



# The Cloak

– newsletter  
Oct.-Dec. 2013

## Celebrating 50 Years of Serving Christ Together

### We Need You

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

It may surprise you to realize that God has chosen to rely on us to do the continuing ministry of Jesus, and that this includes financing the church's operations. St. Martin's Church receives no government income, despite the services we provide for the poor, the elderly, and those who are ill. We receive no income from retirement communities, even though we provide pastoral care and sometimes social worker services and lead prayer services. We receive no income from the larger church, even though the ministry of the bishop and his staff is available to educate us and provide pastoral care to clergy as needed. We do receive a small percentage of income from building rentals, under 5% of our total budget, but that figure is low because we consider building use as outreach to needful community services like Co-Op Preschool, AA, the Association of Retarded Citizens and the Girl Scouts. We cut our costs hugely by relying on volunteers to do much of what other churches have paid staff to do. But for the rest, for the vast 90% of our budget, we need you, to make a pledge and to contribute money toward that pledge throughout the year so that St. Martin's can continue to provide the "headquarters" to support all the amazing ministry that happens at our church and throughout the Williamsburg community.

During the week of October 20, you will be receiving in your mailbox an inviting appeal, asking you to prayerfully consider what you will pledge to St. Martin's Church for the calendar year 2014. We hope you will quickly fill this card out, or pledge online. On November 10, we will give thanks for all the pledges received as well as celebrate the Feast of St. Martin of Tours, whose moment of seeing Christ in the beggar's face continues to inspire us. Your prompt response is essential since, on November 21, our vestry (governing board) will discuss the 2014 budget, and on Dec. 12, we will pass a budget. We adopt a budget based on received pledges for the coming year, so if you're hoping that something you like now will be continued in the future -- or hoping that we will be able to do something we were not able to finance in 2013 -- please pledge promptly.



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Worship Services Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 8, 9:15, 11 am, & Wednesdays at noon.

# Grateful, Glad & Giving 2013/14

## Grateful, Glad and Giving Gatherings (4G)--

Join Us 10 a.m. in Miles Hall, the Sunday after Story Sunday

Two years ago, the vestry (St. Martin's governing board) decided to lead by adopting a year-long process of engaging and educating the congregation for stewardship in addition to running the yearly Annual Giving Appeal in October-November of each year. Studies of congregational health show that, in the long-term, the year 'round approach to stewardship education is more successful in contemporary culture than any other approach. What is "success"? Helping more people feel that their faith matters, they have a significant relationship with their church and that they are hands-on in their faith through prayer, formation, and acts of ministry and financial giving.

We're thrilled to announce our program of year 'round stewardship as "Grateful, Glad and Giving Gatherings" or 4G.

These gatherings are integrated into our Faith Formation schedule, so that the 4G always follows "Story Sunday," the 10 a.m. Sunday session that kicks off the theme in Sunday School for the next several weeks. Thank you for the herculean efforts of our two 4G archangels Jane Core-Yatzeck and Ginger Ambler, who have recruited special guest speakers to focus us on reasons to be grateful in our community. In addition, at each 4G, there will be a hands-on opportunity to be grateful. So join us at 10 a.m. in Miles Hall for all our 4Gs. The schedule follows:

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| Sept. 29 | <b>Sharing gratitude through the United Thank Offering</b> (The Story of Noah, Genesis 2:4-3:24)  |
| Oct. 20  | <b>Healing through understanding ourselves, Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, Jacob wrestles with the angel</b> (Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30) |
| Nov. 17  | <b>We need a different sibling, Big Brother Big Sisters, The Story of Joseph</b> (Genesis 35:9-11; 22c-26; 37: 2b-35; 39: 40-41; 45:1-10)   |
| Dec. 15  | <b>An ordinary person seeks to live a just life, Jesus' birth through eyes of Isaiah</b> (Isaiah 11:1-10)                                   |
| Jan. 19  | <b>How justice and peace draw many nations into cooperation, The Wise Men</b> (Matthew 2:1-12)  |
| Feb. 23  | <b>How calling is a vocation beyond a job, Jesus calls his disciples,</b> (Matthew 4:18-22)   |
| Mar. 30  | <b>Healing beyond medical school to resurrection, the Raising of Lazarus</b> (John 11)  |
| May 4    | <b>Forgiveness, the power to be at peace, Jesus appears to his disciples</b> (John 20:19)   |

## Adults Seeking Classes on Sundays

While Christian formation happens in many different ways, one of the easiest is offered every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. We always offer Adult Faith Formation in Miles Hall. On Sundays that are not "Story Sunday" (when the Bible story for the series is told) and not the 4G which follows (when we focus on our gratitude for being part of God's story), we will also offer Bible study in Classroom 1 of the Zig Zag building (next to the church). At the Bible study, clergy will lead discussion of the Scriptures for the day and provide relevant tools from scholarship. No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed. Join us!



## Diocesan Service of Repentance, Reconciliation & Healing

November 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.  
At Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk

On February 16, our Annual Council passed a resolution acknowledging that the sin of racism continues to negatively affect the mission of our parishes in Southern Virginia. The resolution also called for a Day of Repentance, Reconciliation & Healing - a day in which our diocesan family can gather together in worship - and that parishes will annually observe a Day of Repentance, Reconciliation & Healing during the octave of All Saints. The service is intended to be a liturgical moment in an ongoing process of learning.

### Diocesan Choir forming for Service of Repentance, Reconciliation & Healing

We are forming a diocesan choir to sing for this service. This choir is open to all singers who wish to participate. There are only two rehearsals for this choir, which will be conducted by Kevin Kwan, music director at Christ & St. Luke's. The rehearsals will be held at Christ and St. Luke's, Norfolk, and will be on Saturday, October 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Saturday, October 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The warm-up on the day of the service (November 2) will be at 10 a.m. The repertoire for the service (two choral anthems) will be chosen shortly and sent out in September. There is no audition for this choir, but it comes with the understanding that singers will prepare the music before the rehearsals. If you are interested, please email [kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org](mailto:kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org), giving your name, parish, and voice part. Rectors and choir directors - please forward this information to anyone in your parish who might be interested in this opportunity.

# Repairers of the Breach

## November 12, 2013 at St. Martin's

At Annual Council in February this year, The Repairers of the Breach Task Force offered a resolution to set aside November 2-3 of each year to encourage parishes in the Diocese of Southern to observe a Day of Repentance. The adopted resolution will be observed at St. Martin's on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7pm.

A short video produced by the Repairers will be shown. A history of what Bishop Hollerith referred to as "the sin of racism" in the diocese and in particular in the Williamsburg area will be traced. When St. Martin's began, during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, its leadership decided to welcome persons from the entire Williamsburg community and to make outreach an important priority. The program will continue with participatory exercises - all designed to create a more beloved community.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Clay Riley, Betsy Finch, Satoshi Ito, Joe Poole,  
Polly Foote



## OCT.19, 2013 Warhill HS Car & Tractor Show 10AM-3PM,

RAIN DATE 10/26

**First Annual Fundraiser**, proceeds dedicated to scholarships, Junior/Senior After-Prom, and teacher mini-grants. Trophies given for Top 30, "Spirit of Warhill People's Choice Award", plus trophies for vehicles chosen by WHS students. Registration 10am-12pm, awards at 3pm.

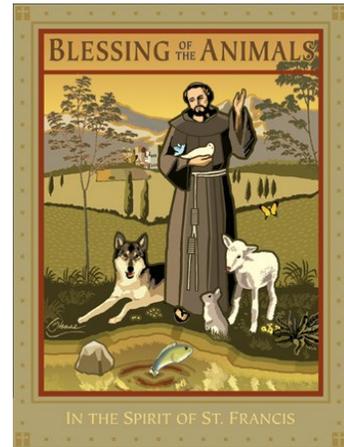
- AWARD FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE BY \$1 DONATIONS FREE ADMISSION
- NO TECHNICAL JUDGING / GOODY BAGS & DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 100 ENTRIES
- \$20 REGISTRATION DAY OF ONLY STUDENT VEHICLES \$5 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WHS PTSA

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# WORSHIP

## Blessing of the Animals

You're just in time to bring your pet to Holy Eucharist on Sunday, **October 6, at 9:15 a.m. in Miles Hall**, for the Blessing of the Animals. In the early 12th Century, St. Francis of Assisi reconnected Christians to the earth and its creatures through the theology of Genesis (Holy Scriptures). Through the ancient story of creation, God clearly intends all of creation to be both a gift to humanity and a responsibility. For many, our pets are the daily reminder of this gift and responsibility from God. Bring your pet(s) and celebrate God's goodness during this casual and sacramental service.



