



The Cloak



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



Special Baptism Sunday with 3 Baptisms!

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Father Lee Hutchison



A Double Thank You

A huge thank you to all who have been able to donate to our building fund. The replacement of the HVAC system and new windows will provide a comfortable learning environment for our children and the groups who use our facilities. Replacement of the HVAC system began on June 22nd. The new windows will be installed in July.

As I write this, 11 members of Saint Martin's are preparing to leave for Waynesville, North Carolina. They will be assisting with the reconstruction effort in the area as it continues to recover from the destruction of Hurricane Helene.

Your generous gifts have made both efforts possible. A well-maintained facility in which to worship and learn, and providing laborers to bring God's grace to the lives of people who have been devastated by a hurricane.

Fr. Lee

Click on this link to view Father Lee's video message about the project and building fund drive:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/JxT3rvSaXng>



Liturgies in July

Sunday, July 5	- Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 12	- Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19	- Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 26	- Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

What and When

July

<p>After Wednesday Service Social First Wednesday of the month (July 1) come and gather with us for a light brunch</p>
<p>Social Bridge Thursday July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10am</p>
<p>Independence Day Saturday July 4</p>
<p>Men's Breakfast Saturday July 11 at 9am @ Shorty's Diner all men welcome to join us</p>
<p>Wine Club Saturday July 11 at 12:30pm (see page 8)</p>
<p>Vestry Meeting Tuesday July 14 at 7pm</p>
<p>St. Martin's Project Saturday July 18 at 9:30am - Red Team</p>
<p>Cloak Deadline Monday July 20</p>
<p>Celebration of Friar John Ogle Sunday July 26 after 10am service</p>
<p>WE (West End) Quilters Note: No meeting in July</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	Will resume in the Fall	
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
Yoga Stretch (\$3)	May resume in the Fall	
Choir Practice	Thursday	7pm
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
ECW	2 nd Saturday	9 am
Men's Breakfast	2 nd Saturday	9 am
St. Martin's Project	3 rd 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.





Parish Nurse

by Betty Horne

UV Eye Safety

Each July, UV eye safety is observed to raise awareness about protecting your eyes from harmful ultraviolet rays. This is the month when radiation is strongest in the northern hemisphere, increasing the risk of damage to the eyes. UV-A and UV-B rays can harm the cornea, lens, and retina, causing conditions such as cataracts, macular degeneration, and sunburn of the eye known as photokeratitis. In the winter, reflection from the snow can also cause snow blindness. Whether you're on the beach, in the mountains, gardening, or in your backyard, you need to understand the risks of UV exposure and take steps to protect yourself.



- UV-B has shorter rays and is responsible for sunburn and can also cause skin cancer.

Risk of UV exposure include:

- Eye damage causing cataracts, macular degeneration, and photokeratitis
- Skin cancers such as melanoma, basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma
- Premature aging by breaking down collagen and elastin fibers in the skin leading to wrinkles, sagging and age spots
- Excessive exposure can weaken the immune system, making it harder for the body to fight infections

Tips for UV Protection

- Wear UV-A and UV-B blocking sunglasses that block out 99-100% of UV radiation. Check labels for "UV 400" or "100% UV protection."
- Choose polarized lenses for reduced glare.
- Wear protective eyewear at the beach, lakeside, or snow to shield from reflective UV rays.
- Use wrap-around styles for



What is UV radiation?

Ultraviolet radiation is a form of electromagnetic energy emitted by the sun. It is invisible to the naked eye but can have a significant effect on your eyes and skin. The two most harmful rays are:

- UV- A has long rays that penetrate deep into the skin, causing premature aging and development of skin cancer.

maximum protection.

- Consider prescription sunglasses if you need vision correction.
- In addition, apply broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF of at least 30. Reapply every 2 hours or so.
- Wear protective clothing, wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and pants (clothing with a high UPF rating).
- Seek shade, especially between 10 am and 4 pm when UV radiation is strongest.
- Check the UV index before heading outdoors.
- Avoid tanning beds.



