



The Cloak



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



**Our new
parish sign for
all to see!!**

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Father Lee Hutchison

Pledge cards for our 2025 stewardship campaign will be mailed out in October. Our theme this year is "You Welcomed Me."

One of the strengths of our church is our welcoming atmosphere. Whether it is greeting someone at the Peace, having a conversation at coffee hour, listening to our kids at the children's sermon, or inviting new comers to participate in church activities, our visitors feel welcome.

Another strength of our church is our outreach! 500 meals were provided to homeless shelters, supplies were collected and financial support was given to Safe Harbor women's shelter, and we traditionally have 10-15 youth and adults who serve in our name on a yearly service trip.

Of course, our central purpose as a church is to gather as the body of Christ to worship our God, and to have our faith nurtured by the sacrament of the body of Christ so that we might be faithful witnesses of God's Grace and Love.

When you receive your pledge card prayerfully consider how you may support our church and return your card as soon as possible.



Fr. Lee

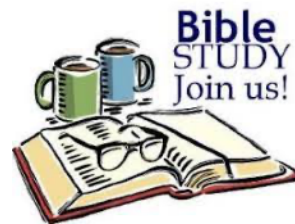
Spaghetti Lunch Hosted by EYC

Come and enjoy the delicious annual spaghetti meal that the EYC serves!!!

October 13 after the 10am service

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the youth group. All funds go toward the Annual Youth Group Mission Trip, this year being held in June in Pennsylvania.

We hope that you will join us for fellowship and lunch!



Don't miss it!
Bible Study

Continuing weekly: Tuesdays at 10 am
-or- Wednesdays at 7 pm

Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices

Boy Scouts Stew Brew

The Boy Scout Troop that meets at St. Martin's will be selling stew on Friday, October 11 at 6pm and Saturday, October 12 at 7am in our parking lot.

What and When

October

<p>GriefShare Support Group Tuesdays October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30-8:30pm</p>
<p>After Wednesday Service Social First Wednesday of the month (October 2) come and gather with us for a light brunch</p>
<p>Bridge and Card Games October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10 am</p>
<p>ECW Meeting Saturdays October 5 and 12 (see page 8)</p>
<p>Blessing of the Animals (Due to St. Francis Feast Day Friday, October 4) Sunday October 6 at 3pm in the Breezeway</p>
<p>Confirmation Classes Sundays October 6, 13, 20, 27 after 10am service — OR —Mondays October 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7pm</p>
<p>Vestry Meeting Tuesday October 8 at 7 pm</p>
<p>Yoga Stretch Restarts on Thursday October 10 at 1pm</p>
<p>Men's Breakfast Saturday October 12 at 9 am @ Shorty's Diner all men welcome to join us</p>
<p>EYC Spaghetti Lunch Sunday October 13 after 10am service (see page 2)</p>
<p>WE (West End) Quilters Tuesday October 15 at 10am</p>
<p>St. Martin's Project Saturday October 19 at 9:30 am - Red Team</p>
<p>Our New Journey Sunday October 20 from 2:30-3:30 pm</p>
<p>Cloak Deadline Sunday October 20</p>
<p>Coats & Jackets Deadline Monday October 21</p>
<p>St. Martin's Fall Festival Saturday October 26 from 11am-2pm (see page 11)</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
Choir Practice	(See page 6 for info)	
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	1 st Wednesday	after 10 am service
ECW	2 nd Saturday	9 am
Men's Breakfast	2 nd Saturday	9 am
St. Martin's Project	3 rd Saturday	9:30 am

UPCOMING

Bishop Stevenson Visit, Confirmation & Reception
Sunday November 10

Annual Meeting
Sunday November 17 after the 10am service

Important: Only church dates/events are listed in this calendar but our Lord's building is used by other groups. If you are scheduling an event for your group please consult with the large calendar in the copy room or the church office first.