## All Saints Service

You've invited to join us in the Bell Tower Memorial Garden (coats on) for Holy Eucharist on **Friday, November 1, at 7:30 a.m.** as we remember all your loved ones who have gone before us into the Communion of All Saints. This is an uplifting service of giving thanks and taking comfort in God's gracious kindness for sharing with us people who were lights in their own generation. Any questions? Call Rev'd Clay, 229-1111.

## Thanksgiving Day Service

While every day is a gift, Thanksgiving is THE day to celebrate the gift of life in this land we love. Get a good start to Thanksgiving Day by coming on **Wednesday, November 27**, to a joint service at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 612 Jamestown Road (red doors across from PBK Auditorium), at 7:30 p.m. Casual attire is the order of the day for this spiritually uplifting and heart-enriching service of Holy Communion that we enjoy with our brothers and sisters in the faith. Then, at 10 a.m. On Nov. 28th, bring your food item, already prepared, to St. Martin's Miles Hall, for the Thanksgiving Food baskets. Baskets will be delivered to people who cannot prepare a Thanksgiving Dinner themselves. Then, grounded in prayer and mercy, you'll be free all afternoon for your own Thanksgiving.



## Unwrapping a Holy Christmas

Dec. 1 Family fun Night making  
Dec. 5 Opening the Bible with  
Dec. 12 Cultivating Wholeness Book

Advent Wreaths and Playing Board Games  
Rev'd Clay Riley at 2pm and again at 5:30pm  
Study led by Rev'd Joel Harvey

## Christmas Schedule

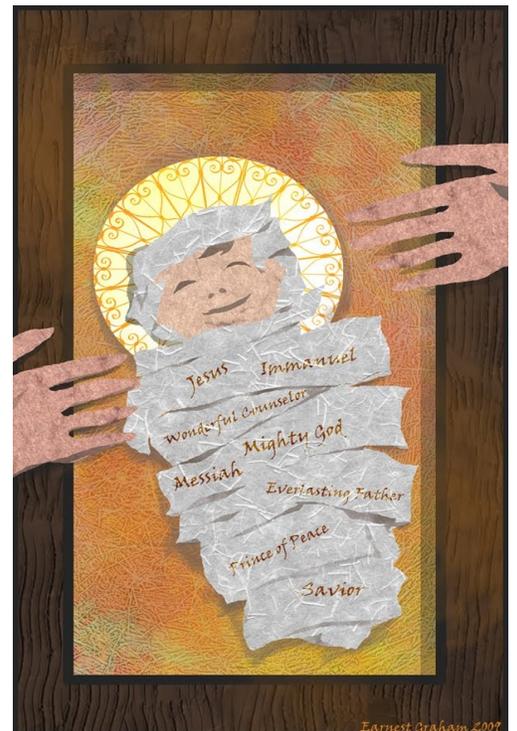
Now here's a change we hope you like. We've noticed that a lot of people who like the evening Christmas service with choir, string quartet and traditional hymns don't enjoy staying up 'til midnight and then going home in the dark, chilly night of December 24th. We are moving that traditional "Midnight Mass" service to the 7:30 p.m. slot, and moving the "Celtic Christmas" service to the 11 p.m. slot.

### Christmas Eve

2:00pm—Pageant Story, Snack, Costuming & Rehearsal in Miles Hall  
4 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant with Holy Eucharist  
7:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Choir, Organ and String Ensemble  
10:30 p.m. Celtic Christmas Eve with Holy Eucharist

### Christmas Day

10 a.m. on Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist Celebrating the Holy Nativity





# Taize

## Saturday Evening Taize Service Continues

We're thrilled to report that the St. Martin's 5p.m. Saturday service of Holy Eucharist and Taize music continues throughout this Fall. Clergy and lay people alike have come to rely on this contemplative service as an alternative for Sunday morning and, for clergy, as a way of getting restored re-centered for the Sunday ahead. Join us, any Saturday, at 5 p.m. Dress is casual -- shorts or jeans is fine -- and any age is welcome. Thanks go especially to our musicians, Rob and Pam Hawkes for providing music. The Hawkes are easy-going and friendly people, and they welcome any amateur musicians to contact them if they might like to play at a service. Finally, thanks to our intrepid Altar Guild for their flexibility to provide for this special service.

## Baptism anyone?

Like most Episcopal Church's, St. Martin's offers baptism on the appointed days of the year: the Sunday after All Saints Day (usually the first Sunday of November), the first Sunday of January (Holy Name), the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday (Easter Vigil) and Pentecost (50 days after Easter). However, we are also happy to schedule a baptism at other times when a baptismal candidates godparents, grandparents and/or family members are able to attend.

Please be in touch with any one of the clergy or staff if you'd like to baptism to be in your future or that of your child. The earlier you contact us, the better. Bear in mind that we can do a baptism at any of the services, either Saturday at 5 p.m. or the Sunday services, 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. or 11 a.m. It is best to be baptized at the service which you regularly attend so that the community who promises to support you in keeping the baptismal promises is the community that will see you or your child regularly.

## Home Fellowship Groups

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

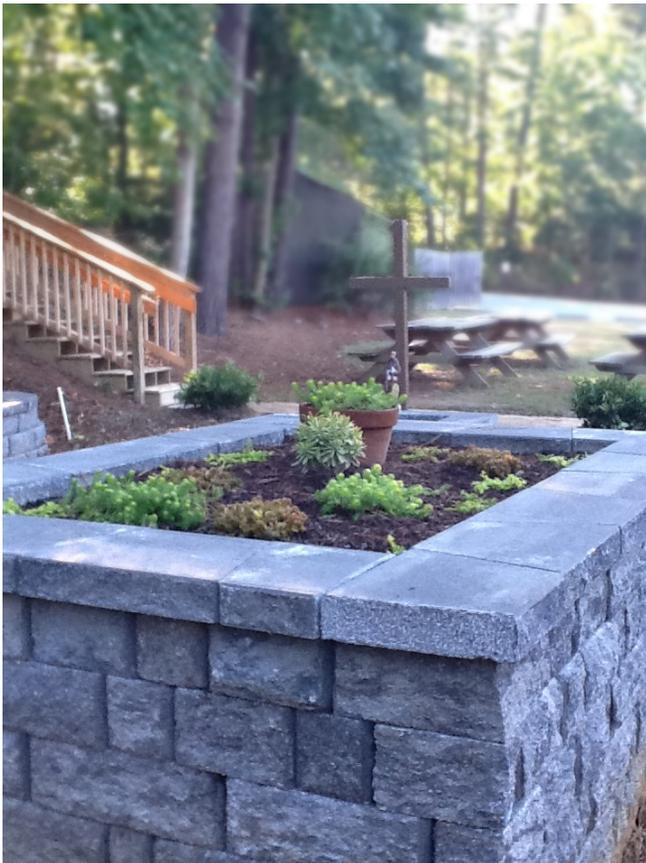
We're launched! St. Martin's new program, Home Fellowship Groups, began in September, with two groups in training. Home Fellowship Groups will be available to more people in the congregation beginning in February, but right now, we're training the folks we hope will offer themselves later as group hosts or facilitators.

The goal of Home Fellowship Groups is to provide a safe place for people to gather regularly in their local neighborhood and support one another as they grow in Christ. The format of each meeting is fellowship, time to check-in with each person, a reflection on a passage of the Bible and prayer -- and, of course, refreshments (!). Stay tuned for more information in December about how to join a Home Fellowship Group near you.



### CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS — SIGN-UP OPTIONS

— You're invited to help beautify the sanctuary by providing altar flowers this Christmas season in memory, celebration, or thanksgiving. An appropriate donation is \$20-\$25. A list of donors and those honored will be placed in bulletins for Christmas services. Please indicate your interest by using the [ONLINE SIGN-UP FORM](#) which will be located on St. Martin's web page — <http://www.stmartinswmbg.org> OR tear-off and complete the boxed mini-form. Checks clearly marked Christmas Flowers may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the church office — @ 1333 Jamestown Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185 Attn: Barbara Faubert WATCH FOR UPDATED INFORMATION in upcoming THREADS and Announcements.



