



The Cloak

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



Saint Francis of Assisi

October 4

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Father Lee Hutchison



56 years ago, a group of Episcopalians gathered at Tucker High School and founded St. Martin's Church.

- That church acted as a vehicle to challenge the culture of the 60's when trust in God was called naïve.
- They believed they were called to stand up as a witness for God.
- They wanted to build a church where people would be loved and cared for.
- They wanted a place where people could be shaped into vessels of God's grace.

St. Martin's is still here today shaping the next generation of faithful Christians to become faithful witnesses to God's grace and love.

We need your support to continue this work.

Pledge cards have been mailed out to members of the church and I ask that you prayerfully consider the financial support you can provide to support the work of our church. Our goal is to have 90 pledge cards returned.

When considering your financial support, I hope you will also consider how you may support our programs with your physical presence. Worship and fellowship dinners are enriched when all of us are present.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported our community of faith.



Fa. Lee

What and When ...

October

<p>Wednesday Night Discussion Group weekly at 7pm</p>
<p>Wednesday Morning Coffee October 2 - started back up - after service</p>
<p>Saint Francis of Assisi Feast day: Friday October 4</p>
<p>EYC Saturday October 5 - support Fish Fry Sunday October 20 - participate in Crop Walk Saturday October 26 - support Fall Festival</p>
<p>Fish Fry Saturday October 5 from 5 to 8 pm see page 7</p>
<p>Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 6 at 2 pm</p>
<p>Men's Breakfast Saturday October 12 at 8 am Nick's - 8051 Broad Call Sid Akens (804-740-5375) if you need a ride all men welcome! invite a friend!</p>
<p>St. Martin's Project Saturday October 19 at 9:30 am, Red Team</p>
<p>Crop Walk Sunday October 20 - see page 7</p>
<p>ECW Tuesday October 22 at 5.30 pm - see page 5</p>
<p>Fall Festival Saturday October 26 - see page 8</p>

Regular Weekly Events

Event	Day	Time
Sunday Services	Sunday	8 & 10 am
Boy Scouts	Monday	7 pm
Meals on Wheels	Tuesday	10:15 am-12 pm
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
*Healing Service every 3rd Wed.		
Cub Scouts	Thursday	6:45 pm-7:45 pm
Sr. Choir Practice	Thursday	7:30 pm
Social Bridge	Friday	10 am-1 pm
Ethiopian Christians	Saturday	6 am

Regular Monthly Events

Event	Day	Time
Morning Coffee hour	1st Wednesday	after service
Vestry Meeting	2nd Tuesday	7 pm
Men's Breakfast	2nd Saturday	8 am
Daughters of the King	3rd Wednesday	11 am
Daisy Troop	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6-7:30 pm
Book Club	3rd Thursday	10:30 am
St. Martin's Project	3rd Saturday	9:30 am
ECW	4th Tuesday	5:30 pm
EYC	Alternating Sundays	after church
Prayer Shawl Ministry	quarterly	11:30 am

Bishop's visit - postponed

Sunday December 8 at 10 am service
members being received and confirmed

Cloak Deadline - please, submit by Saturday October 26 at 8 pm

Words from the Wardens

September 29, 2019

Is Fall really here?? Our programs at St Martins are in full swing and that is exciting. However the temperature is supposed to be in the 90's tomorrow and that is draining! Soooo as we proceed through the month of October, let us take our energy from our faith and hope for cooler weather.

Today, Sunday the 29th of September, St Martins was full of revitalizing energy of Faith, Service, and Fellowship, as we attended our Ministry Fair kicking off our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. We have heard from George Crowell and Linda Fairtile as they presented what St Martin's means to them. We were treated to a brunch and other refreshments as some of the ministries of St Martins were on display in the parish hall. We hope that as you consider your monetary contributions to St Martins, you will also consider how you might serve our church community and volunteer to share your own personal gifts with our church family.

Please also note and take advantage of some of the fun and fellowship already on the calendar during October.

Saturday, October 5, is our ANNUAL FISH FRY – Please sign up and bring your friends!!

