



The Cloak



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



*St. Martin's,
Fr. Lee &
Sr. Warden
Nancye thanking
David Hopkins
for many years
of Music!*

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Father Lee Hutchison



60 Years ago ...

... Episcopalians gathered in the cafeteria of Tucker high school for the first worship service of the church plant known as Saint Martins. A year later our church was built. For the last 60 years faithful Christians have gathered here to support this colony of heaven. As a Christian you know about having a personal relationship with God. You may see yourself as a friend of God or God as your spiritual father or perhaps a teacher. The Bible uses the word covenant to describe one's relationship with God. A covenant is a partnership with God Working with God to accomplish a goal. God originally created humans to partner with God to care for Gods creation. The first humans chose to go their own way. 4 other covenants are talked about in the Old Testament where God made promises to people in return for various commitments on their part. All failed because humans were unable to stay committed to God.

Later prophets came to talk about a new covenant, one written on people hearts. Jesus said that he was the fulfillment of that new covenant which the prophets spoke about. Jesus invites all people into a partnership to restore Gods creation and human race in their relationship with God. Saint Martins has been a part of that invitation these last 60 years. I hope you can take part in the activities planned for that weekend of October 13,14, and 15th especially our worship service and lunch on Sunday as we give thanks for Gods blessing on our lives and recommit ourselves to partner with Jesus to create a world that reflects the grace and love of our God.

Fr. Lee



Don't miss it!

Bible Study - Essential 100

Started again weekly

Tuesdays at 10 am

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Bible sections to read beforehand announced every week
in the midweek email.

Reading list also available on the table in the Narthex.

What and When

October

<p>After Wednesday Service social First Wednesday of the month October 4 come and gather with us for a light brunch</p>
<p>ECW meeting/workshop Saturday October 7 at 9 am at the church This is a date change!</p>
<p>Spaghetti Lunch (Youth Mission Trip) Sunday October 8 after late service</p>
<p>Bridge Calendar adjustment October 12, 20, 26 (see page 9)</p>
<p>Adult Murder Mystery Dinner Do you have your tickets yet? Friday October 13 at 6 pm Registration starting at 5:30 pm</p>
<p>Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 14 at 9 am @ Nick's Bistro all men welcome to join us</p>
<p>St. Martin's Family Day Saturday October 14 from 11 am to 2 pm (for details see page 4)</p>
<p>Acolyte's Breakfast Sunday October 15 at 8:45 am</p>
<p>60th Anniversary Celebratory Eucharist Sunday October 15 at 10 am with catered meal to follow</p>
<p>WE (West End) Quilters Tuesday October 17 at 10 am all interested in quilting are welcome</p>
<p>St. Martin's Project Saturday October 21 at 9:30 am - Red Team</p>
<p>Fall Festival Saturday October 28 from 11 am to 2 pm for details see page 10</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
Bible Study	Tuesday	10 am or
	Wednesday	7 pm
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
Sr. Choir Practice	Thursday	7:30 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

Note from the Editor:

Please note that the Cloak email has changed. The email is always listed on the last page of this publication.

cloak@saintmartinschurch.org

Cloak Deadline

Friday October 20

Words from the Wardens

Good Day Fellow Martinites,

Can you believe it? We are approaching **60 years** of Celebrating our congregation's service and Love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our 60th Anniversary culminates the Weekend of the 13th-15th of October, 2023. Please see below the events *You May Want to participate in:*

-Friday, October 13th - Adult Murder Mystery Dinner, Enjoy a Fun filled evening with friends and delicious food (tickets Needed) Just wait and see the acting talents of many in our church family!!!!

-Saturday, October 14th - St. Martin's Family Day (balloon toss, 3 legged race, bounce house, pie throwing at Father Lee, Nancye and Rick, face painting and hotdogs and burgers served by our Boy Scout Troop....Gonna Be FUN

**-Sunday, October 15th - Celebratory Eucharist (Clergy, Choir and Acolyte Reunion followed by a catered meal)
THANKS BE TO GOD**

The **best** part of this weekend is spending time with our parish family, and renewing relationships we have cultivated for many years. Many of us are Best Friends. We share a common bond in that we all believe Jesus is the Messiah and our Savior. We hope on this weekend we can all get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and truly cherish God's wish for us to be people who embrace Hope, Love, Peace and Joy in His name.