# Expansion of the Memorial Garden -- No "No Vacancy" Signs

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

Our Bell Tower Memorial Garden was established with the purpose that, for little or no cost, people associated with the life of St. Martin's Church could have their ashes committed to the ground or sprinkled in a holy place that would remain at the heart of the community. With that history in mind, several years ago, Gary Osborn, then on the vestry, articulated a value for us all when he said, "We can't hang a "No Vacancy" sign out in the Memorial Garden." Gary said this prophetic statement as we were facing the possibility of running out of places for new graves.

Thanks to the leadership of your current vestry and the considerable talents of Cliff and Jean Dickey, Gina Clayton and Bonnie Klem, we have begun the expansion of the memorial garden, into the "Peace Garden," behind the Zigzag education building.

Framed by the original Bell Tower and the steps leading to La Tien-da, the Peace Garden now offers a Common Committal Ground

(CCG) artfully decorated with succulent plants. By early November, pavers will be laid around the CCG, which will create a patio-like area where people will be able to stand when we do a committal ceremony. In addition, individual plots are planned for the area around the patio. These actions will give us the ability to continue to do Christian burial of ashes, according to the rite in the Book of Common Prayer, indefinitely.

This expansion was begun with restricted funds (specially purposed) from the Shelley Lake Memorial Fund and other memorial gifts. We seek to fund the rest of the project, which will cost no more than \$6,000. The vestry and finance committee encourage gifts in memory of specific loved ones, by anyone interested in doing so, to help pay for the remaining costs. Loved ones will be memorialized on a simple bronze plaque, to be placed on the Common Committal Ground wall, similar to the plaques installed on the wooden pillars of the Bell Tower Memorial. Gifts may be made by sending a check for any amount greater than \$100 to our office, payable to: St. Martin's Episcopal Church, memo line: Mem. Expansion, with an attached note specifying the name of the person to be memorialized (first, middle initial, last name) and the year of birth and the year of death. Plaques will be formatted as follows (centered):

In Thanksgiving for the Life of  
John N. Smith  
1580-1631

## Praying for Others ...

### You Might Be Someone's Answer to Prayer

Something that is much treasured at St. Martin's Church is the opportunity for persons who are seeking prayers for themselves or someone they love to receive those prayers after they have received Holy Communion. Volunteers who are specially trained in providing healing prayers provide this ministry in the back of the church, on the pulpit side, during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. The blessed souls who volunteer will tell you that they receive much more than they give. They are looking for more volunteers to help them provide this much-needed ministry. Their numbers are dwindling due to age and health needs, and they need your participation in order to continue the ministry. They will give you the training, if you are willing to learn to pray for others. Won't you consider it? Training can be arranged to fit your schedule. For more information, please contact Betty Herringshaw, or 564-3171, [herringshawbj@gmail.com](mailto:herringshawbj@gmail.com).

# OUTREACH

By the Rev'd Clay Riley and Christ James, Outreach Chair

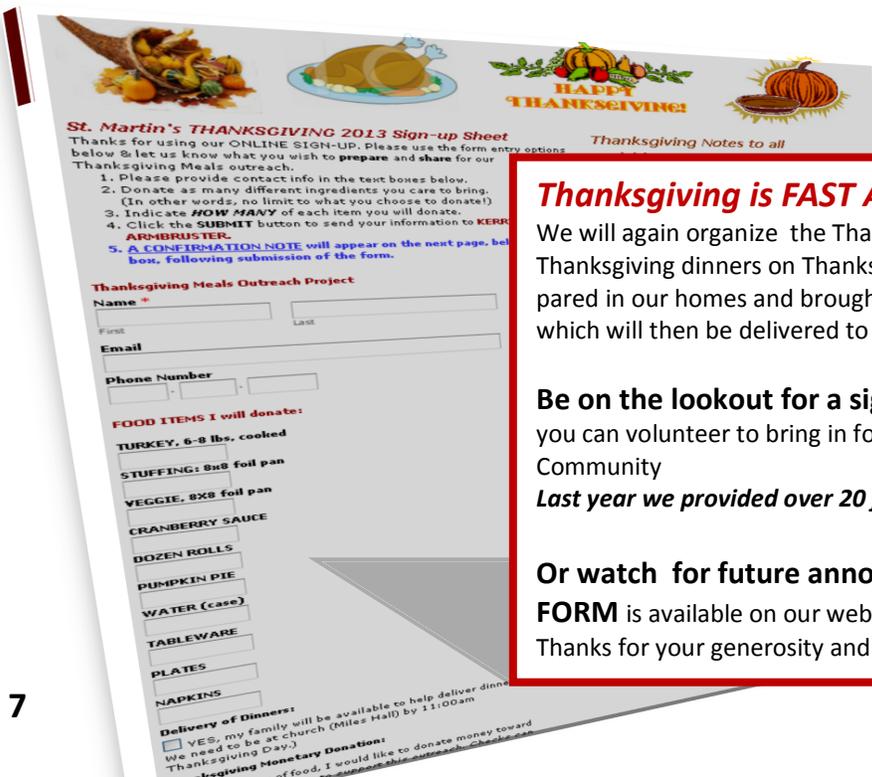
One of the most important missions of the Church is to be the hands and hearts of Christ in this world. One of the ways that we do this is to financially support non-profit organizations that exemplify the ministry of Christ. We do this through reaching out to organizations within the community. In this reaching out, we request that they tell us a bit about themselves and what their particular needs are. We have been blessed, as a commission, to be enlightened and excited about these organization's ministries. We are very proud to announce to the congregation that in 2013 we have awarded \$10,000 in strictly financial support to the following organizations

- ◇ Avalon- \$1,000
- ◇ FISH- \$1,000
- ◇ Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission- \$1,600
- ◇ Historic Triangle Senior Center- \$1,000
- ◇ Jackson-Field Homes- \$250
- ◇ Literacy for Life- \$425
- ◇ Spirit Works- \$1,750
- ◇ The ARC of Greater Williamsburg- \$1,000
- ◇ United Way CRC- \$250
- ◇ Williamsburg Area Faith in Action- \$1,000
- ◇ Williamsburg Walk the Talk Prison Ministries- \$1,500

These organizations represent the best of what our community has to offer and we are honored to walk with them in a small way in the mission of their particular ministries. It is important to note that these amounts in no way reflect the total contribution of what St. Martin's parishioners do for our community. There have been many work hours contributed as well as in kind donations. We will also continue to support many of these organizations financially through our loose plate offerings that we collect every first Sunday of the month. The recipients of October's open plate donation will be The Spirit Work's Foundation, followed by Avalon in November. December will see our traditional drive to raise funds for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

## Bring Your Blue Box! United Thank Offering Ingathering

The United Thank Offering feeds, educates and inspires through grants made to Episcopal or Anglican organizations across the globe. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, women and children have been collecting spare coins and bringing them together to do acts of justice. Now we let the men join in too! Pick up your "little blue box" in the entry way of the church (narthex), collect your coins (or dollars!) and bring your box back on October 6 (also Blessing of the Animals day at 9:15 a.m.) for UTO ingathering. Rejoice and give thanks for the blessing God has shared with you.



The image shows a sign-up sheet for St. Martin's Thanksgiving 2013. It includes a header with a cornucopia, a turkey, and pumpkins, and the text "HAPPY THANKSGIVING!". Below the header are instructions for using the online sign-up form. The form itself has fields for Name (First and Last), Email, and Phone Number. It also has a section for "FOOD ITEMS I will donate:" with checkboxes for Turkey, Stuffing, Veggie, Cranberry Sauce, Dozen Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, Water, Tableware, Plates, and Napkins. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for "Delivery of Dinners" and "Giving Monetary Donations".

## Thanksgiving is FAST APPROACHING! November 28th

We will again organize the Thanksgiving Meal Outreach Project to provide warm Thanksgiving dinners on Thanksgiving Day to area families in need. Dinners are prepared in our homes and brought to church to be assembled in boxes and baskets which will then be delivered to those in want or need.

**Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet from Kerry Armbruster** on which you can volunteer to bring in food for our Thanksgiving Outreach to the Williamsburg Community

*Last year we provided over 20 full dinners!*

**Or watch for future announcements that the ONLINE DONATION FORM** is available on our website for your convenient use.  
Thanks for your generosity and donated time!



# Welcoming the homeless into our house.....

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH SHELTER PROGRAM AT ST. MARTIN'S

This year St. Martin's has a very special opportunity to act as a Shelter Host Site to help the homeless community in the greater Williamsburg area. We are doing this in conjunction with St. Bede's Catholic Church, along with 11 other local church host sites and 6 additional church shelter partners. We will be hosting the homeless **between January 26th and February 2nd**. We will need many volunteers to cover this week, including cooks for dinner and breakfast, intake people, and overnight people. If possible, we would also like some people to come and interact with our guests, possibly playing games, helping children with homework, or simply having a conversation with them. We also have two church partners, Hickory Neck Episcopal and King Of Glory Lutheran, who will be helping us on some of the days. This is a much needed program in our area, one that will be a blessing for our guests and for us.

If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful program, please contact **Chris James at [outreach@stmartinswmbg.org](mailto:outreach@stmartinswmbg.org) or Rev. Clay at [clay@stmartinswmbg.org](mailto:clay@stmartinswmbg.org) or (757) 229-1111**

This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know members of the Saint Martin's community as well as members of the larger community, whom we have been called to serve! If you would like to volunteer there are some training sessions that you might consider. The first training session is at St Bede's Parish Center in downtown Williamsburg, VA at 6 pm on Wednesday, October 30th. Please stay tuned to Threads, facebook, twitter, and the Announcement insert in your Sunday Bulletin for news and information about this wonderful project!

### To Whom Can You Turn?

Every person encounters difficult patches in life, for various reasons. Sometimes, it might be difficult to thinking through a decision that has to be made. At other times, one needs counsel in dealing with a complicated family relationship. Yet other times, one may feel overwhelmed with the task at hand. Many times, habits that have served a person well for a lifetime now are causing problems. No matter what difficulty is confronting you, you have a helpful person you can turn to. St. Martin's Church is a partner church with the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC). PPCC's Williamsburg office is in the Office Park directly above St. Martin's. In addition to accepting many insurances, PPCC offers self-pay options and a pay-as-you're able option. In addition, reduced rate or free counseling is available because St. Martin's has a "Pastor's Fund" with PPCC, from which your counseling fees can be paid. So, never let financial concern be a reason why you do not seek help. If you'd like to schedule an appointment with a counselor, call PPCC, 757- 873-2273 and ask for a Williamsburg appointment. For more information from your clergy, talk to Rev'd Shirley or Rev'd Clay or Rev'd Joel.



# Holy Cross School, Belize

First Sunday special collection for September will go to Holy Cross Education Foundation which supports preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade education at the school in San Pedro Belize.

Your generous support for over five years has enabled the children to have nutritious lunch and snack. Most of these children live in shacks with no running water or sanitation. It costs \$1 per day to feed each of the 400 children.

This July all thirty seven 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduated with honors and scored 3<sup>rd</sup> best in the school system. Without your support this would not happen. The feeding program is the foundation on which dedicated teachers, volunteers and eager children build. The school provides opportunity, employment and a vision of a much better future.

Please give what you can and remember the children in your prayers.

Checks can be made out to St Martins - memo line Holy Cross Foundation Belize. For more information , e-mail Helen Smith at [hsmith85@cox.net](mailto:hsmith85@cox.net).

## Opportunity for a Multi-generational Mission to Belize 2015

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in supporting a multi-generational mission team to go to Belize. Perhaps teaming up with another church.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a member of the team as tutor, teacher, painter other.....

Name \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

The August collection for Episcopal Relief Development (ERD) came to \$2,500.00 - many thanks to everyone for their generosity. This amount will provide clean water for many people.

Thank you. –

CarolyN Ramage For information about ERD - Carolyn Ramage [ramagecj@cox.net](mailto:ramagecj@cox.net)"

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The September plate collection in aid of Holy Cross School came to \$481.00 which will provide lunch snack for all the children for a day. The children and staff are most grateful. If you were away Labor Day weekend and would like to contribute, you can make out a check to St Martin's and indicate "Holy Cross Belize" in the memo line.

# FAITH FORMATION

## GOD'S STORY IS MY STORY

### St. Martin's Sunday School for All Ages

The 2013-2014 school year will continue to implement St. Martin's new way of doing Formation for all ages. The emphasis will be on God's Story is My Story. During the academic year eight Bible stories will be told on one Sunday and then re-told three more times the following three Sundays in various age-appropriate ways and engaging all learning types and preferences. Each module (4 week period) will begin with everyone (age 3 through age 103) coming to Miles Hall to hear the story—kids, teens, parents, grandparents, friends (single, married, widowed, divorced, engaged, whatever!!!). After the story is told, there will be learning stations set up around Miles Hall. These stations will host activities appropriate to the very young right up to the oldest member present. The activities will be designed to enhance the story so you can make or take something home to help you remember. During the following three Sundays of the module, children will go to their

### ADULT FORUM

The First Sunday after Story Sunday will be hosted by the Grateful, Glad and Giving Committee who will have speakers relate the story to aspects of our lives. The following two Sundays are hosted by the Adult formation committee will continue by unpacking the story's by placing it in time, place, setting, characters and themes. By exploring the story in this way participants will help to brainstorm what we might be able to do to live our lives based on what the story teaches. In other words, listen to the story, hear what it says to us and apply.



**JOIN IN THE FUN AS WE ALL LEARN  
TOGETHER**

**SUNDAY, September 15th was the  
very first Story Sunday.—NOAH**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

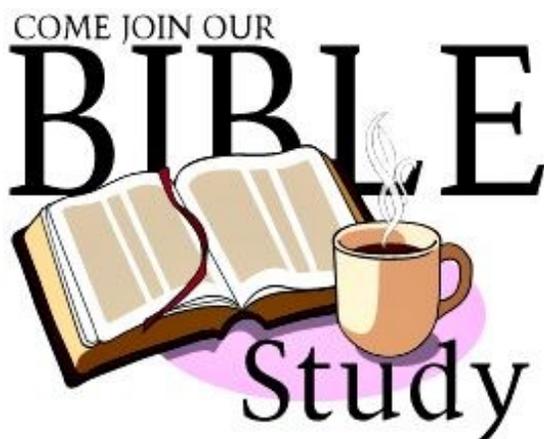
Our Sunday school teachers will follow up each module's story with 3-weeks of activities designed to help the children remember the story. These activities will include art, drama, music, cooking, games, outreach—whatever will be fun and engage the children in the elements of the story. To accomplish this and aid the continuity of the story, each team of teachers will teach for the entire module. This means that each team will teach 4 weeks in a row both in the fall and in the spring.

Everyone is invited to Miles Hall to hear these stories:

Jacob fights an Angel/God (10/13)

Joseph and His Brothers (11/10)

Isaiah looks at Jesus' Birth (12/8)



## St. Martin's offers 3 Lectionary Bible Studies.

The Lectionary refers to the Scripture selections read every Sunday in many churches. Lectionary Bible Studies help make the Scriptures easier to understand, explain historical and cultural background and encourage the participants to apply these Scriptures to their daily lives.

### WED.

#### Lectionary Study led by Jacque Ambler

Held in Betsy & Jacque Ambler's Home  
On Wednesday evenings at 6pm  
Call Jacque Ambler at 757-253-6465

### FRI.

#### Lectionary Study led by Don Noble

Held in the Choir Room at St. Martin's on Fridays at noon  
Call Don Noble at 757-220-2821

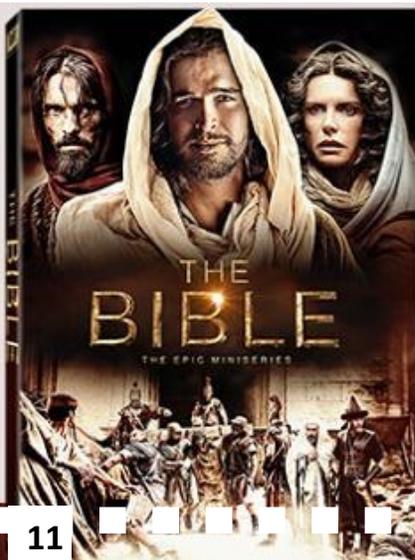
### SUN.

