

Shop the 50th Anniversary

In celebration of our anniversary, we will provide several items for purchase as remembrances of the occasion. Proceeds will go to St. Martin's Outreach ministries. A table will be set up in the narthex where the items will be displayed.

Mugs	\$6.00 each
T-Shirts	\$16.00 each
50 th Anniversary wine	\$9 per bottle*

*Purchasers of wine will pay for and pick up wine at the Williamsburg Winery. The pickup date will be announced in September. Please pre-order your wine so that the Williamsburg Winery bottles enough!

For more information about events or memorabilia, please call the church office, 757-229-1111 or email: office@stmartinswmbg.org. Also, keep an eye on our website for updates: www.stmartinswmbg.org.

Our Guest Speaker ... The Rev'd Dr. Kathy Grieb

Professor of New Testament, Virginia Theological Seminary, Author, and Consultant to the Anglican Communion

Keynote:

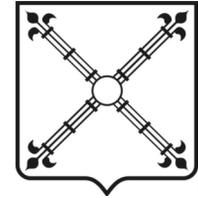
What living as disciples of Jesus might look like for another 50 years



"I invited Dr. Grieb to be our keynote speaker not because she is an internationally known scholar of the New Testament and not because she is a servant of the Church who shares her prodigious gifts with the Episcopal Church here at home and with the worldwide Anglican Communion. I called Kathy and invited her to celebrate with us because she is a person who takes her discipleship seriously, a person who has been an inspiration and model for me and my family. I can think of no other person who so well understands the challenges, joys and blessings of living intentionally as followers of God through the grace and mercy of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone who makes time to hear Kathy will find themselves blessed."

— Rev'd Shirley

St. Martin's Episcopal Church!



50th Anniversary

1963 — 2013

Thanks be to God!



Cause for Celebration

In September of 1963, a group gathered to discuss the desire to make a new church community in the growing Williamsburg area. Diverse people came together to commit themselves to establishing a new church plant, as part of the ministry of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, that would be racially integrated. From the first, the community decided to be centered on the Eucharist and be committed to serving needs in the community.

The core group that helped plant St. Martin's was a diverse mix of people from various denominations, Episcopalians new to the area, and people from Bruton Parish Church, some of whom remained after the church was established and some of whom returned to their home church after their task was faithfully completed. All of this was made possible by the work of God through the material, spiritual and physical support of founding members and the diocese.

Unbelievably to some of the founding members, St. Martin's Church approaches the 50th anniversary of its beginning this year. We hope you will celebrate with us during one or more of our anniversary events (*center panel*). It's always been a primary value for us to be a church that's *...out in the community* and which is *...part of the community*. Thus, we hope to celebrate *...as a community*. Whatever your past or current association with St. Martin's, please, come join us in this celebration, as we give thanks for God's faithful loving-kindness and all the important people who have made St. Martin's a place of sanctuary, ministry, education and support.

How to Participate

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

Community Reception — Visit with old friends and new as we honor people who have been important to the development of St. Martin's Church, both members and those in the larger Williamsburg community. Enjoy live music and tasty treats before the Rev'd Dr. Kathy Grieb, inspires us to consider what being disciples of Jesus together might look like for the next 50 years.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

Special worship celebrations, followed by a **Parish Picnic** at 11:30 a.m. in Miles Hall.

**** Services will be at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., this Sunday only.****

Dr. Grieb will **preach** at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services.

The **Liturgical Dance** Group will present the Offertory Anthem at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m.

BEGINNING IN AUGUST —

Our Parish Timeline— A parish timeline will be posted in Miles Hall, with important dates for St. Martin's noted on the timeline. You're encouraged to add photographs, stories or recollections to the timeline, and if we miss any important milestones, write them on the timeline.

The big "thank you" note

As an Episcopal Church, we are an expression of the larger ministry of the Episcopal Church. Like any new church plant, St. Martin's wouldn't exist without the initial support of the diocese, so we're sending a big thank you note to the Bishop and the Executive Board.

Anniversary Theme:

We would see Jesus
and reveal the
Kingdom of
God.

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