





St. Martin family supporting the Conquer Chiari Walk (more inside)

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# Father Lee Hutchson





Church is a place where one can gather with others and hear, and share stories of God's goodness and grace. Hopefully as one leaves our grounds they will carry those stories and share them and live them out during the week ahead.

We do not leave church as perfect people. No church is perfect; however, my hope is that we all leave striving to be different and better individual. As people who are seeking to reflect Christ in our hearts by the way we live our lives.

Your generosity has allowed us to open our doors to the wider community. I have shared with you before how I pulled up to a Chic-Fil-A drive thru window and the woman in the window said "Fr. Lee" and I said "that's me". She said I worship at your church on Saturday mornings. You can't believe how thankful we are to have a place of worship. She is part of the Ethiopian Orthodox church which worships in our sanctuary on Saturday mornings.

Another time, a guy came up to me in a grocery store and said, "are you the pastor of St. Martin's?" I said "Yes", and he said "I thought I saw you Thursday night when I dropped my son off for Cub Scouts at your church. We are blessed that your church is here".

Two stories from people seeking a better understanding of how to live life, shaped in part by your faith. As our world becomes increasingly secularized you and I will have more of an opportunity to represent God's presence in our world by providing a refuge of God's grace and peace.

Pledge cards will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks. Prayerfully consider what financial support you can give to support the presence of Saint Martin's in our world. Your gift affects not just us but the wider community as well.

A goal of both the vestry and myself is to hire a part-time Sunday School Director. This person would organize and direct our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs. An increase in our budget of 1 ½% would allow us to accomplish that goal.

Thank you for your prayers, the commitment of your time and your financial support. Together we make our church a vital witness to God's presence in our world.



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# What and When ...

### October

### Wednesday Night Discussion Group

every Wednesday this month from 7-8 pm see page 12

#### **Saint Francis Day** Thursday October 4

### EYC

Sunday October 7, meeting at 11:30 am Sunday October 14, Spaghetti Dinner at 11:15 am Sunday October 21, Youth Sunday at 10 am Saturday October 27, Fall Festival 11 am

**Blessing of the Animals** Sunday October 7 at 3 pm



#### Men's Breakfast

Saturday October 13 at 8 am - Nick's - 8051 Broad Call Sid Akens (804-740-5375) if you need a ride

#### Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday October 14 at 11:15 am to raise funds for the Youth Service Trip no potluck to bring ~ just enjoy the fellowship

**St. Martin's Project** Saturday October 20 at 9;30 am, Red Team

Altar Guild potluck and discussion Saturday October 20 at noon

#### Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27 from 11 am to 2 pm see page 10

**Annual Coat Drive** ongoing until Sunday October 28th

**More Fall Festival News:** Flu and pneumonia shots will be available at the Fall Festival again this year. More information coming in the weeklies.

### **Regular Weekly Events**

Event	Day	Time		
Sunday Services	Sunday	8 & 10 am		
Boy Scouts	Monday	7pm		
Women's Bible Study	selected Mondays	10-12 am		
Meals on Wheels	Tuesday	10:15 am-12 pm		
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10am		
*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	6am		

### **Regular Monthly Events**

Event	Day	Time
Vestry Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7 pm
Men's Breakfast	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	8am
Daughters of the King	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	11 am
Daisy Troop	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6-7:30 pm
BookClub	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	10:30 am
St. Martin's Project	3rd Saturday	9:30 am
ECW	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	5:30 pm
EYC	Alternating Sundays	after church
Prayer Shawl Ministry	quarterly	11:30 am

### Other groups from the community are meeting all the time

Make sure the room you need has not already been scheduled for use when you are planning a meeting. Write your event on the big calendar in the office ... even regularly repeating events.

Cloak Deadline - please, if possible submit by Wednesday October 24 at 8  $\rm pm$ 

# Why do we Episcopalians ...?

### ... what's in an Aspergillum?

An aspergillum is an instrument used to sprinkle holy water. It may be used during the Rite off Baptism, the blessing of large groups of people, the blessing of a coffin at a funeral or a house blessing.

An Aspergillum may simply be a brush dipped into a bucket of blessed water or it may contain its own reservoir and be shaken to dispense its water.

The word comes from the Latin word Asperger which means to sprinkle or shower.

The Aspergillum pictured to the right is metal and has its own reservoir of water.





At the day of the blessing of the backpacks Father Lee explained the Aspergillum and the use of Holy Water to the children during the children's sermon. Of course it was then used to sprinkle the Holy Water during the blessing prayers.



At Saint Martin's a bowl of holy water is kept near the exit of the church for use as you leave church. The Holy Water Stoop was featured in the June 2018 Cloak on page 4.

## Word from the Wardens



What a terrific time to be a member at St. Martin's Church.

