



The Cloak



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



Baptism!

Let the Children
come to me.

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Father Lee Hutchison



See what love the Father has given us that we should be called Children of god.

Love for God and one another has been a Hallmark of Christianity since its beginning. Building on the Old Testament Law and prophets, Jesus taught that the love of God and neighbor must be the guiding principle in the life of a person who would be his disciple.

Writing after Jesus died, the Apostle Paul provides a definition of Love. "Love is patient and kind; Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing but rejoices in truth."

Paul also wrote about the importance of embodying the Love and service of Christ in our own hearts. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave... and humbled himself..."

Two incredible ways to shape how we live our lives. The heart of the Christian message is a call to allow God's love and grace to flow thru us to others.

As we celebrate with joy this Season of Easter. Let us boldly and with confidence let that same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead allow our hearts to be transformed. That the same mind that was in Christ may dwell in our lives as well.

Fr. Lee



What and When ...

May

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| <p>Outreach Committee collecting Sunday, April 29 - Sunday, May 27 (see page 4)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday Night Discussion Group starts May 2 at 7 pm</p> |
| <p>Rogation Sunday May 6</p> |
| <p>Ascension Day Thursday May 10</p> |
| <p>Men's Breakfast Saturday May 12 at 8 am - Nick's - 8051 Broad (close to Harbor Freight and Hancock Fabric) all St.Martin's men are always invited bring a friend or neighbor along too Call Sid Akens (804-740-5375) if you need a ride</p> |
| <p>Fish Fry Saturday May 12 from 5 to 7 pm (see page 7)</p> |
| <p>United Thank Offering Spring in-gathering Sunday May 13 at both services</p> |
| <p>EYC Sunday May 13 from 11:30 am to 2 pm - mtg. Sunday May 20 from 10am to 2pm Youth Sunday and parent/youth softball game</p> |
| <p>St. Martin's Project Saturday May 19 at 9:30 am, White Team</p> |
| <p>Vestry Retreat Saturday May 19</p> |
| <p>Pentecost Whitsunday May 20 Everyone is encouraged to wear Red. We will also mark the end of Sunday School with a Picnic. You are asked to bring a side dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.</p> |
| <p>Outdoor Service (Memorial Day Weekend) Sunday May 27 at 9am (both combined)</p> |

Regular Weekly Events

| Event | Day | Time |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Services | Sunday | 8 & 10 am |
| Boy Scouts | Monday | 7 pm |
| Women's Bible Study | selected Mondays | 10-12 am |
| 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 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Vestry Meeting | 2 nd Tuesday | 7 pm |
| Men's Breakfast | 2 nd Saturday | 8 am |
| Daughters of the King | 3 rd Wednesday | 11 am |
| Daisy Troop | 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 6-7:30 pm |
| Book Club | 3 rd Thursday | 10:30 am |
| St. Martin's Project | 3 rd Saturday | 9:30 am |
| ECW | 4 th Tuesday | 5:30 pm |
| EYC | selected Fridays (see calendar) | 6-9 pm |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | quarterly | 11:45 am |



**Cloak Deadline - please, if possible submit by
 Sunday May 20 at 8 pm**

A Note from your Editor:

As you can see the Cloak deadline is early (May 20 at 8 pm). I am leaving on a trip before the month is over. I hope to have the June Cloak done early. If that is not possible, it will be (very) late. In that case please watch the weeklies for deadlines and happenings. We don't want you to miss anything.

Thanks, Christa

Outreach Committee collecting ...

Sunday, April 29 - Sunday, May 27

... household and personal items to help the mothers at Safe Harbor. This is a shelter that provides support for sexual and domestic violence survivors to overcome their crisis and transform their lives. There is a list of items that are needed and a basket in the hallway where you can place these items.

Thanks for everyone's support! Jean Rollins



Wednesday Night Discussion Group

Our Wednesday Bible discussion group begins May 2 at 7 pm. In this eight week course we will be discussing Episcopal Worship, finding a path to spiritual maturity, looking at spiritual gifts and discussing the great commission. If you would like to learn more about our faith, join us!

No books need to be ordered. There will be hand-outs each week so please sign up on the bulletin board so the appropriate number will be available. Even if you know you have to miss some Wednesday, still join us when you can.

Finance Report:

| Financial Highlights end of March 2018 | MTD | YTD |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| | | |
| Income | \$19,183.78 | \$49,370.60 |
| Expenses | \$17,761.22 | \$55,026.81 |
| Gain or Loss | \$1,422.56 | -\$5,656.21 |

Get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ

Rick Gibbs, became a member of our parish family in the Fall of 1999. He is currently our Senior Warden and has held this and other positions in our congregation many times. He works a lot “behind the scenes” and is very much appreciated. Rick called his answers “An Interesting Journey”.

