



The Cloak



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



Remember St. M's Blessing Box and the Lamb's Basket

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Father Lee Hutchison



How to choose a Bible right for you

There are many different translations of the Bible. These include study Bibles, word for word translations of the Bible. There are paraphrase Bibles, kids Bibles, men's and women's Bibles and Bibles tailored for just about any group of individuals.

The first step is finding a translation you are comfortable reading. The King James Bible and the Message Bible use very different English language in their translations so choose a translation you can understand and relate to best.

For the most accurate translation of the Bible choose a word for word translation of the text rather than a paraphrase. A paraphrase is a rewording of the Bible. Look for a Bible which is "translated from the original text"

In choosing a text look for footnotes that provide an alternative translation for difficult texts as some texts are difficult to translate into English. On Sundays at Saint Martin's we use the New Revised standard version of the Bible. This translation is based on the 3 oldest complete copies of the Bible dated back to the year 250. An NRSV translation of the Bible includes footnotes acknowledging difficult to translate verses and provides alternative translation.

A Bible study translation of the Bible includes footnotes and side bars which provide historical context. Which ever translation you choose be careful. God speaks to us through scripture. Reading the Bible can lead to a radical life transformation and or spiritual maturity and a life based on an emotionally healthy spirituality!

Fr. Lee

SAINT MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

The St Martin's 60th anniversary committee would like for you to know that commemorative ornaments will be on sale starting at the wine tasting event July 14.

For questions contact Betty Horne

What and When

July

The editor is very sorry that this issue of the Cloak is late and part of this calendar has already happened.

Information is always available from our Website, from the Weekly email, and the Sunday worship bulletin insert.

Hope to see you at one of the many of St. Martin's events.

<p>60th Anniversary Wine Tasting Friday July 14 at 6:30pm</p>

<p>St. Martin's Project Saturday July 15 at 9:30 am - Red Team</p>
<p>WE (West End) Quilters Tuesday July 18 at 10 am all interested in quilting are welcome</p>

<p>Fr. Lee is on vacation and will be back in the office Wednesday July 19</p>
<p>Cloak Deadline Thursday July 20</p>
<p>Vestry Meeting changed to: Tuesday August 15 at 7 pm</p>

Regular Weekly or Monthly Events are usually not listed in the left column.

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		
@ Parish Hall	2nd,4th+5th Thu	10 am-1 pm
@ ManorHouse	1st+3rd Friday	10 am-1 pm
Ethiopian Christians	Saturday	6 am
Compline Service		
-live on Facebook	daily*	8 pm

* all these are streamed live on FaceBook

Regular Monthly Events

Event	Day	Time
Vestry Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	7 pm
Midweek Service social	1st Wednesday	after 10 am service
Men's Breakfast	2 nd Saturday	9 am
ECW	TBD	
St. Martin's Project	3 rd Saturday	9:30 am

Wishing you all a marvelous



Words from Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix

“We’re All in This Together”

This past week I went to one of my favorite mountain resorts south of Charlottesville, Virginia—Wintergreen resort on top of Afton mountain. In the wintertime, filled with skiers, but in the summertime, you name it! Hiking, tennis, swimming, line-zipping...and of course, lots of restaurants to enjoy up and down the mountain. I have gone there for years—both for family reunions (which this trip was for at least part of my family), and as a place of retreat for me—a place for spiritual renewal, a time apart from my busy life. And so while there, I had lots of time for reading while my youngest son and granddaughter hit the tennis courts and grandson and girlfriend hiked and relaxed. On their own.

So one day, while sitting on my balcony overlooking mountain tops and the unoccupied ski trail and snow-making machines—cold in June but not that cold!—I thumbed through a very recent *New York Times* op ed piece by Timothy Denevi about Joan Didion—writer, essayist of major note. Didion lived through the horrors of the 1960’s—eg. The Viet Nam tragedy and the street protests, the assassination of the Kennedy brothers, murders of civil rights activists, and so on. In a interview of Didion at the time of Robert Kennedy’s murder, she says “it was like something snapping.”

Denevi offers this troubling thought: He points out that in the past, time of national trauma gave an opportunity for “unity and cohesion”. Think of the aftermath of 9/11 when we all came together to mourn our nation’s dead and the communal grief that poured out from all corners of our country. He says “But Ms. Didion found herself confronted with a fractured version of America that’s not too different from the one we’ve come to recognize today”. Millions of people are dead from the Covid pandemic. Thousands take to the streets in protest and thousands more gather in the national capital to storm the seat of government.

We are at a continual deficit of unity or cohesion. And in the wake of each new cataclysm, we’ve found ourselves farther apart. . . No matter what your political feelings are, if you’re attached to the idea of the nation as a community—if you feel yourself to be part of that community—then obviously something has happened to that community. . . [Didion said in that interview long ago], it seemed as if these people did not count themselves as part of the community. That they came from another America.

