



The Cloak

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



Rick is missing ... because he took the photo!

Youth Mission Trip 2019

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Father Lee Hutchison



This picture was on the front page of the August 2017 Cloak

The picture above is of some of our kids from St. Martin's replacing a roof on a house. They stripped the old shingles and then re-shingled the roof. The owner of the house left each morning, never responding to our hellos. Little did we know his wife was in a hospital being treated for cancer. She returned home on our 2nd to last day. On Thursday, the owner said hello and told me his story. His whole attitude had changed with the woman he loved at home. They were so appreciative to have a dry house.

I share that story with you because you made that gift of grace possible. Your financial support of our parish helps to defray the cost of our annual service trip. That allows our kids to actually be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in need. That is one small story of how your congregation brings hope to our world.

That story of Grace happened as well as many other stories in our own church because of the generosity of your financial support. Thank you for allowing that Gift of Grace to happen and thank you for allowing the children of this parish to grow in their faith. And thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Fa. Lee

What and When ...

July

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| <p>Wednesday Morning Coffee none in July and August</p> |
| <p>Office Closed Friday June 12</p> |
| <p>Men's Breakfast Saturday July 13 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>EYC participating in Bus Trip to National Cathedral on Sunday July 14</p> |
| <p>Bus Trip to National Cathedral in DC Sunday July 14 at 7:30 am see page 5</p> |
| <p>Vacation Bible School Monday - Friday July 15-19 from 6 to 8pm see page 8</p> |
| <p>St. Martin's Project Saturday July 20 at 9:30 am, Red Team</p> |
| <p>Acolyte recognition Sunday July 21 at 10 am service see page 6</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:

If you would like to be received or confirmed into the church, Bishop Susan Goff will be here on October 27. Classes will start the week of September 8. Please notify the church office if you are interested.



Cloak Deadline - please, submit by Thursday July 25 at 8 pm

Words from the Wardens

Dear Fellow Martinites:

As we are hit by the “dog days of summer,” let us not become lulled into some sense of “waiting for the energy draining heat and humidity to be over. We can tell you that THIS IS NOT THE CASE AT ST MARTIN'S. There is so much energy exuding from our family that it is clear we are right on with our ongoing slogan of “Moving forward in Faith!”

There was a very full congregation at Church last Sunday to hear from our EYC about their recent service trip! There was a mother bird feeding her young in the nest near the bell rope pull! Robyn was bustling about getting ready for VBS in JULY.....”R.O..A..R..!!!!.” Our bus is filling up for our National Cathedral trip on July 14!

As you travel this summer with your family, whether to the beach, mountains, or even amusement parks and pools, please remember to be intentional about giving “Thanks to our Lord for each new day!” and to keep our church family in your personal prayers!

Please be SAFE and “Keep the Faith!”,

Nancy Greenwood, Senior Warden
Rick Gibbs, Junior Warden

Notes from our Travelers

- from Christa

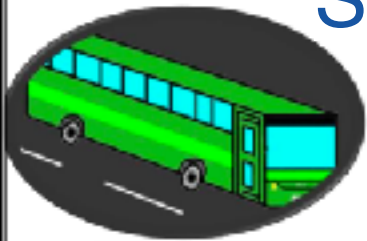
As you know, your editor is in Europe right now. We are seeing our families in Germany and England but we started with a river cruise down the Danube. One of the events during this touched us and I would like to share it.

In Vidin, Bulgaria, we visited the mosque of Osman Pazvantoglu which we visited next was built in honor of his father, and next to it the library he had built in honor of his mother. A very small mosque in a very small town but with lots of history. We were told that the present Imam was very community oriented and they invited their neighbors as often as possible to their table. The Imam invited us in and answered any question we might have (of course translated).

James raised the question about the radical moslems and he answered in an incredible way ... that we all breathed the same air, used the same water etc etc, and in none of the religious books was it written that it was created for Christians or Moslems or Jews but that our Creator created it for ALL. He strongly said that we all prayed to the same God just in different ways. He was all about peace and love to your neighbors. He encouraged us that this was the message to spread.



