



Throughout history people have wondered why good or bad things happen. In the ancient world some thought a deity must have been angry or pleased by what a person had done. Philosophers had alternatives to why things happened, in particular bad things.

Stoics believed everything was already programmed to turn out a certain way. There is nothing you can change it: Just fit in

Epicureans believe everything happened in a random fashion. Again, there was nothing you could do so live life as joyously and comfortably as you can.

Followers of teachings of Plato believed this current life was but a shadow of reality. Bad things happened but as humans were destined to a different world.

Perhaps one of these philosophies match your own.

I think a better question today is to ask what? What should we do with our lives during this pandemic? Obviously, we do what we can to protect ourselves. Wear a mask, physically distance ourselves from others, restrict trips out in public etc. But what should we do with our lives?

When asked what is greatest thing a person can do with how they live their life, Jesus said to love God with all your heart, mind and soul, our neighbor as yourself and to lay down your life for your friends.

When Jesus was asked why a man had been born blind. Had his parents done something bad or had the man? Jesus indicted they were asking the wrong question. The man was blind.

So, what should Jesus do? He was going to reveal the power and glory of God. Jesus healed the man.

As Christians we need to be ready to reveal the power and glory of God in the midst of this pandemic. What should we do? Offer words of hope based on facts and not fear. Take out your directory and call to check on others. Randomly drop off a fancy mask or those coveted Clorox wipes to let someone know they are not forgotten but are loved. Words and actions which express our loyalty to a person or belief matter.

The first Christians worshipped outdoors out of fear of persecution or even execution. Their lives were at stake.

Today we are back to worshipping outside, lives are at stake. However, those who worship together develop a comradeship that makes a group stronger. Worshipping outdoors for one hour with a mask is safer than working indoors all day with a mask. So, if you are feeling well, not in a high-risk group, come join in worship. If you are in a high-risk group be intentional about watching online. In all times, all situations, look to how you reveal the love and power of God in your words and deeds.

Fr. Lee

# Announcements!

**Mask:** As required per our Governor and bishop, please wear a mask when you come into the church. Just as this has become our practice when visiting our local grocery stores, please do the same when visiting the church building.

**Altar Flowers:** This week's altar flowers were given to the glory of God by Marci Jerina and in honor of the birthdays of Dave Burgess and Julianne Marcus.

**Altar Guild Meeting:** Please plan to meet via Zoom on Monday, October 26 at 5pm. Zoom ID 344 839 7169, password wrxfv1

**Sunday School** for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Via Zoom Meeting ID: 789 1141 1607 Passcode: ey32mt

Music is "This little light of mine"

(We will continue with this format until we are able to worship in the church)

**Sunday outdoor worship service is at 9 am** (See below for Music)

**Sunday Worship Service will be streamed on Facebook at 10 a.m.** (See below for Music)

**Wednesday Services will be streamed on Facebook at 10 a.m.**

**Compline Service will be streamed on Facebook every evening at 8 p.m.**

**Zoom School begins September 13**

Here a link for our kid's sermon and worksheet for this week's gospel

<https://sermons4kids.com/>

Office will be open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9am to 1 pm.

You are not "doing Facebook"? No problem!

With this link <https://www.facebook.com/StMartin9000/>

you can go to our St. Martin on Facebook and enjoy the services live. You can scroll to find any service which had been streamed live anytime ... because after it has been live it is like a posted video so you can see it anytime.



**Help Us Celebrate Donnie Wheatley's  
35th Anniversary  
as Executive Director this Thursday and Friday!**

On Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Boys Home of Virginia will host **"Two Days of Giving"** in honor of their executive director, Mr. Donnie Wheatley's 35 years of service. Friends, family and supporters are encouraged to give Mr. Wheatley a call to congratulate him and make a pledge toward the \$35,000.00 fundraising goal. Please call 540-965-7704 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on those days. To add to the fun, on Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., staff and students will **"Stick it to Mr. Wheatley!"** They will literally stick him to a wall with duct tape! Boys Home is accepting donations of \$5.00 for a stretch of tape or \$35.00 for a whole roll! (Please do not send tape. This is just a fundraising opportunity.)

As a precursor to this event, Boys Home has been posting silly pictures of Mr. Wheatley in various locations and poses on their Facebook page and Instagram. If you haven't see them, definitely check them out. During these two days of giving, they will continue to post pictures and videos of all the fun activities and shenanigans going on!

For more information or if you would like to make a donation, please visit our website at [www.boyshomeofva.org](http://www.boyshomeofva.org) or give Melinda a call 540-965-7707.

<https://mailchi.mp/5f67a00d32bf/liaison-links-boys-home-of-virginia-september-2070829?e=5f544d14be>





# St. Martin's Happy Hour

It is always a happy time when we see our Church friends.



Let's chat a while ..... every Thursday!

The meeting starts at 5:30 pm (and will be cut off by the computer after 40 minutes).  
In those 40 minutes you can join anytime.

