



# The Cloak



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



## The altar on Trinity Sunday

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# Father Lee Hutchson

## Summer Changes

You may notice a few changes around the altar this summer. First, we will make announcements just before our service begins. Second, to streamline the number of people around the altar, we will not have clergy to assist at the 10 am service unless they are preaching. Deacon Dawn, who was appointed to our parish in December, will be filling her liturgical role as a deacon by reading the Gospel and setting the table for communion. John, our solitary lay Franciscan, will continue to assist at our Wednesday morning service. A reminder that many people come a few minutes early to pray before our worship service begins. If you must speak to someone inside the church, please remember to speak quietly. I will be out of town Sunday, July 6th and August 17th; therefore, Sandi and Jerry will be leading services on those Sundays. May your summer be filled with God's blessings and joy!



*Fr. Lee*



## Liturgies in July

Sunday, July 6	- 4 Pentecost
Sunday, July 13	- 5 Pentecost
Sunday, July 20	- 6 Pentecost
Sunday, July 27	- 7 Pentecost

## Lamb's Basket Update . . .



Thanks to the efforts of so many in our congregation, we delivered **76 pounds** of food to the Lamb's Basket in June!!

Please keep the donations coming. Every item makes a difference, and we are making 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, items in clear bottles, are also accepted.*

# What and When

July

<b>After Wednesday Service Social</b> First Wednesday of the month (July 2) come and gather with us for a light brunch
<b>Social Bridge</b> Thursday July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10am
<b>Independence Day</b> Friday July 4
<b>ECW Meeting</b> Saturday July 12 at 9am (see page 9)
<b>Men's Breakfast</b> Saturday July 12 at 9am @ Shorty's Diner all men welcome to join us
<b>WE (West End) Quilters</b> Tuesday July 15 at 10am
<b>St. Martin's Project</b> Saturday July 19 at 9:30am - Red Team
<b>Cloak Deadline</b> Sunday July 20
<b>UPCOMING</b>
<b>Ice Cream Social</b> Sunday August 17 from 2-4pm (see page 6)

**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	Will resume in the Fall	
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
Yoga Stretch (\$3)	Will resume in the Fall	
Choir Practice	Will resume in the Fall	
	(Warmups Sundays at 9am)	
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 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7 pm
Midweek Service social	1st Wednesday	after 10 am service
ECW	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	9 am
Men's Breakfast	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	9 am
St. Martin's Project	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	9:30 am

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.



Our St. Francis statue looking spiffy with a fresh coat of paint.



# Words from the Wardens

Hello Martinites,

Father Lee led the Vestry retreat recently to explore areas that are important as a leadership team to focus on for our parish. Please see below some of the highlights that the leadership will focus on for the remainder of the year.



**Church Growth** - Father Lee and the vestry are putting together a survey to determine the interests of our parish family. We want EVERYONE to feel involved and included. Please participate. In connection with this, we will consider sponsorships at community events to raise awareness of our church (community engagement). Also, we want to make sure to retain our current membership.

**Communication** - We look to improve our communication platforms such as websites, social media, videos, and email to raise awareness for both our members and prospective members of the events at the church.



**Youth Development** - They are the future of our church. We plan to solicit ideas from our youth to enhance future participation. Additionally, we will reach out to parents for their input.

All of us are looking forward to this effort, and should you have any areas of particular interest, please let any of us know.

**We close, yours in Christ.**

Bill White, Senior Warden

Rick Gibbs, Junior Warden

*"Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Thy will be done."*

—St. Martin of Tours

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## Outreach Committee - Martha Sneary

So, for outreach this June/July we are going to do something a bit different. When I visited Fisher House previously, the person who showed me around their facility told me about some items that they frequently run out of. These are things that they give to families when a loved one dies. They said it could be decorative candles, sweet framed



remembrances, wind chimes, window ornaments, statuettes, etc. So, what I am asking is for members to look through things they have at home and see if they have things that fit this description that they are willing to donate. They do need to be in new or like-new condition. For example, candles cannot have been burned, and framed items need to be in good shape and not faded...you get the picture. This is a new idea we're trying, but I know I have items such as these, and I'm betting that there are others that do as well.



# Congratulations to Our Graduates

Pictures from the June 29 Graduation Reception will appear in the August Cloak.

## Tristan Howdyshell

Tristan graduated third in his class from Highland Springs High School, where he was part of the Engineering program. He is a member of the National Honor Society and participated in the Technology Student Association, participating in competitions with other state high schools. This fall, Tristan will be attending the University of Virginia, majoring in Astrophysics. Tristan has been an active acolyte at St. Martin's since elementary school. He will particularly miss his two dogs while at school in Charlottesville. His family is extremely proud and excited for what the future holds.