This also reminded me that quite often while traveling and participating in a service on Sunday morning or just visiting a church I find something very meaningful. My suggestion: **Please share** in the Cloak if you come across something like that during your travels ... anytime of the year. Mail to stmartinscloak@gmail.com or give handwritten to me when you see me.



St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Bus Trip and Brunch

Departure: Sunday, July 14th at 7:30 a.m.

Service at



Washington National Cathedral



visit the World Famous Museum of the Bible

Cost: \$100 per person
for family
brunch included

See Sign Up Sheet by July 14th

****scholarships available, contact church office****

*****We will stop for an early dinner on the way home***
(This will be at your own expense)**



Book Club

by Pat Rourk

We do not have Book Club in July and August, but keep reading and we will meet again in September.

The book for September: "The Storytellers Secret" by Sejal Bandina



Food for thought: Realize deeply that the present moment is all you ever have. (Elkhart Tolle)

Grass Cutting

We are still seeking volunteers to help with the grass cutting for this year. Please see the sign-up sheet posted on the board.

Card Ministry

If you are interested in taking over the Card Ministry for the church, please contact Fr. Lee. This ministry must be taken over by mid-July.

Acolyte Recognition

We will be recognizing Colin Clements for serving as an acolyte for nine years at St Martin's on July 21. Please come and join us to thank him for his service and congratulate him on his high school graduation and acceptance to William and Mary college.
- Kerry

New Picnic Table

Thank you, Bob Barrett



Memorial Day



The children's sermon on Memorial Day was a Conversation about our flags, USA and Episcopal .

(photo from Rick Gibbs)

Finance

Report

| Financial Highlights 2019 | end of previous month | MTD May | YTD end of May |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | |
| Income | \$73,913.46 | \$13,481.45 | \$87,394.91 |
| Expenses | \$76,124.65 | \$21,108.32 | \$97,232.97 |
| Gain or Loss | -\$2,211.19 | -\$7,626.87 | -\$9,838.06 |

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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

Outreach Committee - by Julie Crews

Thank you for your generous support of the Outreach Committee's drive to help several homeless shelters in the Richmond area with items they need: sheets, towels, washcloths, cleaning supplies and gas and grocery cards. The men, women, and children in these shelters, who are temporarily without a place to live, depend on these shelters to survive.



Needed: more paper grocery bags with Handles for the St. Martin's Project. Thank you in advance.

Lamb's Basket Fundraiser (Two dates)

Saturday **July 13** and Saturday **August 10** from 5–7 at the pantry warehouse

The Return of the Big Red Tomato!

Order your made-to-order tomato sandwich, a drink, chips, and dessert for only \$5 pre person.

Lamb's Basket provides food to needy families in Henrico County. Clients are referred by area churches and organizations. Lamb's Basket functions totally on volunteers from supporting churches and from the community at large.

8419 Oakview Avenue



Have you signed up yet ?

Come join the "Mane" event of the summer

July 15 – 19 from 6 pm to 8 pm

We are looking for an adult to assist with reading Bible Story; also, we want to remind our youth to sign up to volunteer as well.

If you want to participate in this summer adventure please contact Robin Biehler rebiehler@gmail.com or 804-218-3658



St. Martin's Church will be transformed into the African Savannah. The children will experience an African adventure that will explore God's goodness as well as celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. All are welcome to join us for a roaring good time.

Chincoteague by Moonlight

Black marsh grass shudders to the plash of hooves
In saltwind night. Like startled stars, fireflies
Spray through scrub oaks. Whispering egret moves
As alabaster sails, on ink-blue skies.
A mirrored moonpath rolls on foamlace swells,
Glances on chips of water, spills on sands
Its milk-white bounty, gleams in jewel-shells,
Blesses a promise clasped in sunburned hands.
Our treasure-laden souls, like ripened fruit
Glow gold wih breathless beauty, touch and cling
In splendor; honey-drenched, our lips, once mue
Fill with a million centuries, and sing.
Engulfed in ancient music of the sea,
We reach, with dreams, to grasp eternity.