Q: Are you a cradle Episcopalian?

A: I grew up Episcopalian right here in good old RVA. I attended St. Matthews Church as a child with my parents, 2 brothers, Rob and Ron and my sister Betsy. I participated in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts there. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthews. I attended this parish until my mid-twenties.

Q: Have you always lived in the Richmond area?

A: No, I was born in RVA but had a brief change of address when we moved to East Point, VA, on the Eastern Shore at the tender age of 2. We moved a year later to Norfolk, Virginia and I was back in Old Richmond town to stay by the time I was 4. I attended Jackson Davis Elementary School, I transitioned to Tuckahoe Middle school for 3 years. I later attended Douglas Freeman High School where I graduated. I spent some time at VCU to further my studies. I worked at Neighborhood Theaters in my High School and college years.

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

A: My sister Betsy attended St. Martins many years before I came (she left after her marriage). I had been away from the church for several years other than Christmas and Easter. In 1999 I had experienced some health issues and a change in employment, it was a difficult time in my life and I came to St. Martins on a Wednesday morning for the 1st time searching for answers. I attended 5 more Wednesdays where I met the priest, David Handy, during those Wednesday morning services. I thought Father David was speaking directly to me. I began to attend on Sundays at which time I was invited to attend an Alpha course. I remembered telling Father David when he invited me to attend the Alpha course and explained this occurred on a Wednesday night, I was a bit hesitant, these folks attended church twice a week as I attended twice a year. I agreed to come when I met Gene Grumbine, Cheryl Blackwell and Maggie Caskie, all remarkable Christians. I must say after 2 weeks chatting with Gene and Cheryl, I felt comfortable in attending these classes EVERY week. I didn't realize this **APLHA** course was about to **CHANGE** my life. Sometime during the 8th or 9th week I met the Holy Spirit for the 1st time and shortly afterward I began to have a “personal” relationship with God (quite a change). I then began my Christian walk, I received a Great deal of support and encouragement from Gene, Cheryl and Father David. Later that year I attended a Cursio Weekend where I reached the “mountaintop” in my relationship with God. I must say things in my life were beginning to sort themselves out for the 1st time in 3 years. I was so excited to know God and become a member of St. Martins Church. Alpha ended, and Gene continued to lead a bible study for the next two and a half years where I met many St. Martinites who have become lifelong friends. I met father Doug Burgoyne who had a huge impact on my Christian walk. I have been very blessed over the years and love serving God and this parish family.



Above: Rick with Father Burgoyne
Below: Rick with Jack and Maggie



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Rick's Mom Lois Gibbs

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

A: I grew up with 2 brothers and a sister, my Dad worked in Social Work and my Mom stayed at home

when we were kids. I loved playing little league baseball and swimming at Chestnut Oaks and Overhill Lake. My career has basically followed 3 chapters, 15 plus years in the automobile business, 11 years working for Ntelos Wireless where I worked in sales development and training, the last phase of my professional life has been real estate which I currently practice with Liz Moore and Associates. I have been blessed to have 2 wonderful children in my life, Jake and Maggie, they have kept me busy supporting their schools and a multitude of extracurricular activities. I later met my godson Branden who has been impacted by Chiari Malformation disorder which has led to me being the Richmond Site Organizer for the Conquer Chiari Walk Across America. I hope these efforts will raise visibility, research dollars and lead to a cure of this challenging disease. I enjoy supporting our youth and going along on their mission trips. Baseball and softball along with serving God and our St. Martins parish family are some of my joys in life. I am blessed to have wonderful friends and family who have supported me on life's journey. God Bless You one and All!



P.S. A special Shout to My Mom, you're THE BEST 😊

Exciting News!

We have a new Organist/Choir Director!

David R. Hopkins has accepted this position. His first Sunday will be May 20.



Notes about Music



My invitation to St. Martin's was from your retired musician, Jackie Bitler, who has been a personal and professional friend of mine for many years. Her recommendation of this community was glowing -- and my personal experience since I began visiting here has proven her words to be true.

Music has always been a passion for me: initially as a childhood hobby that has evolved into an adult profession. And now you have honored me by your choice to serve you musically. I look forward to our professional, personal, and spiritual relationship beginning Sunday, May 20th, 2018.

David R. Hopkins

Baptism:

Sunday April 15

Jacob Dau

son of David Bul Dau and Angok Dau Deng Goch
brother of Pajieth and Dau and Abraham



St. Martin's FISH FRY

DONATIONS & PROCEEDS
for Youth's Mission Trip

When?