UV Safety Awareness month is a good time to educate yourself, family, and others about UV risks and protective measures. However, taking care of your eyes and skin should be a daily habit. Enjoy the outdoors while minimizing your risk for UV-related health issues. Encourage children to adopt sun-safe habits early.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Excerpts from UNC School of Medicine website

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of

Anne Goodman Wilcox

who died Monday, June 8, at her home in Deltaville, VA. Born on August 2, 1938, Anne was 87 years old.

During her time in Richmond, Anne was a faithful member of St. Martin's and of the Choir. Anne was a talented artist and painter. She was the widow of David Tripp Wilcox, who was also a chorister and Senior Warden at St. Martin's. Both served in many tasks at Christ Church in Saluda in their retirement.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and may Light Perpetual shine upon her. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace+.



ECW Update - Christa Burr

The monthly meeting on 6/13 was held again at the “old” time at 9am. Seven ladies were in attendance and held a very successful planning session for the **Family Bingo Night** on the following Friday, 6/19, which the ECW is hosting.

25 had signed up to participate. It is always fun to socialize with your church brothers and sisters. It started at 7pm, and everybody was invited to load up a plate with delicious nibbles and take it to their place. Our Deacon Dawn had volunteered to do the calling.



The donation had been dedicated to Servant's Heart. Deacon Dawn is involved with it, and many members are whole-heartedly supporting it. The leader had come to the Sept.2025 meeting and gave a very eye-opening presentation. We are pleased that the donations totaled \$226.10.



The photos of the snacks are not looking as impressive as they were, because I took them at the end of the evening. The cards were provided/borrowed by Jean Rollins and were excellent. She had also arranged several different ways to play each round. There were many gifts loaded on one of the round tables, and we needed to play fast so all would be gone. I took the photo of my card at the last game just when somebody called “bingo.” It was obviously a cover-all.

There are no programs planned for July or August. These summer meetings most likely will be skipped, but it is always good to pay attention to the “Weeklies” email and Sunday bulletins.

Finance Committee Report

- Garland Harwood

Financial Highlights 2026	YTD end of April	MTD May	YTD end of May
Income	\$70,662.33	\$19,379.22	\$90,041.55
Expenses	-\$83,702.12	-\$18,745.96	-\$102,448.08
Gain or Loss	-\$13,039.79	\$633.26	-\$12,406.53



We give thanks for the safe delivery of

Lucy Marie Patterson

born on June 20, 2026.

Congratulations to her family. Lucy is the granddaughter of Carolyn and Bruce Cooper of Lafayette, IN. Carolyn attended St. Martin's in the 1980s and 1990s. The Coopers and the Pattersons are all cousins of the Greenwoods and the Sykes.

St. Martin's Project

St. Martin's Project is seeking more help. This is a vital community project that ensures bag lunches are provided to several area shelters every Saturday. Volunteers from our church work on three different teams to provide lunches on the third Saturday of each month. Therefore, each team ends up covering four Saturdays a year, and preparing the lunches is not difficult. Helping with St. Martin's Project is not a huge time commitment, but it does make a huge difference.

If you are interested in helping or learning more, please get in touch with Martha Sneary at martha.sneary@gmail.com.



The St. Martin's Wine Club - Krestin Gibson, Nancy Greenwood, and Jean Rollins



Our Wine Club meeting for July will be a little different. As many of you are aware, we have been enjoying visiting a variety of central Virginia vineyards and wineries! There have been a few suggestions to visit a bourbon distillery. We decided to combine our taste preferences and have a Bourbon and Bubbles event in the parish hall at St Martin's!

To that end, Joe Lamb and Jim Greenwood have collected a few local and Kentucky bourbons for tasting. Joe will lead bourbon drinkers in the tasting experience. For those preferring wine, we will also have bottles from some of the vineyards we visited for tasting. Karen is also going to have BBQ sliders. We invite you all to bring snacks to share as well.



The event will be on **Saturday, July 11, at 12:30 pm** in the parish hall.

We are excited to see everyone there!

Some photos from the June outing at Jolene's Family Winery . . .



An Undogmatic Way

Deacon Dawn welcomes you to a space to talk about Jesus.

I've been on the Farm Board for the past 3 years. Visit sophiasem.org if you are interested in learning more about how Sophia's is helping with food insecurity and making space for talking about God and what it means to follow Christ.