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff

ECW

- by Sally Dvorak

The ECW has purchased a beautiful Remembrance Book in which to record all gifts given to St. Martin's since it was founded in 1963. If you, or anyone you know, has donated a gift, please list them on the insert found in the church bulletin or on the table in the hallway. A talented member of the ECW will record the donor and the gift in the Remembrance Book which will be on display for parishioners to see. If you have any questions about this on-going project, please contact Jean Rollins or Ann Robbins.

There will be no ECW meeting in **July**.





Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

Measles

Measles is very contagious and can be serious. An unvaccinated child or adult can get measles when traveling abroad or even in the U.S. Measles was declared eliminated (absence of continuous disease transmission for greater than 12 months) from the United States in 2000. However, since 2011 there has been a steady increase in the number of cases reported in the U.S.

In 2011, more than 30 countries in the WHO (World Health Organization) European Region reported an increase in measles, and France was experiencing a large outbreak. These led to a large number of importations (80) that year. Most of the cases that were brought to the U.S. in 2011 came from France.

The U.S. experienced 11 outbreaks in 2013, three of which had more than 20 cases, including an outbreak with 58 cases.

The U.S. experienced 23 measles outbreaks in 2014, including one large outbreak of 383 cases, occurring primarily among unvaccinated Amish communities in Ohio. Many of the cases in the U.S. in 2014 were associated with cases brought in from the Philippines, which experienced a large measles outbreak.

An outbreak was linked to an amusement park in California. The outbreak likely started from a traveler who became infected overseas with measles, then visited the

amusement park while infectious; however, no source was identified. Analysis by CDC scientists showed that the measles virus type in this outbreak (B3) was identical to the virus type that caused the large measles outbreak in the Philippines in 2014.

A 75-case outbreak was reported in Minnesota in a Somali-American community with poor vaccination coverage. In a community with previously high vaccination coverage, concerns about autism, the perceived increased rates of autism in the Somali-American community, and the misunderstanding that autism was related to the

measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine resulted in a decline in MMR vaccination. Coverage dropped to a level low enough to sustain widespread measles transmission in the Somali-American community following introduction of the virus. Studies have consistently documented that there is not a relationship between vaccines and autism.

Two doses of MMR vaccine provide the best protection against measles for your child.

The challenges for public health practice

This outbreak demonstrates the challenge of combating misinformation about MMR vaccine and the importance



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of creating long-term, trusted relationships with communities to disseminate scientific information in a culturally appropriate and effective manner.

The U.S. experienced 17 outbreaks in 2018. Three outbreaks in New York State, New York City, and New Jersey, respectively, contributed to most of the cases. Cases in those states occurred primarily among unvaccinated people in Orthodox Jewish communities. These outbreaks were associated with travelers who brought measles back from Israel, where a large outbreak is occurring. Eighty-two people brought measles to the U.S. from other countries in 2018. This is the greatest number of imported cases since measles was eliminated from the U.S. in 2000.

These outbreaks are linked to travelers who brought measles back from other countries such as Israel, Ukraine, and the Philippines, where large measles outbreaks are occurring.

Spread of Measles

- The majority of people who got measles were unvaccinated.
- Measles is still common in many parts of the world.
- Travelers with measles continue to bring the disease into the U.S.
- Measles can spread when it reaches a community in the U.S. where groups of people are unvaccinated.

Measles can be serious.

Some people think of measles as just a little rash and fever that clears up in a few days, but measles can cause serious complications, especially in children younger than 5 years of age. There is no way to tell in advance the severity of the symptoms your child will experience.



- About 1 in 5 people in the U.S. who get measles will be hospitalized
- 1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling, which could lead to brain damage
- 1 to 3 out of 1,000 people with measles will die, even with the best care

Some of the more common measles symptoms include:

- high fever (may spike to more than 104° F),
- cough,
- runny nose (coryza),
- red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis), and
- rash (3-5 days after symptoms begin).