Clergy Lectionary Bible Study- Held in Zig-zag Room # 1 on Sunday mornings at 10am (will not be held on *Story* or *4G Sundays*)  
Call Rev. Shirley or Rev. Clay at 757-229-1111

**Get ready for a Bible Marathon!** Rev'd Clay will be leading a seminar offering tips for diving into Holy Scripture. The Opening the Bible class will explore the history of the development of the Scriptures that make up the Canon of the Bible. We will also explore the difference and the histories of the translations that are available to us and their impact on theology. We had a wonderful time taking this journey last year and to make it more accessible to all of our parishioners we will hold one class at 2:00pm on December 5<sup>th</sup> and a second at 5:30pm in the choir room of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

**Education for Ministry (EfM)** is a distance-learning program offered to lay people by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. St. Martin's offers this program on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00pm and it's held in Miles Hall. Seminar members systematically go through the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology over a four year period. The group runs from the last Tuesday in September through the beginning of June with breaks for Christmas and Easter. Seminar members also experience something called Theological Reflection. This is an exceptionally useful tool to employ when faced with an unusual situation or when needing to make a difficult decision. The method trains one to reflection the pros and cons of a solution or decision in comparison to Biblical examples and reflection on the thoughts and feelings of the Biblical personalities in the example. The result of such an exercise is always illuminating. If you are a person with more questions about faith and God than you have answers, then this course is for you. The awakening of members to their own spirituality and the understanding of ministry are but two of the glowing outcomes of this course.

If you want more information, contact Ann Meyer at 229-1111 or [ann@stmartinswmbg.org](mailto:ann@stmartinswmbg.org)



## REEL Theology— Tuesdays Sept. 24th, Oct. 29th, Nov. 26th,

**2pm** Come join us as we continue to explore the History Channel series "The Bible." We will view particular stories and compare them to scripture, as well as discuss how culture impacts our view of scripture and the retelling of these sacred and holy stories. The program is held on the last Tuesday of the month through November at 2pm in Miles Hall. In this series we have watched the videos, looked at certain aspects of the production such as casting, setting, and acting. We then explore the scriptures and see just what the real Bible says. It can be challenging to see what the Bible says, and incredibly rewarding! This offering is a wonderful time to explore scripture and delve deeper into the word of God! The dates for the next showings are September 24th, October 29th, and November 26th. Please note that the class will take December off as the last Tuesday is New Year's Eve. Come join us!!!!



## Begins in October

- 10/6/13 Orientation meeting for kids and parents with Rev. Clay and Mrs. Meyer
- 10/11-13/13 October Weekend; 8-12 grades; \$120 @ Chanco
- 10/13/13 Family Fun Night at Buffalo Wild Wings anytime from 5 to 9pm
- 10/20/13 Fall color hike & Natural Bridge (BYO sandwich & drink for lunch)
- 10/27/13 Halloween in Cedar Grove Cemetery
- 11/3/13 To be decided
- 11/8-10/13 Happening#60; 10-12 grades; \$165 @ Chanco.
- 11/10/13 Centerpieces for Thanksgiving outreach meal
- 11/15-17/13 November Weekend; 6-9 grades; \$120 @ Chanco
- 11/24/13 To be decided
- 12/1/13 Family Fun Night in Miles Hall; Pot Luck; Advent Wreaths; Board Games

Blue indicates an SMEC activity

Green indicates a Diocesan activity

## Kids Make a Difference

School Crossing and Williamsburg Families would like to recognize kids around town who are making our community and our world a better place to live. So they are sponsoring a contest.

**How to Enter:** Kids up to age 18 (individuals or groups) send in a summary of our service project in 500 words or less to [ginny.wf@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.wf@gmail.com). The deadline to submit your summary is October 15th.

**How it Works:** Each summary will be featured on [WilliamsburgFamilies.com](http://WilliamsburgFamilies.com), [School-Crossing.com](http://School-Crossing.com), and we will recognize one outstanding project monthly. School Crossing will donate \$50 to the organization of the group's or individual's choice.

The service project should be primarily done by kids (although grown-ups may help out).



# Youth Confirmation Preparation



Any 10th and 11th graders who wish to be confirmed in the spring will receive confirmation preparation as part of their Young Adults in the Church (YAC) class which meets at 10am on Sundays in Room #6 of the Zig-Zag building. The leaders of that class will have a form for each of the young people to fill out which will also need to be signed by their parents. Each young person will receive their own copy of “My Faith, My Life” by Jenifer Gamber. Part of the preparation is to have parents become familiar with the contents of the book so that parent-youth conversations can continue from Sunday school into the home. The culmination of the class will be a Youth Confirmation Retreat, of which attendance is required. The date of the retreat will be given to the young people at the beginning of the preparation.

## TWO BOOK STUDIES For YOU



### **“The Powers That Be” by Walter Wink Led by John Schwenkler**

*The Powers That Be* reclaims the divine realm as central to human existence by offering new ways of understanding our world in theological terms. Walter Wink reformulates ancient concepts, such as God and the devil, heaven and hell, angels and demons, principalities and powers, in light of our modern experience. He helps us see heaven and hell, sin and salvation, and the powers that shape our lives as tangible parts of our day-to-day experience, rather than as mysterious phantoms.

This study is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 9 and continue on each Wednesday in October. This book can be purchased from Amazon for \$13.46 in paperback and \$12.79 for Kindle. Sellers other than Amazon offer it new from \$7.88 and used for \$0.47.

### **“Cultivating Wholeness” by M. Kornfeld Led by Rev. Joel Harvey**

*Cultivating Wholeness* is a practical, comprehensive, contemporary guide to community care and counseling. Margaret Zipse Kornfeld, a pastoral psychotherapist for almost thirty years, focuses on wholeness, the dynamics of change, an inclusive understanding of spirituality, the caregiver/ counselor, and on community as not merely the context for healing but also the means by which healing happens.

This study is scheduled to begin on Thursday, December 5 and continue on the next two Thursdays, ending on December 19. The book can be purchased from Amazon for \$23.96. Sellers other than Amazon price it at \$23.31 for new editions and \$21.17 for used editions.



# Softball!!!!

We are very pleased to announce that at least one of all of our favorite teams will be playing in October. No, we the staff do not have the answer to baseball's Fall Classic, but we do know that your home town team will be taking the field in fellowship and fun this Fall. But, before you buy series tickets at Nat's Park, Turner Field, or any other destination, we should tell you that St. Martin's has joined the Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Men's Softball Fall League! In the spirit of our patron Saint Martin, we have been dubbed the Cloaks! The players would love to see a dedicated fan base show up to cheer them on! In fact, we think a great name for the

attendees of the games should be dubbed the "Martin-iacs!" The games will be played at Quarter Path Park in Williamsburg on Wednesday night's beginning on September 18th. All dates can be found on the church's online calendar.



## The schedule

- 9/18 at 8:15pm and 9:15pm
- 10/2 at 6:15pm and 7:15pm
- 10/9 at 8:15pm and 9:15pm
- 10/16 at 8:15pm and 9:15pm
- 10/23 at 6:15pm and 7:15pm
- 10/30 at 8:15pm and 9:15pm

We will also announce softball practices as they happen so that folks can come and enjoy fellowship and maybe even a little batting with the team! So come out, bring an Episcopal flag, wear your new St. Martin's 50th anniversary t-shirt, bring one of those annoying horns and make some noise! But, better yet, come out to Quarter Path Park for some fellowship! Call Fr. Clay for more details and stay tuned to the web page and facebook for announcements.

## Check current league standing & game results at

[www.williamsburgva.gov/rec](http://www.williamsburgva.gov/rec)

# Family FUN Nights!



## Sunday, October 13th

Come to Buffalo Wild Wings with family and friends to have dinner & watch football. On that day, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of all pre-taxed food sales (less alcohol and promotional discounts) from any guest that presents a special St. Martin's fundraising ticket. The ticket is good from 5pm to 9pm that evening. Come, have fun, eat with other St. Martin's folk and make money for St. Martin's.

