the bench and photos were taken.

Sally and John think it would be nice if this could invite members of the congregation to sit on the bench as they watch and listen to the birds.



**Members of the Altar Guild** met for a pot luck lunch and discussion in June. Members attending were Jean Rollins, Pat Akens, Jennifer Cooper, Patsy Bickerstaff, Barbara Campeau, Ann Robbins, Grace Wood, Fr Lee and chair, Nancy Greenwood. Betty Hall, Kerry Alloway and Leslie Dering are also members.

In addition to setting up the altar for the Sunday and Wednesday services, the altar guild members are responsible for overseeing the decoration of the church in Advent and Holy Week. Baptisms, weddings, funerals and memorial



services also require the skills and dedication of altar guild members. Altar Guild members perform vital behind the scenes preparation for worship so you may not be aware of who we are or what we do. And that is the way it is meant to be.

We are pleased to have a junior member, Grace Wood, who has been helping with altar guild duties under the guidance of her mother but who has now branched out to work with other members. We also have had a male member and would welcome new young members and males.

New members work with more established members for a period of time before being assigned to work alone. We are fortunate now to have almost enough members that we work as a team. Fr Lee is the head of the Altar Guild and as such is supportive and not the least critical of any lapses/oversights on our part. It is a very relaxed and supportive team but we take our responsibilities and our ministry seriously.

- Ann Robbins

# Happened in June:

Sunday School's last day for this summer was celebrated on June 14. Congratulations to all of the kids with special Thank you to Jennifer Cooper and Nancy Greenwood



Graduation Sunday was also on June 14 after the late service followed by a potluck enjoyed by many!



# Happened in June:

**Murder Mystery!** The characters Becky Giovanni, Stanley Simpson, Tony Giovanni, Crazy Aunt May, Gina Giovanni, Crazy Aunt Lucy, Marianna Giovanni, George Giovanni, Tricia Trinket, Brenda Simpson, Stacy Sultry, Darlene Simpson, Wade Wilmington and Harry Hitt gave us a lot of fun. And who can forget Brutus Simpson?



Such happy Newlyweds ... and then the bride was dead ... shot!

The "wedding cupcakes" were provided (baked and decorated!) by ladies of the ECW! The catered food was abundant and very delicious!



The "wedding guests" enjoyed the effort and talents of those involved very much and say: THANK YOU!



# Happened in June:



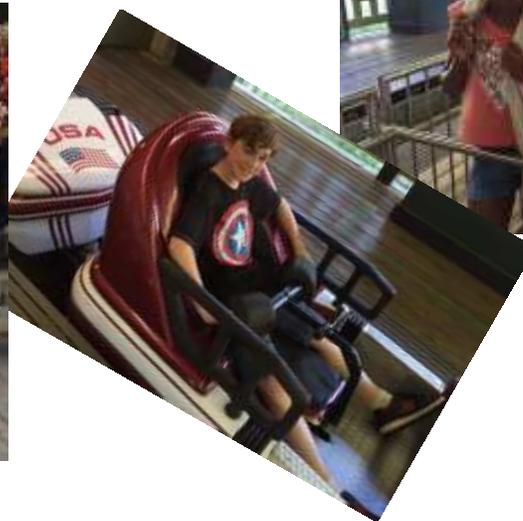
**“Grass cutters”** Jim Greenwood and Bob Barritt were thanked during the June 28 service for many years of dedicated work, not only taking care of the grounds but other property maintenance as well.

**ECW Craft workshops!** St. Martin’s Holiday Market 2015 is scheduled for Saturday November 14th. It is not too early to think of items to make. This was already the second Sunday afternoon get-together and lots was accomplished. The ladies have a lot of fun cutting paper, cutting fabric, stringing beads, doing a little ironing or glueing. Christa Burr usually has things prepared to work on but please feel free to bring your own project especially if you would like somebody else to help you. Ideas on what items could be made for this are greatly appreciated. And as you can see we have a lot of fun and friendship. Don’t hesitate to just walk in the next time. The next: July 19th



# The EYC Update:

The EYC had its **End of the Year celebration at King's Dominion** on June 12th. Six of our youth Maggie, Lauren, Jaiden, Dean, Cleo and Brianna went with leaders Sallie, Sandy, Paris and Rick. Much fun was had by all. One youth had his first ride on a major ride and loved the adventure. The water park was a welcome relief after many hours in the heat. Lots of laughs and fun was enjoyed by all. The leaders wish all the youth a relaxing summer, and look forward to begin a new year in September.



**St. Martin's Youth Group Service Trip** will take place July 12-15, 2015. The Youth Group is very excited to be traveling back to the Episcopal Boys Home of Virginia in Covington Sunday afternoon, July 12th for a 3-day service trip. Last year the group helped around the grounds and built picnic tables. This year, the group will again help with the grounds and will be having fellowship with the boys on campus through a S'mores Night which will surely be a well deserved treat for them. Susie Teachey will be teaching a class to boys interested about graphic and website design as they make choices for their future. There is a high interest among a good portion of the boys in this field of study.