We started off the month with many of our members returning to school. We always enjoy being part of this journey with Father Lee Blessing the kids back packs and sending them off to a new year with a blessing. Next up is Rally Day that kicks off our programming year. New education curriculum for young and old alike.

Father Lee has kicked off our Wednesday evening classes with a discussion around The Episcopal Handbook (revised edition). Father Lee also has begun 1<sup>st</sup> communion classes for our young people. Always nice to learn about the fundamentals of our faith.

The 2018 edition of Conquer Chiari Walk Across America was held this past weekend and supported by many of our Parishioners. Yohance Iervolino and Zach Crowell took home awards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well Done Gents.

We will wind up September supporting The Crop Walk to raise awareness and funds to stop hunger. A special Thank you to Kerry Alloway for pulling this together every year.

So, you missed some of these events and wished you could have participated, No Worries. October will give you an opportunity to catch up. October 7, we will be holding The Blessing of the Animals, always a Fun event held outside with St. Francis. October 14<sup>th</sup> the EYC will be hosting a spaghetti dinner to help raise funds for this year's mission trip. Father Lee will continue his Wednesday evening discussions around the Episcopal Handbook. We will wrap up the month with an Extraordinary Fall Festival including a petting zoo, Giant slide, trunk or treat and much more. We close, counting our Blessings that we have such an engaged congregation to help bring all these events to life. Have a Happy

Season of Fall, may God Bless you now and always 😊

Your Wardens, Rick Gibbs and Garland Harwood



Because of Hurricane Florence the Crop Hunger Walk was postponed from September 16 to September 30.

Photos will be in the next Cloak issue.

Newly "signed" trailer for our Boy Scouts (photos courtesy of Rick Gibbs)







# Altar Guild by Nancye Greenwood

St Martin's Altar Guild is a small close group of women and an occasional man, whose purpose is to set up and take down the Altar hangings and to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. We also frequently oversee the seasonal set up of the sanctuary with liturgical color changes, flowers, candle torches and preparations for special services such as Christmas and Easter.



Here at our church, The Altar Guild assists the Rector and follows his direction as we go about our service to the Lord in the care and preparation of the altar. Members dedicate themselves to their work by placing their love for Christ and the church above personal feelings and by working together with the Rector and fellow members in harmony. We are blessed to have a very supportive priest who is such an excellent teacher that enables us to learn and serve without worrying about making a mistake. When we do mess up (and we DO!), Fr Lee simply fixes the mistake and goes on! Our group is very flexible in coordinating our schedules to cover for each other and set a schedule that meets the needs of the church. We are looking for additional members, including men and iunior members.

The Altar Guild will meet at the church on Saturday, October 20th at noon for a pot luck lunch and discussion. At this time we will also work on the 2019 schedule. This will be a time to review the procedures and address any concerns or questions. Fr Lee will be available to clarify any questions and procedures. Currently, there are only seven members of the Altar Guild and there is much need for additional help.



We would like to invite anyone who would like to learn more to join us for lunch and fellowship! Please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Parish

## From your Editor Christa Burr

When I have finished a Cloak issue I print it as a reference when I work on the next months. When time passes I need it less. Since I have a binding machine and have made these "books" which are laying on the glass case in the Parish Hall.

January 2013- June 2015

July 2015 - December 2016

January - December 2017

Hope you will enjoy them. Please, do not take out of the Parish Hall. Thanks!



## ECW update!

- by Sally Dvorak

The October meeting will be held **at 5.30pm on Tuesday October 23.** All women of St. Martins are welcome to attend. On the agenda are wrapping up plans for the Holiday Market, discussing the Christmas party, and receiving suggestions for future programs.

Please bring your own dinner. Anyone needing a ride may call Kim Shook at 804 387 8493.



- Saturday November 3rd from 9.00am to 1.00pm

Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend the ECW annual Holiday Market. The parish hall will be converted into a shoppers paradise with a variety of vendors. St. Martin's booths will include a craft sale, comprising of handmade gifts and jars of friendship soup mix, and the bake

sale will include cookies, breads, cakes and pies created by your favorite St. Martin's bakers. Grab a hot dog for lunch if you are hungry.

This is a major fundraiser for the ECW. It is also an opportunity for fellowship and early Christmas shopping, so please plan to support your ECW by attending. Through your support the ECW is able to donate funds to the youth group, vacation bible school, daughters of the king and other groups as well as beautification projects on our property.

In this season of thanksgiving for our many blessings it is appropriate that the fall ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be held at both services on Sunday November 18th. Blue boxes and envelopes are available on the table in the hallway outside the parish hall. Every coin counts.