## Zahara Iervolino

Hello! My name is Zahara and I am so proud of myself for graduating from J.R Tucker High school as the class of 2025. I could not have done it without the support of many people around me, including my family both at home and at church. I plan on going to J. Sarge in the fall then transferring over to VCU to study prelaw. Everything is exciting and I cannot wait for this next chapter of my life.



## Vaiden Elizabeth Lindsey

Vaiden graduated from Mills E. Godwin High School with the following achievements: National English Honor Society, National BETA club, Class of 2025 representative for the Godwin Parent Teacher Student Organization all 4 years, Member of Peer Helpers & Circle of Friends, & Homecoming Court. While achieving all this excellence she is a dining server @ Westminster Canterbury. She will be attending East Carolina University this fall majoring in Exercise Physiology, Kinesiology as part of the pre-Occupational Therapy program. Her long-term goal is to get her master's degree or doctorate in Occupational Therapy, become licensed and then work in geriatrics helping older adults to live their life as independently as possible and at their optimum functioning level. She also has a strong desire to incorporate helping those who have dementia into her work.



## Memphis Machalinski

Memphis participated in the Technology Students Association, Skills USA, and Louisa County TV internship. He was first place in one competition. Placed second twice and received multiple top ten finishes in state competitions. He graduated on June 16th from Louisa High School. He will be attending Savannah College of Art & Design with a major in film in the fall. He will be enjoying the summer before college in the fall.

## Ice Cream Social!!

Sundays are for Sundaes!

Save the date ...  
**Sunday, August 17**  
2-4 pm

Come enjoy a variety of ice cream, everything you need to make a delicious sundae, music, and fellowship.





# Parish Nurse

by Betty Horne

## Measles

There has been much about Measles in the news recently. It is a highly contagious virus which is spread through the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, releasing tiny droplets containing the virus. It is of great concern, particularly in parts of our country where childhood vaccinations are lowest. In the year 2000, measles was thought to be eliminated. To date, in 2025 measles outbreaks have been reported in multiple states. This is concerning as continued spread will result in an increase in hospitalizations and deaths. The best way to prevent contracting measles is through measles vaccination. It is also the best way to protect people who cannot get the vaccine, such as babies or people with weakened immune systems, e.g. cancer.

Thinking that measles is just a nuisance rash and fever that will clear up in a few days can result in serious consequences, especially in children under five years old. It is estimated that if one person is positive for measles, nine out of 10 people around this person will become infected if not vaccinated.

Measles vaccine is part of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines usually given in childhood. It provides long-lasting protection against all strains of measles.

**Symptoms** appear a week to two weeks after contact with the virus and may include:

- High fever (as high as 104 degrees or more)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash

Measles rash appears three to five days after the first symptoms. It begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline then spread downwards to the trunk, arms, legs, and feet. Small, raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots. The spots may join as they spread across the skin. The person will experience high fevers during this time.



Two or three days after the start of symptoms, tiny white spots (Koplik spots) may appear inside the mouth.

**Common complications** from measles are:

- Ear infections - occur in one of ten children with measles.
- Diarrhea - reported in less than one in ten people with measles.
- Pneumonia - 1 out of 20 children will get pneumonia -common cause of death.



- Encephalitis (swelling of the brain) -1 out of 1000 children will develop this, causing convulsions, loss of hearing or intellectual disability.
- Hospitalization -1 in 5 unvaccinated persons will be admitted.
- Death 1-3 of every 1000 children will die from respiratory or neurological complications.

Measles can be serious in all age groups. However, there are several groups that are more likely to suffer from measles complications. They include:

- Children younger than 5 years of age
- Adults older than 20 years of age
- Pregnant women - may have premature or low birth weight babies if unvaccinated.
- People with weakened immune systems e.g., leukemia, HIV infection

The Virginia Department of Health was notified of a confirmed case of measles at Washington Dulles International Airport and the Washington Area Metro on June 8. The health officials are coordinating contact tracing and trying to identify people who may have been exposed. We currently have 3 confirmed cases in Virginia. There have been more than 900 cases nationwide.



Take good care of yourselves and the ones you love by reviewing your immunization records. Have a conversation with your healthcare provider about your vaccination status, whether he recommends vaccination.