Sunday October 20 – Crop Walk – donations need to be in by Oct 13. See weekly announcements for details.

Fall Festival – Saturday Oct 26 – Family Fun and Fellowship AND.....Don't forget to pre-order your "Mike Shook" barbecue!!!!

We look forward to seeing everyone out and about!

Nancye and Rick

Sunday School

Fall 2019

- by Kerry Alloway and Nancye Greenwood

We are excited to begin our fall session of Sunday School at St Martin's. This year we are adding something new to our Sunday School Experience.

Sunday school is offered during the 10 am service. Following the children's homily all children 3-12 are invited to attend Sunday school beginning in the parish hall where we sing a song for the month & recite the Lord's Prayer. The children then divide up into classes for their lessons. The children return to the church service for Holy Eucharist and stay with their parents for the remainder of the church service.

In September our song was "Give Me Oil In My Lamp" In October we will be singing "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" along with playing the bells for that same song. The children will be performing on Sunday, Nov 3.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful children in our Sunday school at St Martin' and would like to thank their parents for sharing them with us on Sunday mornings.

Also please remember we are rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant on October 6, November 3, December 1 and 8. The pageant will be held on December 15.



ECW Barbecue Sale

Have you signed up yet for Mike Shook's "Famous Smoked Barbecue"? With homemade sauce by Kim, there will be only 50 lbs. available. October 13th is the last date for orders so don't delay.

The sign up sheet and an envelope for your check, payable to St. Martin's with ECW barbecue on the memo line, are on the bulletin board. It is a bargain at only \$15 per 1 lb. container and freezes well, so you can buy one for now and one for later.

Pick up is at the Fall Festival on October 26th, or at church on the 27th. Your ECW supports many activities and buys much needed items for St. Martins and the community. This first fundraiser is in lieu of the Holiday Market which will not be held this year. The ECW appreciates your continuing support.

photo: Mike getting ready to do his magic. This is not even half of what he is going to cook.



- by Sally Dvorak

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 22nd at 5.30pm. We will discuss fundraisers and make plans for our Christmas party. For further details please watch the Wednesday weeklies and the Sunday bulletins.



Tuesday, September 24



Craig Rasmusson, CSA, gave an excellent talk about Medicare and supplement options. Those attending could/did ask many questions which they found very helpful.

Thank you to ECW for sponsoring this event.



Outreach Committee

Annual Coat Drive October 1-31

Please bring coats and jackets for adults and kids to the parish hall where there will be a rack for them. What a great time to clean out closets and at the same time benefit someone who needs a coat this winter.



YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The weekly announcements will tell us what is needed especially this month. Please place your donations in the basket in the hallway.



Lamb's Basket: The suggested items for the fall donations are **peanut butter and jelly**. They also can use grocery store plastic bags since many items have to be separated when given to the clients. (Leave bags in basket with food items.)

Please save paper grocery bags with handles for the **St. Martin's Project**.



Improvement ...

... had been made in August with new landscaping timbers around pet cemetery.

Thank you to Rick Gibbs and Bob Barritt.



Finance

Report

Financial Highlights 2019	end of previous month	MTD August	YTD end of August
Income	\$120,131.50	\$17,007.90	\$137,139.40
Expenses	\$133,628.43	\$19,420.26	\$153,048.69
Gain or Loss	-\$13,496.93	-\$2,412.36	-\$15,909.29

Don't miss the annual



Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 5 to 8 pm



Sides Include: Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Applesauce

\$\$ no charge \$\$

Donations welcomed to benefit our children programs

Sign-Up for Attendance

Bring Your Friends! Bring your Family!

Who wants to participate?

Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2 pm



St. Martin's will.

Registration begins at 1:00 pm.

The walk begins at Ginter Park United Methodist Church, 1010 W. Laburnum Avenue, Richmond.

We will have lunch in the parish hall before the walk. All donations should be received by Sunday, Oct. 13.

Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP Walk. This year, Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org) celebrates the 50th anniversary of CROP Hunger Walks.

