



# The Cloak

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



Coffee hour  
is back.  
Enjoy your chat  
with friends,  
but please  
observe  
social distancing.

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# Father Lee Hutchison



I recently found out 5 people I know, who were vaccinated, contracted the covid 19 virus. Fortunately, no one was hospitalized. That information served as a reminder that there are no guarantees in life. It would be wonderful to have a guarantee that this pandemic would end this fall but here we are. I recently re-read an essay written by Tony Snow. A former Whitehouse spokesman he died of colon cancer in 2007. He titled his essay “unexpected blessings”. In it he describes his response to being diagnosed with cancer. Obviously Covid -19 is not cancer, however, many of Tony's conclusions apply to us today. His essay is found below. May it help to clarify and strengthen your faith in these uncertain times.

## “Blessings Arrive in Unexpected Packages”

— in my case, cancer. Those of us with potentially fatal diseases — and there are millions in America today — find ourselves in the odd position of coping with our mortality while trying to fathom God's will. Although it would be the height of presumption to declare with confidence “What It All Means,” Scripture provides powerful hints and consolations.

The first is that we shouldn't spend too much time trying to answer the “why” questions: Why me? Why must people suffer? Why can't someone else get sick? We can't answer such things, and the questions themselves often are designed more to express our anguish than to solicit an answer.

I don't know why I have cancer, and I don't much care. It is what it is, a plain and indisputable fact. Yet even while staring into a mirror darkly, great and stunning truths begin to take shape. Our maladies define a central feature of our existence: We are fallen. We are imperfect. Our bodies give out.

But despite this, — or because of it, — God offers the possibility of salvation and grace. We don't know how the narrative of our lives will end, but we get to choose how to use the interval between now and the moment we meet our Creator face-to-face.

Second, we need to get past the anxiety. The mere thought of dying can send adrenaline flooding through your system... A dizzy, unfocused panic seizes you. Your heart thumps; your head swims. You think of nothingness and swoon. You fear partings; you worry about the impact on family and friends. You fidget and get nowhere.

To regain footing, remember that we were born not into death, but into life, — and that the journey continues after we have finished our days on this earth. We accept this on faith, but that faith is nourished by a conviction that stirs even within many non-believing hearts — an intuition that the gift of life, once given, cannot be taken away [ed. note: the dead are not conscious or alive, DWS].

Those who have been stricken enjoy the special privilege of being able to fight with their might, main, and faith to live fully, richly, and exuberantly — no matter how their days may be numbered.

Third, we can open our eyes and hearts. God relishes surprise. We want lives of simple, predictable ease, — smooth, even trails as far as the eye can see, — but God likes to go off-road. He provokes us with twists and turns. He places us in predicaments that seem to defy our endurance; and comprehension — and yet don't. By His love and grace, we persevere. The



# What and When ...

# September

<b>Labor Day</b> Monday September 6
<b>Men's Breakfast</b> Saturday September 11 at 9 am @ Nick's Bistro all men welcome to join us
<b>Altar Guild Meeting</b> Saturday September 11 at 10 am
<b>Rally Day</b> Sunday September 12 --- Sunday school starts A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drink will be provided.
<b>Vestry meeting</b> Tuesday September 14 at 7 pm
<b>St. Martin's Project</b> Saturday September 18 at 9:30 am - Blue Team
<b>EYC Pool Party</b> Sunday September 19 - see details on page 14
<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b> Monday September 20 at 6 pm @ Yeng Ching
<b>Cloak Deadline</b> 20th of each month you can mail something anytime though!
<b>WE (West End) Quilters</b> Tuesday September 21 at 10:30 am all interested in quilting are welcome
<b>ECW in-person meeting</b> Tuesday September 21 - cancelled
<b>Youth Service</b> Sunday September 26
<b>Chiari Walk</b> Saturday September 25 many members participate see page 13 or ask Rick Gibbs
<b>EYC - in Parish Hall</b> Sunday September 26 at 11:30 am - 2 pm