An Undogmatic Way
a space to question & to rebuild

We invite you to a new space to talk about the Jesus stuff without all the
~~"must believe"~~
or the
~~"always believed"~~
or the
~~"no questions allowed"~~

inclusive, inquisitive, informal

June 28, July 26, and Aug 23 from 6-7:30pm
O'Toole's Restaurant and Pub
4800 Forest Hill Ave, RVA 23225
Want more info? Email info@sophiasem.org

sophiasem.org

Faith should not be unchanging. It moves with us and within us as we learn and experience and grow. Exploring questions around what we set down and what we hold fast can help sustain our faith in difficult days, but finding a safe and supportive space to explore these questions can be a challenge.

An Undogmatic Way is a safe and supportive space. You are welcome. Your challenging questions, thoughts, and ideas are welcome. Sophia Seminary faculty, Drs. Mark Biddle and Melissa Jackson invite you to join in an open, honest, and informal conversation about “deconstructing” parts of our faith and building anew in its place.

Congratulations to Our Graduates



GRADUATION 2026

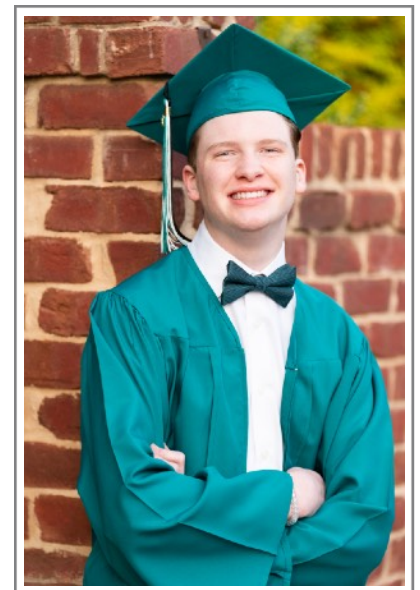


Blake Bailey

Blake Scott Bailey graduated Cum Laude from VCU December 2025. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Studies and Planning. During his time at VCU, he was a member of the men's rugby club for 4 years. He served 2 years as team captain and 1 year as secretary on the club board. He will be attending Graduate School at VCU this fall, working to earn his Masters in Urban Planning.

Colin Borders

Colin is proud to have graduated with an Advanced Diploma and a civics diploma seal from Glen Allen High School. While at Glen Allen, he was a member of both the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. He will be attending the Honors College at George Mason University in the fall, where he plans to major in Atmospheric Science (meteorology) and minor in Political Science. Colin is very grateful for all of the support he's received from the wonderful people at St. Martin's.



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Pentecost Sunday - May 24



A June Children's Sermon



A Celebration of St. Martin's Choir - May 31



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Baptism of Sensei, Khadir, & Azrael Horne - June 21



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 07/01 Ellery Bradley
 07/01 Natalie Romano
 07/02 Tatiana Horne
 07/06 Rob Rowley
 07/07 Kathy Rankin
 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
 08/06 John Baldyga
 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
 08/20 Garrett Greenwood
 08/20 Elliot Greenwood
 08/23 Layne Hood
 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
 07/28/1984 Jim & Sibyl Roberts
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 08/01/ Barbara & Russell Campeau
 08/11/2007 Jay & Carrilynn Sykes
 08/17/ Kathy & Bill Rankin
 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. (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.

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!



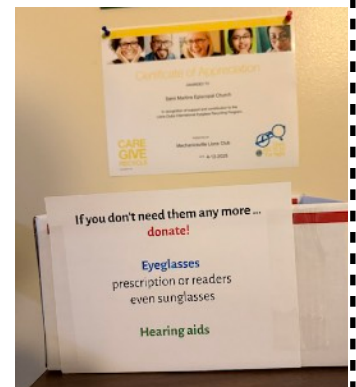
YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS!

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

Rector: The Rev. Lee A. Hutchson
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Priest Associate: Rev. Jerry Sneary
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Trustees: Kerry Alloway, Garland Harwood & Jim Greenwood

VESTRY

2026	2027	2028
Krestin Gibson	Rick Gibbs	Nancye Greenwood
Garland Harwood	Joe Lamb	Frederick Schlag
Bill White	Elaine Markey	Mike Shook

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