Sorry to end this Cloak piece on such a dark note. But it may very well be that something has truly snapped—not just at the end of the 1960’s but right before our eyes in 2023. So what can each of us do to counter this fracture? I don’t know. Check on your neighbor. Make sandwiches for the homeless shelter, contribute toward building affordable housing? I don’t have the answer folks, but this is our community that needs repairing. . . before the snap is permanent.

For the full text of this writing, please see my website: <http://www.sandraleyv.net>.



"Old" Stations of the Cross

- editor

The Cloak editor received this message after the last Cloak:

Although Fr. Ted and I have left the Richmond area, we still enjoy reading The Cloak each month. The article about the new Stations of Cross caught our eye. Our son Marc made the original Stations as his Eagle Scout project and his original drawings served as the design for each station. We understand that all things age and need to be replaced sometimes, and it was a nice surprise to see Marc's designs used again and put onto new wood to keep the tradition going at St. Martins. It was a bonus to see that another Eagle Scout was able to use that project for his project.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ted and Anita McConnell

The editor replied with some questions and hoped to get more information about the original project. Here is the answer:

Our Son Marc did make the Stations of the Cross for his Eagle project and it was the original set for the Church. It was during the time my husband Fr. Ted was Rector there. Marc was in High School then so it would have been about 1993. He had to involve several others in the Eagle Project so many church members helped along with most of the youth group at that time. I remember the Grumbine and Allen families being part of the huge group that came to be a part of it. They cleared a path in the woods around the burial garden and helped to erect the 4 x 4 posts for the Stations. Marc had already designed the Stations, cut them out and used tools to router out the design. Other people painted the black into the grooves of the Stations before they were put on the posts. Fr. Ted led church members in a Stations of the Cross Walk every Good Friday for the years he was there, weather permitting. Later church members built benches to place along the walk and in the Prayer/Burial garden so people could sit and pray or reflect as they honored those buried there. Much later gravel seems to have been added to the path, but the Youth Group always had a spring clean-up project to clear the Stations path before Good Friday. Then on Easter Sundays the children would bring flowers and leave them at the Burial bronze marker after church.

Marc still lives in the West End of Richmond. He is married and has a son who is finishing his High School Jr. year. Marc is no longer active in Scouting, but remembers his times in it and enjoyed it. I will try to dig up a photo of Marc as an Eagle Scout, and hopefully one of him now, to send to you in the next few days.

Attached is a photo I found of our son Marc at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor in St. Martin's Church, early in 1994. So that means the project had to have been completed in 1993, sent to headquarters and gained approval once it was finished and reported to them.

Sincerely,

Anita McConnell

editor:

I am so happy that we received all this information.

Thank you very much!



And here is more information: The (outdoor*) Stations of the Cross were featured in the April 2018 Cloak page 4, which you can find here

<https://saintmartinschurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2018-04-The-Cloak.pdf>

(*there are also Stations of the Cross inside the Sanctuary)

If you want to walk the Stations by yourself any time you find booklets in the Memorial Garden in the white box on the tree.

Pentecost - Sunday May 28

Ringing the bells to call believers to Worship.
Looking forward to the birthday cake at coffee hour.
It's the birthday of all christian churches.



Lots of red,
the Pentecost
color.

Sharing the Peace.



Finance Committee Report

by Garland Harwood

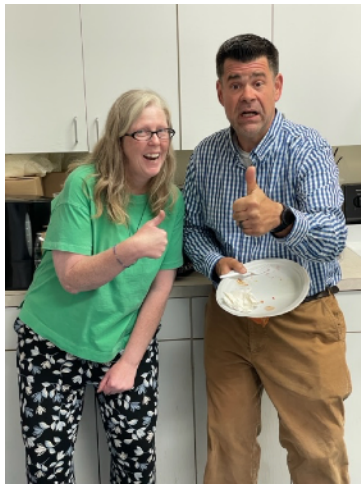
Amazon Smiles YTD- \$122.84
Kroger Rewards YTD- \$0.00

Financial Highlights 2023	end of previous month	MTD May	YTD end of May
Income	\$91,017.14	\$12,617.54	\$103,634.68
Expenses	-\$75,898.67	-\$17,233.50	-\$93,132.17
Gain or Loss	\$15,118.47	-\$4,615.96	\$10,502.51

Sunday School Picnic-Cookout! Sunday June 4



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Banished to the children's table?



SS Picnic continued ...
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Thank you to all for a wonderful
Sunday School year. And for the
delicious food at this end-of-year
event.



Thank you! to Jessica Shook (and her

parents) who always
prepares chocolate
covered strawberries
for St. Martin's special
events ... like this
graduation
celebration.



You can see how much
they are appreciated.



