



The great Snow Storm of 2018!

Pretty but...

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Father Lee Hutchson





We will celebrate the end of the 12 days of Christmas on January 5th at 7 p.m. with the Burning of the Greens. If you have a live tree which you would like to donate to the bonfire, drop it by the church or call the office and we will pick it up.

The Feast of the Epiphany is January 6th. Epiphany means to appear or manifest. The texts for each Sunday after Epiphany show the many ways that people came to know who Jesus was. Through baptism, a wedding miracle and through his own telling of others who he was at his hometown synagogue. But this revelation of who Jesus was began with three (3) magi who were not Jewish.

A couple things stand out about these magi:

- They began their journey because of what they believed. It was believed in most cultures that a world leader would be born under a special stellar phenomenon. We know through historical text that Jews, Romans and Persians were all looking for a special king to be born at the time Jesus was.
- 2) The Magi travelled to unfamiliar territory. Their journey took them to a country not their own and risked the consequences of disobeying Herod. They found a child born to parents of modest means. Perhaps not what they expected.

In our own journey of faith, we may find ourselves on unfamiliar ground and must rely on our faith in God to lead us through.

In our journey of faith through the upcoming year may God open the eyes of our heart to recognize the many ways God is at work in our own lives, our community, and the world.

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We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matthew 2:2

What and When ...



Feast of Lights

lead by the EYC Saturday January 5 service at 7 pm refreshments and bonfire following (see page 9)

EYC

Saturday January 5 at 7 pm - Feast of Lights Sunday January 13 at 11:30 am - meeting Sunday January 27 at 10 am - Youth Sunday

Acolyte practice

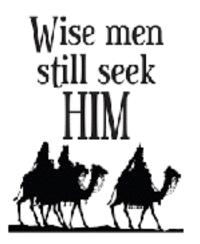
Sunday January 6 after the 10 am service Sunday January 13 after the 10 am service - for all current and interested acolytes! -

Men's Breakfast

Saturday January 12 at 8:30 am - time is a change! Wives are also invited! See page 5 Nick's - 8051 Broad Call Sid Akens (804-740-5375) if you need a ride

> Wednesday Night Discussion Group starting Wednesday January 16 at 7 pm for more info page 5

St. Martin's Project Saturday January 19 at 9:30 am, Red Team



Regular Weekly Events

Event	Day	Time	
Sunday Services	Sunday	8 & 10 am	
Boy Scouts	Monday	7pm	
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	6am	

Regular Monthly Events

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

Cloak Deadline - please, if possible submit by Friday January 25 at 8 pm

Word From The Wardens

We hope all of had a Merry Christmas and were able to spend some time with family and friends. We had a lot going on around St. Martins in 2018.We wanted to take a minute as 2018 comes to an end to highlights a few accomplishments:

1. We had a terrific service trip to The Boys Home in Covington, Va. The EYC got to meet and interact with the residents as well help with some needed maintenance and repair. The youth had an interactive service with the resident population. Great experience for all. Donnie Wheatly, Executive Director gave the young people a tour of their museum and an overview of the history of the Boys Home.

2. Big Win for our congregation, we hired a new Sunday School Coordinator. We are excited to have Robin Biehler in this position and look forward to what she will to our Sunday School curriculum and building relationships with our children and their families.

Welcome Robin 😊

3. We have a new Organist and Choir Director in David Hopkins. We are excited with the leadership that he brings to our music ministry. Looking forward to continued Absolutely Awesome Music in the coming year!

Welcome David 😊

4. We want to THANK YOU for continuing of your Sharing of your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE to enable our parish family to support our many ministries and outreach to the community.

We close wishing God's Blessings on you and your family in 2019!

Rick Gibbs, Senior Warden Garland Harwood, Junior Warden







The great snow of 2018 - photos by Rick Gibbs

Men's Breakfast Club

- from Sid Akens

The Men's Club of St. Martin's Church will commence the New Year with their Breakfast at Nicks Restaurant on January 12 at 8:30 am. The reason for the later then usual starting time is that we are asking our wives to attend with us to celebrate The New Year 2019.