Words from Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix

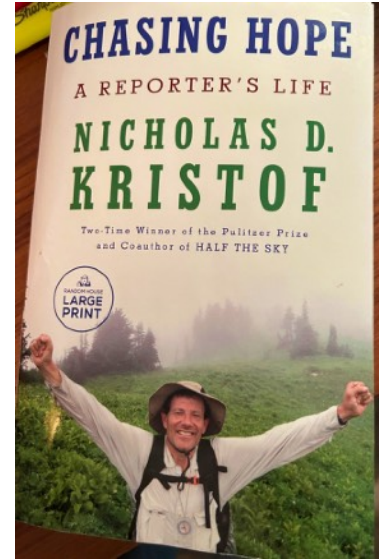
“Chasing Hope”

For a number of weeks, I have been reading a memoir by the New York Times editorialist and reporter, Nicholas Kristof titled *Chasing Hope: A Reporter's Life* (Random House, 2024). In the opening page he quotes Desmond Tutu on hope: “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” And in this fascinating memoir, there is indeed plenty of darkness vividly described.

Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, chased important stories all over the world—China, Japan, and the Congo among others. As an introduction to his work, Kristof points out that journalism is an act of hope. “That if we get the story and shine a light in the darkness, the public will respond and change will come.” He says “that's why reporters rush toward gunfire, talk their way into drug dens, scramble toward riots.. .”

One story he covered was the student massacre at Tiananmen Square in the spring of 1989. One of the images indelibly imprinted in my mind was the one student standing down in front of a Chinese soldier's tank, daring him to run over him in the riot that was taking place.

Well, Kristof was also right in the middle of that riot and resulting massacre. He had gotten news from Chinese friends that soldiers in trucks and armored vehicles were moving down the Avenue of Eternal Peace, “mowing people down with automatic weapons—headed for the pro-democracy encampment of students in the Square. “When the first young man fell, I thought perhaps he had fainted, until I saw that half his head was blown away.” Let me share a bit from this chapter that was particularly memorable to me..



The bravest people that day were the rickshaw drivers, pedaling small carts, . . . That night, as the rest of us cowered, it was the rickshaw drivers who pedaled out toward the soldiers during each lull in the shooting and picked up the bodies of young people who had been shot. They placed the dead or injured on the backs of their rickshaws and then turned and rushed back toward us and beyond to the hospitals.

I remember watching one husky rickshaw driver in a white tank top, he was in his late thirties with a round stubble-covered face, wearing flip-flops. As he drove out toward the soldiers, I held my breath, wondering if he would be shot. Then he picked up the motionless body of a young man and pedaled back frantically toward us, his legs pounding up and down like pistons, blood seeping out of the body onto his cart. . . That driver evidently recognized me as a foreign journalist, . . . for he swerved to pass by me and showed so that I could document the scene.

“Tell the world!” he shouted at me. “Tell the world!” Tears were streaming down his cheeks” . . . This rickshaw driver might not have been able to define democracy—but he was risking his life for it.”

Well, hundreds were shot dead that night and thousands more were injured, yet so many ordinary Chinese like that driver stood fast. Kristof ends that episode asserting that we have so much to learn from their commitment and valor.

What a powerful image to end on. And also keep in mind as we head toward our own future and the risks we face as a people in a very divided country, with threats to our own democracy looming. So remember the image of the rickshaw driver and stand strong against evil in all its forms. And remember that “hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”

For a more complete coverage of this topic, see Rev. Dr. Sandi's website: <http://www.sandralevy.net>.

Finance Committee Report - Garland Harwood

Financial Highlights 2024	YTD end of July	MTD August	YTD end of August
Income	\$135,016.67	\$13,771.22	\$148,787.89
Expenses	-\$140,065.66	-\$23,779.01	-\$163,844.67
Gain or Loss	-\$5,048.99	-\$10,007.79	-\$15,056.78

We were \$6,300 behind in Pledged and Plate Income for the month of August and coupled with some unplanned expenses we experienced a \$10,000 loss for the month. Hopefully, as people catch up on their pledges we will make up our deficit by the end of the year.

Condolences!

to the family and friends of

Ria Horstman Springer Kirby

the wife of Bob Kirby.

Ria was born December 10, 1936 and passed away September 12, 2024 at the age of 87.

