



Must I Change? Well, Yes

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham



Change is an especially challenging thing for people in Williamsburg. We are attracted to the place because we like the way things were. If we don't care for the politics of the 21st century, we can go to Colonial Williamsburg's Revolutionary City and go back to the politics of the 18th century. Many William and Mary graduates return to live here, nurturing the memories of their undergraduate days. Lots of retirees come to live here because, frankly, they have put in their time at the wheel of change and would like some predictability and stability for their senior years. Many of us, myself included, treasure the lived-out values that are here: pride in public school education, support of local farmers and watermen, an emphasis on the development of character instead of single-mindedly running the competitive rat-race.

Yet, we cannot help but change. We are always being pulled into the future. As soon as you read the end of this sentence, the beginning of it will be in the past. You have experienced change, even in the span of a sentence. Astrophysicists using the Hubble telescope know this well: the heavenly bodies they spy through the lens are already in the past and now may look different. This is the stuff of physics and neuroscience, but it is also the teaching of Jesus.

"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain: but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24).

Jesus says this after he and the disciples have entered Jerusalem. The disciples become increasingly nervous that things are going to change: because so many people are recognizing that Jesus is the Messiah, he may attract the wrong kind of attention and get hurt (as indeed does happen). Or, at the least, the disciples' relationship with Jesus will change because he is now surrounded by pulsing crowds and gone are the quiet moments with Jesus. Change. Confronted with the disciples' anxiety, Jesus preaches change: a grain of wheat has to become different in order to give new life. If grain stays trapped in its protective shell, the seed never gives new life.

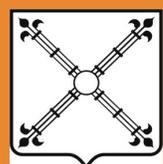
This is a time for new life for St. Martin's Church and for me. Quite unexpectedly during my sabbatical time, the larger Episcopal Church asked me to think more deeply about the possibility of a new ministry, and just in the last few weeks this discernment has resulted in my accepting a call to a new ministry, a call which means my leaving St. Martin's Church as your rector. This is hard news to share because you all have captured my love and deep respect, and I am

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very proud of the ministry we have done together during these past eight years. I am also wise enough to know that the Spirit of God lives at St. Martin's and will draw to you another servant who will share with you fresh perspective and different gifts and skills than what I have to offer.

Thus, I have submitted my letter of resignation to members of the vestry in preparation for joining the people of Christ Church Episcopal in Glen Allen, VA (Richmond) to be their next rector. They are 22 years young and, though larger and more complex than St. Martin's, share many of the same characteristics that St. Martin's did when I first joined you in 2007. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and changes, it remains just a single grain.

As we change, we transition, with the support of an excellent vestry, steadfast wardens, and a calm and wise transition officer from the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Rev'd Canon Michael Spear-Jones. The next steps look like this: the vestry will meet in August and find out what the options are; the staff will remain in place, each person being valued and their contributions being essential; we will say a final goodbye on Sunday, August 30, when I will ask you to pray for God's blessing on me for my new ministry and for your spiritual daughter, Christ Church.

The time for goodbye is not quite yet. Now is the time to give thanks for all God has done among us and to prepare the way for the new life that you and God will bring forth together out of this seed. I can't wait to see what you grow!

Stay Tuned! A needed service for persons in the Greater Williamsburg area experiencing homelessness is opening in early October. **"The Harbor" Day Center** will initially operate Monday-Thursday from 10:00-2:00 and will be located next door to St. Bede's Catholic Church Outreach Center, 10 Harrison Street.

The Harbor is being formed by over 20 local faith groups to connect people experiencing homelessness with community resources such as health care and employment/housing support, and to provide a warm meal, showers, clean underwear and socks, a place to charge cell phones and store belongings. In the last several years many St. Martin's parishioners have learned that our Winter Shelter guests need a welcoming place to go in the daytime. The Harbor is a separate yet complementary year-round service, founded on the belief that every person should have a safe place to go for respite, comfort and access to amenities normally found in a loving home. The Harbor seeks to restore people to dignity and self-sufficiency, as well as to be a safe place of respite in the storms of life.

The Harbor will be staffed by a coordinator and volunteers who are expected to work approximately 10 hours a month. Scheduling is flexible. In mid-August a call will go out for St. Martin's volunteers and an application will be available after Sunday services and online. Volunteer trainings are scheduled for August 25 and 31st and later in September. If you have questions you may call Florence Downes at 757-876-6561 or email fdownes@cox.net; or call Diane Langhorst at 757-254-7983 or email dmlanghorst@cox.net.

THE BLESSING OF OUR WORK

Sunday, September 6,
2015
(Labor Day Weekend)

AT ALL SERVICES

Bring your backpack, scuba gear,
computer, iPad, hard hat, cell phone,
guitar, tablet, Nook, cowboy boots,
Blackberry, hammer, Kindle, purse,
surf board,
man bag, ETC.

