

The Cloak +

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



Altar
Guild
Members
meet to
plan next
Season

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Father Lee Hutchson

The Rt. Reverend Phoebe A. Roaf, Bishop of West Tennessee and former Rector of Saint Philips, Richmond (the oldest African American Episcopal Church in the South) will be at Saint Martin's on December 4th to preside over Confirmation services. The Rite of Confirmation is 1 of the 7 Sacraments in the Episcopal Church.

In the Rite of Confirmation, the baptized person publicly affirms the promise made for them at their baptism this confirming their faith.

The Bishop lays hands upon each individual and prays that their faith may be renewed in them that they may be led by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Book of Common Prayer.

"In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop.

Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with the laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands." BCP 412

I invite you to this wonderful service o faith, and to celebrate with those who are publicly renewing their faith in Christ.

Fr. Lee

Thank you, sabbatical volunteers!

Welcome back, Father Lee!





What and When ...



Book of Acts Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10am - Nov 1, 8,15,22, Wednesdays at 7pm - Nov 2, 9,16, 23,

Daylight Saving Time End

Sunday November 6

All Saints Sunday celebration

Sunday November 6 at 10 am

Stewardship Pledge Cards due (wanted!)

Sunday November 6

Acolyte Training

Sunday November 6 after 10 am service

EYC Lunch and Bible Study

Sunday November 6 at 11:15 am

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday November 8 at 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 12 at 9 am @ Nick's Bistro all men welcome to join us

ECW Meeting

(no meeting in November)

Our New Journey meeting

Sunday November 13 at 3 pm

WE (West End) Quilters

Tuesday November 15 at 10 am all interested in quilting are welcome

St. Martin's Project

Saturday November 19 at 9:30 am - White Team

EYC Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday November 19 at 12 noon

Annual Meeting

Sunday November 20

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday November 24

EYC - Decorating the Church

Saturday November 26 at 11 am

Regular Weekly Events

Event	Day	Time
Sunday Services	Sunday	8 am* & 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	6am

^{*}all these are streamed live on FaceBook

Regular Monthly Events

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

The editor (Christa with husband James) was out of town (and out of country) and it was not possible to work on the Cloak which resulted in 'no October'.

Thank you for your understanding and a BIG THANK YOU for all contributions without having to beg. **THANK YOU!**

Election Day Tuesday November 8 Veterans Day

Friday November 11

Cloak Deadline

Sunday November 20

1st of Advent

Sunday November 27

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CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

Sunday September 18

Rally Day











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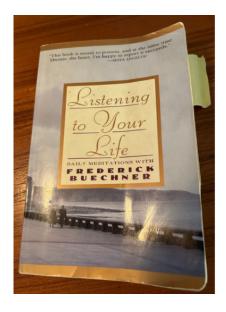


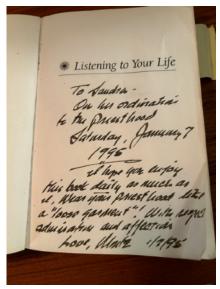


Words from Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix

"Knowing God through the Lens of Two of My Favorite Writers: Frederick Buechner and James Martin"

Well if you ever happened to wander into St. Mark's Episcopal Church in the Museum district of Richmond, or into historic St. Johns in downtown Richmond on Church Hill—either one when I was preaching—probably about 1/3 to ½ of the time my sermons were sprinkled with references or quotes from Frederick Buechner. (Phonetically pronounced Beeck-ner) He has also been inspiration for some of my sermons here at St. Martin's. I was first introduced to him by a retired priest, Monte Pierce, when I myself was ordained to the priesthood in Lexington, Virginia in 1995.





Monte gave me my first Buechner book titled *Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations with Frederich Buechner*. (See the lead photo). I've also included Monte's inside inscription in second photo. I counted on my shelf in fact eleven of Buechner's books collected and read over the years and there are probably a few others here and there around the house.

Buechner died at an advanced old age just this year, and so he and I have traveled together for a very long time. He was both a novelist and spiritual writer—a teller of stories who had a way into your heart as he told the Gospel truth as he saw and lived it. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister, but referred to himself as a "minister who writes books". For decades he was in fact one of the most often quoted in pastors' sermons and other spiritual writings, and most recently, after his death, was celebrated in a biographical piece that appeared in *The Christian Century*, written by Martin Copenhaver—a spiritual writer in his own right and also a close friend of "Fred's" for



many years. (See third photo) I had the privilege of seeing Buechner and hearing him speak when The Buechner Institute was launched at King College (now King University) in Bristol, Tennessee. That Institute was opened in 2008. He was frail at the time he stood on the podium to speak, so it was clear he had entered his last years. But what a privilege to see and hear him.