Condolences!

to the family and friends of
Kaitlin Thomas
especially the Shook family.



Condolences!

to the family and friends of
Chad Campeau,
stepson of Barbara Campeau,
who passed June 13, 2023.

Graduation Celebration Sunday June 11



Wesley Fiasco and parents!

Toasting with ginger ale!



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The ECW met on Saturday June 10 at 9 am. After a brief business meeting the attendees assembled and worked on binding the new Photo Directory. Many hands make light work! The ready directories received name stickers and were laid out by alphabet in the Parish Hall. Thank you, ladies!

The ECW does not have set monthly meetings at the moment. Meetings will be called when a program or lecture can be scheduled or when a business meeting is needed. Please watch the Weeklies and Sunday

Photo Directories

are available since the June 10. They were laying out with name labels on the back in the Parish Hall. If you would like one but could not find yours or if you need a second one, please email to the Cloak address or contact Christa Burr.

Also, please let us know if you have any changes in the data or your photo. Changes will be noted in the monthly Cloaks and appear in the next directory printing.

right: Keith Borders and James Burr studying the directory.



Condolences!



to the family and friends of

Ahkira Ali

granddaughter of Kathy and Kevin Dyer. Ahkira passed away unexpectedly on May 28, 2023. She was a caring person, seemingly healthy she decided to sign her driver's license as a organ donor like her grandparents, not knowing that her life would be taken at the age of 25 by an undetected health problem. In their sorrow it is a comfort to the family that Ahkira saved several lives this way.

EYC update - Sallie Bright

On the day the youth left for their mission trip, the final signatures were put on the accent wall in the youth room. We are looking forward to their enjoying this room for years to come.

We have 10 youth and 5 adults going to Tennessee on this year's trip. The youth are Zahara Iervolino, Esme Borders, Lilly Edwards, Yohance Iervolino, Vaiden and Millie Lindsey, James and Addie Sykes, Logan Thirion, and Brandon Witt. The adults chaperoning are Betty Horne, Rick Gibbs, George and Betsy Crowell, and Father Lee.

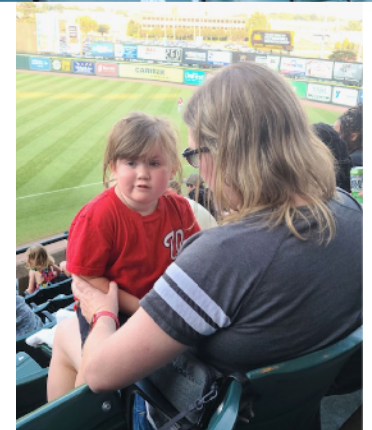
The youth thank all of the adults that have helped them in their journey this year. We are so grateful for the generosity of St. Martin's. You are truly a wonderful example for our youth. Enjoy the pictures and feel free to drop by the youth room.



Night at the Diamond

-Saturday June 10

a splendid social event!





Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

Maintaining healthy eye-care

As we age, we are at greater risk for many eye diseases and conditions including vision loss. However, with good eye care, early detection and treatment, severe vision loss can be prevented. Common eye diseases include cataract, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).



Many eye diseases have no early symptoms. Regular visits to your eye doctor which include comprehensive dilated eye exams can detect eye diseases early. This is important as treatment can begin sooner rather than later. Follow up care is also very important.

Vision impairment can affect your ability to be independent. It may limit your ability to drive or read, tell colors apart, see your computer or TV screen clearly. Many vision conditions can not be remedied with glasses, contact lenses, medicine or surgery. However, there is help available with vision rehabilitation services. These services can help to improve quality of life. They include:

- A range of services and many levels of support.
- Vision aids.



- Help to maintain independence and improve quality of life
- A team of eye care professionals, rehabilitation therapists, orientation and mobility specialists, social workers and counselors.

People with visual impairment can be linked to rehabilitation services with help from their healthcare providers.

Some government and private organizations publish lists of vision rehabilitation service providers organized by category or state. They include:

- VisionAware's Directory of Services (organized by category) [This link is external to nei.nih.gov and will open in a new browser window or tab.](#)—you can also search by state [This link is external to nei.nih.gov and will open in a new browser window or tab.](#)
- Rehabilitation Services Administration's State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency DirectoryAmerican Optometric Association's Eye Doctor Directory—you can “refine your search” by selecting “low vision” and/or “vision rehabilitation”
- American Academy of Ophthalmology's Ophthalmologist Directory [This link is external to nei.nih.gov and will open in a new browser window or tab.](#)—you can filter by the “vision rehab” subspecialty

You can use the above lists to find vision rehabilitation services providers in your area and nationwide.