Saturday May 12th
5pm to 8pm

**SIGN UP
NOW!**

Support our Youth's Mission Trip

**CONTACT: JIM HUGHSON
FOR ANY QUESTIONS
804-229-1546**



Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday

April 1



The choir makes services like Easter especially uplifting.



The Easter Flower Cross is special every year.



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The children's bell choir. Always so nice.



Thank you to Rick Gibbs who provides photos to the Cloak every month.



Many friendships are found at St. Martin's



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There were two groups of Easter egg hunting children. The older children were faster done. The little children kept losing their eggs and finding them several times.



ECW update!

- by Sally Dvorak

Twenty two ladies, many wearing hats, gathered for an elegant afternoon tea on a recent Sunday. Two hours of fellowship, fun, delicious food and entertainment was enjoyed by all. Patsy Bickerstaff re-enacted a southern lady regaling us with her memories of Richmond past. She also recommended historic sites to visit in Richmond today. Our grateful thanks go out to Patsy and those members of the ECW who worked so hard planning and executing such an delightful afternoon for the ladies of St. Martin's.

The ECW is excited to invite you (men and responsible children too!) to the first ever St. Martin's "Paint Night" on **Tuesday May 22 at 6 pm**. We will all be painting the same picture under the expert direction of Lynn Black of Paint for Good. No artistic talent is required and all necessary supplies will be provided. If you plan to attend this fun evening please sign up on the bulletin board by May 17th so we know how many to expect. The cost is \$25.00, payable by cash, credit card or check (payable to Lynn Black) on the night. Wine, soft drinks and light snacks will be available courtesy of the ECW. If you wish to bring your dinner you may eat it in the library at 5.30pm.



All women of St. Martin's are automatically members of the ECW and are encouraged to participate in meetings, workshops and special events.

As always, if anyone needs a ride they may call Kim Shook at 804 387 8493.

The ECW will not meet in June, July or August.

Thanks,
God.

The **UTO spring in-gathering** will be taken up and blessed at both services on Sunday May 13th. Please count the contents of your blue box and put either cash or check, payable to St. Martin's with UTO in the memo line, in a blue UTO envelope. You may find the blue envelopes on the table in the hallway outside the parish hall.



Photos from the Ladies' Tea Event

on Sunday April 22



Speaker
Patsy Bickerstaff

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Hats!

Hats!

Hats!



These two Gentlemen enjoyed the Tea too!



Winners of the table prizes.

EYC update

by Sally Bright (article for website)

St. Martin's Youth Group (EYC) is comprised of youth from Grades 6-12. Any youth attending St. Martin's is welcomed to join us. We meet twice a month after the 10 am church service. Lunch is served at approximately 11:30 am. Afterwards, Bible Study begins and lasts until 1 pm. Depending on the weather, the youth play outside games such as kickball, soccer, flag football, and softball. If we are inside, ping pong, board games, silly balloon games, or arts and crafts are enjoyed. The year begins on Rally Sunday in September. In addition to the regular Sunday EYC, the youth enjoy G-Force, Bowling, Christmas at Lewis Ginter Park, and an end of year Pool Party.

The youth are involved in many Service activities at St. Martin's. At the Fall Festival, they help with the games for the younger children. They take part in the Crop Walk and the Conquer Chiari Walk. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, they help decorate the church for Advent. The youth participate in the Lessons and Carols Service. After Christmas, they conduct the Feast of Lights Service and help take down the decorations in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall. The congregation helps the youth fold Palm Crosses and stuff Easter Eggs the Friday before Palm Sunday. On Easter, the youth hide the eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Fund raising is done through the annual Spaghetti Supper in the Fall, a bake sale at the Fall Festival, and the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. All of the proceeds go to the EYC June Mission Trip.

The leaders and youth are thankful for the support of St. Martin's. The fellowship, Bible Study, and Mission Trip would not be possible without the help of many volunteers and gracious monetary contributions of everyone here. The youth are an amazing group of young people.

The Congregation thanks the leaders Sally & Sandy Bright, Rick Gibbs, George & Betsy Crowell and Father Lee.



Photos taken on Easter Sunday



Photo taken Sunday 4-29



“When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples,
‘Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted’.” (John 6:12, NIV)



Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

May is International Mediterranean Diet month

The Mediterranean diet is based on the eating and lifestyle habits common to people living in parts of Greece, Italy, France, Portugal, and Spain that surround the Mediterranean Sea. It is much less of a diet and more of eating delicious, wholesome foods. The benefits include lower cholesterol levels, less chronic disease and a longer healthier life expectancy. In addition these people balance work with family, leisure and physical activities.