I'm writing this piece—originally for a blog posted on my website—on October 10th, and so I turned to his entry for that date in *Listening to Your Life* to give you a flavor of his style. He says "The face of Jesus is a face that belongs to us the way our past belongs to us. It is a face that we belong to if only as to the one face out of the past that has perhaps had more to do with the

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shaping of our present than any other. According to Paul, the face of Jesus is our own face finally, the face we will all come to look like a little when the Kingdom comes and we are truly ourselves at last, truly the brothers and sisters of one another and the children of God."

While I was reflecting on my life with Buechner, and pulling his books off my shelf, my breakfast table reading continues to be James Martin's *Learning to Pray*. (Please see a recent piece I wrote on my Cloak page on my website.) The section I recently finished in that book by Martin was concerned with how we come to "know" and learn about God. And I immediately made the connection with Buechner's writings and why his books have affected me so deeply. Three of the ways we can know God seemed to me to speak to my time spent with him over the years, and reflect the depth and core of his meaning in my life. So please bear with me while I list and then give a brief example of knowing God through Buechner's writings.

One of the ways to come to know God in your life is through other people's experience of God., what is referred to as faith sharing.

A second way to know God according to Martin is to read about the life of the saints.

And finally, *Martin lists a third way of knowing God–through reading scripture*. In his book, *The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale* (Please see last photo), Buechner talks about telling the truth about us humans and the story of God's dealing with us in a plainspoken and honest way that is in fact, a slap in the face to force you to look. Let me give you a flavor of this truth from a few paragraphs at the beginning of the book, and then we'll wind this up. He says

The Gospel is bad news before it is good news. It is the news that man is a sinner, to use the old word, that he is evil in the imagination of his heart, that when he looks in the mirror all in a lather what he sees is at least eight parts chicken, phony, slob. That is the tragedy. But it is also the news that he is loved anyway, cherished, forgiven, bleeding to be sure, but also bled for. That is the comedy. And yet, so what? . . .He either doesn't believe them or doesn't want them or just doesn't give a damn? In answer, the news of the Gospel is that extraordinary things happen to him just as in fairy tales



extraordinary things happen. For example, St Paul sets out a hatchet man for the Pharisees and comes back a fool for Christ. It is impossible for anybody to leave behind the darkness of the world he carries on his back like a snail, but for God all things are possible. . . . All together they are the truth.

Let me end with a couple of lines from Copenhaver's *Christian Century* biography of Buechner. "One of Buechner's overarching themes is this: Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."

And so this man has touched my life over the years. I recommend that you take up some of his books and see, taste, and take in his truth and wisdom for your own life! I guarantee you won't regret it and you'll see yourself reflected in the truth of his words.

Outreach Committee

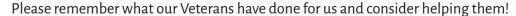
- by Jean Rollins

Thanks, everyone, who donated coats and jackets during the month of October. If you didn't get a chance to do it this month and still have items to donate please contact Jean Rollins and she will be glad to deliver them to Puritan Cleaners which will then clean them and deliver them to the Salvation Army where they will be distributed to those who need them.



Veteran's Day, which is always celebrated on November 11th, is to honor the Military Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The Outreach Committee is organizing a Drive to help the Fisher House which is located at the Central

Virginia VA Health Care System, located in Richmond City. The Fisher House provides military families housing close to a loved one who is in the hospital for an illness, a disease, or has sustained an injury. The Fisher House has a list of items that are needed for those staying at the Center while their loved ones are in the hospital. The list extends from paper products, to personal care items, to food. There is a list of these items in the Parish Hallway, along with a container for donations. Or you may click HERE for a digital version. The deadline is **Wednesday, November the 30th.**





Hurricane Relief



To assist those impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, please consider a donation to the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund.

To make an online donation, click on the ERD Logo. To mail in your donation please use this <u>FORM</u> and mail to:

Episcopal Relief & Development P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

as seen on FaceBook:

Clocks go back on November 6th I hope mine goes back to when people had Morals, Values, Loyalty, Appreciation and Respect.

Monthly Cloak

At the end of each year all the issues are bound and the book is ready for all to enjoy in the Parish Hall.

It is fun to see photos especially of our children and youth to see in years to come.