We are excited to celebrate 60 years with all of YOU!

May God Bless You Each and Every One!

Nancye and Rick

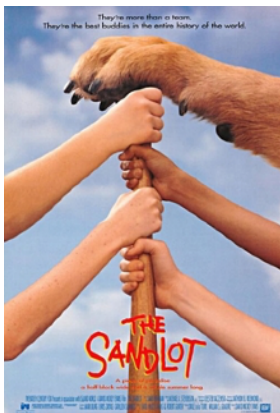


Community Movie Night

on Saturday September 9 was one of the special events planned to celebrate this 60th Anniversary year. Unfortunately the weather had not cooperated as much as the organizers had hoped. The movie

The Sandlot had to be enjoyed indoors instead.

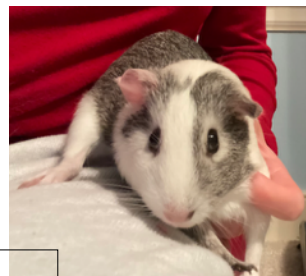
Many thanks to the committee, Mary Moss, Betty Horne and Kevin Howdysell, the Boy Scouts, Sallie and Millie, Kevin and Nerissa for AV set up, Susie Teachey for flyers and all who helped with movie night.



Meet Winnie! She's a 1-year-old, adorable, and a friendly guinea pig. We are looking to re-home her to a loving family who has a little more time to give her than we do. She comes with a cage, a travel cage, and some food, hay, and bedding.

All free to a loving home.

Contact Ashley Borders if interested (804-357-5961 or ashleywborder@gmail.com).



Rally Day - the Sunday School Start

- Sunday September 10



Rally Day continued ... from previous page



David R. Hopkins had announced some time ago that he wanted to retire. Well deserved his last day as Organist & Choirmaster was September 10. Good news for us that he wants to be now a member of the choir. Thank you, David. We love seeing you every Sunday.



Welcome to our new Organist & Choirmaster

Powell Johann

PLEASE honor Powell by listening to the Prelude and Postlude quietly.

His words: I am honored and humbled to be back at St. Martin's. It is a great personal joy.

Born in Richmond
Graduate of Saint Christopher's School
Graduate of Hampden-Sydney College
Masters equivalent in History from the University of London

Boy chorister at All Saints River Road

Teachers and mentors were:
Charles P. Cooke Jr. at All Saints
Granville Munson at St. Stephen's
Eric Arnold at All Saints Margaret Street in London
Paul Brough at St. Mary's Bourne Street in London

Served at St. Martin's while in High School
At the College Church in Hampden Sydney (Presbyterian!!!!!!)
Epiphany. Saint Matthew's, Emmanuel Brook Hill, Saint Luke's
And at Saint Martin's for some 16+ years

Owner CEO of Universal Exports Worldwide LLC which specializes in Music Festivals for the Cities of London, Rome, Paris, Prague and Vienna and Madrid and Seville- sending High School, Universities, Colleges and other groups of Marching Bands, Orchestras and Choirs by Invitation to them.

Unreformed, unrepentant, unreconstructed Anglo-Catholic— my spiritual fathers include The late Fr. David Charles Lynch SSC, Bishop William Wantland Eau Claire Wisconsin, Bishop Michael Marshall. Archbishop Lord David Hope KCVO- the late The Very R. Bill Scott Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, Fr. Peter Antony, Fr. Andrew Walker and Fr. Alasdair Coles.

Significant musical influences include the Late Dr. Alec Wyton of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine NYC; the Late Richard I. Purvis of Grace Cathedral San Francisco, Mark Dwyer at Church of the Advent Boston, Neal Campbell formerly at St. Stephen's Richmond now at Trinity Vero Beach FL and Peter Holder at Westminster Abbey.