So, if you haven't joined us previously, we welcome you to have breakfast with us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Wednesday Night Discussion Group:

The Gospel in Life is an eight (8) week session course on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life. First in your heart, then in your community and then out into the world.

The first session is Wednesday January 16 at 7 pm and will run through March 6, 2019.

There is a sign-up sheet on the board.

Hometown

I have walked where Patsy Jefferson waltzed; in houses of of men and women who built a village, a city, a nation.

have prayed in a Church that still rings with echoes of Patrick Henry's demand for liberty.

have climbed earthen breastworks built by soldiers, so long ago the reasons are lost in graveyards and rhetoric;

have stained my clothes, rolling down Chimborazo Hill, transformed from a hospital, where enemies healed together.

have stood before monuments to courage, wisdom, hope and laughter that stand, ride, play, study, dance.

I can remember my grandfather's cigar, grandmother's fruitcake; mother's needlework, father who could do everything;

all in a place among heroes where, remembered or forgotten, I have sung, have danced, have loved.

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff



Financial Highlights end of November 2018	MTD	YTD
Income	\$16,720.00	\$209,775.93
Expenses	\$20,523.86	\$197,617.78
Gain or Loss	-\$3,803.86	\$12,158.15

"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. " (Matthew 2:11)



Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

After the festivities are over...

The holidays are over, the preparations, the partying, the gifts, the many events, entertaining family and friends at various times over the holidays, traveling to visit loved ones and now you are exhausted! What now? January's calendar is practically empty and often with that is a sense of boredom or loneliness.

It doesn't help if we feel we missed the mark over the holidays or there was some disappointment regarding family members or some unmet expectations. It may be that we enjoyed seeing family that we haven't seen in a while and now there is sadness as we say goodbye to them.

Some of us may be remembering loss at this festive time. Loss may be due to a death in the family or loved one, or a divorce. Any of these can cause sadness through the holidays and beyond. In some cases may cause depression. If you feel you are depressed please seek help from your health care provider or a mental health professional.

There may also be a sense of sadness at the prospect of long winter days ahead. For some, dealing with snow or being snowbound can also add a sense of isolation. Do not despair. The following may help:

- 🚣 .If you enjoyed planning events and socializing, getting some friends over for a games evening, or to watch a movie may help. It does not have to be a formal event.
- 🚣 Go to the movies, a play, or museums with others. .

- 📲 If you have over indulged through the holidays, now may be the time to start or resume an exercise activity. Working out with someone makes it more enjoyable.
- 🚣 Maintain your health by eating well and getting enough rest and exercise
- 🏭 Planning a trip to visit with friends or family you don't see often gives you something to look forward to.
- L Plan at least one thing in your week that you look forward to.
- L If you make a New Year's resolution, be sure it is attainable. As you achieve each goal you get a sense of accomplishment which encourages you to keep going.

Wishing you a peaceful, healthy, happy New Year.



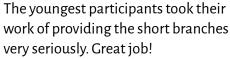
Advent Wreath workshop

Saturday December 1 at 2 pm



I was too late to take photos of the Greening of the Church. EYC and Altar Guild decorated the Chrismon Tree, hung the Advent Wreath and made St. Martin's festive.

















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The (second annual) Advent Wreath workshop was again a lot of fun and fellowship enjoyed by all. Participants were happy to take home their successful projects.



Carols and Lessons

First Sunday of Advent December 2 2018

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It is heartwarming when we see our Youth actively participating in our worship services. Thank you!

Feast of Tights!

January 5 at 7 pm

Service lead by our Youth.

Burning of the Greenery. Bring your "not so fresh" Christmas tree to be burned. Marshmallows. Hot cider etc.





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Condolences!

to Father Lee and his family who lost his Aunt

Jane Holoch

who passed suddenly. The funeral was December 20 in Vermillion, South Dakota.

