



The Cloak



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



VBS children helping with the St. Martin's Project

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Father Lee Hutchison



Holy Communion

In the time of Covid and hand sanitizer it might seem strange to see a church full of people drink out of a common cup. Won't I get sick or spread something on to someone else?

Sharing the common cup is not as hazardous as you think. Hands are a preferred path for spreading germs as are airborne viruses as the flu.

The real wine used in our case is a port wine. A Canadian doctor, David Gould, did research into illness passed through a common cup and found that church goers were most likely to get sick from an airborne infection.

If you still feel uncomfortable drinking the chalice this is not essential to receiving communion. We believe that Christ is equally present in both the blessed bread and wine. So, receiving one assures you of receiving the presence of Christ in the Sacrament.

So, feel free to come up and receive the bread then cross your arms to have the chalice pass you by. Or come forward to receive a blessing. With that being said we still offer the small chalices for those who prefer to receive communion in that way.

As Covid spreads through the air, masks are always an option to wear during worship.



Fr. Lee

What and When ...

August

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| <p>Fr Lee's Sabbatical August 1 - September 11</p> |
| <p>Vestry Meeting Tuesday August 9 at 7 pm</p> |
| <p>Men's Breakfast Saturday, August 13 at 9 am @ Nick's Bistro all men welcome to join us</p> |
| <p>ECW Meeting Saturday, August 13 at 9 am (for more detail see page 8)</p> |
| <p>Deadline for School Supplies Sunday August 14</p> |
| <p>WE (West End) Quilters Tuesday August 16 at 10 am all interested in quilting are welcome</p> |
| <p>Scout Troop Overnight Friday August 19 at 7 pm</p> |
| <p>St. Martin's Project Saturday August 20 at 9:30 am - White Team</p> |
| <p>Cloak Deadline Saturday August 20</p> |
| <p>Our New Journey Sunday August 21 after 10 o'clock service</p> |

Regular Weekly Events

| Event | Day | Time |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Sunday Services | Sunday | 8* & 10 am |
| Boy Scouts | Monday | 7 pm |
| MOW Meals on Wheels | Tuesday | 10 am |
| 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 |
| Ethiopian Christians | Saturday | 6 am |

* all these are streamed live on FaceBook

Regular Monthly Events

| Event | Day | Time |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Vestry Meeting | 2 nd Tuesday | 7 pm |
| Men's Breakfast | 2 nd Saturday | 9 am |
| ECW | 2 nd Saturday | 9 am |
| St. Martin's Project | 3 rd Saturday | 9:30 am |



Thanks to Jr Warden Rick Gibbs for all the photos we have for The Cloak every month.



... coming soon. Summer is a delightful season but most of us will probably be happy when the very, very, very hot days will be over. Enjoy every day though!

EYC Update - by Sallie Bright

Our mission trip was a huge success. Below are some comments from our youth about their experiences. I am sure they speak for all who attended.

"I really enjoyed my time at Blue Knob, Pennsylvania. It taught me a lot of important things in life, and I feel like I impacted people in a positive way by helping them out in ways they needed. Our church and another church helped an older man named Dwayne, who has unfortunately had three strokes. We did many renovations to his home including redoing his hardwood floors, remodeling the back porch, fixing his basement that had flooded, a lot of painting, gardening, giving him company, and much more! One of the many things that made this trip memorable was becoming closer to the members of the St. Martin's youth group, but also making some amazing friendships and connecting with another church from North Carolina. Our team leader, Carson, also made this experience the best it could be. I am sad it had to end, but I look forward to another awesome time next summer!"

"This year was my first year with the youth group on the mission trip. We went to Altoona, PA. Every night we would go to chapel. On the first night we got to know each other by sharing Name of church, state, and one fun fact about our church. We went to Dwayne's to do some work inside and outside of his house. He has had three strokes, has bad vision, and cannot read. I helped dig up the sidewalk and patio. I won the nailed it award for being a hard worker. After the week we went to the water park and a nice lady got us in for a good discount with her guest passes. The day after that we went to the Hershey Factory. I got a Lego set and two things of cotton candy. The ride home was cool. We stopped by a gas station and I got a Kinder Joy egg. It came with a bobcat toy which I gave to Waylon. I had a great time and can't wait till next year."



"My first mission trip was so much fun! I learned a lot about being a disciple. The counselors at Blue Knob were great. I felt good that I was helping an older man in need. It was nice that he was with us at his house so we could see just how happy the work we were doing made him. We were sad to have to leave."

