



The Cloak

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



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A Touch of Autumn in the Air!

Father Lee Hutchson



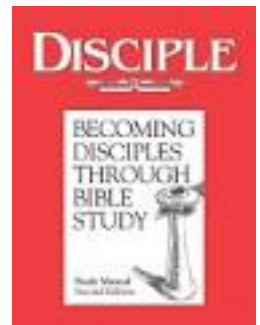
Our programming year kicks off on September 8th. We will be hosting a cookout at church following the 10 a.m. service. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey burgers and drinks. You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

In addition to Sunday School starting on the 8th your children are asked to bring their backpacks to receive a blessing for the upcoming school year.

Wednesday evening Discussions Groups begin on September 18th. This year we are using the “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study” by Richard Wilke curriculum as a base for our discussions.

As Christians we are a people with hope, this hope influences how we live our lives each day.

The El-Paso shooter wrote that he was preparing his whole life for a future that does not exist. His despair shaped the decision he made in murdering other people.



How we see ourselves shapes our decisions. We will be looking at how our identity is formed as Christians and upon what values we place our hope and trust. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to participate.

Enjoy these waning days of summer.
See you on Sunday,
Fr. Lee

Fr. Lee

What and When ...

September

Wednesday Morning Coffee September 4 - starts back up after service
Blessing of the Backpacks + Rally Day September 8 - cookout after 10 am service
Confirmation Classes September 8, 15, 22, 29 - at 2pm
Photos taken for Pictorial Directory September 11, 12, 13, 14 at different times, see page 6
Men's Breakfast Saturday September 14 at 8 am Nick's - 8051 Broad Call Sid Akens (804-740-5375) if you need a ride all men welcome! invite a friend!
Office Closed Friday September 20
St. Martin's Project Saturday September 21 at 9:30 am, Blue Team
Wednesday Night Discussion Group begins September 18 at 7pm
EYC Sunday September 22 - 11:30
ECW Tuesday September 24 at 5:30 pm - see page 5
Chiari Walk Saturday September 28 - 9:30 am at 11
St. Martin Project (5th Saturday) Saturday September 28 at 9:30 am, White Team
Ministry Fair Sunday September 29 - between and after the services

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 Wednesday September 25 at 8 pm

Words from the Wardens

September is here! School begins again! Rally Day for St Martin's is next Sunday, Sept 8, 2019!

A lot begins anew! It is appropriate that we begin by giving THANKS TO GOD for all of his many blessings. It is also a time to ask Him to be with us as we begin our Fall projects. In our church family some of those things that tend to be cyclical with starting anew this time of year, include, but are not limited to:

Sunday School

Choir

ECW

Stewardship

Let's take a look at Stewardship for a moment. This year our stewardship campaign will be led by George Crowell and will begin shortly. Soooo, what does this mean? Hopefully it means that each of us in the St Martins family will prayerfully consider our individual contributions to St Martin's! Throughout the years we have been so very fortunate to be on the receiving end of MANY gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure. This year we will have a Ministry Fair on Sunday Sept 29, where many of our groups will have a table so that we can learn about each and consider giving of our time and talent to help! For treasure, the campaign begins in September and includes the pledge process. We want to give you a little history on this.

In 2017 we had an intentional pledge drive, which led to a surplus of dollars in 2018 of \$29,595. In 2018, we were not as intentional so that in 2019 we find ourselves at a \$13,496 deficit through the end of August. We realize that usually in the final quarter of the year, we are able to catch up. Our message this year to drive the stewardship campaign will give us all an opportunity to give optimal support to our church family. You will see other financial information in this edition of the CLOAK and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us!

Yours in Christ,
Nancye and Rick

Finance

Report

- Garland Harwood

Financial Highlights 2019	end of previous month	MTD July	YTD end of July
Income	\$104,729.30	\$15,402.20	\$120,131.50
Expenses	\$113,708.62	\$19,919.81	\$133,628.43
Gain or Loss	-\$8,979.32	-\$4,517.61	-\$13,496.93

Our net loss YTD of over \$13,000 dollars is certainly a concern as we appear to be heading to an annual loss of \$25,000 for the year. Our problem is not overspending, we are only \$466 over our budget, the problem is our income stream. Our annual pledges dropped \$55,000 from actual pledges received in 2018 vs signed pledge cards received for 2019.

I ask all of our congregation to actively support our 2019 Stewardship Campaign (for year 2020) which will begin shortly under the leadership of George Crowell our Campaign Chair. Please be as generous as you can and there's no need to wait until 1/1/2020 if you can help sooner.

Saint Martin's needs you!