*Fundraising tickets are available on the table in the Narthex next to children's worship aids.*



## Sunday, December 1st

Come to Miles Hall at 7pm and make your Advent Wreath (there will be a sign up on

[www.stmartinswmbg.org](http://www.stmartinswmbg.org) with a list of items you should bring to the workshop). This workshop is a lot of fun. The cost of wreath supplies is \$5.00 payable that evening. In addition there will be tables set up so that family members who do not wish to help make an Advent Wreath can play board games, so bring your favorite board game and be prepared to share play time with others. There will be snacks on the tables and decaf coffee and lemonaid available in the kitchen.

# COMMUNITY

## Friends Making Connections

by Martha Caruso

As we approach our fiftieth year, I have a great respect for the people who have helped to shape our church into what it is today. Saint Martin's is a church community. We say hello to each other. We reach out to strangers. We have numerous opportunities to volunteer to minister to each other and others in our greater Williamsburg family, as well as across state lines, and different countries.

A new ministry forming at Saint Martin's is "Friends Making Connections". For the past month, I have been absolutely blessed and privileged to visit with several of our elder parishioners. We have laughed together, shared memories, and had the opportunity to get to know each other. I have also observed a great desire in many of our parishioners to age safely in their own homes. Through "Friends Making Connections", we are trying to make this dream realizable. Williamsburg is fortunate to have many community options geared to assisting seniors to plan for their needs.

Since September 8 is Grandparent's Day, it may be a good time to reach out to not only your own grandparent, but to another member of our church, who may not have grandchildren nearby. There are many ways to let our church family members know that we have not forgotten or forsaken them. We are not an "Out of sight, out of mind" church.

Here are a few suggestions to keep in touch:

Cards, calls, email, if you know they use email

Visits or lunch dates

Surprise the family with a favorite movie or a tape of a church service

Ask if they need a ride to church, or to run an errand

Give a family care giver a break by offering to visit with their spouse or parent, while they go out

Take someone who doesn't drive to the library or book store

If you are in need of information about "Friends Making Connections" please contact the church office and leave your name and concerns that you or a family member may be facing. This is a new ministry, so we will get back to you as soon as possible. The bulletin board across from the coffee station also has information. There are many brochures in the Church office, as well.

**Galatians 6:10** - Do Good to All

*So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*



*Al Wright, pictured (right) receiving this plaque from David Benedict (left), was honored for his many years of service as Chief Cook Mentor and Leader for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast Group during its most recent meeting. The plaque shows St Martin on his horse giving a beggar half his cloak.*

# Family Care Givers

When medical issues seem to take over your life—where do you turn?

Fall 2013 Hands-on Caregiver Classes Saturdays, October 5 and 19, 2013 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Low fee – Limited Seating Register by September 30 by calling: (757) 258-6591

Two 5-hour classes will cover many questions families encounter when caring for a loved one at home:

- How can we make our home safer and more comfortable?
- How can we keep track of all the medications?
- How do we help with moving from bed to chair or wheelchair?
- What are some common social and psychological needs?
- Who can help when we have questions?

## Class Location: Allied Health Lab, Room 307

Thomas Nelson Community College, Historic Triangle Campus

4601 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg, VA 23188

One low fee of \$35 covers both sessions, American Red Cross

Workbook and DVD, supplies and lunch.

Please ask if you need a scholarship or care for your loved one while you attend the classes.

A collaborative project of Sentara Home Care, Riverside Center for Excellence in Aging, Comfort

Keepers, Colonial Heritage Community Foundation, Thomas Nelson Community College and the Senior Services Coalition

Funded by: James City County



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Faithfully,

Esther Cohen  
Chief Operating Officer

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## HELP FIGHT IDENTITY THEFT

And help a Child at the Same Time!

## SHRED-A-THON

Oct. 12th, 2013

Wmsbg/James City Co. Courthouse  
5201 Monticello Ave  
9am-12pm

1st Grocery Sized Bag Free  
Each Additional Bag \$5

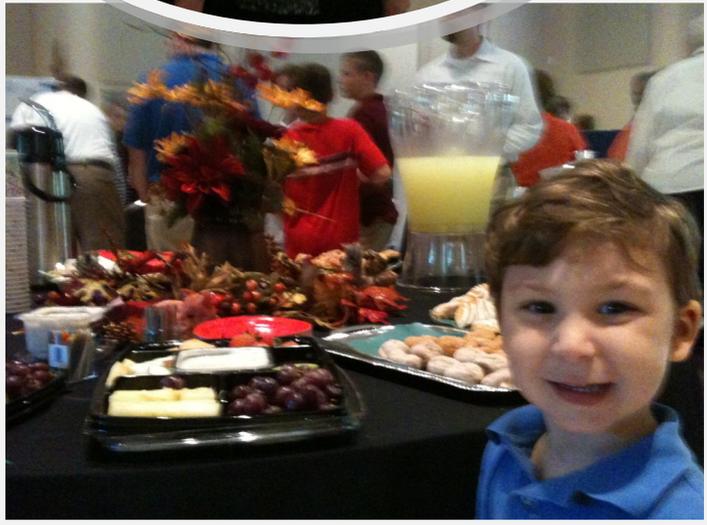
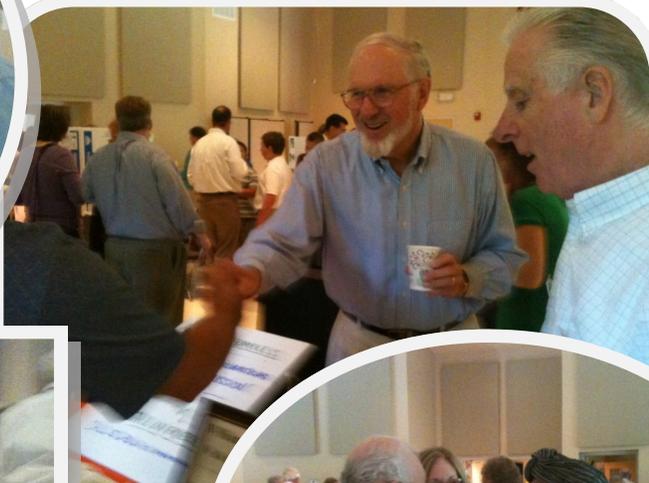
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All funds raised will benefit the annual  
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Program!

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Todd Dill, 757-603-6025.

# The 2013 Ministry Faire



## *Thank you*

To everyone who helped make this a joyful expression of the ministry of St. Martin's, and to all who took the opportunity to step into service in the Church!

## Welcome Visitors, Inquirers and New Members

We are especially blessed by lots of newcomers in our midst. If you are new to St. Martin's, be encouraged to contact a clergy person if you haven't already. In addition, know that we will be offering a 3-part class for newcomers and inquirers in November, and you are welcome to join the class to learn more about St. Martin's Church or the Episcopal Church in general. It's also a great way to get to know others. Curious? Contact Rev'd Clay for more information: 229-1111, or [clay@stmartinswmbg.org](mailto:clay@stmartinswmbg.org).

# Outreach to James River Elementary School Children

We've been providing for 65 needy children from James River Elementary by giving both clothes and educational toys. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by the families, the staff, and by the children themselves. Here is the procedure:

- The tree will have ornaments—in duplicate form—1) one for shopping and 2) the second to be attached to the outside of wrapped gift when you return it
- Each ornament represents a child (instead of his/her actual name)
- The ornament will have a number, and will also state the age, gender, & size of the child OR a toy from the child's wish list
- PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME and the NUMBER found on your ornament on the clip board provided near the tree
- NOW—go shopping!!
- Secure your duplicate ornament to the outside of the wrapped gift
- Please return gifts to the stage, in Miles Hall. WATCH FOR DATES AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS CLOSER TO CHRISTMAS!

*On behalf of everyone involved, thank you for your generous participation.*

## St. Martin's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### 50th Anniversary Honorees:

**Ms. Carol Talbot** (instrumental during seven of our first pivotal years)

**Rev. Pickett Miles**

**Ms. Lois Headden** (long-time parish secretary)

**Rev. Canon Ed Tracy** (representing Bishop Holerith and the diocese)

**Rev. Chris Epperson** (rector of Bruton Parish Church)

**Mr. Chips Houghland**, sanctuary architect

**The Williamsburg Parent Cooperative Pre-school**

#### Early parishioners still with us:

Ralph and Joyce Cobb

Edith Edwards

JoAnn Card (absent due to illness)

Betsy Elliott

Carol Haas-Reynolds

Rubye Dewitt (absent due to illness)

Myrtle Engs

Al Wright, whom we're celebrating for his many years of faithful service to St. Martin's, most especially in his leadership of the parish, the capital campaign which financed the building addition, and the founding of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship.