## Regular Weekly Events

Event	Day	Time
Sunday Services	Sunday	8* & 10 am
Boy Scouts	Monday	7 pm
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
Sr. Choir Practice	Thursday	7:30 pm
Social Bridge	Friday	10 am - 1 pm
Compline Service live on Facebook	daily*	8 pm

\* all these are streamed live on FaceBook

## Regular Monthly Events

Event	Day	Time
Vestry Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7 pm
Men's Breakfast	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	9 am
ECW	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	5:30 pm
St. Martin's Project	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	9:30 am



### Sunday School :

This year we are using a rotation curriculum called Deep Blue

### Office hours:

Monday - Friday 9 am - 1 pm

challenges that make our hearts leap and stomachs churn invariably strengthen our faith and grant measures of wisdom and joy we would not experience otherwise.

'You Have Been Called' — Picture yourself in a hospital bed. The fog of anesthesia has begun to wear away. A doctor stands at your feet; a loved one holds your hand at the side. "It's cancer," the healer announces. The natural reaction is to turn to God and ask Him to serve as a cosmic Santa. "Dear God, make it all go away. Make everything simpler." But another voice whispers: "You have been called." Your quandary has drawn you closer to God, closer to those you love, closer to the issues that matter, — and has dragged into insignificance the banal concerns that occupy our "normal time."

There's another kind of response, although usually short-lived, an inexplicable shudder of excitement, as if a clarifying moment of calamity has swept away everything trivial and tiny, and placed before us the challenge of important questions. The moment you enter the Valley of the Shadow of Death, things change. You discover that Christianity is not something doughy, passive, pious, and soft. Faith may be the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But it also draws you into a world shorn of fearful caution. The life of belief teems with thrills, boldness, danger, shocks, reversals, triumphs, and epiphanies. Think of Paul, traipsing through the known world and contemplating trips to what must have seemed the antipodes (Spain), shaking the dust from his sandals, worrying not about the morrow, but only about the moment. There's nothing wilder than a life of humble virtue, — for it is through selflessness and service that God wrings from our bodies and spirits the most we ever could give, the most we ever could offer, and the most we ever could do. Finally, we can let love change everything. When Jesus was faced with the prospect of crucifixion, He grieved not for Himself, but for us. He cried for Jerusalem before entering the holy city. From the Cross, He took on the cumulative burden of human sin and weakness, and begged for forgiveness on our behalf.

We get repeated chances to learn that life is not about us, that we acquire purpose and satisfaction by sharing in God's love for others. Sickness gets us part way there. It reminds us of our limitations and dependence. But it also gives us a chance to serve the healthy. A minister friend of mine observes that people suffering grave afflictions often acquire the faith of two people, while loved ones accept the burden of two peoples' worries and fears.

'Learning How to Live' — Most of us have watched friends as they drifted toward God's arms, not with resignation, but with peace and hope. In so doing, they have taught us not how to die, but how to live. They have emulated Christ by transmitting the power and authority of love. I sat by my best friend's bedside a few years ago as a wasting cancer took him away. He kept at his table a worn Bible and a 1928 edition of the Book of Common Prayer. A shattering grief disabled his family, many of his old friends, and at least one priest. Here was a humble and very good guy, someone who apologized when he winced with pain because he thought it made his guest uncomfortable. He retained his equanimity and good humor literally until his last conscious moment. "I'm going to try to beat [this cancer]," he told me several months before he died. "But if I don't, I'll see you on the other side."

His gift was to remind everyone around him that even though God doesn't promise us tomorrow, He does promise us eternity, — filled with life and love we cannot comprehend, — and that one can in the throes of sickness point the rest of us toward timeless truths that will help us weather future storms. Through such trials, God bids us to choose: Do we believe, or do we not? Will we be bold enough to love, daring enough to serve, humble enough to submit, and strong enough to acknowledge our limitations? Can we surrender our concern in things that don't matter so that we might devote our remaining days to things that do?