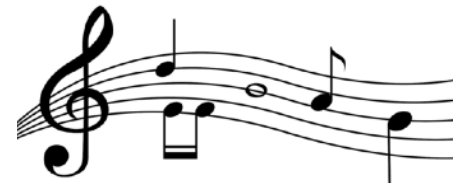
*Have a safe summer.*

Sources: Center for Disease Control (CDC), Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

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## Notes about Music - Powell Johann

The parish choir is currently on its annual summer hiatus. These stalwart servants of the Lord deserve your deep praise and thanks for all they do to enhance worship in this place. Whilst Thursday choir practices are on summer vacation, **warm ups will still be in loft on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM and all are welcome.**



Our numbers are down due to the inevitabilities of time. Therefore, I ask each of you to prayerfully during the summer consider this ministry - especially men. Perhaps you know a teenager who might not wish to be as visible as an acolyte but would wish to participate in a very meaningful way to the worship of God? We would make them most very welcome. They would gain not only experience but a host of honorary godparents!!

And in this summer season we will have a congregational hymn sung during the offertory collection where the congregation remains seated and sings the hymn standing for the presentation and familiar Doxology. It would be a great blessing if you would give the Choirmaster a short list of hymns from either the 1940 or the 1982 Hymnals that you would like to sing at this time.

Yours faithfully

Powell Johann

[pjohann@comcast.net](mailto:pjohann@comcast.net)



# ECW Update

- Christa Burr

The June meeting was held on the usual day and time after all. It had been announced at the church service, and an email was sent to "regular" attendees. If you want to be on the ECW mailing list to be notified in special circumstances, please let Christa know. The turn-out was great and the workshop meeting a success. 15 ladies worked on Christmas Countdown Candles, wine glass coasters, and 3-D folded stars. Fun projects which we have worked on before.



The next monthly meeting is on July 12, and we will meet for breakfast in a restaurant.



And, you don't want to miss the August meeting when Mary Moss presents the "Woman at the Well."

**Stay tuned and mark your calendar.**



More workshop times coming. There is already a request for some "Sterne" time. If you are interested in painting the candles at home, contact Christa for the candles.

# Introducing the New St. Martin's Wine Club

Get Ready for ***Saint Martin's Wine Club!***


You may recall that last fall, several cars of St Martinites took a short trip out to Byrd Cellars Vineyard. All who went had a very good time, filled with fellowship and wine tasting. Folks have been asking about another such trip. Jean Rollins, Krestin Gibson, and Nancye Greenwood started gathering information and talking to various St Martinites and found a significant amount of interest.

Sooooooooooooooooooooo.....

They decided to start a fellowship group called the “St Martin’s Wine Club.” The club meets the first Saturday of each month, and there will be info for each month in the weekly announcements as well as on the doors to the Parish Hall. We have chosen **St. Martin’s Food Box** as the recipient of our donations. At each event, there will be some sort of **fun container** for cash donations which will be used to purchase food for the food box.

**There will also be sign up sheets on the bulletin board** so we will have an idea of how many will be going to each event. If there is anyone who would like to attend but cannot drive, we will work to set up transportation.

### Events:

- **August 2, 11:30 am**—our first event will be at James River Winery, so hope to see many of you there!!! More specifics will be in the weeklies and on the postings at the church.
  - **September 6, 11:30 am**—at Saudé Creek Vineyards, which is located at 16230 Cooks Mill Rd, Lenexa, VA.
  - **October 4** —at the Powhatan Wine Festival, located at 3860 Old Buckingham Rd. You are invited to bring a lawn chair, and food trucks will be available. Tickets may be purchased online. (More info to follow)
  - **November 2** — at New Kent Winery (more info to follow)
  - **December 6** —at St Martin's. Please join us for fellowship, wine, and Paint Night! It has been suggested that each person bring a bottle of wine to share from a specific Region along with a snack that the region is known for. We can talk about this at one of our meetings and decide.
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- A photograph of a dark glass bottle of red wine with a red cap, standing next to a glass filled with red wine. In front of the glass are several green grapes. The background is white.



We are so excited to get this going!



Recent photos of some of  
our St. Martin's youth. . .

## Playing bells on June 1



After the children's sermon on June 15



# Words from Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix

## “Prison Fellowship”

One of the charities that I have supported for years is called Prison Fellowship.

Now call me a softie or call me naive, but I do believe that no one is beyond redemption. And some of the folks on the receiving end of this charity have done some really bad things. Some incarcerated for years if not decades. In fact, most of their life. But humans, capable of reflection and at least inward change and again, in Christian terms, open to redemption.