EYC continued ... from previous page

"This year for our youth group's mission trip, we

went to Altoona, Pennsylvania. Each day we worked at a house belonging to a man named Dwayne. At his house, we got the water out of his flooded basement, pulled up and put down flooring, painted, dug and did anything we could to help out Dwayne. After working we did a lot of fun things. We enjoyed a water park, got ice cream, and visited the Hershey chocolate factory. Our mission trip was so much fun and a great experience for our youth group!"

We thank all of our church family for your faithful support of our youth. Special thanks to George and Betsy Crowell, Betty Horne, and Father Lee for their leadership, guidance, and being living examples of Christ's love for others. May God bless each of these children on their journey to adulthood.



Note from Kerry Alloway:
Logan Thirion won the "nailed it" award Tuesday 6-28 for hardest worker! Logan is always willing to help and I m sure he earned this award just being himself.



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Condolences!

to the family of

John Paul Dvorak,

who died Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Our hearts go out to his wife Sally.

Visitation took place on Tuesday, July 12
and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on
Wednesday, July 13 at St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Outreach Committee

- by Jean Rollins

School is right around the corner. Starting on Sunday, July 17th, the Outreach Committee will begin to collect school supplies for three different schools, Crestview Elementary School, Skipwith Elementary School, and Ridge Elementary School. The deadline for collecting these supplies is **Sunday, August 14th**. The

Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club will also be

helping us this year, in addition to our Youth Group which will help with delivering the supplies. With the economy as it is, it will be difficult for some families to afford these supplies, so it will be a tremendous help for these children.

The box will be located in the hallway. Thanks so much for your donations!



Volunteers!

We are so blessed at St. Martin's. In Fr. Lee's absence Jay Sykes received a last minute to call ... somebody was needed to do the children's sermon (Sunday 7/10).

Thank you, Jay!



You must also love the Stranger

Deuteronomy 10:19

"...Love the stranger, for you were strangers in Egypt..."

I remember stories – grandfathers

And grandmothers, from Lancashire, Limerick, Baden-Baden--

Strangers in wilderness, not always welcome, rarely loved,

Building a new nation.

I have been a stranger

In Texas, Arizona, Kansas -- holding my brother's hand,

Following my father, who flew in fear's face

To rescue strangers far away;

To protect our homeland, and our world.

I have welcomed classmates, wide-eyed, bewildered,

Struggling with words; from Lebanon, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine,

Wondering whom to love, whom to trust;

Strangers, still young boys and girls

In a place of shelter, a new home for their lives.

Old now, Remembering love and friends and strangers;

I carry little hats like Uncle Sam's;

Welcome children from Afghanistan, Honduras, Jamaica, Ohio,

Sing softly as I walk,

"God Bless America"

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff



To all women and mature teenage daughters of St. Martin's!
Please come and enjoy a light breakfast (which will be provided).

When: Saturday August 13 at 9 am
Where: at Christa's 3708 Coles Point Way, 23060
(CrossRidge Community next to Publix on Staple Mills Rd.
the gate attendant will know you are coming if you let Christa know
by Fri August 12 noon)

Program: Starting at 9:30 am
Leslie from Wild Birds Unlimited will talk to us about backyard bird feeding, the different birds and food, deterring squirrels/raccoons.

I hope you are looking forward to learn more these dos and don'ts.
RSVP or questions: contact Christa kygerman@hotmail.com

From the Parish Coordinator

- Kathy Theado

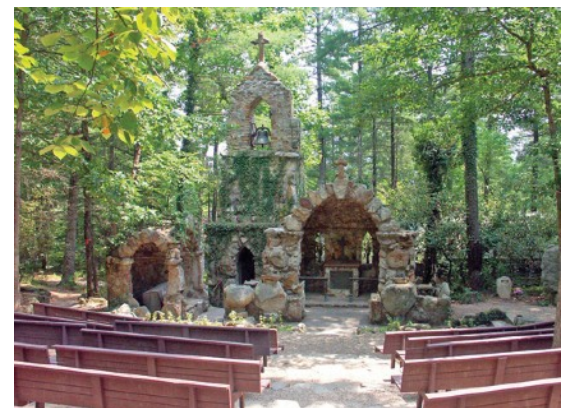
I realize it's only August, but know that many of you are planning your Fall calendars already. One event to consider including on that calendar is **Fall Camp at Shrine Mont** organized by the Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging. Fall Camp is a four-day conference from October 24 – 27; featuring keynote speakers, music, and workshops. All meals are included and there are off campus trips to local wineries and antique shops. There is also plenty of down time for rest and relaxation, hikes to the cross, or simply lounging in a rocker and enjoying the day.

Please check the Shrine Mont website for details and registration (yet to be uploaded). I will also be sending out information as I receive it. If you are interested in attending this year and have questions, Sallie Bright, James and Christa Burr and myself all attended last year and can answer any questions or point you in the right direction.