Sunday School

- by Kerry Alloway

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

List of events: for Fall:

September 8

Sunday school begins with blessing of backpacks and a cookout following the 10 am service

October 6 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal and 2pm blessing of the animals

October 13 Baptism of Natalie Romano

October 27 Bishop Goff will be visiting and confirmation service.

November 5 Spaghetti lunch fundraiser for Youth Service Trip 2020

November 5 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

December 1 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

December 8 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

December 15 Christmas Pageant

Photo:

Sunday school students Easter 2016



ECW

- by Sally Dvorak

The ECW will meet at 5.30pm on Tuesday September 24th. Please watch the Wednesday weeklies and the Sunday bulletins for details. Just a reminder that all women of St. Martin's are automatically members of the ECW so if you would like to participate in the fellowship and fun, you will be welcome.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Have you donated gifts to St. Martin's since 1963 in memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving for someone you love? If so, you will want the gift to be recorded in the beautiful Remembrance Book. Forms may be found in the white box in the hallway and should be returned to the same place. We will honor any requests not to record the donor's name if indicated on the form. Although this is an ongoing project for the ECW, please fill out a form now so we can record your gift. If you have any questions please contact Ann Robbins or Jean Rollins.

St. Martin's Pictorial Directory

**It is not too late to sign up for inclusion in the new pictorial directory.
There are plenty of appointments left for September 11th
and a few available on the 12th, 13th & 14th.**

Sign-up is available on-line at
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/boy94z4q/>
and after both Sunday services.

If you wish to change the appointment you already have
please call Ann Robbins (270 6247) or Jean Rollins (883 5487).



**WE NEED
YOU**
to make our new
family directory
complete

Just a reminder to be on time for your appointment.
After choosing your photo for the church directory there will be an
opportunity to purchase additional photos for yourself or as gifts for
family and friends.
You will receive one free 8" x 10" portrait and one free pictorial
directory per family unit for participating.

Getting ready for your photography session

We can't wait to see you. Our professional photographers will be there to greet you and walk through what to expect during your portrait session. We'll work hard to provide an amazing experience and deliver portrait products that become treasured family keepsakes.

1 For your photography session

Allow for about an hour in total for check-in, photography and viewing your digital images. You will also select your directory photograph and have the opportunity to purchase other photography products and greeting cards on-site. Our professional photographers will be ready to capture amazing moments.

2 Getting ready

In general, simple hairstyles and natural makeup are best, as well as solid colored clothing or simple patterns. Please note your shoes may show in some photographs and if you need glasses, feel free to wear them. Our goal is to capture your true smiles and expressions in every photograph.

3 Capture the real you

Invite grandparents or other family members/loved ones to join you in your photograph. With permission of your church, you may also bring your household pet. We encourage you to have fun and express your true personality by bringing meaningful items to your session (sports equipment, musical instruments, special toy or books, etc.).

Outreach Committee

Outreach Committee: The hallway was lined with your donations of school supplies for 2 area schools! The Outreach Committee thanks you for your generosity and continued support of our projects.

The Lamb's Basket: The suggested items for the fall donations are **peanuts butter and jelly**. (The Lamb's Basket provides food to needy families in Henrico County. Clients are referred by churches and organizations. Lamb's Basket functions totally on volunteers from supporting churches and from the community at large.)

The St. Martin's Project: Paper grocery bags with handles are greatly needed.



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.



The back seat and trunk of Jean's car was overflowing with the wonderful donations of school supplies. "This may be the most we have ever collected," Jean commented.

Congratulations!

to Sloan Lindsey and Ben Verlander
on their marriage
on Saturday July 20, 2019

We wish them many wonderful happy years together.

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

Get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ

Debbie Grumbine is one of our earliest members as you can see from her story. Her father-in-law was instrumental in establishing St. Martin's. She has worn many hats in this congregation and her two daughters (Kim on the left and Jill on the right) are doing the same.

Q: Are you a cradle Episcopalian?

A: I was raised as an Episcopalian; Christened and Confirmed at Grace Episcopal Church in the Borough of Merchantville, NJ.

Q: Have you always lived in the Richmond area?

A: After graduating high school I entered Richmond Professional Institute (RPI), now VCU, and transferred to MCV School of Radiologic Technology after 2 years.

Q: How did you find St. Martin's?

A: Gene Grumbine, Jr. was in a couple classes I was taking, and then happened to meet him at a Canterbury Club meeting at St. James Church. The rest is history!

My first date with Gene was to St. Martin's for a Halloween Spook House put on by the youth group! Gene's father Fr. Grumbine was on staff at St. James Episcopal and the Church decided to establish a Mission Church out in the west End of Richmond. Fr. Grumbine was appointed Vicar by St. James Vestry. The building was a popular design that is seen in a few other Episcopal churches in the Richmond area.