GET CREATIVE



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

ONLY ONE OPPORTUNITY!!!

...to update [or add]

your picture to the 2016 edition of the
Church Directory.

Sunday,
September 20, 2015

—between and after

all services

—on the front porch



Youth Fellowship

Bible Study Games Food FUN!

Sunday Nights 4-6pm Dinner

PLANNING MEETING **Sunday, September 20th, from 10:00 -11:30am in Choir Room**
Come prepared to help plan youth activities thru Christmas 2015
ALL YOUTH from 6th through 12th grade AND A PARENT

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It's going to change your life! Learn how to take control of your money, invest for the future, and give like never before.

Classes are Sundays, Sept 20 through Nov 15, 4 to 6 PM, at St. Martin's Church Choir Room. Class size is limited. Cost of materials: \$93 per couple. To register, contact Cindy Albert 229-2020 or email CinAlbert@aol.com

JOIN TOGETHER...

Ice Cream Social

Join together for
 A FAREWELL for REV'D SHIRLEY
 and
 Mortgage Retirement Celebration
SUNDAY, AUG. 30th, 12:30PM MILES HALL



Sunday School starts on September 20th

after the 9:15am Service (10am-ish)
 Pre-school and Elementary Grades in 3 separate classes:
 Preschool—Kindergarten
 1st-2nd-3rd Grades
 & 4th-5th grades

These classes meet downstairs in the Co-op rooms

The curriculum for the year is based on 8 Bible stories
 Each story is told on the first Sunday of the rotation followed by
 crafts, games, art, video, cooking or technology to enhance the stories
 for the following three Sundays

2015-2016 Scope and Sequence

- 9/20/15. Abraham & Sarah Gen 12:1-9, 18:1-15, 21:1-7
- 10/18/15. The Burning Bush Ex 3:1-13
- 11/29/15 Hannah & Samuel 1 Sam 1:9-27, 3:1-20
- 1/3/15. Jonah & Big Fish Jonah 1-4
- 2/7/16 The Lord's Prayer. Matt 6:5-15
- 3/6/16. Four Friends Luke 5:7-26
- 4/10/16. Wedding at Cana. John 2:1-11
- 5/8/16. Fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:16-26

Gathering on Sunday, September 20
@ 10am in Miles Hall
for an informational meeting to
kick off St. Martin's Sunday School

All parents of
 Sunday School age children (Pre-K—5th)
 & all parents of youth (6th — 12th)
 plus our J2A program youth (6th—12th)
 are invited to learn what our Sunday School
 aims to accomplish this academic year

Asking questions and offering opinions
 is encouraged and welcomed
Exceptional snacks provided

Each one of us
is a valued part in
the makeup of
St. Martin's.
Please make every
effort to be present
and participate in
this gathering.



THINKING THEOLOGICALLY IS NOT ABOUT THE BOOK

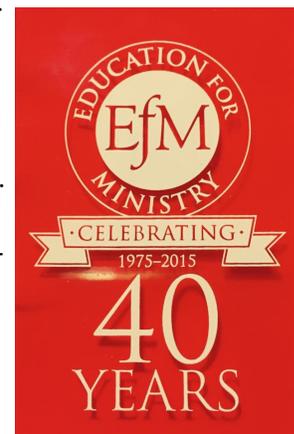


Education for Ministry is . . .

- . . . **about reflecting theologically:** Over the last 40 years people involved with EfM have developed several variations of a discussion method affectionately known as “TR” or theological Reflection. The small group leader, or mentor, is trained to lead the reflection process, asking questions and recording the thoughts of the group. The process is not designed to elicit certain responses; rather they are designed to help the group tie theological themes to their daily lives.
- . . . **a small group of committed individuals:** A deep level of sharing and in turn learning and growth is made possible as a safe, respectful environment is created. Weekly meetings are two hours long, and text and bible readings, done in individually, take a couple of hours or more per week to complete.
- . . . **exploring how to make a difference:** EfM offers a means of becoming equipped to hear and respond to our baptismal vows. Participants begin to see their lives in their lives in terms of multiple callings; a mother/father/grandparent, a friend, a spouse, a member of a parish. Often participants find that this group experience encourages them to do the good things they have been intending to do.
- . . . **making a commitment:** When much is required, much is gained. By fully participating in the EfM program, participants will develop the ability to look at daily life theologically, experience community, and grow as a Christian disciple is thought, word and deed. The good news is you don’t have to pay graduate school prices to get a graduate level experience. Our Diocese sponsors the program reducing the cost to \$350 per year. Both our Diocese and the EfM program in Sewanee offer scholarships which brings the cost down to 1/3 of the yearly fee. Now, that’s doable and so worth it.
- . . . **exciting and rewarding:** This program prepares parishioners to be Biblically literate, well-trained and dedicated leaders in the mission of our Episcopal Church in general and St. Martin’s specifically. This is truly education that is FOR ministry. The knowledge gained through EfM study directly equips laity to serve the world through Christ’s Church. Education is what it offers. Ministry is the outcome.