When our faith flags, He throws reminders in our way. Think of the prayer warriors in our midst. They change things, and those of us who have been on the receiving end of their petitions and intercessions know it. It is hard to describe, but there are times when suddenly the hairs on the back of your neck stand up, and you feel a surge of the Spirit. Somehow you just know: Others have chosen, when talking to



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the Author of all creation, to lift us up, — to speak of us! This is love of a very special order. But so is the ability to sit back and appreciate the wonder of every created thing. The mere thought of death somehow makes every blessing vivid, every happiness more luminous and intense. We may not know how our contest with sickness will end, but we have felt the ineluctable touch of God. “What is man that Thou art mindful of him?” [Psalm 8:4; Hebrews 2:6] We don't know much, but we know this: No matter where we are, no matter what we do, no matter how bleak or frightening our prospects, each and every one of us who believe, each and every day, lies in the same safe and impregnable place, in the hollow of God's hand.

— Tony Snow

*Fr. Lee*

# Congratulations!

to **Caroline & David Cochran**  
on their marriage  
on Saturday August 14, 2021

Fr. Lee officiated at the Church of the Holy Comforter

We wish them many wonderful happy years together.

Caroline is the daughter of Vicky & Greg Echevarria



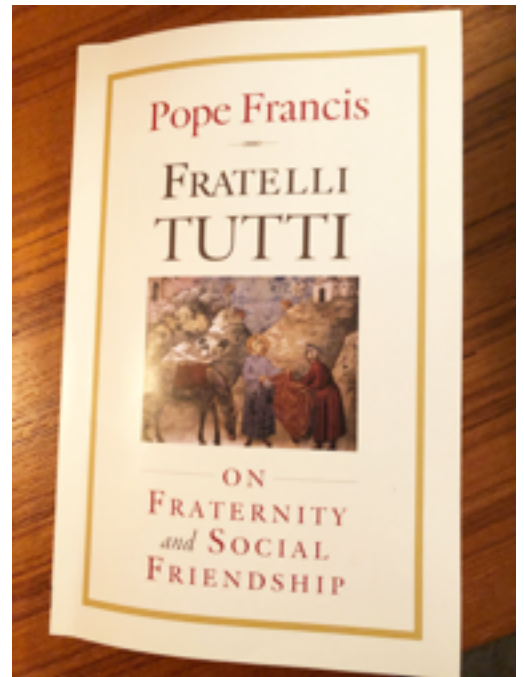
# Words from Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix

## “Together We Stand; Divided We. . . Are much Less Than We Could Be as Humans”

I think most of you know that for a good chunk of my adolescent and adult years I was a Roman Catholic. I was a convert to that communion during my senior year in high school—much to my parents’ dismay; good Protestants that they were. But I was very attracted to the rich liturgy, ritual, and sacraments. And of course, still am to this day. Hence we’ve made a happy home base here at St. Martin’s.

But “Catholic ways” are still ingrained in me. For example, I have a dear friend who happens also to be my Spiritual Director—Fr. Peter Creed, a Roman Catholic priest who lives in Williamsburg. Fr. Pete and I get together in one of our houses every other month to check in with each other and look at what God might be up to in our lives. Fr. Pete also participated in David’s and my wedding and the two of them have also drawn pretty close.

Anyway, when Pete and I get together we also share what each of us considers important spiritual reading that we’re currently doing. And recently, Pete gave me a little paperback authored by Pope Francis titled *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship* (Twenty-Third Publications, 2020). (See photo) This is actually a collection of other writings by Pope Francis, tied together with enough commentary to make a seamless whole. When Pete gave it to me, he said it was one of the best things he’d read on the “brotherhood of man” or on our common humanity as we are called to live in charity with all—irrespective of belief or nationality, race, or any of the other features that divide us, making for wars and other failings of love and charity.



Let me just end for now with a short quote from the Introduction to give you a feel for Francis’ tone.

I offer this social Encyclical as a modest contribution to continued reflection in the hope that in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others, we may prove capable of responding with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words. . . As I was writing this, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. . . For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. . .

It is my desire that in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Brotherhood between all men and women. Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation. . . We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together. . . By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams on the other hand, are built together. Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow

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travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.