I remember seeing Marylaine Grumbine hand sewing a lot of the Altar hangings and vestments. She took great joy in what she was able to do for this new church. In these early years we only celebrated Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month.

Through-out all these years, St. Martin's remains a steadfast center for my family. Anita McConnell hooked me into joining Choir when Charles Lindsey was music director. It remains a very special part of my love for our Church.

Q: What would you like your church friends to know about you, your family, your occupation, hobbies etc?

A: The strong focus on worship and music is very special indeed. Combined with a wonderful congregation under the leadership of Fr. Lee, a strong sense of caring and fellowship from other Martinites has seen my family through incredibly difficult times after Gene's passing. That caring continues to help many other members, and gives me a deep sense of Faith and Love in my Church Home. I am thankful that all my children remain dedicated to St. Martin's

What a wonderful landscape we enjoy here. The trees have grown a little since 1963! The apple trees that gave us some very tasty apple butter for sale at the Fall Festivals have long since gone.

The 'new' parish hall has served as a center for coffee, fellowship and parties that enhance our Church Mission for us and the Community around us.



Debbie shared this old photo with us. She is standing with husband Gene in front of the vicarage St. Martin's owned at that time.



Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

Baby Safety Month

Hundreds of children younger than 1 year die each year in the US from accidents that are avoidable. More than 31,000 children, 4 yrs and younger, were treated in U.S hospital rooms for injuries at child care/school settings. About 2.5 million children are injured or killed by hazards in the home each year. The good news is that many of these incidents can be prevented by using simple child safety devices on the market today.

The following **checklist** contains some measures to keep your baby safe.

Bedroom

- Make sure cribs meet current national safety standards.
- Look for a certification safety seal. .
- Crib slats should be no more than 2 3/8" apart, and mattresses should fit snugly.
- Make sure your baby's crib is sturdy and has no loose or missing hardware.
- Never place your baby's crib or furniture near window blind or curtain cords.
- Be sure that no pillows, soft bedding, or comforters are used when you put babies to sleep.
- Babies should be put to sleep on their backs in a crib with a firm, flat mattress.
- This can help reduce Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and suffocation related to soft bedding.

Bathroom

- Keep medicines and cleaning products in containers with safety caps and looked away from children.
- Always check bath water temperature with your wrist or elbow before putting your baby in to bathe.
- Never, leave your child alone in the bathtub or near any water.

Kitchen

- Don't leave your baby alone in a highchair. Always use all safety straps.
- Use your stove's back burners and keep pot handles turned to the back of the stove.
- Lock household cleaning products, knives, matches and plastic bags away from children.
- Safety latches and locks are helpful

Living Areas

- Install smoke detectors on each floor of your home, especially near sleeping areas:
- change the batteries each year.
- Remove sharp-edged or hard furniture from area where your child plays.
- use safety gates to block stairways and safety plugs to cover electrical outlets.
- Avoid using baby walkers. They pose hazards for tipping or falling down stairs
- They allow children to reach objects that are heavy or hot causing harm
- Place child in playpen or crib if you are unable to give child undivided attention

Parish Nurse continued ...
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- Keep all small objects, including tiny toys and balloons, away from young children.
- Be sure that mini-blinds and Venetian blinds do not have looped cords.
- Check that vertical blinds, continuous looped blinds, and drapery cords have tension or tie-down devices to hold the cords tight.

Playground

- Look for safe surfacing on outdoor playgrounds
- Check playground surfacing and equipment regularly to make sure they are maintained in good condition.
- Be sure there are no draw strings around the hood and neck of children's outerwear clothing.
- Other types of clothing fasteners like snaps, zippers, or hook and loop fasteners, Velcro should be used.
- Drawstrings can catch on playground and other equipment and can strangle young children.

Burns

If your child does get burned, put cold water on the burned area immediately. Keep the burned area in cold water for a few minutes to cool it off. Cover loosely with a dry bandage or clean cloth. Notify your pediatrician.

Drowning

If you have a swimming pool you will want to install a fence that separates the house from the pool or place a fence around the pool.

Choking

You can improve your odds of saving your child if you learn how to rescue a choking child. You may ask your doctor to recommend programs or steps you may take.

Poison

If your child does eat something that could be poisonous, call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 immediately.
Do not make your child vomit.

Car Safety

Your child should be in a car seat EVERY TIME your child is in the car. All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car safety seat as long as possible, until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat's manufacturer. Most convertible seats have limits that will permit a child to ride rear-facing for 2 years or more. A rear-facing car safety seat should NEVER be placed in front of a passenger air bag. Your child, besides being much safer in a car safety seat, will behave better so you can pay attention to your driving. The safest place for all infants and children to ride is in the back seat.

Do not leave your child alone in a car. Keep vehicles and their trunks locked. Children who are left in a car can die of heat stroke because temperatures can reach deadly levels in minutes.