Look for pictures and a reporting of our Service trip in next month's Cloak.

# John C. Wallace Scholarship Fund

**Applications** for the 2015 Scholarship awards can be found on the table in the Parish Hall foyer. Anyone who is interested in applying, please fill out a form and return either to the office or to Julie Crews (scholarship committee member). Application deadline is July 15th. There is a list of guidelines, for the program, posted on the hallway bulletin board.

To become a *Friend of the Wallace Scholarship*, simply slip a check into the collection plate and mark it Scholarship Friend.



The drawing for the giftcertificate for 2 people to *The Jefferson Hotel Sunday Brunch* was held on June 28 and won by Betty Horne. Julie Crews officiated with the help of John C. Wallace' grandchildren.



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## Men's Breakfast Group

This group meets for breakfast on Second Saturday of each month at Nick's Roman Terrace Restaurant at 8:00am. Nick's is located in the Westland Shopping Center at 8051 W. Broad, - Just East of the Parham/Broad intersection. We meet for about an hour, enjoying a breakfast together and exchanging views on a variety of topics (but no serious politics please!). We also enjoy sharing experiences and opportunities in our lives. On occasions we also provide support to other groups for events being held at St Martin's.

Regular attendees include those who attend each of our Sunday services at St Martin's. All men of St Martin's and those interested in joining the St Martin's family are welcome to join us. The July meeting will be on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like more information or a ride, please contact James Burr at 804-787-0332 [jburr684@hotmail.com](mailto:jburr684@hotmail.com)



# Parish Nurse

by Betty Horne

## Enjoying the outdoors

School is out and plans are well underway for summer vacation with endless hours outdoors. Whether you are at the beach or pool, or hiking, camping or any number of outdoors activities, there are a few essentials you must pack for your trip. This will help you enjoy a safe injury free summer.

### **A sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 is recommended.**

Use your sunscreen whenever you go out. Some sources recommend using sunscreen even when you are indoors to block the UV rays. Even on a cloudy day, up to 80% of the sun's UV rays can pass through the clouds. Sand and snow can also reflect up to 80% of the sun's UV rays.

- \* Sun protection is the principal means of preventing premature aging and skin cancer. It's never too late to protect yourself from the sun and minimize your future risk of skin cancer.
- \* Sunscreens should be applied to dry skin 15 to 30 minutes BEFORE going outdoors. Apply liberally to all exposed areas with attention to the face, neck, hands and arms. Don't forget lip balm as well.
- \* Reapply sunscreen approximately every two hours or after swimming or perspiring heavily. Even if it is labeled as "water resistant."

### **Wearing appropriate clothing**

- \* A wide brimmed hat should be worn when out in the sun to protect the head and offer shade for the face and neck.
- \* Wearing loose light colored clothing helps in keeping you cool.
- \* Wearing long sleeves shirt/pants may protect you from contact with poisonous substances
- \* Don't forget to pack your sunglasses to protect your eyes from the UV light.
- \* Another must have when packing is bug spray. This can be found at most drug stores

### **Avoid contact with poisonous substances found in the woods or garden such as:**



#### **Poison Ivy**

The vine often grows on the ground and tree trunks with leaves grouped in threes. The tops of the leaves are shiny and the edges are rugged or teeth-like. The vine is hairy and also contains the allergen.

To prevent exposure, wear long sleeves, long pants and gloves, or use IvyBlock. When exposure occurs, an itchy rash will appear. It may also be carried on the fur of pets, clothing, shoes, toys, tools, or other objects and then transferred to the skin.

Approximately 24 to 36 hours after a sensitized person is exposed to the urushiol, (the oils found in these plants), a blistering, itching rash develops. Usually within 15 minutes of contact, If it is washed off with soap and water promptly, a reaction may be prevented. The course of the reaction is usually 12 to 15 days.

- \* Calamine lotion or cortisone topical agents can be used.
- \* Teabags placed on the affected area can be soothing.
- \* Benadryl may be used for extreme itching or systemic symptoms.
- \* Steroid cream or systemic steroid treatment may be necessary.
- \* For extreme cases, see your MD.



**Poison Sumac:** — Unlike poison ivy, sumac is a shrub, not a vine. The leaves of sumac are pointed at the top and are oval in shape. Prevention, symptoms and treatment are the same as those for poison ivy, shown above.



**Poison Oak:** Is also a shrub with leaves like an oak tree. The leaves are hairy, about six inches long and come in groups of three like poison ivy. Prevention, symptoms and treatment are the same as those for poison ivy.