The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from measles is by getting vaccinated. If you are planning a trip you should plan to be fully vaccinated at least 2 weeks before you depart. If your trip is less than 2 weeks away and you're not protected against measles, you should still get a dose of MMR vaccine. The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine protects against all 3 diseases.



Two doses of MMR vaccine provide 97% protection against measles; one dose provides 93% protection.

Virginia is one of the last states to report any measles activity. Keep you and your family safe by getting the MMR vaccine. Your Primary Care Provider or the Health department are a couple of resources for receiving the vaccine.

(excerpts taken from the CDC website)

Be safe and healthy this summer. Safe travels for those of you traveling away from home.

Graduation Celebration

Sunday June 2



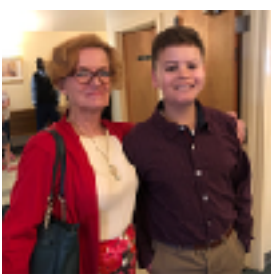
Pentecost

Sunday June 9 ~ The children are singing



End of Sunday School

Sunday June 9 ~ Potluck after 10 am service



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Altar Guild at work on Pentecost. Thanks!



**Bells can't ring
because ...**

There is a robin's nest in the rafters under the roof of the walkway between the church and the parish hall. Rick has taken a photo of the three baby birds poking their heads out of the nest this morning.

The babies look almost big enough to fledge so it won't be long before the bell can be rung again. It hasn't been rung for several weeks so as not to disturb the mama robin.

- Sally Dvorak



Report from our Jr. Warden:

from Rick Gibbs

New lexan covers for our etched class windows in the church.



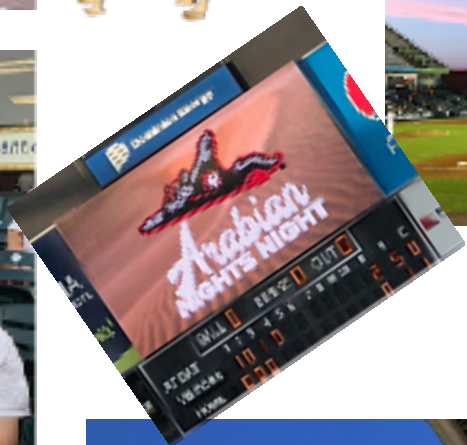
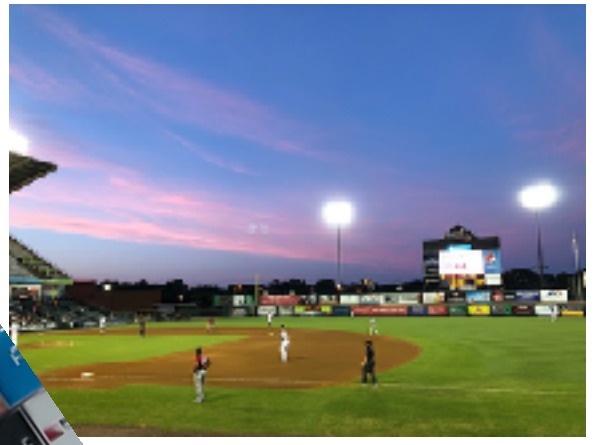
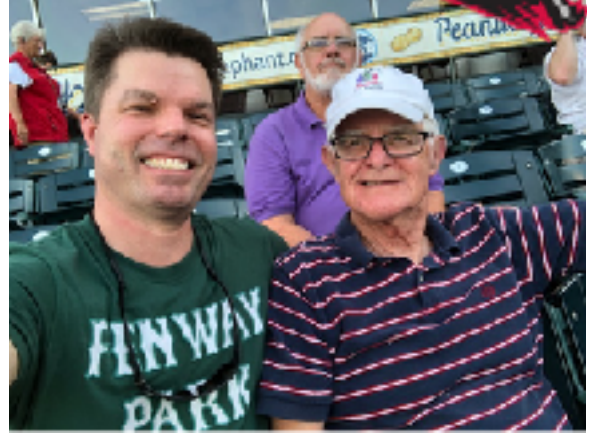
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St. Martin's 4th Annual Men's Night at the Diamond