Remember, the biggest threat to your child's life and health is an injury.

The Age of Burning

Children don't play with crawfish any more,
Or sit with Grandma, hearing pond=frogs sing,
Or watch a hummingbird, with whirling wing,
Or catch fireflies, to twinkle in a jar.

Butterflies, Luna moths and honeybees,
Salamanders, June-bugs, dragonflies
Are rare, or dead. Under seared skies,
A lone katydid whines in brittle trees.

The silence screams with artificial light
And muffled roars of far-away machines.
Heat suffocates; no whippoorwill is calling.
An echo in the heart weeps for the night;
An old song, torn from scraps of what it means:
"The summer's gone, and all the roses falling."

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff

September 28th, 2019

RICHMOND, VA

Westchester Commons Shopping Center
15786 WC Main Street
Midlothian, VA

REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM
WALK STARTS: 10:00 AM

CONTACT:

Rick Gibbs
(804) 437-4728
rickgibbs@lizmoore.com

Walk distance is 2 miles, walk at your fitness level.

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CONQUER CHIARI
RICHMOND, VA



pre-register: www.conquerchiari.org



Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the US.

The Conquer Chiari Walk Across America is a series of local awareness and fundraising walks held on the 3rd and 4th weekend of September, uniting patients and their families across the country. Join us on this special day to help support the thousands of people struggling with this life changing diagnosis.

Proceeds will be used to fund Chiari research, education and awareness programs.

Participation is free. T-shirts will be provided for pre-registered walkers who have raised a minimum of \$40 (deadline is 8/16).

Conquer Chiari, known formally as the CBS Patient Education Foundation is a Pennsylvania 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to improving the experiences and outcomes of Chiari patients through education, awareness, and research.



Notes from our Members/Travelers

- none was shared -



Ways to Give to Boys Home of Virginia

Boys Home is so grateful for your commitment. Please remember we are 98% privately funded. Your help allows us to support our students in ways we believe are meaningful. There are many ways to give to Boys Home:

- Visit give2boyshome.org
- Mail a check to
Boys Home of Virginia
414 Boys Home Road
Covington, VA 24426
- Pay by credit card by calling (540) 965-7715
- Paypal
- Boys Home also accepts vehicles in good running condition!
- *Learn more about making a bequest to Boys Home by calling 540-965-7715 and asking for our free guide.*



Book Club

by Pat Rourk

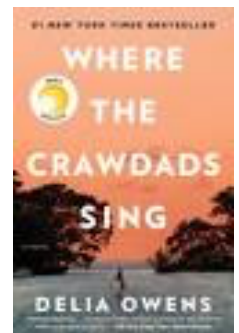
The book for September: "The Storytellers Secret" by Sejal Badina

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

Food for thought:

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences. Eleanor Roosevelt

This is just exactly what reading will do for you, expose you to new ideas, richer experiences, learning new things, and enriching your vocabulary. Why not give some thought to joining the Book Club. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month from January to June, break for the summer, meet in September, October, and November and break for the Christmas Holidays. We meet the 3rd Thursday at 10:30 in The Parish Hall, for about an hour to around 11:30 or 12 pm. You will always learn something.





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09/01 Christine Areson
 09/01 Bob Barritt
 09/02 Cameron Britton
 09/03 Julia Stephenson
 09/04 Richard Thomas
 09/04 Nancy Fleming
 09/06 Abraham Dau
 09/08 Jody Harlow
 09/08 Ann Robbins
 09/09 Daniel Clements
 09/09 Anne Stephenson
 09/12 Sarah Sleeman
 09/13 Amy Bailey
 09/15 Lauren Bailey
 09/15 Mike Murphy
 09/15 Rick Fowler
 09/15 Logan Thirion
 09/17 Vicky Echevarria
 09/19 Sandra McAllister
 09/20 Jean Machalinski
 09/22 Gavin Patoray
 09/25 Rick Gibbs
 09/25 Erin Sprouse
 09/28 Nancy Davis
 09/28 Andrew Hutchson
 09/29 Wayne Britton
 09/30 Pajieith Dau

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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
 10/10 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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09/01/1990 Lee & Michele Hutchson
 09/02/1995 Mike & Martha Murphy
 09/02/1961 Sid & Pat Akens
 09/02/2006 Kevin & Ashley Howdyshell
 09/09 Keith & Ashley Borders
 09/25/1999 John & Sally Dvorak

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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

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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 the family of

Eugenia Ferrell

Mother of Melinda Jenkins, Sister of Joanne Stebick
 Funeral took place on August 31 in Virginia Beach, VA

ST. MARTIN'S STAFF

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VESTRY

2019	2020	2021
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