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### Thanks to La Tienda and Mr. Charlie Little

Heart-felt Thanks to La Tienda and the Harris family for abundantly providing food for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 21st. What a treat to visit Spain in our own Miles Hall, walking in the footsteps of our patron saint, Martin of Tours. Heart-felt thanks also to Charlie Little who made the two gorgeous cakes, one with the Episcopal Shield, in appreciation for St. Martin's Church and its people. Finally thanks to all the volunteers and the special efforts of staff members who enabled us to celebrate the labors of love of all those who have gone before us.



*We offer thanks to the Rev. Dr. Kathy Grieb for the many gifts she gave us as we look forward to the next 50 years of ministry!*

### Continuing the Celebration (and helping Outreach!)

In celebration of our anniversary, there are 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
- 50th 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!

## St. Martin's Cloak Closet

One of the important missions of a Sunday school is to honor and support the Christian values that parents want their children to embrace. It is also important to spread the Gospel message in age appropriate ways and give young people a chance to act out the message in a supportive Christian community by providing a place where they want to share God's gifts with others.

To that end, *The Cloak Closet* was created so that St. Martin's children could have "FUN" while learning the values mentioned above. Children earn *Cloak Coupons* while in Sunday school. There are many way a child can earn *Cloak Coupons* (attendance is just one of the ways), which can be redeemed at *The Cloak Closet* (Room No 10 in the zigzag building). With half of their total earned coupons they may select something for themselves, but with the other half they will be able to choose an item that will be donated to charity. The 50-50 concept is based on our namesake, Martin of Tours, who gave away half of his cloak to a beggar. Parishioners are encouraged to donate items to *The Cloak Closet*. A list of suggestions is to the Right of this article. Donations can be left in the "Cloak Closet Bin" in the closet of the narthex as long as they are labeled "*Cloak Closet*." Stop in sometime and see what the Closet has to offer.

## Cloak Closet Donation Suggestions

- Toys in good shape
- Unused samples of perfume, make up, hand cream, etc.
- Jewelry—rings, necklaces, bracelets
- Scarves, winter caps, gloves, etc.
- Unused nail polish, stick on fake jewels, stick on fake nails
- Sports equipment—balls in good condition for soccer, baseball, and football; used skis, poles, boots and goggles; ping pong table, paddles and balls
- Puzzles, books, board games in good condition with all the pieces intact
- Electronic games, portable CD player, iPod, iPod dock, iPod charger, & head phones
- Coupons for ice cream cones & fast food



# FALL FESTIVAL 2013

Hickory Neck Church

Thirteenth Annual Family Fun Event

### Activities include:

Silent Auction—Homestyle Cooking – Pork Barbecue- Hot Dogs / Sausages

"Amazin' Grazin" Bake Sale- Arts & Crafts Show & Sale

Attic Treasures- Tours of Historic Chapel & grounds

Kids Events (Free)- Live Music

Free Parking

*This is always an event with something for everyone to enjoy!*

All Proceeds Used to Benefit:  
Angels of Mercy Clinic, Avalon,  
Faith In Action, Salvation Army  
Transitional Housing, Greater  
Williamsburg Outreach Mission,  
& Other Local Charities

Mark your calendar &  
come join the festivities!

**Sat. , October 12, 2013**

**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Hickory Neck Church**

8300 Richmond Road, Toano VA  
(757) 566 – 0276

## Vestry Highlights -September 19, 2013

Rene deJager opened the meeting with a prayer and read the Norms.

Shirley's Nurture reflected on the fact that People have serious problems when they lose hope. We are in the Hope business helping others to explore options. **St. Martins is a place where people find Hope**

July minutes were approved

Ron discussed the budget-We were \$20,000 ahead in June---\$14,000 ahead in July--- and \$5,000 behind in August— Ron stated that September normally shows a bounce back in pledges. If we do not see an improvement, other actions may need to be considered.

Geoff thanked all for their help with 50<sup>th</sup> St. Martin's anniversary, especially Nellie Williams and Kerry Armbruster

Geoff asked all Vestry members to plan on speaking @ next Vestry Meeting on What St. Martins means to you?

Rene discussed needs for 2 HVAC units @ \$2500 each and a leak to be repaired in Clay's office and the Utility room.

Discussion was also regarding a possible change in the alarm system company which may cut the current bill in half. Question was raised on whether alarm can be set and disarmed from home.

Fall clean up day set for November 16<sup>th</sup>

Cliff received approval for transfer of \$6000 from Capital Reserve to Memorial Garden fund to build a patio

4 new candidates for Vestry were approved by Vestry:

Catherine White, Ted Lyman, Sheila Glennon-Sanding, Bev Olsen

Shirley discussed 4G Sundays Gave examples such as " Sometimes we need a different sibling"

tied in with sermon about Joseph who was thrown into a ditch by his brothers followed by a speaker from Big Brothers Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

October-Month of Rollout on Annual Giving

David proposed \$20,000 investment in Vanguard Fund which was approved

Geoff reviewed and updated Vestry Action Plan

Clay reviewed Outreach and amounts given to various organizations

Important dates

Sat Sept 21, 4-6 PM

Sun Sept 22, Family style picnic following the 10:30AM service

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Service of Repentance, Reconciliation & Healing Christ & St. Luke's,

Bishop's Days of Education [www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org) Oct.5th or Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Discussion was held on the Forward Day by Day brochure

Geoff Wade gave the closing prayer

## July Treasurer's Report

July revenues were under budget by \$7,890, and expenses were under budget by \$1,825. As a result, NET for the month was under budget by \$6,065 as shown below.

July	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$47,043	\$54,933	-\$7,890
Expenses	\$53,725	\$55,550	-\$1,825
Net	-\$6,682	-\$616	-\$6,065

Overall, it was a tough month, but we are not dropping as far behind as we have in the past.

On a YTD basis, revenues are under budget by \$8,839, compared to a shortfall of \$949 in June. Expenses are under budget by \$9,127, making our YTD Net over budget by \$288:

YTD	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$416,791	\$425,630	-\$8,839
Expenses	\$402,554	\$411,680	-\$9,126
Net	\$14,237	\$13,949	\$288

July was definitely a small dip, but three points show the strength of our financial position, including:

1. Pledges and Non-Pledge Contributions together are over budget by \$4,224
2. None of the funds that were planned to be provided by From Restricted Funds have been drawn down.
3. Expenses are under control and \$9.1 under budget YTD.

*The Rector, Vestry, staff, and fellow parishioners thank you for your continued and timely support of St. Martins.*

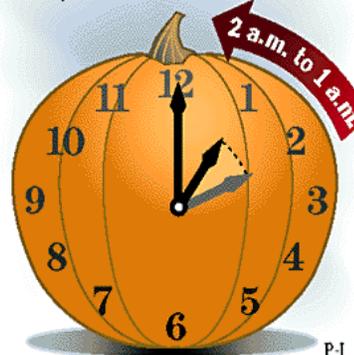
## St. Martin's "On The Fridge" Reminder