St. Martin's Choir and Organist & Choir Master on September 24

Murder Mystery Ticket sales

going on every Sunday since
Rally Day.

Yeah, I got mine!



EYC update - Sallie Bright

EYC started the year with a meeting of parents and youth right after the Rally Day picnic. Forms were signed and ideas were shared as to what activities the youth would enjoy.

The first event is the Spaghetti Lunch right after the 10:00 a.m. service on **October 8th**. This is one of two main fund raisers for their mission trip in June. We hope to see you there to share in their quest.

The youth will help with face painting and watching the slide for the Fall Festival on October 28th.

In November the youth will have a movie night on November 17th and will help decorate the church on November 26th.

Many thanks to all of you that make this happen for our youth.



St. Martin's Project

Saturday September 16

Once a month a team gets together to make 135 sandwiches for several different shelters. Other things like a banana, cookies etc are also included.

This was the Blue Team.

Every team is happy to welcome another helper any time.



Finance Committee Report

by Garland Harwood

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

Financial Highlights 2023	end of previous month	MTD August	YTD end of August
Income	\$139,320.78	\$11,508.63	\$150,829.41
Expenses	-\$126,151.48	-\$18,608.32	-\$144,759.80
Gain or Loss	\$13,169.30	-\$7,099.69	\$6,069.61

Outreach Committee

- Nancy Fleming

For our **St Martin's Fall OUTREACH PROJECT** we plan to provide snacks for the students at Ridge Elementary School and the Coal Pit Learning Center that are kept on hand for any child who may be hungry or missed a meal for any reason and needs a small snack. The schools have provided the following list of approved/recommended snacks. These should be individual servings and non-perishable. Crackers, Goldfish, Cheez'its, Cheetos, Cookies - peanut butter or vanilla, Fruit cups, Jello cups, Pudding cups, Cereal cups (they like it dry), Granola or fruit bars, Pop tarts, Fruit roll ups, Plain potato chips.

Please let us know if you have any questions. A basket was placed in the hallway for collection and copies of the list for your reference. Thanks!!!



Social Bridge

- Jean Rollins

Do you want to learn how to play Bridge or go back to playing again? Then join the group at St. Martin's alternating on Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This is Social Bridge, where we have a lot of fun playing bridge, talking and laughing. We have refreshments and coffee and put a dollar in the kitty, and whoever wins will take the money home with them. So, if you are interested, contact Sallie Bright, Ruth Barrett, or Jean Rollins, and we will get you started!



ECW update

- Christa Burr



Our next meeting will be on **Saturday October 7** at 9 am (this is a change from regular time of 2nd Saturday). Several ladies who had attended the glass etching workshop in May voiced that they would like to do it again and those who were sorry to miss it the first time now have a second chance to learn glass etching doing pieces for themselves or possibly for the bazaar to sale.

Other meetings scheduled (if you missed reading it in a previous Cloak):

November 11 (Saturday) - workshop to learn making advent candles

November 17 (Friday) - CR Bazaar from noon to 5

December 9 (Saturday) - Christmas Party

The ECW is open to all ladies and we would welcome newcomers with open arms. It is helpful though if we know who is coming but please feel free to just show up.

Last but not least: a big THANK YOU to the ladies who came September 16 to help to assemble the cookbooks, a project of the Anniversary Committee. They will be available to purchase at the Anniversary Weekend.



SAVE THE DATE

SAINT MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 28, 2023 11 AM– 2 PM

Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Bouncy Slide, Crafts, Trunk or Treat, Flu Shots...and More!

Wear your costumes...there will be prizes!

The ECW sponsored presentation *Preparing for Probate* on Saturday September 23 was very well received by those who attended. Unfortunately bad weather was forecasted but the event went ahead.



Doni Kashinejad from Woody Funeral Home gave us a lot of information about procedures in the event of a death, the different options and costs and what headaches could be prevented.

The presentation by Heidi Barshinger, Henrico Circuit Court Clerk, gave us a lot of valuable information. Questions were asked and answered. I think we all went home encouraged to do certain preparations to make our loved ones job easier at the time of great sorrow.