If you have any question call Christa 804-787-0525



Topic: St Martin's Happy Hour  
Time: every Thursday at 5:30 pm

Meeting ID: 702 740 7194  
Passcode: stmHappy



## Readings for Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, October 18, 2020

### First Reading:

Exodus 32:12-23

### Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

### Psalm Reading

Psalm 99

### Gospel Reading:

Mathew 22:15-22



## Music for Sunday, October 18

Prelude:	Matinal	G McKay
Hymn to set the table: #664	My shepherd will supply my need	
Communion hymn #321	My God, thy table now is spread	
Dismissal hymn #556	Rejoice ye pure in heart	

## **FALL 2020 UTO INGATHERING**

Once again, just like the spring ingathering, the United Thank Offering this Fall is going to ask more of you than usual. Not being at church every week, you won't have the opportunity to turn in your boxes or envelopes. But please know that your offerings are more important and needed than ever. The UTO Board plans to continue the focus for the next round of grants to center around recovery efforts from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are now three ways to give:

- To give via your phone, simply text **INGATHER** to **41444**
- Give online at <https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/>
- Mail a check, made payable to **UTO** with **Ingathering Diocese of Virginia** in the memo line, to:

**The United Thank Offering  
DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church  
PO Box 958983  
St. Louis MO 63195-8983**

You can also send/take your checks (with the memo line inscribed, as above) to St. Martin's and we will happily send the donation on for you.

We are hoping to get all donations by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for giving to this important cause and for the prayers and sacrifices I know you've all made during this challenging time. I know we are all looking forward to the days when we can safely be together. Until then, be careful and grateful for one another.



**Please pray this week for the following Members of St. Martin's:** Rachel, Jonathan, Taylor Adams, Taylor Hood, Rob Lockridge, Bob Kemp, Jake Henderson, Andrew Bright, Susan Iervolino, Joyce Welford, Joyce Ragland, Gregory Echevarria, Sandy Mann, Sally Dvorak, Sara and Rich Thomas, Wes Morgan, Grace Wood, Wes Temple, Shannon Werner, William Stephen, Betty Horne, Judi Bragg, Betty and A.P. Hall, Melissa Machalinski, Lois Gibbs, Maggie Witt, Sharon Boyd, Jim Moss, Cam, Susan Teachey, Marie Atkins, Jeremy Atkins, Maya Atkins, Barbara Campeau, Glenn Sprouse, Miranda

**Immediate Family members of St. Martin's:**

Betsy Adkins, Daniel Mejia, Dale John, Shirley Barritt, Julianne Webster, Betty Dailey, Bobby & Carol & Brandon Witt, Sam Carlo, Riley Stone, Stephen Firebaugh, Wende Bailon, Schuhl family, Pamela Davis, Julianne Marcus, Chad Campeau, Peggy Rorrer, Asram Soleyn, Jenny Glick, Douglas & Dianne Raynor, Jenna Raynor, Matt Kemp, Jack Downes, Gary Engle, Clete, Mary Bryce and Rebecca Bernhardt, William Bailey, Michael Mejia, Jean Lee, Dave Burgess, Megan Harvesty, John Nelson, Lisa Johnson, Andrew Getchell, Jamie, Jimmy Johnson, Rori Rourk, Robert Coke, Carol Stone; Donald Fiasco, Nicklaus Carlo, Carl Williams, Jane Fuell, Derek Jerina, Nicholas Buffin, Judy Shook, Kelli Minneci, John Younger, Michael Stern, Elizabeth Stern, Allison Gad, Katie Gad, Nichali Stern, Virginia Barrett, Elizabeth Sturgill, Kevin Blunt

**Friends of St. Martin's:** Zachary Kemp, Eric Owen, Joss Arnold, David Carlson, Sylvia Dance, Amy Dunham, Chris Gindlin, Alice, Melissa Pittman, Beth and Jimmy Reid, Mike, Ellen, Ray Long, Beth Harris, Gerald King, Abbie White, Conrad Hunter, Fred and Lorraine Kyle, Jamie-Ellen Spessard, Brooke O'Donnel, Olivia Spencer, Marcos Ochoa, Becky Miller, Vivienne Harris, Harry Olthoff, John Campbell, Martha Ryan, Mike Allen, Daniel Gunn, The Snyder Family, Maurice Covington, Rebecca Covington, Alivia Covington, Mary Hartford, Karen Haywood, Lina Santiago, Linda Gregory, Ethel Hare, Bonnie Wilkins, Jamala and Nathan Arland, Joyce Girling, Shania, Bishop Porter Taylor, Lisa Moreno

Please submit names of the members, family, or friends for whom you would like to be added to the Prayer List in our prayer box located in the back of the church. Names can also be added, updated and removed by calling or emailing the church office.





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**This Week's Birthdays:**

October 15 – Molly Bristol  
October 16 – Lauren Rowley  
October 20 – Dodie Corpening  
October 20 – Bill Loughran  
October 21 – Bennett Jenkins



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**This Week's Anniversaries:**

October 18 – William & Holly Thiron  
October 21 – Claire & Chris Baughan