The in-gathering will be blessed by Fr. Lee with the UTO prayer:

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



### Condolences!

to Father Lee and his family who lost his Uncle

### David Hutchson

who passed on September 1, 2018 The funeral was September 6 in Redwing, Minnesota

### YO 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.



### Notes about Music!



Blessings to all from your new organist/choir master, David Hopkins.

How do we express and share our blessings? For me, much of it is through music:

planning, practicing, rehearsing together, and performing together. Practicing is usually my private expression, while rehearsing and performing are shared expressions. It is this sharing and experiencing together that I find so fascinating and a great example of the holy spirit in action through us: love and respect for one another, praise to our creator, thanksgiving for our savior.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me into your community to share our music together. As I progress, I have appreciated your compliments, your suggestions, and your ideas for the future. And I thank you for your participation: whatever level you are comfortable with.

Truth is, I can't do it without you. I invite you all, whatever age or ability, to explore music with me: do you like to sing or play an instrument yourself or with others to share with the community? All expressions of faith are welcome. I encourage you to let me know how you would like to participate.

St. Martin's is in my opinion a remarkable music community, especially your ability to sing responses and the lord's prayer unaccompanied. I hope to build on this and to be as invitational and encouraging to you as you have been to me.

Love to all, David

## Book Club by Pat Rourk

Welcome back to the Book Club. Join us as we meet old friends and meet new ones. All are welcome to join. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall to discuss the current book and usually end by noon. Please feel free to join even if you have not read the book. The discussions are usually pretty interesting. We are a very congenial group. We all learn something from each book and it keeps our brains active, like exercise does for the body. We all need to do these mindful exercises as much as we can, especially as we age.

To get a head start our **book for October** is: "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict I have read this and found it very interesting, and different as it obviously takes place back in time when life was very different.

The book for November: "Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine" by Gail Honeyman

Looking forward to seeing you.





### Random Rhapsodies

I cannot treasure fool's-gilded silence. Let sound rush from the soul of existence, touch of air on ears: oceans howling, spindrift sizzle, thunder, rainpatter; boys' bravado, radios blaring on shoulders, vireos, violins, rustle of pages turning; footsteps on floors upstairs, burr and whisper of machines, motorboats, working noise, jackhammers, typewriters, air-brakes; sirens, church bells, clocks counting and chiming; synthesizers, parades, wind shuffling lush leaves; squabbling squirrels, tire squeals, summer screens slamming; and voices... Oh! voices, music of life: girls giggling, chanting nonsense game-rhymes, choirs, laughter, auctioneers, cries of kittens and babies, grandmothers gossiping, mothers singing lullabyes, sisters praying;

jeweled languages, colored shards of shattered Babel.

I rejoice in the mystery, the gift.

- Patsy Anne Bickerstaff

### The Outreach Committee

... is once again having our Annual Coat Drive from September 30th - October 28th. Please bring in any used coats and jackets (for both adults and children) to the Parish Hall. We will then give them to Puritan Cleaners to be dry cleaned. They in turn will give them to the Salvation Army where they will be distributed to those in need. This is a great time to clean out your closets and get rid of those coats and jackets that you are no longer using. Thanks so much for participating!

- Jean Rollins

## Finance Report

Financial Highlights end of <b>August</b> 2018	MTD	YTD
Income	\$17,537.44	\$149,926.06
Expenses	\$19,221.70	\$140,190.94
Gain or Loss	-\$1,684.26	\$9,735.12

# St. Martin's Episcopal Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27, 2018

from 11 am to 2 pm

Greater & Grander! As always, our Fun & Fantastic

Trunk or Treat Crafts & Games Bouncy House Face Painting

We also need our Youth to assist.

Special Guest: Nutzy the Squirrel

And for the 1st Time ... Petting Zoo (over 20 animals) Pony Rides

Volunteers Needed: To participate on the committee please contact Betsy Crowell (<u>betsymoyers7@hotmail.com</u> / 804-402-5240 or Rick Gibbs <u>rhgbaseball@gmail.com</u> / 804-437-4728.









# Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

### Hurricane Survival Guide

We are currently in the height of hurricane season which typically ends in November. We were spared the devastation that North and South Carolina experienced. However, as then tropical depression Florence passed to the west of us, we experienced eight tornadoes which resulted in damage to property and the loss of a life. Since there is the possibility of more storms in the next few months, this will be a good time to put together a supply kit checklist. You will want to assemble the following for a 14 day survival:

#### Water

- One gallon of drinking water per person per day
- One gallon of water for each person per day for cooking
- Fill a bathtub full of water for bathing
- · Water for pets Don't forget your pet's needs

#### Ice

- Freeze water in zip lock freezer bags and 2 Liter containers
- Fill coolers with ice which can be used to preserve food once the power goes out

#### Food

- · Non-perishable packaged or canned food
- · Ready to eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Use fresh fruit and vegetables first
- · Canned or boxed juice and milk
- · Cereal, soup
- Peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, trail mix
- · Powdered coffee or tea
- · Bread, crackers and cookies
- · Remember food for babies and the elderly