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

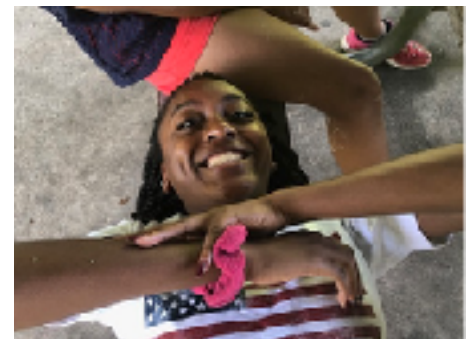


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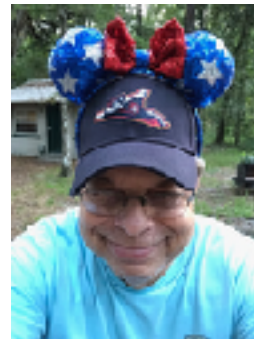
Youth Mission Trip

June 23-29 (Sun-Sat) Service Trip to Jacksonville FL



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Great big Thank you

to the adults who went on the Youth Mission Trip:
Father Lee Hutchson
Rick Gibbs
George Crowell
Betsy Crowell
Betty Horne

A report, youth included, will be in the next issue.





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 07/01 Ellery Bradley
 07/02 Jonathan Horne
 07/06 Caitlin Woolwine
 07/08 Ashley Borders
 07/09 Kim Shook
 07/09 Sara Thomas
 07/10 Jack Greenwood
 07/12 Jackie Bitler
 07/13 Yohance Iervolino
 07/22 Alison Potter
 07/23 Leslie Dering
 07/25 William Sykes
 07/29 Rob Lockridge
 07/30 Jacob Dau
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 08/02 Bill Chowning
 08/05 Jay Sykes
 08/06 Jacob Henderson
 08/07 Kyle Stephenson
 08/11 Maggie Witt
 08/11 Evelyn Watt
 08/11 Adrienne Stephens
 08/11 Glenn Sprouse
 08/12 Ruth Barrett
 08/13 Adam Marcus
 08/14 Mike Shook
 08/14 Kyle Stephenson
 08/14 Cylas Machalinski
 08/15 Taylor Murphy
 08/15 Barbara Lockridge
 08/16 Martha Hall
 08/16 Andrew Wood
 08/18 Andrew Bright
 08/18 Jaiden Logan
 08/20 Jean Rollins
 08/23 Layne Hood
 08/24 George Stone
 08/26 Virginia Tucker
 08/27 Jonathan Horne
 08/29 Sandy Goolsby
 08/29 Sloan Lindsey
 08/30 Sid Akens
 08/30 William Thirion
 08/31 Todd Areson
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 07/03 Garland Harwood & Janice Carpi
 07/04/1968 Sharon & James Ragland
 07/07/2006 Sean & Jennifer Cooper
 07/08/2004 George & Betsy Crowell
 07/10/1996 Allen & Merry Beth Hall
 07/12 Charles & Margarette McIntosh
 07/12/2008 Samantha & Tony Romano
 07/22/1995 Kevin & Amy Bailey
 07/27/1972 Richard & Sara Thomas
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 08/01 Barbara & Russell Campeau
 08/07/1993 Errol & Adrienne Stephens
 08/07 Ian & Natalie Watt
 08/11/2007 Jay & Carrilynn Sykes
 08/15 Robin & Drew Biehler
 08/16/1958 A. P. & Betty Hall
 08/16 Rob & Barbara Lockridge
 08/19/2012 Harrison & Sharon Alloway
 08/28/1987 Bob & Max Barritt
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If you know of somebody not on these lists (including yourself) please let the office know. If we don't know ...

Condolences!
 to Ellery Bradley who lost his mother
Martha Bradley
 on Wednesday June 26

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