



The Cloak



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



*Hyacinth from St.
Martin's Easter
Astar from years
past blooming in
members' gardens*

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Father Lee Hutchson



In the Gospel of John, the miracles of Jesus are referred to as signs. For John it was not the miracles themselves that were important it was the message the signs declared. God was at work in the world. One reason Jesus was reluctant to perform healings was that people focused on the healing and not on God who made it possible. At one point Jesus lamented that people could read the signs of an upcoming change in the weather but could not read the signs of God bringing change to the world.

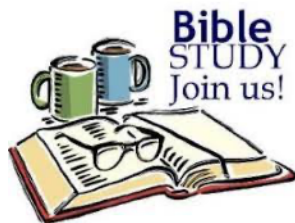
Last year the vestry approved building a sign in front of the church. It was decided to wait until the end of last year so that we could be sure we remained in a solid financial situation. We finished last year with a surplus of over \$25,000. The surplus was due to your generosity, new member growth, and not hiring an office assistant.

The sign will be a part of a larger outreach to the community to attract new members. When it comes to media 10 percent of people first visit a church because of seeing the sign. 1.6 percent visit a church because of hearing an invitation using other media. A sign is the most cost-effective media to promote upcoming events, invite people to worship, and communicate messages to the community. The sign will be an effective way to point others to the work of God which is happening in our congregation.

Of course, the most effective way a church grows is when you as an individual invite a friend or family member to church.

I and the vestry would like to hear from you. Although a design has not been decided we hope to have a design sometime next month. Please share your thoughts with me or a member of the vestry.

Fr. Lee



Don't miss it!

Bible Study

Will resume in May

Tuesdays at 10am -or- Wednesdays at 7pm

(No Bible Study the month of April)

Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices

Note from Your Editors:

Since Holy Week and Easter are at the end of March this year, we will have pictures from those in the May Cloak.

Stay tuned!



What and When

April

<p>After Wednesday Service Social First Wednesday of the month (April 3) come and gather with us for a light brunch</p>
<p>Bridge Calendar April 5, 11, 19, 25 at 10 am</p>
<p>“Daniel” trip deadline Sunday April 7 (see page 11)</p>
<p>Vestry Meeting Tuesday April 9 at 7 pm</p>
<p>Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 13 at 9 am @ Shorty's Diner (Libbie Place Mall/5625 West Broad St.) all men welcome to join us</p>
<p>WE (West End) Quilters Tuesday April 16 at 10 am all interested in quilting are welcome</p>
<p>Bunco Game Night Friday April 19 at 7 pm</p>
<p>St. Martin's Project Saturday April 20 at 9:30 am - Red Team</p>
<p>Pillow Drive Deadline Saturday April 20 (see page 5)</p>
<p>ECW meeting for date and time please watch the “Weeklies”</p>
<p>EYC meeting for date and time please watch the “Weeklies”</p>
<p>Cloak Deadline Saturday April 20</p>
<p>Bible Study Note No Bible Study in April. Will resume the first week of May.</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
Yoga Stretch (\$3)	Thursday	1 pm
Sr. Choir Practice	Thursday	7 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

April Fun Facts

1. April comes from the Latin verb “aperire,” meaning to open. It's believed that the word refers to the season of flowers as they begin to open or bloom.
2. April is the fourth month of the year, but in the previous calendar (the Julian calendar) it was the second month. January and February didn't exist.
3. Some famous people with April birthdays are Leonardo da Vinci, Queen Elizabeth II, Thomas Jefferson, William Shakespeare, Charlie Chaplin, Jane Goodall, and Jackie Chan.
4. April is the best month for meteor showers.

Words from the Wardens

With the start of spring and in preparation for Easter, the floors in the parish hall have been stripped and waxed and the carpet in the parish hall cleaned.

The old play area has been taken down and progress is being made in the new play area.

We have just completed our Bible study on "Jesus The One and Only." We will be starting a new study after Easter. More information to follow.

Holy Week the church will be abuzz with activities. See your weekly announcement for service schedule. The youth group will be busy preparing for the Easter egg hunt.

The altar guild will be busy changing all the various hangings and with Sally's help decorate the church with flowers for Easter Sunday.

