



# The Cloak

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



The great  
Snow Storm  
of 2018!

Pretty but...

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# Father Lee Hutchison



We will celebrate the end of the 12 days of Christmas on January 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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:

- 1) 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.

*Fa. Lee*



# What and When ...

January

## 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	7 pm
Meals on Wheels	Tuesday	10:15 am-12 pm
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
<i>*Healing Service every 3rd Wed.</i>		
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
Vestry Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7 pm
Men's Breakfast	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	8 am
Daughters of the King	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	11 am
Daisy Troop	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6-7:30 pm
Book Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	10:30 am
St. Martin's Project	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	9:30 am
ECW	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	5:30 pm
EYC	Alternating Sundays after church	
Prayer Shawl Ministry	quarterly	11:30 am

Wise men  
still seek  
HIM



**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 than 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!



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## 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.

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## Finance Report

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

## Hometown

I have walked where Patsy Jefferson waltzed;  
in houses 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

*“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)*

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# 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.
-  Plan at least one thing in your week that you look forward to.
-  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.



The youngest participants took their work of providing the short branches very seriously. Great job!



Advent Wreath Workshop ...  
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Advent Wreath Workshop ... continued from previous page



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



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



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## Feast of Lights!

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 Leyy  
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.



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## St. Martin's Project

(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



with breakfast for the children provided by Karen and Lane Hood.





# The Pageant

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







Church-going adults have seen the story of Jesus at Christmas many times in their lives. But nothing is more important than 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 Chrismon workshop also had to be postponed to the following Sunday and three new Chrismons were added when they were finished.



(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.



**LAMB'S Basket**

*"...I was hungry and you fed me"*  
Matthew 25:35



# ECW Christmas Party

Tuesday December 18 at 6 pm



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



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



20 ladies and Fr. Lee



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









**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
- 01/05 Jamie Sichi
- 01/07 Patsy Bickerstaff
- 01/08 Andrew Rieber
- 01/08 Carol Roseme
- 01/09 Martha Murphy
- 01/10 Greg Echevarria
- 01/11 Betsy Crowell
- 01/12 Madison Britton
- 01/14 Archana Samuel
- 01/17 Bob Kirby
- 01/18 Cynthia Scott
- 01/24 Jill Grumbine
- 01/27 James Sykes
- 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
- 02/07 Janice Kelly
- 02/07 Larry Reid
- 02/08 Carolyn Wallace
- 02/10 Annette Woolwine
- 02/13 Dennis Pinner
- 02/13 Mikayla Fiasco
- 02/14 Frank Lamb
- 02/16 Darrell Jenkins
- 02/21 Susan Iervolino
- 02/21 Ian Woolwine
- 02/26 Stephanie Machalinski
- 02/26 Anne Shirey
- 02/27 Brianna Bailey
- 02/27 Nicole Baroody
- 02/28 Randy Chowning
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- \* none in January
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- 02/14/1987 Carl & Sandra McAllister
- 02/14 Bill & Anne Shirey
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The Angel Tree was successfully “undecorated” and children of prison inmates received gifts from our generous members.





# 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.

## DERING'S CLEANING SERVICE:

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



## 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

## Amazon Smiles:

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> or click the box above.
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.



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