<https://shrinemont.com/event-calendar/>
540-856-2141

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Note from the editor:
You might recall an article in The Cloak 2021-11 page 6 by Christa Burr after last year's Fall Camp experience.



The theme this year was **Bread, Baptism and Blessings**.

Thursday evening the children participated in a Seder dinner ... of course with grape juice or ??? The learned to make unleavened bread.



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As the photos show the lesson on Friday was about **Baptism**. Thank you to the Greenwoods for sharing their pool with St. Martin's VBS.

The children learned about immersion baptism, placing God first in their lives, family second and then all the other things will fall into place. They also tie dyed tee shirts.



On Saturday the children helped with the St. Martin's Project, making lunch bags for those who do not have the **Blessings** most of us have. They also learned about the fruits of the spirit.



Fr Lee, Nancye Greenwood & Karen Hood did a wonderful job. The children learned a lot while having lots of fun.
- Kerry Alloway



Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

Monkeypox

There has been much in the news recently about the monkeypox virus. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are tracking the spread of this virus. As at the time of this article, the CDC reports 44 known cases in Virginia. We see people in the news lining up for vaccines to prevent infection, mostly men, as the infection rate is higher in men having intimate contact with men. The following is some information on the monkeypox virus.

About monkeypox

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox virus is part of the same family of viruses that causes smallpox.

Monkeypox symptoms are similar to smallpox symptoms, but milder, and monkeypox is rarely fatal. Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox.

Monkeypox was discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research. However, African rodents and non-human primates (like monkeys) might harbor the virus and infect people.

The first human case of monkeypox was recorded in 1970. Prior to the 2022 outbreak, monkeypox had been reported in people in several central and western African countries. Previously, almost all monkeypox cases in people outside of Africa were linked to international travel to countries

where the disease commonly occurs or through imported animals. These cases occurred on multiple continents.

How monkeypox is spread

Monkeypox spreads in different ways. The virus can spread from person-to-person through:

- direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids
- respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, or sex
- touching items (such as clothing or linens) that previously touched the infectious rash or body fluids
- pregnant people can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta

It's also possible for people to get monkeypox from infected animals, either by being scratched or bitten by the animal or by preparing or eating meat or using products from an infected animal.

Monkeypox can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. People who do not have monkeypox symptoms cannot spread the virus to others. At this time, it is not known if monkeypox can spread through semen or vaginal fluids.

Signs/symptoms of monkeypox include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches and backache
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Chills



- Exhaustion
- A rash that can look like pimples or blisters that appears on the face, inside the mouth, hands, feet, chest, genitals, or anus.

The rash goes through different stages before healing completely. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. Sometimes, people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash.

Prevention

- Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox.
 - Do not touch the rash or scabs of a person with monkeypox.
 - Do not kiss, hug, cuddle or have sex with someone with monkeypox.
 - Do not share eating utensils or cups with a person with monkeypox.
- Do not handle or touch the bedding, towels, or clothing of a person with monkeypox.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- In Central and West Africa, avoid contact with animals that can spread the virus, usually rodents and primates. Also, avoid sick or dead animals, as well as bedding or other materials they have touched.

If you are sick with monkeypox:

- Isolate at home
- If you have an active rash or other symptoms, stay in a separate room or area away from people or pets you live with, when possible.

Treatment

There are no treatments specifically for monkeypox virus infections. However, monkeypox and smallpox viruses are genetically similar, which means that antiviral drugs and vaccines developed to protect against smallpox may be used to prevent and treat monkeypox virus infections.

Antivirals, such as tecovirimat (TPOXX), may be recommended for people who are more likely to get severely ill, such as patients with weakened immune systems.

Vaccination

CDC recommends vaccination for people who have been exposed to monkeypox and people who are at higher risk of being exposed to monkeypox, including:

- People who have been identified by public health officials as a contact of someone with monkeypox
- People who may have been exposed to monkeypox, such as:
 - People who are aware that one of their sexual partners in the past 2 weeks has been diagnosed with monkeypox
 - People who had multiple sexual partners in the past 2 weeks in an area with known monkeypox
- People whose jobs may expose them to the virus such as:
 - Laboratory workers who perform testing for orthopoxviruses
 - Laboratory workers who handle cultures or animals with orthopoxviruses
 - Some designated healthcare or public health workers



Source: CDC

Hopefully we will not have an outbreak in Virginia.

Have a safe, healthy summer. It has been quite hot and humid so be sure to stay well hydrated, use sunscreen while outdoors. Don't forget light clothing, sun glasses and a wide brimmed hat to protect your face and neck while picnicking or gardening.