With all these activities, let us not forget the sacrifice our Lord Jesus made to redeem us from our sins, and because He conquered death and lives, we celebrate His resurrection!

Don't forget to bring your bell to church to joyfully ring on Easter Sunday.

Please don't hesitate to contact Garland Harwood or Betty Horne with any questions or suggestions.

Blessings to You All,

Garland and Betty



One of the motivational posters in a St. Martin's classroom.



Seen on the internet:

Before You Speak...

THINK

is it True?

is it Helpful?

is it Inspiring?

is it Necessary?

is it Kind?

Outreach Committee

- Jean Rollins

The Outreach Committee is again having a "Pillow Drive" to help four shelters: the Good Samaritan Ministries, the Veteran's Shelter, Home Again Women's Shelter, and Home Again Men's Shelter. These are the shelters which we help with food during the year. Please bring in new pillows and pillow cases to the church beginning now until Saturday April the 20th when we will deliver them. The shelters are all very excited when they see us bringing them in, as they are so needed.



Happy Birthday Dariush!

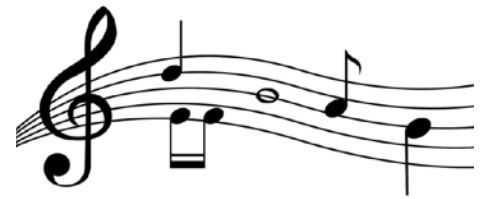


Dariush Babollahzadeh turned 50, and St. Martin's was able to celebrate with him!



Notes about Music

- from our Organist and Choirmaster Powell Johann



In the weeks of Lent and Passiontide some of the greatest music ever composed has been offered as part of our worship. There has been lots of Johann Sebastian Bach- not because he is mournful or consumed with sin but because he is often spoken of as the Fifth Evangelist. There has also been music of Richard Wagner- a terrible moral reprobate but a brilliant composer and especially of his late opera/music drama "Parsifal" which tells of the legend of the Holy Grail and the pure knights who guard it. It always strengthens my faith to share these works.

The Parish is also very blessed to have the talents of Linda Fairtile and David Hopkins. We owe composer Linda a great debt of gratitude and admiration for her wonderful anthem heard Sunday March 17 and on the same day Max Reger's exquisite "Canzone" was played for us by the very talented David.

- Powell

ECW update

- Christa Burr

The March meeting on the 9th started again with the potluck breakfast at 9 am. A short business meeting was held to decide on donations to the the Priest's Discretionary Fund and to the EYC Mission Trip.



Soon the work began to finish the blankets (see last month's Cloak). There were 8 participants this time but the photos are scarce.



When finished the blankets were carried into the church and draped over the front of the first row of pews to be blessed during the service on Sunday.

I am happy to report that all material was used to finish 13 blankets.

An ECW meeting for April has not been set yet. Please always watch the Weeklies and bulletin for possible information.





Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

April is Interprofessional Health Care Month

Who knew there was such a designation! The World Health Organization (WHO) defines it as “multiple health workers from different backgrounds working together with patients, families, caregivers and communities to deliver the highest quality of care.”

The truth is that this has been in practice in some institutions for quite some time. It may have been called by a different name such as Interdisciplinary Care Team. Incidentally, often spearheaded by nurses. As a post-kidney transplant coordinator, the team which included Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Social Workers, our Transplant Pharmacist, occasionally Nephrologist, met daily after each clinic to assess the progress of our patients, adjust their medications or to identify any barriers that may derail their progress. The ordering Physician was always updated with our findings. In Home care, as a Clinical Coordinator, we met each week with Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Wound Care Specialists, Nurses and Home Health Aides, again to discuss progress etc. Our findings and recommendations were relayed to the provider for any changes in the care plan.

The benefits of an Interprofessional healthcare team provide improved quality of care, patient safety and patient satisfaction. It can also reduce the risk of readmission to hospital. Here's an example.

We were asked to evaluate a patient who had multiple bruises and reportedly frequent falls. The patient had a paid care giver, so this was even more perplexing. It turns out that the patient had a Cardiologist and a Primary Care Physician ordering

medicines from 2 different pharmacies. A couple of the medicines were duplicated, one issued by generic name and the other by brand name. The care giver was unaware of the difference, so the patient took more blood pressure medicines than she should causing her blood pressure to drop and her to fall.