Discuss with your healthcare provider your needs and goals for living with visual impairment. This will help determine the kinds of visual rehab you will need to maintain your independence and quality of life. They include:

- Employment and job training
- Assistive products such as lighting and reading stands.
- Technology such as magnifiers and screen readers.
- Daily living and independent living skills training.
- Emotional support such as counseling or support groups.
- Transportation and household services.



The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends that eye care professionals refer their patients to vision rehabilitation services. A diagnosis of an eye disease causing visual impairment can be quite overwhelming. Helping patients to the appropriate resources is invaluable in maintaining independence and improved quality of life.

The types of low vision depends on the disease or condition that caused your low vision. The most common types of low vision are:

- Central vision loss - not being able to see objects in the center of your vision.
- Peripheral vision loss - not being able to see objects out of the corner of your eyes.
- Night blindness - not being able to see in low light.
- Blurry or hazy vision.

The most common causes of low vision are:

- Age-related macular degeneration
- Cataracts
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Glaucoma
- Eye and brain injuries, and certain genetic disorders can also cause low vision.



Eye exam includes:

- A dilated eye exam
- Reading letters that are close and far away (Snellen eye chart)
- Checking to see whether you can see things from the center and edges of your vision.

Treatments

Unfortunately, low vision is usually permanent, but may be somewhat improved with glasses or surgery. These measures may improve vision or prevent further decline in your vision, helping you to better manage your daily needs.

You can manage minor vision loss by:

- Using brighter lights at home or at work
- Wear anti-glare sunglasses
- Use a magnifying lens for reading or other close up activities
- A specialist can help you set up your home for easy accessibility and for other resources

Taking care of you eyes will help to preserve your vision and maintain your independence.

Excerpts taken from National Eye Institute (NEI)



- * 07/01 Ellery Bradley
- 07/01 Natalie Romano
- 07/02 Tatiana Horne
- 07/06 Rob Rowley
- 07/08 Ashley Borders
- 07/09 Kim Shook
- 07/10 Jack Greenwood
- 07/11 Jim Moss
- 07/12 Jackie Bitler
- 07/13 Yohance Iervolino
- 07/15 Camila Ponce
- 07/22 Alison Potter
- 07/23 Leslie Dering
- 07/23 Sarah Waller
- 07/25 William Sykes
- * 08/02 Bill Chowning
- 08/03 Maya Atkins
- 08/05 Jay Sykes
- 08/05 Sensai Horne
- 08/06 Jacob Henderson
- 08/07 Kyle Stephenson
- 08/10 Jeremy Atkins
- 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 Wade Waller
- 08/14 Kyle Stephenson
- 08/15 Taylor Murphy
- 08/15 Barbara Lockridge
- 08/16 Martha Hall
- 08/16 Andrew Wood
- 08/18 Andrew Bright
- 08/18 Jaiden Logan
- 08/20 Jean Rollins
- 08/23 Layne Hood
- 08/25 Elliott Greenwood
- 08/25 Garrett Greenwood
- 08/26 Peacha Sasser
- 08/26 Virginia Tucker
- 08/27 Jonathan 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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- * 07/03/2018 Janice & Garland Harwood
- 07/04/1968 Sharon & James Ragland
- 07/07/2006 Sean & Jennifer Cooper
- 07/08/2004 George & Betsy Crowell
- 07/12/2008 Tony & Samantha Romano
- 07/16/2011 Sarah & Wade Waller
- 07/17 Glenn & Krestin Gibson
- 07/20/2019 Ben & Sloan Verlander
- 07/22/1995 Kevin & Amy Bailey
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- * 08/01 Barbara & Russell Campeau
- 08/07/1993 Adrienne Errol Stephens
- 08/10/2007 Paul & Tori Rhodes
- 08/11/2007 Jay & Carrilynn Sykes
- 08/19/2012 Harrison & Sharon Alloway
- 08/28/1987 Bob & Max Barritt
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Every Member and Friend of St. Martin's is important. If you have not given us your birth dates and wedding dates, please email them to stmartinscloak@gmail.com.

We would like to say a prayer for you too on your special day.

(We like to know the year too but it is for demographic purposes only. Birth years are sometimes published but for children only.)

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



Dering's Cleaning Service

openings for House Cleaning or Pet Sitting

call Leslie Dering at 804-239-5865
or email LDerino7@yahoo.com



Your old eye glasses,

Please remember that those glasses you don't use any longer could mean a lot to somebody who can't get any or can't effort any.

Somebody from the ECW will take care of them.
THANK YOU!



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

Rector: The Rev. Lee A. Hutchson
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& Jim Greenwood

VESTRY

2023	2024	2025
George Crowell	Nancye Greenwood	Leslie Dering
Rick Gibbs	Mike Shook	Linda Fairtile
Jean Rollins	Betty Horne	Jim Moss

Senior Warden: Nancye Greenwood

Junior Warden: Rick Gibbs

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