It is so easy to demonize those who differ from us in one way or another. But as Francis reminds us, we are called to be better than that. And in fact, we *can* be better, more creative, more human, when we see the humanity that we share in the other. This is our call. And a word from Francis. . . and in my life, a word from my friend Pete, reminds me of that fact.

Blessings on you, friends!

## Voilà Viola

In a dim corner  
beside my door  
It raised one bloom –  
yellow and purple velvet,  
tinier than a violet,  
facing scarce sunlight  
as if embarrassed, in a place  
nobody would have planted.

Day by day, I stopped  
to watch it open,  
stepped gently around  
its leaves, admired its petals;  
another flower opened;

Then another, another –  
three tiny flowers, and one  
wilting gently, like a miniature spinster  
looking forward to heaven,  
remembering delight and surprise  
of her debutante ball.

Autumn is on its way.  
Will the root survive, to grace  
another summer?  
Or will its blossoms  
become treasures of memory  
like dear beloved faces  
lighting dim corners of my soul  
forever?

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff

## Condolences!

to the family of

Earl "George"  
Stone

who died

Wednesday, August 18, 2021



Our hearts go out especially to his wife Beverly. George was a long-time member and took care of the Memorial Garden for many years. If you enjoy all the lovely azaleas when they are blooming, think of George who planted almost all of them.

"What sunshine is to flowers,  
smiles are to humanity."

-Joseph Addison, English essayist, poet,  
playwright and politician

# Get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ

This page in The Cloak was designed for you to get to know fellow members. But it is also important for you to get to know our new Parish Coordinator Kathy Theado. The editor was very happy that Kathy responded to the request and included a photo from pre-Covid times. She said "I haven't cut my hair since Feb 2020 - it's easier to keep it up when masking. Hopefully I can get it cut soon!" Welcome, Kathy, and a big THANK YOU for all the positive changes you have already made in the office.



## **Q: Are you a cradle Episcopalian?**

**A:** I was born into the Roman Catholic Church and attended parochial school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, transferring to public high school. I fell away from the RCC immediately upon leaving for college. When Jay and I decided to marry we were told we could not marry in the church I grew up in since I no longer lived in the parish.

We visited the parish I was living in at the time. Upon registering, my 'welcome' was a box of collection envelopes and Jay's was a letter informing him that he needed to attend church in a neighboring parish. We then visited our local Episcopal Church – St. Barnabas, Annandale, which is also an A frame style church. Father Lyles greeted us warmly and we've been Episcopalians ever since.

## **Q: Have you always lived in the Richmond area?**

**A:** We moved to Richmond in May 1993 when my husband's employer was bought out by Crestar Bank and he was transferred from Chantilly, Virginia. We've lived in our home in Tuckahoe Village for 28 years.

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

**A:** I was looking for a new position, preferably in an Episcopal church, when I saw an ad on ZipRecruiter. The position seemed tailor made. I previously held positions as the Director of Christian Ed for St. Michael's, Bon Air and as Parish Administrator for St. Luke's, Powhatan. My new position here at St. Martin's is a wonderful blend of the best of both.

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

**A:** Well, Jay and I have been married for nearly 33 years. We have two children, Andrew, 30, who works in corporate talent management and lives in DC; and Maggie, 27, who is a licensed professional counselor and lives in Barberton, OH. I am the oldest of five, my father passed in 2011, my mother has lived at Cedarfield for 5 years.

I have been a member at Christ Church Episcopal since 1994 and have served in a variety of ministries there. Currently I am in my second year on Vestry, and serve on the Volunteer Engagement Team, the Children's Ministry Team, the Adult Ed Team and co-lead a bible study. I am also a member of the Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club, am a mentor in the Boy Scouts God and Country program, fundraise for the Hope and Resurrection Secondary School in South Sudan, volunteer with the VDH Medical Reserve Corp and have volunteered a number of times with the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic in southwest Virginia.

I am a Washington Capitals hockey fan and I enjoy reading, movies, genealogy, travel, and spending time with friends.