The pandemic shone a light on the need for Interprofessional Care as resources were strained. Hospitals were swamped with severely ill patients. Telemedicine was a pathway for those who were not critically ill to access care. This lessened the burden on hospitals, limiting contact with infected persons but also allowing for continuation of care.

Electronic medical records are now widely available. If you feel your providers are not all on the same page, the following may help.

- Do not hesitate to have him/her send copies of your medical records to your providers.
- Use one pharmacy for your medicines. They will be alert to duplicate meds or meds that have drug to drug interactions.
- It is important to let your doctor know if you are using herbal products or over-the-counter medicines. Some herbal products can interfere with the absorption of your medicines.
- Keep a copy of your list of medicines handy, especially for your doctor's visits and for emergencies.
- Be sure to take your medication as prescribed or let your doctor know if you are having difficulty with it.

Be safe. Have a blessed Eastertide.



**APRIL IS NATIONAL
INTERPROFESSIONAL
HEALTHCARE MONTH**

Proclamation

“National Interprofessional Health Care Month”

Whereas, quality health care is in the public’s interest for maintenance of independence, productivity, happiness, overall welfare and well-being of society.

Whereas, quality health care is provided collaboratively by professionals of multiple disciplines dependent upon the health needs of the public at large.

Whereas, primary health care begins with health promotion, wellness, and the prevention of the very diseases and health problems that require treatment from various healthcare professionals.

Whereas, the complexity and breadth of health promotion, illness prevention and quality health care benefits from the diverse knowledge and skills of a range of health care professionals.

Whereas, health care clinicians collaborating in an interprofessional team model of service enhances not only coordination, but safe, effective and high quality health care.

Therefore, the National Academies of Practice proclaim

the month of April as

“National Interprofessional Health Care Month.”

Finance Committee Report by Garland Harwood

Financial Highlights 2024	end of previous month	MTD February	YTD end of February
Income	\$21,288.22	\$25,357.20	\$46,645.42
Expenses	-\$20,593.76	-\$19,776.00	-\$40,369.76
Gain or Loss	\$694.46	\$5,581.20	\$6,275.66

Kroger Rewards: no update for this year

Palm Sunday - Sunday March 24



St. Martin's looked beautiful, as usual! Red for the blood of our Savior and lots of welcoming palm fronds.



And, the Sunday School children had fun dyeing Easter eggs and learning about the meaning of Easter.



EYC update - Sallie Bright

On March 3rd, Father Lee led the youth through the Stations of the Cross. Karen and Layne fixed a pasta bar for lunch - the youth throughly enjoyed it!

On March 22, the youth folded palm crosses and stuffed eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for donating eggs and candy for this event. And thank you to the adults that came to help.

The youth will meet at 9 a.m. Easter morning to hide the eggs. This will give the ones who are participating in the service time to get ready.

Thank you St. Martin's for all your support.



Stations of the Cross

Palm Crosses & Egg Stuffing



Exciting Opportunity. . .

Come and join your fellow Martinites for a fun two days to include seeing the play, "Daniel." Please see the details below:

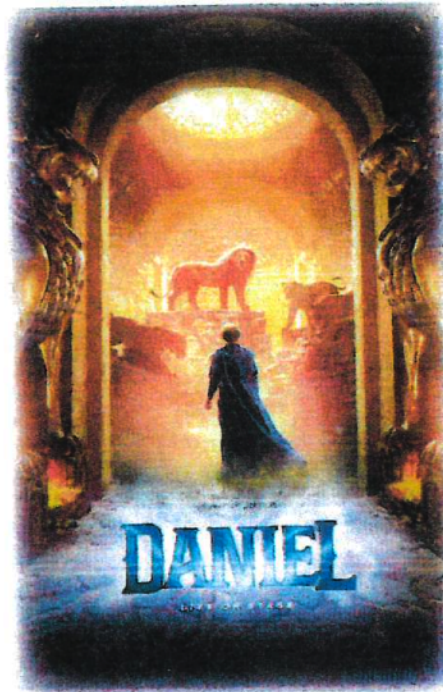
"DANIEL" PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH LANCASTER, PA

September 6 - 7

What an exciting year we have planned in Lancaster, Pennsylvania offering both two and three day tours.