A funeral service will be held at The Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church (11421 Gayton Road, Henrico 23238) on Saturday October 5. There will be a 10:30am visitation followed by an 11:30am service.

The Saint Martin's Parish Choir . . .



All parish churches go through periods of growth as well as decline and then growth again. The usual pattern for this parish was seriously interrupted by the Covid situation as were many other churches. To date, we have recovered a great deal. However, one area that needs some attention, prayerful consideration, and sacrificial giving is our choir. The faithful few are frankly marvelous. Witness Sunday, Sept.8- a much loved anthem on an historic and prayerful text was rendered beautifully if incompletely by those in the gallery. Absences were marked but all for very good reasons. In many ways, this parish has grown accustomed to very fine, traditional music. To maintain this we need some new participation badly. And this is especially true of male voices to fill out tenor and bass sections. I implore you to please consider this ministry- One hour on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings at 9:15 for warm up and the Parish Mass . There are times of riotous fellowship as well. A solo voice is not required nor is proficiency in music. We will teach you.

Please pray about this. And if I might – choirs are very effective tools of evangelization. You may know unchurched people who would sit anonymously in the gallery and sing as well as learn about our Faith. Please encourage them to join us.

It is a great joy to worship the Risen Christ in the beauty of holiness by singing together His praises. Alleluia!

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Bishops Stevenson's Visit

Save the Date!



The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson, 14th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia will be at Saint Martin's on Sunday, **November 10** during the 10am service to visit our parish and for confirmation. Confirmation classes started in September and are in progress. If you would like to be confirmed, be received as an Episcopalian, or renew your baptismal vows, please contact Father Lee.

Also, please stay after the 10am service for a Reception hosted by the ECW!

Prayer Shawl & Blanket Ministry — Linda Nelson

The prayer blanket and shawl ministry consists of parishioners who knit/crochet blankets for newborn babies and prayer shawls for church members entering or undergoing medical treatment and care.

If you are interested in joining, expanding your skills, or have questions, please contact Phyllis Berkle (804-938-2346) who is willing to provide knitting/crocheting instruction or guidance for online instruction sites; or Linda Nelson at 804-7756-8393.



Lunch-get-togethers or meetings are to be announced.

Call Linda Nelson 804-756-8393 or email her at lhnelson@aol.com for general information.

Congratulations!



Tatiana Horne delivered

Azrael Naira Horne

on September 22, 2024 at 12:09pm.

Mother and baby are doing well.

Please keep the Horne family, especially Tatiana and Azrael, in your prayers.

Saint Martin's Bridge/Card Players — Jean Rollins

Starting on Thursday, October the 3rd we will not only have a Bridge game going on in the Parrish Hall, but we will have other card games as well. So join us from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon every Thursday for a fun time of playing cards, refreshments, and being with fellow Martinites! You don't have to know how to play the games, we will teach you!



Fun from a recent game! —————>



The ECW will have TWO events in October.

1. On **Saturday, October 5 at 9am** in the Parish Hall, the ECW is hosting an Instant Pot Demonstration led by Barbara Campeau. There will be 3 cooking machines on the kitchen counter, and how to cook 3 different foods/recipes will be demonstrated. Then, we get to sample what has been cooked! You will be amazed at what an Instant Pot can do.

All are welcome! See the bulletin board to sign up so that there is the appropriate amount of food.

2. On **Saturday, October 12** the ECW will attend the ECW Diocesan Annual Meeting in Stafford, VA. We will depart St. Martin's at 7:30am and caravan to the meeting, returning to St. Martin's in the afternoon. Join us for this fun and meaningful time together with women from all across Virginia. Registration is \$25, and the deadline is October 1. See the registration information posted on the bulletin board or contact Martha Sneary at (830) 660-5756 or martha.sneary@gmail.com for details.



Some recent photos from around our church.





Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

October: Mosquito Borne Infections

Recently there has been stories in the news regarding West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Dengue fever. The symptoms may be mild and mimic the flu in some cases but in some cases may cause severe distress. Dr. Fauci himself was ill with West Nile Virus.