*“Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:31-32)*

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# Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

## SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2

(Delta variant of the COVID 19 virus)

Oh no! not more information on COVID! It seems that's all we heard for the last 18 months! We just began to see smiling faces again and meet with people we had not seen in person over the last 18 months.

However, COVID 19 reminds us that the virus is not yet defeated. The Delta variant is responsible for the rise in infection rate, hospitalization and deaths across our country and here in Virginia. The infection rate in Virginia is currently 9.7% as of 8/23. Just a couple months ago our infection rate was ~2%. We must do all we can to take care of ourselves and others to help defeat the virus.

The Delta variant was first identified in India around October of 2020. You may remember the collapse of the healthcare system there with hospital out of beds and much needed oxygen. Many patients died outside hospitals as they waited for beds and for care. Bodies of the dead were burned in the streets.

Oxygen tanks and other medical supplies were airlifted to India from the US and other countries in an effort to alleviate the desperate need, The rates of infection is now decreasing in India as more people receive the COVID vaccines.

In the US, although the virus is widespread across the country, it is more prevalent in areas with a high percentage of unvaccinated people. It is reported that more than 90% of cases in the hospital are unvaccinated with many younger than 40 years including children. A few states with over 70% of people vaccinated are doing better.

Many of you may be too young to remember when mass vaccinations were given for polio and small pox. As a result of these vaccines the epidemic of polio and small pox is no longer. Vaccines are not new. We take them when we travel abroad to protect ourselves from contracting diseases. In order to defeat this virus we must also be vaccinated.

### Why is this happening?

As long as pockets of country are unvaccinated, the virus has the opportunity to replicate, mutate and spread among groups of people. Those who are not vaccinated have little or no protection against the virus particularly if you are immunosuppressed or have other health issues. This can put you at risk for severe illness, hospitalization or death. Scientists continue to study the virus and a host of other factors such as how we respond to the vaccines, how long the antibodies we produce will protect us from severe infection etc.

We now know that vaccinated people can also spread the disease. An infected vaccinated person can shed the same amount of virus as a non vaccinated person. While a vaccinated person may not have symptoms or may only suffer mild illness, it is less likely they will be hospitalized with serious illness. This is why it is so important to wear a mask while indoors in a group setting whether your are vaccinated or not. It protects you from contracting the disease if you are unvaccinated or if vaccinated, from inadvertently spreading the disease especially if you have non symptomatic COVID.

There are incidents of breakthrough infection in

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## Top 5 Things You Should Know about Variants

people who are fully vaccinated particularly in areas where the infection rate is high. Again, these people are asymptomatic or have mild illness. Please be considerate of others by wearing your mask when in a group or crowded indoor setting.

Children under 12 years have not yet been approved for the vaccine. This has caused much debate as children are preparing to return to school in person. Where children are already back to school, we see infections reported. We know the following;

- the virus is spread by droplets from sneezing, coughing, speaking loudly.
- that virus particles can be transferred from hands to the eyes, nose or mouth causing spread of infection.
- wearing a mask and washing your hands frequently with soap and water or using hand sanitizers can decrease the spread of infection.
- to protect your children from contracting or spreading the virus you will want them to wear a mask and remind them to wash their hands frequently.
- **equip them with hand sanitizers in their backpack.**
- all eligible for the vaccine should take it to keep your family safe and prevent spread in your communities.

The FDA has now fully approved the Pfizer vaccine. Hopefully this would encourage more people to take the vaccine. This will help to decrease the spread of the virus and protect us from COVID and the variants. In addition people who are immune suppressed will soon be taking a booster dose within 6-8 months of being completely vaccinated to keep their antibody levels elevated.

See the important information from the Virginia Department of Health.

In addition we will soon be looking at the upcoming flu season. We will again be offering flu shots at the end of October. This is usually a good time to get your flu shots as it generally takes you through the whole flu season. Stay tuned for additional information.