Many thanks to ECW ladies Linda Nelson, Kim Shook and Betty Horne for all their preparatory work for this event. Thomas Anthony took a video of the event. A link will be included in the Weeklies when it is available. Stay tuned!

We would all like to get to know each other better. Please don't hesitate to send me your story. You might want to include a photo.

For St Martin's Cloak article: *Get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ*

Please, answer this questionnaire how ever you like.

Q: Are you a cradle Episcopalian?

A:

Q: Have you always lived in the Richmond area?

A:

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

A:

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

A:

Thank you!

So many of our members work "behind the curtains". Here, Linda Fairtile and Betty Horne are doing the teller job on Rally Day.



Get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ



Thank you, [Jerry Sneary](#), for answering my request of answering our questionnaire without hesitation and delay. We are all very happy to get to know you and Martha. Welcome!



My earliest memory of church was attending a rural Wesleyan Methodist church in Northwest Oklahoma with my grandparents. I also attended a Disciples of Christ church in Alva, Oklahoma, my home town, with my grandmother while I was in elementary school. However, the most influential church experience I had when I was young, came from a Methodist church in Hardtner, Kansas, which I also attended with my grandparents. I was baptized at the Methodist Church In Alva when I was in High School.

After graduating from Alva High School, I went to Oklahoma City University, a college affiliated with the Methodist church. I then attended Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, for seminary education and was ordained as a Methodist Pastor and Campus Minister. I served in multiple Methodist churches and as campus minister for almost 20 years.

In 1984, I was ordained Priest in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Oklahoma and served multiple churches in northwestern Oklahoma. Martha and I were married in 1995 and moved to Dalhart, TX, which is in the Diocese of Northwest Texas. I was rector of St. James Episcopal Church and Martha, who is a Physical Therapist, was the Director of Rehabilitation for the hospital there. I retired in 2010 from the Diocese of West Texas, where I had been rector of St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church, Canyon Lake.

Martha and I have five children, and nine grandchildren between us. They live In Richmond, VA; Dover, NH; Dundas, MN; and Dallas, TX; We moved to Glen Allen in December 2022 and attended several churches near our home. We decided that St. Martins was a good choice for us as we liked the size of the church, but especially the diversity, friendliness, and the dedication to outreach.

Martha has been a Physical Therapist for over 40 years, working in direct care, management, and as a professor in a PT school in Austin, TX. She retired just before the pandemic and now spends her time exploring our new state, and volunteering for the Cultural Arts Center and St. Martin's outreach, as well as becoming a lay reader.

Since retirement, I have served as supply and interim Priest at several Episcopal churches in the Diocese of West Texas. (Martha says it's too many to count). And, I am now a licensed priest for the Diocese of Virginia.

I enjoy NASCAR, working on cars, running, hiking, gardening, and traveling with Martha. We continue to discover new places to go and things to do in Virginia. We especially value the opportunity to develop new friendships with neighbors, church members, and people we meet on our journey.



Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

October is Health Literacy Month

The importance of Health Literacy

Health literacy will affect each of us at some point in our lives. It will be important to be able to find, understand and use health information. Even in our daily life - how we manage our health, receive and understand information from our doctors and other healthcare providers is important. It can affect even the best of us who read well or understand numbers.



Why do we have this problem?

When organizations or others create and give health information that is too difficult to understand it becomes a health literacy problem. People are then left to figure out healthcare services with many unfamiliar, confusing or conflicting steps. This also becomes a health literacy problem.

How can we help others or ourselves?

- Never be afraid to advocate for yourself or for others.
- Ask your doctor to explain instruction or information given if you do not understand. Your life may depend on it.
- Many health care providers have brochures or hand out information in plain simple language.
- Often this information is translated into a language you understand. or there may be access to interpreters.
- Work with trusted messengers to share your information e.g. faith leaders, healthcare provider, pharmacist.

We can be at a loss when faced with:

- Unfamiliar medical terms or understanding how the body works.
- Interpreting statistics to evaluate benefits and risks that affect their health.
- a devastating diagnosis or serious illness leaving us scared or confused.
- having a condition that requires complicated care.
- Having to weigh in on issues affecting the community's health, relying on unfamiliar technical terms.