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. It is most spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Cases of West Nile occur during mosquito season, which starts in the summer and continues through fall. They breed in standing water. We have had ample sources of standing water this summer due to floods, hurricanes etc. Mosquitos are usually more active in the dawn or dusk hours.



There are no vaccines to prevent or medicines to treat West Nile in people.

Fortunately, most people infected with West Nile virus do not feel sick. Approximately 1 in 5 people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms. Approximately 1 out of 150 infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, illness.

The best way to prevent West Nile or any mosquito borne infection is to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

- Use insect repellent containing Deet
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants while outdoors
- Treat clothing and gear
- Take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors
- Eliminate standing water in your yard and garden, including pots, tires
- Putting screens in windows and doors

Signs and symptoms include:

- Headaches
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Muscle aches
- Abdominal pain
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Rash
- Swollen lymph node

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE or triple E)

EEE virus is spread to people by an infected mosquito. It affects your immune system and causes encephalitis (inflammation). About 30% of people bitten by infected mosquitoes develop encephalitis and die from the infection. Those who survive may suffer ongoing neurological problems. Most cases in the US occur in Eastern or Gulf Coast states or states bordering the Great Lakes.

There have been at least 10 cases reported across the United States this year including a deadly case in New Hampshire. Most people who are infected will not develop symptoms, but early symptoms of severe cases include:

- Headache
- High fever (greater than 104 degrees F)
- Chills
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting, nausea, diarrhea
- Seizure
- Behavioral changes
- Drowsiness

Symptoms usually appear 4-10 days after a bite from an infected mosquito. There is not vaccine for EEE.

Treatment is based on the symptoms. They include:

- Hospitalization for observation and management of symptoms
- Getting plenty of rest
- Drinking plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration
- Taking over-the-counter pain relievers as directed
- May need interventions such as a craniotomy to relieve pressure on the brain.



Dengue fever

Dengue is the most common mosquito-borne disease worldwide. This disease is caused by four distinct but closely related dengue viruses (dengue-1, -2, -3, and -4). Dengue viruses are spread by the bites of infected Aedes species mosquitoes.

In the United States, public health authorities in Puerto Rico declared an outbreak in March 2024. Local transmission of dengue has also been reported in the US Virgin Islands, Florida, California, Texas, Hawaii and Arizona.

Severe dengue is a medical emergency, requiring immediate care if you have any of the following:

- Stomach pain or tenderness
- Vomiting (at least 3 times in 24 hours)
- Bleeding from the nose or gums
- Vomiting blood or blood in the stool

Again, there is no vaccine or cure for Dengue fever. The patient is monitored, and symptoms managed.

*Be safe out there! There are still a couple months of hurricane season left and many areas are flooded from storms. **Protect yourself!***

Lamb's Basket Update . . .

Thanks to the efforts of so many in our congregation, we delivered **72 pounds** of food to the Lamb's Basket in September!!

Please keep the donations coming. Every item makes a difference! The following items are the most needed:

CANNED soups, potatoes, fruits of all kinds, mixed vegetables, peas, carrots, and pet food. Glass containers, like mayonnaise, salad dressings, and items in clear bottles are also accepted.





Save the Date...Fall Festival

Saturday, October 26, 2024

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Martin's Episcopal Church Fall Festival

9000 St. Martin's Lane

Henrico, Virginia

Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Bouncy Slide, Crafts,

Trunk or Treat, Flu Shots...and More!

Wear your costumes...there will be prizes!



Traveling to Learn

by Christa Burr

When you read this James and I will be back from our recent trip. This time we went south on the river Rhone to learn more about the life there. One of our outings was to a Bull Ranch. The bulls have a great life of free-roaming and never need feeding. The most spirited bulls are taken (when they are the right age) to the traditional “feria” or in this area called “course camarguaise”. It is a bloodless spectacle (for the bulls) in which the objective is to snatch a rosette or ribbon from the head of a young bull. No bull is ever hurt or killed. The hurting seems more on the people.



The Ranch was owned by this family for several generations already and they all seem to love their life. The present owner Patrick's hobby seems to collect saddles from all over the world. Not only that but they are even from different centuries. They were all displayed around the huge hall in which we were assembled.