CWS distributes 75% of the money from the CROP Hunger Walk to global hunger education, disaster relief, and self- help projects in more than 30 countries around the world.

The remaining 25% of funds support local hunger-fighting agencies.

Benefiting agencies in Richmond this year are:

CARITAS, Shalom Farms, and the Peter Paul Development Center

Coming soon!

St. Martin's Fall Festival

Saturday, October 26, 2019 11 am to 2 pm



PETTING ZOO (over 20 animals)



and PONY RIDES



As always, our Fun & Fantastic

TRUNK OR TREAT

newly added this year!

BRING YOUR PET IN COSTUME



Always enjoyed:

CRAFTS
GAMES
BOUNCY HOUSE
BAKE SALE
FACE PAINTING



Also:

FREE FLU SHOTS

and

PNEUMONIA SHOTS

from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the board so that preparations can be made for you.



Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

Safety during storms and flooding

We are seeing an increase in storms, tropical depressions, hurricanes with massive storm surges and flooding. This is likely to continue through November 30th. While none of the storms made landfall in the USA, with the exception of North Carolina, the damage and loss of property is astronomical. The devastation of Abaco and Grand Bahama in the Bahamas is beyond belief. The following are worth considering to keep you and your family safe.

- If you use a generator keep outdoors and away from windows
- If you encounter flooded roads, turn around, don't drown

Storm surge

Water from the ocean pushes inland by the force of the wind, destroying structures and roads, causing injury, even death to those in its path.



Be Prepared

- Know your area's risk of hurricanes
- Sign up for your community's warning system, The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Be sure your cell phone is fully charged
- If you are at risk for flash flooding watch for warning signs such as heavy rain
- Have a plan for either evacuating or sheltering in place
- Become familiar with your evacuation zone, route or shelter location
- Gather needed supplies for at least three days including medications and supplies for your pets
- Be sure you have flashlight, fresh batteries, cash and first aid supplies
- Turn the refrigerator temperature to the highest level – this will keep your food cold for longer
- Limit the number of times you open the refrigerator

If there is a hurricane warning in your area:

- Find shelter right away – a storm shelter or interior room without windows on the lowest level not at risk for flooding
- Protect yourself from high winds and flooding
- Do not climb into a closed attic as you may become trapped
- Listen for emergency information and alerts
- Evacuate if told to do so

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- Keep important documents in a safe place or create password protected digital copies
- Protect your property. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves in plumbing to prevent backups. Consider hurricane shutters.
- Bring loose lightweight objects indoors that may become projectiles such as garbage cans, patio furniture
- Review insurance policies
- Have a plan to contact your family members
- Keep your car in good working condition and full of gas
- Stock your car with emergency supplies and a change of clothes



After the storm

- Listen for information and special instruction
- When cleaning up get help and wear protective clothing
- Be careful with electrical equipment if wet or if you are standing in water
- Avoid wading in flood water – may contain debris or downed power lines
- Reserve power on your cell phone by limiting calls. Use text messages to communicate with family and friends
- Document property damage with photographs
- Contact your insurance company regarding damages

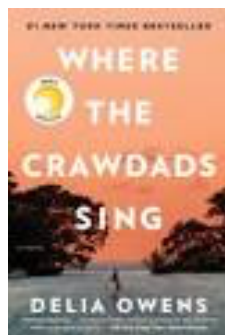
Be safe. Enjoy fall and cooler weather.

Remember to get your flu/pneumonia shots. Shots are again offered at the Fall Festival on October 26 from 11:30 am -1:30 pm

Book Club

by Pat Rourk

The book for October: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Della Owens



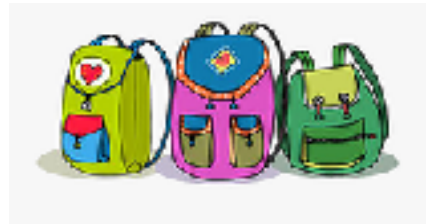
Perpetuities

Still horses graze on brown, snow-dusted hills
below eternal pines, infinite sky;
a river, born in ageless caverns, spills
down rocks of time, to seas that never dry.
Red mountains, crowned with eagles, stand like kings
or priests, guarding a desert's mysteries.
A lark, a nightingale, a sparrow, sings
the same song through uncounted centuries.
Children in rubble, sunlight in tear-prisms,
flowers on graves, new mosses from charred earth
have more to say of God than catechisms.
Mourning is morning; death gives way for birth.
Life welds a chain no rust nor sword will sever;
only destruction cannot last forever.