TYC Update - by Sallie Bright

The youth thanks all who supported the Spaghetti Lunch on October 16th. Special thanks to Layne and Karen who cooked and ran the kitchen and to Rick who coordinated setting up the tables. St. Martin - you are a special group - your generosity passed the years before. Many thanks for giving the youth a good start towards their mission trip.

On October 29th, the youth will have a bake sale and help with our Fall Festival day. In November, the youth will help with the St. Martin's project before lunch and Bible Study. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, we will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas.



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Condolences!

to the family of

Jois Gibbs,

who died Friday morning, September 16, 2022.

Our hearts go out especially to her son (our Jr Warden) Rick Gibbs.

A Celebration of Life for Lois was held at St. Martin's on Friday September 30 with Interment in the Memorial Garden immediately following the service. A reception was held in the Parish Hall.

Altar guild

enjoying lunch as we plan our fall season of activities. We invite anyone who might be interested in joining our group to contact one of us! It is indeed a pleasure to serve the Lord with this group!

Nancye Greenwood



Dinner with Francis

I meet him on a cobbled Tuscan road: We walk together to a shaded inn. The *cinciallegra* on his shoulder sings. He ties the wolf's leash to a pedestal Outside the dining-room; the bird flies down, Rests on a window-sill. We go inside. "Two, please." We order *gnocci*, and he smiles. Why have I asked him for an interview? I want to know, I say, how he could learn To live so peacefully with animals. He laughs. "More easily than human folk." They know the scent of gentleness, the shine Of innocence in children's faces; sound Of freedom on the wind, the touch of love And clash of danger in the wince of fear; Brothers ands sisters to the wakened Soul That needs no words or acts to understand. They live in harmony with rain and snow, With dark and light, with sun and hurricane, As instruments of God, and of His peace. "I would," he says, "be such an instrument – Sowing love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy, In place of all the rudeness of the world; Softness and strength and stillness in the place Of pain and cruelty." I fold my notes And thank him for the blessing of his words And pray mankind will hear and understand.

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff



We are pleased to announce the birth of Elijah Huckleberry Weaver on August 27, 2022. Elijah weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and is 20 inches long.

Congratulations to parents Mark and Shannon and grandparents Karen and Layne Hood.



FALL 2022 UTO INGATHERING

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Donations to the United Thank Offering are just that—OFFERINGS that are UNITED with those of others to give THANKS for our blessings. UTO is about gratitude. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute as grants 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



The UTO grant focus for 2023 will be on innovative mission and ministry projects addressing all aspects of the worldwide incarceration crisis.

We will be collecting in person this year and you will find envelopes and boxes on the table in the hallway outside the parish hall. If you like, though, you can still donate via text, online, or by mail.

- To give via your phone, simply text **INGATHER** to **41444**
- · Give online at https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/
- · Mail a check, made payable to **UTO** with **Ingathering Diocese of Virginia** in the memo line, to:

The United Thank Offering
DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church
PO Box 958983
St. Louis MO 63195-8983

We are planning for the final ingathering to be Sunday, October 30th, though you can, of course give any time. Thank you all for your generosity and prayers. Kim Shook

(UTO Coordinator for the ECW)

Finance Committee Report

by Garland Harwood

Financial Highlights 2022	end of previous month	MTD August	YTD end of August
Income	\$144,634.82	\$8,586.13	\$153,220.95
Expenses	\$136,977.02	\$24,216.31	\$161,193.33
Gain or Loss	\$7,657.80	-\$15,630.18	-\$7,972.38

Amazon Smiles \$144.45 YTD Kroger Rewards \$74.83 (June1-August 31)

Financial Highlights 2022	end of previous month	MTD September	YTD end of September
Income	\$153,220.95	\$11,866.66	\$165,087.61
Expenses	\$161,193.33	\$16,806.43	\$177,999.76
Gain or Loss	-\$7,972.38	-\$4,939.77	-\$12,912.15

ECW

Attending: Christa Burr, Linda Nelson, Pat Akens, Jean Rollins, Kim Shook, Kathy Dyer, Barbara Campeau, Ann Robbins

The meeting and program were held at the home of Barbara Campeau. The meeting opened with the ECW prayer. President Christa Burr presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Betty Horne. The \$500 budgeted for improvement to the playground has been forwarded to the St Martin's account. The UTO account is still being collected so no balance is available.

The next ECW meeting will be the **Christmas party on December 10th at 9 am** (there will not be a November meeting). Kim raised the issue of sending email invitations to all women of the church. Christa volunteered to do this and to post a sign-up sheet. Based on timing the food to be provided by the ECW will be breakfast "oriented". Christa raised the issue of the future of the ECW as her commitment will end with the January meeting. The January meeting will focus on the future of the ECW at St Martin's.