Thank you Corner!

I am extending a great big thank you for all you did for me and John when he was sick and subsequently passed away. Your cards, thoughts and prayers have sustained me the last few difficult months. It was special to receive the altar flowers on two separate Sundays. They comforted me. The plant, which arrived shortly after his death, is beautiful and gives me peace and solace.

The fact that some of you came to the visitation and/or the funeral mass warmed my heart. Although John was not a member of St. Martin's, he felt at home right from the start thanks to the fellowship, friendship and love he found there.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL. - Sally Dvorak

Finance Committee Report

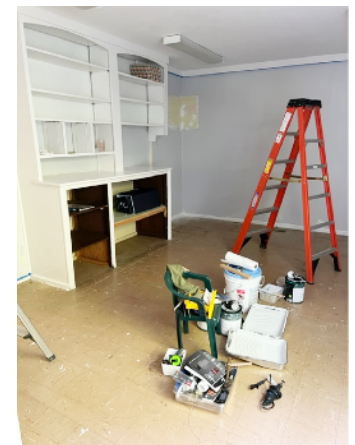
by Garland Harwood

| Financial Highlights 2022 | end of previous month | MTD June | YTD end of June |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Income | \$114,223.59 | \$8,976.13 | \$123,199.72 |
| Expenses | \$99,905.58 | \$17,706.51 | \$117,612.09 |
| Gain or Loss | \$14,318.01 | -\$8,730.38 | \$5,587.63 |

Improvements being made...

You might have noticed changes are in the works. Busy bees have started laying landscaping timbers in the Memorial Garden and plans are being made for improving the nursery. The teller room is also getting consideration and might even be moved.

Thomas Anthony, who faithfully provides us with the live taping of services, is learning to use the new equipment upstairs in the choir loft. THANK YOU to all volunteers!





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 08/02 Bill Chowning
 08/03 Maya Atkins
 08/05 Jay Sykes
 08/06 Jacob Henderson
 08/07 Kyle Stephenson
 08/10 Jeremy Atkins
 08/11 Evelyn Watt
 08/11 Adrienne Stephens
 08/11 Maggie Witt
 08/11 Glenn Sprouse
 08/12 Ruth Barrett
 08/13 Adam Marcus
 08/14 Mike Shook
 08/14 Kyle Stephenson
 08/15 Barbara Lockridge
 08/15 Taylor Murphy
 08/16 Martha Hall
 08/16 Andrew Wood
 08/18 Andrew Bright
 08/18 Jaiden Logan
 08/20 Jean Rollins
 08/23 Layne Hood
 08/26 Virginia Tucker
 08/27 Jonathan Horne
 08/27 Tatiana Horne
 08/29 Sandy Goolsby
 08/29 Sloan Verlander
 08/30 Sid Akens
 08/30 William Thirion
 08/31 Todd Areson
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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
 09/08 Ann Robbins
 09/08 Jody Harlow
 09/09 Daniel Clements
 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
 09/24 Mary Moss
 09/25 Erin Sprouse
 09/25 Rick Gibbs
 09/28 Andrew Hutchson
 09/28 Sandy Levy-Achtemeier
 09/28 Nancy Davis
 09/29 Wayne Britton
 09/29 Mary Arnold
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 08/01 Barbara & Russell Campeau
 08/07/1993 Errol & Adrienne Stephens
 08/07 Natalie & Ian Watt
 08/11/2007 Jay & Carrilynn Sykes
 08/19/2012 Sharon & Harrison Alloway
 08/28/1987 Bob & Max Barritt
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 09/01/1990 Lee & Michele Hutchson
 09/02/1995 Mike & Martha Murphy
 09/02/2006 Kevin & Ashley Howdyshell
 09/02/1961 Sid & Pat Akens
 09/09 Keith & Ashley Borders
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If you know of somebody not on these lists (including yourself) please let the office know.

Condolences!
 to the family of
Joyce Wellford
 who died on
 Sunday morning, July 17, 2022
 A private burial is planned.

Condolences!
 to the family of
Ethel John
 mother of Susan Iervolino,
 grandmother of Zahara and Yohance,
 who died
 Tuesday, July 12, 2022

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!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases **to St. Martin's!**
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!



Dering's Cleaning Service

openings for House Cleaning or Pet Sitting

call Leslie Dering at 804-239-5865

or email LDering07@yahoo.com



YOU MAKE 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

Do you need ideas what you could bring for the Lamb's Basket?

You can find the answer for most needed items in most of St. Martin's weeklies.

ST. MARTIN'S STAFF

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VESTRY

| 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
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| Susan Teachey | Jean Rollins | Betty Horne |

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