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff

Blessing of the Backpacks ✧ Rally Day

September 8 - cookout after 10 am service



Father Lee has the best children's sermons. Two of the children were asked to have a race emptying a little toothpaste tube onto a plate ... and then to put it back in, which of course is not possible. This message: Once you said something, you can't un-say it. Be kind to everybody! Especially another child in school who seems to be alone. Then prayers and the sprinkling with the Holy Water.



Rally Day continued... from previous page



Condolences!

to the family of

Walter "Sandy" Bright, Jr.

January 3, 1951 - September 17, 2019

Celebration of Sandy's life took place at St. Martin's on Saturday September 21 at 11 am.



Sandy had been involved in many ways in the congregation and was loved by many. Testimonies of his friends didn't leave many eyes dry.



Before sickness confined Sandy to hospital or house, he together with his wife Sallie, had devoted a lot of time to the youth of this congregation.

Our EYC showed their love by serving at the service.



HAPPINESS IS



...singing
in a choir.

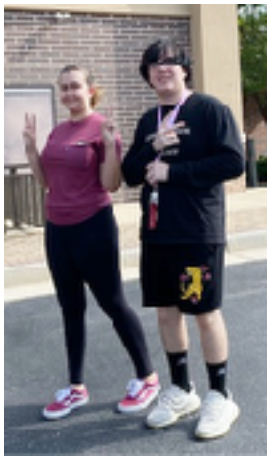
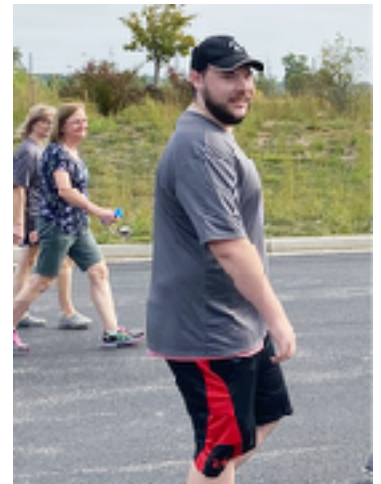
When you look for me,
look in your hearts.
If I have there a home,
I continue my life in you.

Rainer Maria Rilke
(German writer)

Chiari Walk

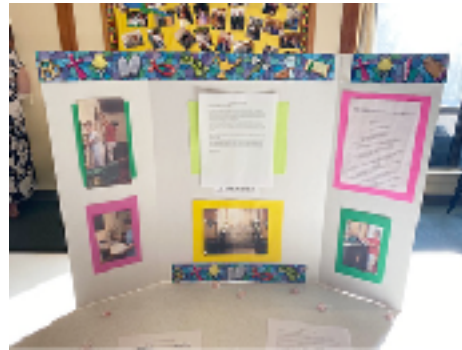
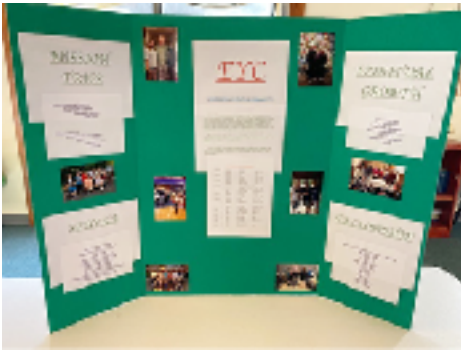
Saturday September 28

Special Thanks to the EYC for a great turnout to support the Chiari Walk



Ministry Fair

Sunday September 29



A delicious brunch was served between breakfast and the many booths were studied. It was also a great social time and time to discuss the programs. Members of St. Martin's are generous with their TIME & Talents!