#### **Preparing your home**

- · Flashlights with extra batteries
- · Battery or solar powered lanterns
- · Battery powered NOAA weather radio with extra batteries
- · Car charger for mobile phone
- · Battery operated digital TV with car charger adapter
- Two way phone
- · Grill with extra propane tanks
- Matches in a waterproof container or butane starter
- · Paper plates, paper towels, napkins disposable eating utensils, etc.
- Manual can and bottle opener
- · Cleaning supplies, water purification tablets, hand sanitizers
- · Work gloves
- · Heavy duty outdoor extension cords
- · Waterproof tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape, rope, basic tool kit
- · Smoke detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors
- · Waterproof containers for important documents

#### **Health Essentials**

- First aid kit
- Two weeks supply of prescription drugs and OTC pain medication etc.
- · Antibacterial hand soap
- Toilet paper, toiletries and hygiene items
- Bug spray, sun screen
- · Garbage bags

#### Hopefully we will have a pleasant fall. Be safe.



### Wednesday Night Discussion Group

every Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm thru November 14

- ~ no need to sign up
- ~ topics about the Episcopal church vary
- ~ each week's topic lead by either Father Lee, Rev. Sandy or Friar John
- ~ you will not be "lost" if you have to miss a week
- ~ come and enjoy the friendship







about the Wednesday Discussion ~ thoughts from editor Christa:

I was able to attend the first two sessions and enjoyed them very much. James had to miss them. And now I have to miss some too but I have bought the book and read the beginning to James in the car. We had to laugh like the participants had laughed in the Wednesday sessions.

For history lovers: Do you know why the nine little crosslets on the blue background are arranged in x-shape?

In the "Introduction" the book calls itself a "survival handbook ... to outline the great joys and wonders of life in the Episcopal Church. These days we're an increasingly diverse collection of Christians from varied backgrounds (70 percent come to us from other traditions) who gather around shared convictions about prayer, liturgy, church government, and -most importantly- the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We're a place that welcomes random questions and eccentric personalities. We're a peculiar people

whose spiritual arc bends more toward boundless hope and a reasonable faith than hardened surety and entrenched absolutism. Convictions are solid, but questions are welcomed." (this is an quotation from the book which is allowed, I checked)

So far we talked about "Baptism" and "How to receive Communion". In the book is a very reassuring article "Why you won't get sick sharing a Communion Cup".

We are planning to read the next chapters on our vacation!





Sunday, September 9







... followed by a provided Spaghetti Luncheon.













Rally Day continued ... on next page

#### Rally Day continued ... from previous page

















### The Prayer Shawl Committee ...

... will meet on October 24 at 11:30 am at the church. We welcome any new members. We can try to help new knitters or those who crochet. We then usually go out to lunch. Feel free to try this group out. - by Patricia Akens





### **Conquer Chiari Walk**

Saturday September 22 at 10 am Westchester Commons

St Martin's EYC participated too!





























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10/01 **Bill Shirey** Helen Walsh 10/03 lanet Areson 10/03 Keith Weimer 10/05 10/06 Vicki Newcomb 10/06 James Bristol 10/06 James Burr 10/06 Blake Bailey 10/08 Marci Jerina **Charles McIntosh** 10/10 10/10 Judi Bragg 10/11 Bo Greenwood 10/12 Francis Stephens 10/12 Warrick Stephenson **Molly Bristol** 10/15 10/16 Lauren Alloway 10/20 **Dodie Corpening** 10/21 **Bennett Jenkins** 10/23 **Betty Horne** Avery Lansing 10/24 10/25 Amanda Prskalo 10/27 **Betsy Lett** 10/29 Caleb Greene 10/31 George Ward 10/31 Joanne Stebick

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**Rindy Lett** 

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



10/01/1994 Shelley Godfrey 10/09 10/10 Claire Jenkins 10/12/2002 10/18/1986 Memphis Machalinski 10/18/2008 Nancye Greenwood Melissa Machalinski 11/01/2001 11/04 11/08/2014 Alexander Cooper 11/26/1975 Ashley Howdyshell 11/27 Kevin Howdyshell Margaret D'Arville **Colin Borders** Dianne O'Kelley Lamb Kenzie Howdyshell

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Seen on FaceBook:



I love clever things like this or clever sentences (like the one in Sandy's sermon last Sunday "Even if you win the rat race, you still are a rat") If you ever have something like this to share, feel free to mail it to me. - your editor

### 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:

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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!

### Need a pet or house sitter?

Available for overnights and drop-ins. Call for pricing. References available. Jessica Shook (daughter of Mike and Kim). Phone # 804-380-0117.





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