The diet consists of:

- **Fish** including salmon, albacore tuna, sardines, anchovies, mackerel, lake trout and herring – high in healthy omega 3 fatty acids, these are recommended at least once or twice a week. Avoid fried fish unless cooked with canola oil.
- **Olive oil or canola oil** is a healthy alternative to saturated fats from butter, margarine and cheese. Bread can be dipped or brushed with flavored olive oil.
- **Low fat dairy** cheeses and cream, Greek yogurt, feta cheese are eaten in small quantities.
- **Fresh fruits, vegetables, legumes and nuts.** 7-10 servings a day is recommended. Snack on small amounts of almonds, cashews, pistachios, (generally a handful a day)



peanut butter rather than snacks loaded with salt, fats and sugars.

- **Avoid processed foods** which are usually loaded with salt, fats and sugars.
- **Whole grains** – pasta, bread and rice made with whole grains are recommended instead of bleached, processed flour.
- **Herbs and spices** make food tasty and can also be rich in anti-oxidants. It can decrease the amount of salt used in seasoning
- **Limit sugars.** Natural sugars from fresh fruit, fruit salads and honey are preferable.
- **A glass or two of wine a day** with meals is not unusual. If you are unable to limit your alcohol, have a personal or family history of alcohol abuse or if you have liver disease refrain from drinking alcohol
- **Avoid red meat** – pork, beef and lamb increases your cholesterol level, weight and your chances of heart disease. Meats such as fish, chicken, and seafood are lower in fat and a healthier choice. Avoid sausage, bacon and other high fat meals.





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



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 05/05 Kimberly Longbricco
 05/06 Marty Fairhead
 05/07 Cynthia Cramer
 05/07 Carl McAllister
 05/09 Beth Miller
 05/09 Mike Miller
 05/14 Phyllis Berkle
 05/16 Bland Wade
 05/17 Harrison Alloway
 05/20 (John) Jack Beck
 05/21 Judith Wade
 05/21 Titilayo Akinfolajimi
 05/21 Shannon Werner
 05/21 Stephen Harlow
 05/22 C. Vivyan Lawrence
 05/23 Julie Crews
 05/24 Keith Borders
 05/24 Delbert Lovell
 05/26 Sherry Matthews
 05/27 Kerry Alloway
 05/29 Steve Row
 05/29 Noelle Prskalo
 05/31 Jim Hughson
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 06/02 Henry Sleeman
 06/03 Carrilynn Sykes
 06/05 Betty Hall
 06/07 Jacob Weimer
 06/08 Lauren Murphy
 06/08 Julie Hall
 06/09 Melinda Jenkins
 06/10 Cindy Adams
 06/13 Jenny Richardson
 06/14 Caroline Echevarria
 06/15 Sally Tucker
 06/15 Janice Carpi
 06/17 Barbara Campeau
 06/17 Max Barritt
 06/18 Gregory Echevarria
 06/19 Ian Watt
 06/21 Garland Harwood
 06/21 Maddie Alloway
 06/22 Natalie Watt
 06/24 Henry Scott
 06/27 Sean Cooper
 06/29 Kim Fiasco
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 05/01 Wayne & Alison Potter
 05/08/2009 Allen & Sarah Sleeman
 05/12/2004 Raja K.Rajaratnam & Archana Samuel
 05/15/1974 Craig & Christine Watt
 05/15/2009 Layne & Karen Hood
 05/19/2001 N'neka & James Logan
 05/21/1988 Bland & Judith Wade
 05/21/1994 Carl & Vicki Newcomb
 05/28 Jim & Nancye Greenwood
 05/28/2011 Megan & Bo Greenwood
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 06/02/2007 Erin & Glenn Sprouse
 06/06/2015 Dianne & Joe Lamb
 06/06/2009 Beth & Mike Miller
 06/10 Linda & Brian Fairtile
 06/11/1977 Dennis & Vicki Pinner
 06/14/1958 Henry & Nan Scott
 06/17/2012 Igor & Amanda Prskalo
 06/21/1980 Sandy & Sallie Bright
 06/24/2000 Kyle & Anne Stephenson
 06/26/1976 Stephen & Jody Harlow
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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.

DERING'S CLEANING SERVICE:

If interested in your home getting a super good cleaning, call Leslie at 239-5865.
Licensed, Insured & Bonded



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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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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!

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.



LAMB's Basket

"...I was hungry and you fed me"
Matthew 25:35

ST. MARTIN'S STAFF

Rector: The Very Rev. Lee A. Hutchson
Priest Associate: Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Achtemeier
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VESTRY

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Linda Fairtile | Nancye Greenwood | Christa Burr |
| Betty Horne | George Crowell | Garland Harwood |
| Sandra Goolsby | Rick Gibbs | Kim Fiasco |

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