I recently received in the mail a volume of testimony written by some of the prisoners who have responded to the support offered by this fellowship, and several of them are quite moving. Allow me to share a couple of quotes with you from this volume, and I think you will see what I mean.

The first one is from a young woman who writes this testimony titled “Surrender It To God”:

I was serving time in jail by the time I was 18. But something different happened during my last time behind bars. It's always been hard for me to pray and “give it to the Lord” or “let go and let God” as the sayings go, but one day I did!

I was listening to Christian songs when one of the songs affected me. A feeling came over me, and I started to cry.

That's when I got down on my knees and for the first time, I cried out to God saying “I surrender, I surrender. Help me Jesus!”

God hasn't given up on me. He has chosen me to show others who are still struggling that they can have a new life. All they have to do is surrender. “You can start a new life with Him!”

—Bridget



The second one is titled “God Will Never Forsake Us”:

Jail or Prison is a trial for those of us behind bars. Trials come at us from all directions: drugs, fights, sins, stress, guilt, shame. . . and peer pressure can easily draw away from God daily.

These are trials we have to face. But there is light at the end of the tunnel! Whatever we face, God will never abandon us. He will provide a way out so we can bear our time separated from society. . .

No trial has been too much for me to face because God has always been present. No matter what life throws at me, I can bear it, because God is faithful and never abandon me.

—Michael

Admittedly, these examples and others giving written testimony for this publication are selective. Maybe

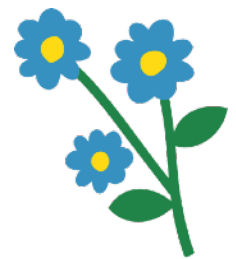


exceptional. But others like them—some behind bars for decades, have responded to notes and prayers from those of us participating in this charity. It is open to all, and in fact, could be something that St. Martin's might consider taking on at some point. I believe it's a very worthy effort, serving both those in prison, as well as their families at holiday times.

Blessings, Sandi+

If you would like to read more insightful writings, please see Rev. Dr. Sandi's website: [Sandra M. Levy-Achtemeier, Ph.D. – Website & Blog](#)

## Finance Committee Report - Garland Harwood



Financial Highlights 2025	YTD end of March	MTD April	YTD end of April
Income	\$80,355.92	\$13,893.22	\$94,249.14
Expenses	-\$89,789.45	-\$22,201.46	-\$111,990.91
<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>-\$9,433.53</b>	<b>-\$8,308.24</b>	<b>-\$17,741.77</b>

Kroger Rewards:  
No report this month

## Sunday School End of Season Cookout

- Sunday, June 1





Cookout continued ... from previous page











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 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 Sarah Waller  
 07/25 William Sykes  
 07/28 Dan McNamara  
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 08/05 Sensai Horne  
 08/05 Jay Sykes  
 08/06 Jacob Henderson  
 08/07 Kyle Stephenson  
 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 Jaiden Logan  
 08/20 Jean Rollins  
 08/23 Layne Hood  
 08/25 Garrett Greenwood  
 08/25 Elliot 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  
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 07/03/2018 Garland & Janice Harwood  
 07/04/1968 Sharon & James Ragland  
 07/07/2006 Sean & Jennifer Cooper  
 07/08/2004 Betsy & George 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  
 08/11/2007 Jay & Carrilynn Sykes  
 08/19/2012 Sharon & Harrison 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 [registrar@saintmartinschurch.org](mailto: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.**

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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.

# 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?"

No glass containers please.  
Also, 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!**



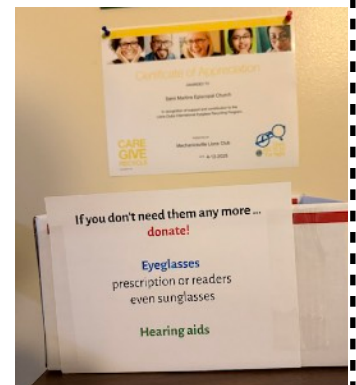
### YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS!

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

Same with hearing aids that are no longer needed. They can really help people who cannot otherwise get any.

The ECW will take care of them.

**THANK YOU!**



## ST. MARTIN'S STAFF

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**Trustees:** Kerry Alloway, Garland Harwood  
& Jim Greenwood

## VESTRY

2025	2026	2027
Linda Fairtile	Krestin Gibson	Rick Gibbs
Jim Moss	Garland Harwood	Joe Lamb
	Bill White	Elaine Markey

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