Congratulations!

to

Sandra Maria Levy and David Alfred Mix

on their marriage on Friday December 21, 2018 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

We wish them many wonderful happy years together.





(making lunches for homeless people)



... in December included bunches of new socks collected for several weeks ...





... and homemade cookies donated by members.



Christmas Caroling

to bring joy to some of our members who can't join us at church



More Pageant Rehearsal -

the morning of





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with breakfast for the children provided by Karen

and Lane Hood.

The Pageant

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 16 at 10 am service













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Church-going adults have seen the story of Jesus at Christmas many times in their lives. But nothing is more important then trying to teach Children the real meaning of why we celebrate Christmas? One day each of these wonderful children will understand why Jesus was born and why he died for us.

Thank you to the adults who work with our children and make these Pageants a treat for us.

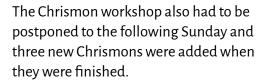
Chrismon Sunday was supposed to be on the 2nd Sunday of Advent - December 9 am



... but the great snow storm of 2018 started at the time of the Sunday service. Still many who lived close to the church came to worship and those children received their Chrismons as promised, but of course more were given the following Sunday.



(The Anchor is a 3-D ornament and difficult to photograph.)





This year's Chrismon: The Anchor

The anchor is a very early Christian symbol that has been found in the catacombs. In the oldest of these (second century) the anchor is found associated with such expressions as pax tecum, pax tibi, in pace, thus expressing the firm hope of the authors of these inscriptions that their friends have been admitted to Heaven.

Because of its great importance in navigation, the anchor was regarded in ancient times as a symbol of safety. The Christians, therefore, in adopting the anchor as a symbol of hope in future existence, merely gave a new and higher significance to a familiar emblem.

It also reminds us that many of Jesus' apostles were fishermen and that we are commissioned to be fishers of people.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (Hebrews 6:19)

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.



ECW Christmas Party





Sorry. Took these photos too late. Thank you to the ladies who provided this smorgasboard.













Delicious nibbles, singing carols, drawing door prizes, playing the leftright game and enjoying the gift-giving. Fellowship with friends.





Gift-exchange. Fr Lee read the "Right family story". Julie C. got "THE" present: Did you know that ECW stands for <u>East Coast Waterfowl?</u>

EXC

Thursday Dec. 27 at 6 pm fellowship time with dinner at Metro Diner and lights tour afterwards





If you know of somebody not on these lists (including yourself) please let the office know. If we don't know ...



01/03 Sandy Bright 01/04 **Tony Romano** Jamie Sichi 01/05 01/07 Patsy Bickerstaff 01/08 Andrew Rieber Carol Roseme 01/08 Martha Murphy 01/09 01/10 Greg Echevarria **Betsy Crowell** 01/11 Madison Britton 01/12 Archana Samuel 01/14 01/17 **Bob Kirby** Cynthia Scott 01/18 Jill Grumbine 01/24 James Sykes 01/27 01/27 Addison Sykes 01/28 Merry Beth Hall 01/29 Millie Lindsey 01/30 Taylor Hood 01/31 Sharon Lindsey

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- 02/01 Scott Alloway 02/06 Elaine Jacobson Janice Kelly 02/07 02/07 Larry Reid 02/08 Carolyn Wallace Annette Woolwine 02/10 02/13 **Dennis Pinner** Mikayla Fiasco 02/13 Frank Lamb 02/14 Darrell Jenkins 02/16 Susan Iervolino 02/21 02/21 Ian Woolwine 02/26 Stephanie Machalinski 02/26 Anne Shirey Brianna Bailey 02/27 02/27 Nicole Baroody 02/28 Randy Chowning
- none in January * 02/14/1987 (02/14 |

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Carl & Sandra McAllister Bill & Anne Shirey



The Angel Tree was successfully "undecorated" and children of prison inmates received gifts from our generous members.

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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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We are grateful for your participation!

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