Parish Nurse continued ... from previous page

- Often someone you trust may refer you to the right source
- Nothing beats having and understanding all the information you need to make an informed consent regarding your health.



- Keep current with what is happening in your community.
- Keep current with your immunization and keep scheduled appointments with your providers.
- Stay healthy by eating more vegetables and grains and doing some form of exercise daily.

Flu shots will be available at the Fall Festival on 10/28 from 11am to 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Parish Hall. If you can bring a copy of your medical insurance card that will speed up the process. The shots are again provided by IVNA.

Be well

Sunday School (photos taken September 24)

Children (pre-K through 5th grade) come to the 10 am worship service with their families and are invited to process out to Sunday School after the Children's Message. They return to the Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

Care for our youngest members during the 10 am service will be offered as needed.





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10/01	Bill Shirey	11/04	Claire Baughan	10/01/1994	Wayne & Trudy Britton
10/03	Janet Areson	11/07	Linda Fairtile	10/06/1979	Linda & Harold Nelson
10/06	Blake Bailey	11/07	Nancye Greenwood	10/07/2017	Gina & Sean Reid
10/06	James Burr	11/08	Melissa Machalinski	10/09	Ginny & Rick Fowler
10/06	Vicki Newcomb	11/10	Karen Hood	10/10	Todd & Janet Areson
10/06	Tori Rhodes	11/12	Alexander Cooper	10/12/2002	Mike & Kim Fiasco
10/08	Marci Jerina	11/14	Ashley Howdyshell	10/18/2008	William & Holly Thirion
10/09	David Mix	11/15	Kevin Howdyshell	10/21/2017	Chris & Claire Baughan
10/10	Judi Bragg	11/18	Colin Borders	*	
10/11	Bo Greenwood	11/18	Dianne O'Kelley Lamb	*	
10/12	Warrick Stephenson	11/19	Gina Reid	11/05/1966	Jim & Chris Smack
10/12	Francis Stephens	11/19	Caleb Waller	11/16/2019	Lauren & Rob Rowley
10/13	John Ogle	11/20	Mike Fiasco	11/18/2016	Jonathan & Tatiana Horne
10/15	Reece Hartman	11/22	Kenzie Howdyshell	11/26/1975	James & Christa Burr
10/16	Lauren Rowley	11/24	Lee Hutchson	11/27	Daniel & Tiffany Clements
10/20	Cameron Baughan	11/24	Steve Alloway	*	
10/21	Bennett Jenkins	11/26	Christine Watt		
10/22	Vaiden Lindsey	11/27	Katie Hall		
10/23	Betty Horne	11/28	Holly Thirion		
10/24	Walter Hartman	11/29	George Crowell		
10/25	Nanette Lofaro	11/30	Paris Lindsey		
10/28	Paul Rhodes	*			
10/28	Martha Sneary				
10/29	Caleb Greene				
10/31	George Ward				
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ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Please join us the weekend of
 OCT. 13-15, 2023**

Friday, Oct. 13	5:30 PM	Registration
Friday, Oct. 13	6:00 PM	Adult Murder Mystery Dinner <i>Tickets Needed</i>
Saturday, Oct. 14	11:00 - 2:00 PM	St. Martin's Family Day
Sunday, Oct. 15	8:45 AM	Acolyte's Breakfast

Sunday Oct. 15
Celebratory Eucharist
 Clergy, Choir and Acolyte Reunion
 Meal Following the Service
RSVP by 9-3-2023 for Headcount

For additional information
 Visit www.SaintMartinsChurch.org

Any Questions Call
 (804) 270-6786
 or
 Email: office@saintmartinschurch.org

60 Years of Moving Forward in Faith

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 LDerigo7@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
Priest Associate: Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix
Monastic Associate: John Ogle
Organist & Choirmaster: Powell Johann
Parish Coordinator:
Head of Nursery:

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Trustee Emeritus: Robert I. Kirby,
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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

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