One saddle piqued my interest especially. There were several sidesaddles in this collection but one was not for a woman. Guess! This one belonged to a priest and was from the 1700s. Priests wear cassocks which would make a regular saddle very difficult. I don't know from which country this saddle was but it is known that in early America for example priests/ministers had to travel to different churches/congregations to supply them. There were not enough priests available.

Very cleverly one could open these buckles and could use it like a regular saddle.



October Fun Facts

1. October's full Moon, known as the Hunter's Moon, arrives on Thursday, October 17.
2. October's birth flowers are the cosmos and the marigold.
3. Sunday, October 6 is National Noodle Day.
4. More U.S. presidents have been born in October than any other month with a total of 6 (Jimmy Carter, Rutherford Hayes, Chester Arthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Theodore Roosevelt, and John Adams).
5. Over 50% of the U.S. population buys a pumpkin in October. In fact, the October pumpkin industry sells \$708 million pumpkins each year.
6. Halloween is even older than Christianity itself. It started as a pre-Christian Celtic festival called Samhain, which means "summer's end."



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

For private Piano Lessons

contact

Carolyn Mowery

434-391-4938 (please leave message)

or

clmowery61@hotmail.com



Blessing Box

Stock the Little Free Pantry!

When you have to shop for your food anyway, why not also pick up a few non-perishable items for the "Little Free Pantry" as well.

No glass containers please.
Also, please nothing which could spoil in the summer heat like mayonnaise, dressings, etc.

We are happy to report that the contents of the box is very well used. It is often empty.

Help to keep it filled!



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The weekly announcements will tell us often what is needed. 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.



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 10/06 Blake Bailey
 10/06 James Burr
 10/06 Vicki Newcomb
 10/06 Tori Rhodes
 10/08 Marci Jerina
 10/09 David Mix
 10/10 Judi Bragg
 10/11 Bo Greenwood
 10/12 Francis Stephens
 10/12 Warrick Stephenson
 10/13 John Ogle
 10/13 Lisa Johnson
 10/15 Reece Hartman
 10/16 Lauren Rowley
 10/19 Lisa Hummel
 10/20 Cameron Baughan
 10/20 Nancy Suthard
 10/21 Bennett Jenkins
 10/22 Vaiden Lindsey
 10/23 Betty Horne
 10/24 Walter Hartman
 10/28 Martha Snearly
 10/29 Caleb Greene
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 11/04 Claire Baughan
 11/07 Nancye Greenwood
 11/07 Linda Fairtile
 11/08 Melissa Machalinski
 11/10 Karen Hood
 11/12 Alexander Cooper
 11/14 Ashley Howdyshell
 11/15 Kevin Howdyshell
 11/18 Colin Borders
 11/18 Dianne O'Kelley Lamb
 11/19 Gina Reid
 11/19 Caleb Waller
 11/20 Mike Fiasco
 11/22 Kenzie Howdyshell
 11/24 Lee Hutchson
 11/26 Christine Watt
 11/27 Katie Hall
 11/28 Holly Thirion
 11/29 George Crowell
 11/30 Paris Lindsey
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 10/01/1994 Trudy & Wayne Britton
 10/06/1979 Linda & Harold Nelson
 10/07/2017 Gina & Sean Reid
 10/09 Ginny & Rick Fowler
 10/12/2002 Mike & Kim Fiasco
 10/18/2008 Holly & William Thirion
 10/21/2017 Claire & Chris Baughan
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 11/05/1966 Jim & Chris Smack
 11/16/2019 Rob & Lauren Rowley
 11/18/2016 Tatiana & Jonathan Horne
 11/26/1975 Christa & James Burr
 11/27 Tiffany & Daniel Clements
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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 registrar@saintmartinschurch.org. (We like to know the year too but only for demographic purposes. Birth years are sometimes published for children only.)

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

registrar@saintmartinschurch.org

Please send any changes to do with the directory like the portrait photos, addresses, emails, telephone/cell phone numbers, birthdays and anniversaries to the above address as well.

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

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VESTRY

2024	2025	2026
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