- 10/1 — Home Fellowship Group (A) every Tues @ 7pm ASTAG
- 10/3 — Home Fellowship Group (B) every Thurs @ 7pm
- 10/6 — Clergy Lectionary Study begins 10am in ZZ #1  
— EYC meets in Miles @4pm Parents and Youth
- 10/9 — "Powers That Be" Book Study 4 Weds @7pm ZZ 1
- 10/11 — October Weekend for 8th-12th grades @Chanco
- 10/13 — Story Sunday (Jacob Fights Angel/God)10am-MH  
— Family Fun Night at Buffalo Wild Wings  
Anytime between 5pm and 9pm
- 10/20 — 4 G Sunday @ 10am in Miles Hall  
— EYC Fall Hike & Natural Bridge @ 1pm
- 10/27 — Theological Reflection on Jacob 10am-MH  
— EYC Halloween Program @ 4pm
- 10/29 — Reel Theology @ 2pm -MH
- 11/1 — All Saints' Service 7am in Memorial Garden
- 11/2 — Diocese Service of Repentance, Reconciliation and Healing@ 11am Christ & St. Lukes, Norfolk
- 11/3 — EYC Surprise Activity
- 11/8 — Diocese Happening: 10th-12th grades @Chanco
- 11/10 — Story Sunday (Joseph & Brothers) 10am-MH  
— EYC @ 4pm in Miles Hall—Outreach
- 11/15 — Diocese Nov Weekend: 6th-9th grades @Chanco
- 11/17 — 3G Sunday @ 10am in Miles Hall
- 11/24 — Theological Reflection on Joseph 10am-MH
- 11/28 — Thanksgiving Outreach Meal packing & Distribution
- 12/1 — Family Fun Night @ 4pm-MH
- 12/5 — "Opening Bible" w/Rev. Clay @ 2pm & 5:30pm-MH  
— "Cultivating Wholeness" book study-3 Thurs @ 7pm—ZZ 1
- 12/8 — Story Sunday (Jesus' birth through Isaiah's Eyes) @ 10am -MH
- 12/15 — 4 G Sunday @ 10am-MH  
— EYC Caroling (parents and youth)@ 4pm
- 12/22 — Theological Reflection on Isaiah's prophesy @ 10am—MH
- 12/24 — 3 Christmas Eve Services (see schedule within This issue of CLOAK
- 12/5 — Christmas Day Eucharist@ 10am  
— Office Closed until January 2

**Remember:**  
**Daylight Savings Time**  
**Is Sunday,**  
**November 3rd**

### Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



**OCT. BIRTHDAYS**

Name	Date
Susan Axtell	1
Benjamin Dorsett	1
Beth Goomis	1
Shirley Hern	1
Len Scharf	1
Todd Larkin	2
Ruby DeWitt	3
John Gross	3
Robert Iles	3
Andrew McGrew	3
Jason Thompson	3
Sara Dossin	4
Rosie Robbins	4
John Argue	5
Gilbert Elston	6
Lillian Pease	6
Scott Larkin	7
Mae Pease	7
Kelsey Smart	7
Gordon Adams	8
Jordan Damien	8
Ryan Dorsett	9
Conrad Burgazli	10
Kornelia Blaha	11
Sue Ducibella	11
Kathy Whitehead	12
Stuart Jackson	13
Mikey Vahey	13
Allen Back	14
Rachel Baum	14
Mia Meadows	14
Allison Hamilton	15
Rick J ones	15
Elle Humes	16

Kent McQuain	16
Diane Gilbert	17
Ray Alie	18
Pete Gushue	18
Theresa Smith	18
Larry Williams	19
Tom Hale	20
Drew Stelljes	20
Meaghn Terrien	20
Elayne Anderson	21
Jill Gushue	21
Kelly Tremblay	21
Eric Johnston	24
Don Noble	24
Linda Butler	25
Barbara Faubert	25
Elizabeth Melton	25
Lindsay Resner	25
Ava Shird	25
Naomi Yatzeck	25
David Baum	26
Julia Howard	26
Lucy Faisant	27
Timothy Wilson	27
Barbara Buder	28
Shirley Smith Graham	28
Katarzyna Terrien	28
Olivia Castleman-Dry	29
Lois Headden	29
Elizabeth Yates	29
Edith Edwards	30
Mary Hawthorne	31

**NOV. BIRTHDAYS**

Name	Date
Tom Yates	1
Claire Cici	2
Dana De Jager	2
Dorsey Smith	2
Dianne Catuska	3
Nicolas Jankovic	3
Jean Clayton	4
Chauncey Burgazli	5
Jean Dickey	5
John Herringshaw	5
Mac Ambler	7
Nan Hoover	8
Chloe Smolnik	8
Cricket Smolnik	8
Ann Youngman	8
Alaina Ambler	9
Joan Dry	9
Nathaniel Shird	11
Jaque Ambler	12
Bonnie Hoopengardner	12
Nicholas Kellogg	13
Shawn Yates	13
Ben Harris	14
Melissa Sparks	14
Sterling Whitehead	14
Vicky Harder	15
Mabry Lyman	15
Julia Sargeant	15
Fritz Schreiber	15
Eleanor Rosser	16
Kathy Wincheski	16
Sylvia Strawn	17
Mary Alie	19
Joe Homer	19

Mark Jaworski	19
Clive Van Orden	20
Lisanna Laplante	21
Celine Rhodes	21
Alex Harder	22
Lanette McNeil	22
Jean Barter	23
Daniel Green	23
John Lilly	23
Joanne Cheves	25
Drummond Poole	25
Kathy Smith	25
Parker Burden	26
Bruce Ebersole	26
Nate Bennett	27
Tristian Castleman-Argue	27
John Hewett	27
Mal Hunt	27
Douglas Whitehead	27
Celia Jolley	28
Devon Gilbert	30
Jim Oliver	30

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Name	Date
Augie and Sandy Liebler	2
Mike and Barbara Faubert	5
Rex and Lynn Hoover	5
Robert and Anne Arseneau	10
Laren and Randall Dilley	11
Gary and Linda Osborn	11
Chuck and Lynn Gaunt	12
Jim Yatzeck and Jane Core-	13
Katie and Michael Vahey	14
Ellen and Thomas Postemski	15
David and Elizabeth Baum	18
Dave and Paulette Holt-	21

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Name	Date
Alan and Lissa Arruda	20
Edith and Frank Brennan	12
Kristi and Matthew Cham-	4
Kirk and Ginger Flynn	25
Brian and Kathy Grieff	4
Don and Rut h Harris	28
Steven and Teresa Kauff-	5
Joby and Tom Mills	17
Jim and Mary Osborn	26
Susan and Mark Patterson	20
Carolyn and Jim Ramage	13
Judy and Larry Williams	5
Al and Pam Wright	24

## DEC. BIRTHDAYS

Susana Jankovic	1	Elisabeth Brantley	18
Georgoe Shane	1	Natalie Jankovic	18
Barbara Hudgins	2	Jim Detmer	19
Bob Mulcahy	3	Paul Harder	19
Jim Pierce	3	Margeret Luck	19
Neil Hanlon	4	Helen Riley	19
Donna Keating	4	Jim Axtell	20
Drew Rodgers	4	Ruth Gordon	20
Gary Ripple	5	Dorothy Marshall	20
Bill Sykes	5	Charlotte Price	20
Debbie Coleman	6	Finn Riley	21
Jodie Dolci	6	Norma Hamilton	22
Craig Olsen	6	Lawrence Luck	22
Barbara Watson	6	Roger Myers	22
Frank Caruso	7	Brink Ambler	24
Barbara Floyd	7	Florence Downes	24
Gemma Meadows	8	Chris Harris	25
Jim Hamilton	9	Bill Hern	25
Priscilla Nystrom	9	Jane Core-Yatzeck	26
Barbara Rockwell	9	Scott Whitehead	29
Cindy Jordan	10	Cailin Yates	29
Matthew Smolnik	10	Robert Lynch	30
Louise Vought	10	Emily Olsen	30
John Barton	11	Bob Fehrenbach	31
Lynne Detmer	11		
Deane Gordon	11		
CJ Young	11		
Nancy Pierce	12		
Betsy Elliott	13		
Julie Humes	13		
Elizabeth Baum	14		
Betty Jackson	14		
Phyllis Belden	15		

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John and Ginger Dewhirst	1
Cricket and Matt Smolnik	4
Pembroke and Thomas Hoff-	14
Elisabeth and Robert Brantley	18
James and Sue Ducibella	28
Dennis and Diane Gilbert	30

## Good Neighbors

It's a joy to be able to make St. Martin's available to so many beyond our mere 65 parking spots. We do so with the cooperation of our neighbors La Tienda and the Office Park, who allow us to use their spots when they're not in business hours. Please keep in mind that La Tienda needs its parking on Saturdays, when the shop is open. So if you're at St. Martin's for a big event on a Saturday, please park in our own lot or in the Office Park. And, don't forget to stop in at La Tienda for good olive oil, reasonably priced and delicious wine or daily, freshly baked bread from Galicia. Mmmmmm.

The Office at St.. Martin's will be closed Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 1 –to reopen on Thursday, January 2. (Cancel Wednesday Eucharist, January 1.)

Happy Holidays!

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