**Stinging Nettle:** This is a relatively tall plant in the summer months but dies down during the winter months. Its leaves are long and hairy, held up by a wiry stem. Since the hairs turn into a chemical-injecting needle when touched, the best way to prevent getting infected is to stay covered while in the woods.

**Treatment:**

- \* Wash the affected area thoroughly and wash clothing thoroughly
- \* Use tape to remove the stinging hairs from your body
- \* Baking Soda can help soothe the sting
- \* Use Calamine lotion or cortisone topical agents
- \* Teabags placed on the affected area can be soothing
- \* Use Benadryl for extreme itching or systemic symptoms
- \* Steroid cream or systemic steroid treatment may be necessary
- \* For extreme cases, see your MD

Have a safe, healthy Summer!

**Cloak deadline:  
Monday July 27 - 8 am**

# Thank You Susan Teachey (formerly Meredith)

## Well Done!

### Summer Hymn

Lord, speak to me in summer:  
Your love in buds about to bloom;  
Your brilliance, in the flash  
Of lightning in the stormcloud's gloom,  
Your power in thunder's crash.

Lord, speak to me in summer:  
With music, in the hum of bees,  
With cricket-songs, and flute  
Of sparrow's voice from fragrant trees;  
With vines bowed low with fruit.

Lord, speak to me in summer:  
From golden ocean's sunset sands,  
From rose-dawn mountain mist,  
From children's prayers, and folded hands  
That sun – and You — have kissed.

Lord, speak to me in summer:  
Lord, lead me, by your holy words  
And teach me, all my days,  
With sky, trees, flowers, children, birds  
To ever sing Your praise.

- Patsy Bickerstaff

On behalf of the congregation and vestry, I would like to thank Susie for the energy and passion she has brought to the Cloak. We have become accustomed to reading an interesting and exciting newsletter that shares the "happenings" around our parish. Looking through your lenses we can keep up with the many events that occur each month and your expertise in graphic design has shown through in every issue. You have done a great job of taking the information from our parishioners and pulling it together into a terrific informational newsletter. The photos you shared really bring our newsletter to life. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY REPORTING SUSIE !

We appreciate your guidance and support as we transition the Editor's pen to your friend and mine Christa Burr. We are excited that the Cloak will be in good hands with Christa as our new editor. Welcome aboard Christa, we look forward to your covering the St. Martin's beat.

- Rick Gibbs, Sr. Warden

### Big Shoes to fill!

I am not sure why I was asked to be editor. I have never really been formally educated to master the English language. May be it was my love for St. Martin's (?)

Thank you for your trust in me. I promise I will try my best. So far it has been easy. Susie has been wonderful in given me many of the "tools" ... some graphics and fonts. I did not have to re-invent the wheels.

**THANK YOU, SUSIE!**

- Christa

# St. Martin's Yellow Pages

This area is where you can post your service or product to let your fellow St. Martinites know how you can help them, and you can give those who post here your support.

## OCEANFRONT BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT

Located directly on the beach in Hatteras  
Village, NC. Contact Bob or Max Barritt  
(h) 270-3862 or (c) 512-4586



## DERING'S CLEANING SERVICE:

If interested getting your home  
super good cleaned, call Leslie at 239-5865.  
Licensed, Insured & Bonded

## Original Art Work and Photography by Pat Rourk

Note cards and Placemats  
Card \$1.50 ea. or 4 for \$5.00  
Placemats \$8 ea.

Several samples of cards and a placemat  
can be found in a folder in the Library  
Pat Rourk, 270-1887



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## Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9 am - 1 pm

## Regular Weekly Events

Event	Day	Time
Sunday Services	Sunday	8 & 10 am
Boy Scouts	Monday	7 pm
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday	10 am - 12pm
Meals on Wheels	Tuesday	10:15am - 12pm
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
* <i>Healing Service every 3rd Wed.</i>		
Sr. Choir Practice	Thursday	7:30 pm
Cub Scouts	Thursday	6:45pm - 7:45pm

**Trustee Emeritus:** Robert I. Kirby

**Trustees:** Kerry Alloway, A. P. Hall, Jr.  
& Garland Harwood

## VESTRY

**Senior Warden:** Rick Gibbs  
**Junior Warden:** Garland Harwood  
**Treasurer:** Darrell Jenkins  
**Register:** Nan Scott

2015	2016	2017
Sallie Bright	Lauren Alloway	Steve Alloway
Rick Gibbs	Garland Harwood	Sean Cooper
Larry Reid	Susan Teachey	Barbara Campeau

## Regular Monthly Events

Event	Day	Time
Vestry Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7 pm
Social Bridge	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	10am - 1pm
Men's Breakfast	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	8 am
Daughters of the King	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	11 am
Book Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	10:30am - 12pm
St. Martin's Project	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	9:30 am
ECW	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	5:30 pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	11 am
EYC	Alternating Fridays	6 - 9 pm



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