1 LANCASTER, PA: We begin our adventure by traveling across the Mason-Dixon line to the beautiful countryside of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We enjoy dinner at Miller's Restaurant. This day will end with a magnificent production of "Daniel" at Sight and Sound Theatre!

2 SHOPPING / HOMEWARD BOUND: This morning we will visit the Farmer's Market and Kitchen Kettle for lunch and shopping before heading for home.



 **2 DAYS**

PRICE PER PERSON:

Quad	Triple	Double	Single
\$470	\$485	\$510	\$595

DEPOSIT: \$50 Per Person

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation
- 1 Night Hotel Accommodations
- Baggage Handling at Hotel
- Admission to Play "Daniel"
- Dinner at Miller's
- Services of a Tour Director

	LEAVE/RETURN	
Staunton.....	6:30A	7:30P
Charlottesville.....	7:15A	6:45P
Richmond.....	8:15A	5:30P



If you wish to participate, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway **on or before April 7.**
A \$50 deposit is due at sign-up. (Check should be made to Sunshine Tours.)
Complete a registration slip and place, along with your check,
in the envelope provided on the bulletin board.
Jean Rollins will collect and submit your registration and deposit. **Do not mail.**



AGAIN, the deadline for signing up is **April 7**, because the organizers need to know how many people are going.

Bunco Game Night

Come play Bunco on Friday, April 19 at 7pm!

Desserts and beverages will be provided, and there will be prizes!

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Bring yourselves (and a friend/s).





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 04/01 Pat Akens
 04/01 Owen Rowley
 04/01 Jim Smack
 04/02 Tiffany Clements
 04/05 Trudy Britton
 04/07 Megan Greenwood
 04/07 Moboluwaji Akinfolajimi
 04/08 Samantha Romano
 04/09 Elaine Markey
 04/10 Dean Bracaloni
 04/10 Michele Hutchson
 04/11 Lance Hartman
 04/12 Olivia Alloway
 04/12 Esmé Borders
 04/13 Eniola Akinfolajimi
 04/14 Grace Wood
 04/15 Vicki Pinner
 04/15 Karlee Rankine
 04/16 Sally Dvorak
 04/17 Sallie Bright
 04/17 Wilson Ponce
 04/22 Tristan Howdyshell
 04/23 Tyler Newcomb
 04/23 Sandy McGuire
 04/24 Jim Richardson
 04/27 Joyce Ragland
 04/27 Zahara Iervolino
 04/28 Richard Rollins
 04/28 Russell Campeau
 04/29 Stacey Hartman
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 05/05 Jerry Sneary
 05/07 Carl McAllister
 05/08 Charlotte Lai
 05/09 Beth Miller
 05/09 Mike Miller
 05/14 Phyllis Berkle
 05/15 Lucas Verlander
 05/17 Harrison Alloway
 05/18 Daniz Babollahzadeh
 05/19 Ben Verlander
 05/21 Titilayo Akinfolajimi
 05/21 Shannon Weaver
 05/21 Stephen Harlow
 05/23 Julie Crews
 05/24 Keith Borders
 05/27 Kerry Alloway
 05/29 Steve Row
 05/31 Jim Hughson
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 04/12/1980 Scott & Kerry Alloway
 04/24/1998 Dariush Babollahzadeh & Golnaz Modarres
 04/25/1992 Scott & Mary Goodman
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 05/01 Wayne & Alison Potter
 05/15/2009 Layne & Karen Hood
 05/15/1974 Christine & Craig Watt
 05/19/2001 N'neka & James Logan
 05/21/1994 Carl & Vicki Newcomb
 05/28 Jim & Nancye Greenwood
 05/28/2011 Megan & Bo Greenwood
 05/30/1992 Glen & Stephanie Dupaul
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In an effort to be more efficient we have created another email address. Any changes to do with the directory like the portrait photos, addresses, emails, telephone/cell phone numbers, birthdays and anniversaries please, send information to the above address.

Also, if you are a newcomer, please don't hesitate to let us know if you would like to get the weekly email and/or The Cloak.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 registrar@saintmartinschurch.org.

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.)

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