Notes from our Members/Travelers

- by Christa Burr

September 2015 we visited Córdoba in Spain. One afternoon we visited the living Museum of al-Andalus where we were given audio guides. We were very impressed especially with the museum's cultural panorama of medieval heyday of Cordoba, the ninth century to the thirteenth century, based on the coexistence of cultures Christian, Jewish and Muslim. There were four life-size figures (of the different cultures) and each was singled out one after the other "telling" us their view ...mainly that we all believe in the same God. They all made it clear that neither the Torah, Koran nor Bible teach that violence is the right way but that we are supposed to love each other and are supposed to be benevolent. The words of these 4 persons were wonderful and touching. I wished I would remember the exact words! It was such wisdom. We are not supposed to be concerned about the relationship others have with God but be concerned about our own relationship with God.

What is going on in the world today? It's like the inquisition in the Middle Ages just by a different party this time. We were very impressed with this museum.





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 10/01 Dau Dau
 10/01 Bill Shirey
 10/03 Janet Areson
 10/03 Helen Walsh
 10/06 Blake Bailey
 10/06 James Bristol
 10/06 James Burr
 10/06 Vicki Newcomb
 10/08 Marci Jerina
 10/09 David Mix
 10/10 Judi Bragg
 10/11 Bo Greenwood
 10/12 Francis Stephens
 10/12 Warrick Stephenson
 10/15 Molly Bristol
 10/16 Lauren Alloway
 10/20 Dodie Corpening
 10/21 Bennett Jenkins
 10/22 Vaiden Lindsey
 10/23 Betty Horne
 10/29 Caleb Greene
 10/31 George Ward
 10/31 Joanne Stebick
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 11/01 Shelley Godfrey
 11/04 Claire Baughan
 11/06 Allen Hall
 11/06 Memphis Machalinski
 11/07 Nancye Greenwood
 11/07 Linda Fairtile
 11/08 Melissa Machalinski
 11/10 Karen Hood
 11/10 Sharon Boyd
 11/12 Alexander Cooper
 11/14 Ashley Howdyshell
 11/15 Kevin Howdyshell
 11/18 Colin Borders
 11/18 Dianne O'Kelley Lamb
 11/20 Mike Fiasco
 11/21 Rachel Horne
 11/22 Kenzie Howdyshell
 11/24 Lee Hutchson
 11/24 Steve Alloway
 11/26 Christine Watt
 11/27 Katie Hall
 11/28 Holly Thirion
 11/29 George Crowell
 11/30 Paris Lindsey
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 10/01/1994 Wayne & Trudy Britton
 10/07/2017 Jennifer & Sean Reid
 10/09 Rick & Ginny Fowler
 10/10 Todd & Janet Areson
 10/12/2002 Mike & Kim Fiasco
 10/18/2008 William & Holly Thirion
 10/21/2017 Claire & Chris Baughan
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 11/01/2001 Sherry & Robert Wilson
 11/04 Shelley & Bill Godfrey
 11/26/1975 James & Christa Burr
 11/27 Daniel & Tiffany Clements
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If you know of somebody not on these lists (including yourself) please let the office know.



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.



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If interested in your home getting a super good cleaning, call Leslie at 239-5865.

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Licensed, Insured & Bonded



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Contact Bob or Max Barritt (h) 270-3862 or (c) 512-4586

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2. Create an amazon account or log in.
3. Go to "Or pick your own charitable organization" and type "**St. Martin's Episcopal Church**" then click Search.
4. Locate "**St. Martin's Episcopal Church**" in Henrico VA.
5. Then start shopping!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases **to St. Martin's!**

We are grateful for your participation!

Need a pet or house sitter?

Available for overnights and drop-ins. Call for pricing. References available. Jessica Shook (daughter of Mike and Kim). Phone # 804-380-0117.



At Home Pet Sitters

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