1. Current COVID-19 variants of concern spread more rapidly and some cause more severe illness. Rapid spread could lead to more cases, more deaths, and could overwhelm hospitals and healthcare resources.
2. The more the COVID-19 virus circulates, the greater the chances that new mutations or variants can develop.
3. Variants of concern have been identified in Virginia and are likely more common in our communities than the number of reported cases suggest.
4. COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States are effective at protecting the American public from circulating variants of the COVID-19 virus.
5. Public health recommendations to slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 will also work to protect us from these new variants. Until you are fully vaccinated you should keep yourself and others safer by:
  - Wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth when you are around people not in your own household, both indoors and in crowded outdoor settings
  - Staying at least 6 feet apart from other people when possible
  - Keeping away from large crowds and poorly ventilated spaces
  - Getting the COVID-19 vaccine
  - Find your free COVID-19 vaccine and learn more at [vaccinate.virginia.gov](https://vaccinate.virginia.gov) or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682).

More info from our Parish Nurse Betty Horne:

## Your Flu Shot Can Make a Big Difference

It's not only important THAT you get a flu shot, it's important WHERE you get it!

IVNA is a local not for profit agency whose proceeds from vaccinations help your Central Virginia neighbors in need.

When you get your flu shot at IVNA you help support vital wellness services for uninsured or economically disadvantaged members of our community.

The proceeds from our Flu Vaccine program, along with community donations to IVNA, enable us to administer FREE Flu Vaccines and FREE Home Care visits to the un-insured or under-insured right here in our Greater Richmond Community.

On a typical year, we start administering flu vaccines by mid-September in our office located at 5008 Monument Avenue. We are also able to come out to your place of business or your church and host an on-site clinic.

We offer Preservative-Free Flu vaccines, including the Quadrivalent vaccine (4 strains of the Flu Virus) and the High-Dose vaccine (Available to anyone age 65 and above).



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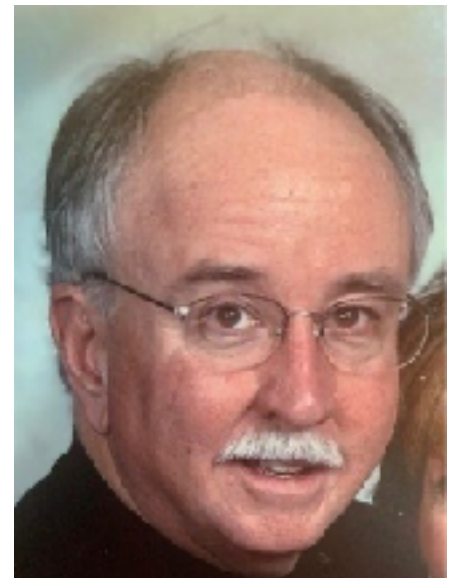
## Condolences!

to the family of

**Rob Lockridge**

who died  
Sunday August 22, 2021

Our hearts go out especially to his wife Barbara. Rob and Barbara were members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Richmond, where Rob served the Lord in numerous capacities. In fall of 2017, Rob and Barbara moved to Leesburg, Va. to be close to their son Josh and his family. They are still truly missed.



# Property Improvements:

August 2 - Roof repair

That is a steep roof! Thank you, Rick Gibbs, for taking the photos. I could not have done it. I have a weak stomach.



## Finance Committee Report

by Garland Harwood

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Financial Highlights 2021	end of previous month	MTD July	YTD end of July
Income	\$114,584.33	\$19,125.07	\$133,709.40
Expenses	\$117,096.75	\$20,701.75	\$137,798.50
<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>-\$2,512.42</b>	<b>-\$1,576.68</b>	<b>-\$4,089.10</b>



# September 25th, 2021

Register @ [walk.conquerchiari.org](http://walk.conquerchiari.org)

## 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](mailto:RickGibbs@lizmoore.com)**

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



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 Saturday 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 C&S 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.

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**\*LIMITED SEATING\* BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**

**COME SEE THE CHICK-FIL-A COW & NUTZY AND NUTASHA MASCOT!**

**CONQUER CHIARI  
RICHMOND, VA**



**TOGETHER We Walk. TOGETHER We fight. TOGETHER We Win.**



## EYC Pool Party

A pool party will be held for all youth and their parents/guardians interested in EYC this year.