Barbara presented an OUTSTANDING program on hydroponic gardening with hands-on demonstrations of produce grown in her "garden". Each participant was then given a homemade hydroponic gardening container with a started plant of her choice. The program included many ideas about what to order and how to grow healthy vegetables at home.

The meeting and program concluded with the ECW prayer.

Barbara welcomed us with nibbles and refreshments. Then she gave us a most interesting presentation about her hydroponics gardening. She does it four different ways. Aerogarden, Kratky method, Lettuce Grow (the tower) and Micro-greens.







We even could taste some of her growing plants, like Kim is tasting here the micro-greens. Below my Swiss chard gift.









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Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

November is healthy skin month

The skin is the largest organ in the body. Having healthy looking skin requires some care. If our skin is healthy and intact it can act as a barrier against bacteria and other organisms. With the cold weather on the way skin tend to be even drier than usual. It is very important to keep skin clean, moisturized and intact. The following tips may be helpful.

- Use a gentle, non abrasive, non alcohol cleanser
- Wet you face with lukewarm water and apply cleanser with your fingertips
- Do not scrub as this irritates the skin
- Rinse with lukewarm water and pat dry with a soft clean towel.
- Apply moisturizer being careful around the eyes as this area is delicate and sensitive.
- Wash face in the morning and at night, and after sweating e.g. after exercise or wearing a hat
- Look for products for your skin type that are non-comedogenic or does not clog pores
- Avoid picking, squeezing or digging into your pores as this can introduce bacteria or worse
- Remove makeup before going to sleep
- People with oily skin have found relief using products such as retinol. Not to be used if pregnant or breastfeeding

In addition you will want to protect your skin from the sun's rays by applying a water resistant sunscreen with at least an SPF of 30. Some



moisturizers also have sunscreen included. Apply daily even when it is cold or raining outdoors.

Petroleum Jelly

While many of the products used for skin care can cost a pretty penny, there are other products that are less expensive and produce good results. Petroleum jelly is one such product. It is found in the medicine cabinet in most homes. It is used for multiple skin care issues for the family.



It can be used to:

- Relieve dry skin including lips and eyelids. It works best when applied to damp skin e.g. after a bath.
- Use on minor wounds abrasion, scrapes, scratches to keep the skin moist and prevent drying, itching and forming a scab.. A scab takes longer to heal.
- Prevent chafing, and diaper rash in babies. Apply with each diaper change. Should improve in a few days.
- Rehydrate your nails especially between manicures and pedicures to minimize brittle, chipped nails

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Caution - Avoid applying to face if you are prone to acne.

Care of your lips.

Licking your lips, sun damage, cold or dry weather can cause your lips to feel chapped and dry. The following are some simple tips for soft supple lips:

Do not use products that cause burning, stinging or tingling on your lips. They actually cause irritation. Products that are fragrance free or hypoallergenic may be most helpful. Dermatologist may recommend products that contain:

- mineral oil,
- petrolatum,
- shea butter,
- zinc oxide,
- petroleum jelly seals in moisture (water) longer than waxes or oils



- Apply a non irritating lip balm or moisturize several times a day and at bedtime.
- Apply lip balm with at least SPF of 30 before going outdoors. Apply every 2 hours while outdoors.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated
- Avoid licking your lips or picking or biting your lips.

- Avoid putting metals such as paperclips, jewelry as it can irritate lips.
- The use of a humidifier especially at night can keep your mouth less dry at night.

Care of your hands

Hand sanitizer is partly responsible for the numerous dry hands since the start of the pandemic. Be sure to take hand cream along with your hand sanitizer to treat your hands several times a day. Your hands will also get chapped and



dried as the temperature drops. Continue to use lotions, moisturizers, creams that will help keep them moist and supple. Don't forget to use sunscreens on your hands as well.

Give your hands a treat at night. Soak in some warm water then apply ointment or cream to seal in the moisture. You may don cotton gloves before going to bed. You will be rewarded with soft hands in the morning.

Here's to healthy skin!



We are pleased to announce the birth of Selassie Tiara Horne on Saturday, September 17, 2022. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and is 21 inches long.

Congratulations to parents Jonathan and Tatiana, sisters Merielle, Nasira and Sensai and grandmother Betty Horne.







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If you know of somebody not on these lists (including yourself) please let the office know.



Thank you!

Ellery, the bushes really needed your TLC.



St. Martin's Yellow Pages

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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.



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

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