The party is scheduled for Sunday September 19th at Jim and Nancye Greenwood's from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

After lunch, this year's schedule will be discussed.

Forms need to be signed by parents/guardians and youth. Please bring your medical information for the medical form in case of an emergency.

Also, we will need parent help throughout the year. Please bring your personal calendar - a sign up sheet will be completed at this time.

We are excited about this year. Father Lee will be leading the "Nurturing Our Faith" program. Please contact Sallie at [snbright1947@gmail.com](mailto:snbright1947@gmail.com) or 804-873-9139 if you would like to take part.



### Condolences!

to the family of

**Robbie Kemp**

oldest son Bob Kemp  
who died  
August 25, 2021

### Condolences!

to the family of

**Barbara Wisooker**

sister of Betty Hall  
who died Sunday August 29, 2021  
Information on service times  
will be shared at a later date.

**Ember Days** are September 15, 17 and 18 - prayer from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are (now) called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(an explanation about Ember Days can be found in The Cloak February 2021 page 6)

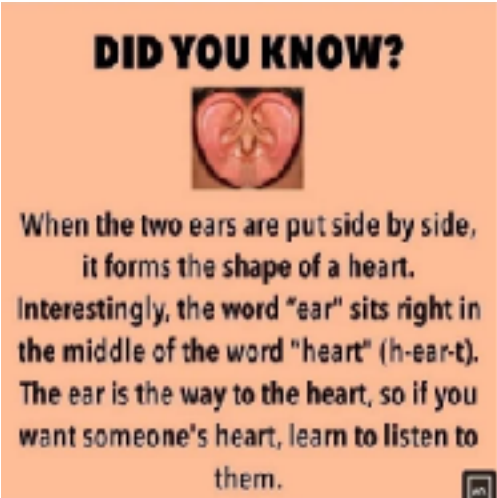


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 09/01 Christine Areson  
 09/01 Bob Barritt  
 09/02 Cameron Britton  
 09/03 Julia Stephenson  
 09/04 Nancy Fleming  
 09/04 Richard Thomas  
 09/08 Ann Robbins  
 09/08 Jody Harlow  
 09/09 Daniel Clements  
 09/12 Sarah Sleeman  
 09/13 Amy Bailey  
 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  
 09/24 Mary Moss  
 09/25 Rick Gibbs  
 09/25 Erin Sprouse  
 09/28 Sandy Levy-Achtemeier  
 09/28 Andrew Hutchson  
 09/28 Nancy Davis  
 09/29 Wayne Britton  
 09/29 Mary Arnold  
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 10/01 Bill Shirey  
 10/03 Janet Areson  
 10/06 Blake Bailey  
 10/06 James Burr  
 10/06 James Bristol  
 10/06 Vicki Newcomb  
 10/08 Marci Jerina  
 10/09 David Mix  
 10/10 Judi Bragg  
 10/11 Bo Greenwood  
 10/12 Francis Stephens  
 10/12 Warrick Stephenson  
 10/13 John Ogle  
 10/15 Molly Bristol  
 10/16 Lauren Rowley  
 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 Ginny Munoz & Rick Fowler  
 10/10 Todd & Janet Areson  
 10/12/2002 Mike & Kim Fiasco  
 10/18/2008 William & Holly Thirion  
 10/21/2017 Chris & Claire Baughan  
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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.



## OCEANFRONT BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT

Perfect for a couple or family of 4.

Located directly on the beach in Hatteras Village, NC.  
Contact Bob or Max Barritt (h) 270-3862 or (c) 512-4586

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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!

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We are grateful for your participation!

If you are not yet taking advantage of the **Amazon Smiles** offer for another charity, please consider to do it now to benefit St. Martin's. It's easy .... see above!  
Every little bit helps!



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openings for House Cleaning or Pet Sitting

call Leslie Dering at 804-239-5865  
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The weekly announcements will tell us what is needed especially this month. Please place your donations in the basket in the hallway.





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