Thanks be to God!!!

Interested? Call Ann Meyer (229-1111)



Instructional Eucharist

Ever wondered why your priests makes wild motions during the Eucharist? Why our Church year seems to be color coded? Where all of those prayers come from that are found in the bulletin in a Sunday morning? Well we can attempt to answer those questions and more! On October 13th at 6:30pm, Fr. Clay will lead an instructional Eucharist in the Sanctuary. This Eucharist will feature commentary after all of the major sections of the Celebration of Holy Eucharist that we celebrate each Sunday, Saturday and Wednesday. This will be a service that is especially recommended to new comers, but is open to all!

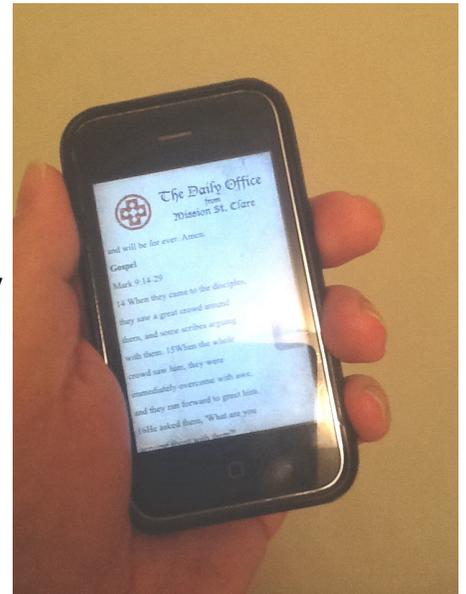
Greetings from the St. Martin's Benedictine Community!

We identify ourselves as a small group of parishioners and friends who gather weekly, and at two different times, to constitute an intentional community of Christians studying the example of St. Benedict on Nursia. As St. Benedict instructed us over 1400 years ago, God is present with us at all times and we need simply to “listen” for him to realize his presence.

To that end, Benedict taught us to utilize the power of prayer as one of the most direct, intentional means of communicating with God. So Benedictines pray a lot, together and alone. Furthermore, since Benedict introduced the concept of the Daily Office to the Church, we work on our prayer practice by praying the formal prayer services of the Episcopal Church as much we are able.

To that end, I'd like to suggest a *new tool* for those of us who have “smart phones” which provides another means by which we can say/experience the Daily Office when we're away from our homes. There's now a Phone App. for the Daily Office! (I suspect there's more than one but this is the one I have found and use regularly.) This app has two Daily Office services, Morning and Evening, made available on line to us and current to the calendar date. In addition to the written words, prayers, psalms with accurate Bible readings, audio music and hymns are provided. The app can be found [here](#).

The world of St. Benedict is a relational one. Benedictine communities emphasize the power of our connectedness to each other and to God. If you're interested in learning more about the our community here at St. Martin's or perhaps even joining on of the groups, please contact me or Sarah Noble for details. You can find details on how to do that in the church directory. Tom Hale



The Men's Fellowship Group ...

put together a tentative schedule for future breakfast meetings. Please join us on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. Contact Dave Holtgrieve at 603-918-8900, email at dbleuedog@gmail.com or just show up. Your first breakfast is free. Others are at \$5 that assists us in supporting families in need at the church.

- **August:** Cooks, bottle washers, other kitchen help, and speakers are on summer vacation.
- **September:** Vip Vipatez is cooking. Ron Monark has invited five members of the First Baptist Church in Williamsburg to speak to us on their strategic planning, among other topics. The church has a fascinating history, as it was founded in 1776, meaning all original members were slaves. When Colonial Williamsburg (CW) wanted the land on which the original church was built, CW also agreed to build them the current church, located on Scotland Street. As part of the parish's 240th anniversary (2016), CW is in the process of restoring a church bell that, amazingly, has never been rung. The goal is to invite the public to help the church celebrate its anniversary by ringing the bell during February, Black History month. Each of the five men who are coming are fascinating in their own right, and Ron promises their presentations will be memorable. **The meeting is September 12, 8 a.m., Miles Hall**
- **October:** Dave Holtgrieve cooking; Cliff Dickey will speak on Antarctica Today. **The meeting is October 10, 8 a.m., Miles Hall**
- November: Vip Vipatez cooking; Vip also will provide a presentation of Richmond Hill Retreat Center on the possibility of staying one or two days at the Richmond Hill for a men's retreat and in the future a family retreat. **The meeting is November 14, 8 a.m., Miles Hall**
- **December:** Deane Gordon cooking; right now we are considering having a “couples” breakfast to ring in the holiday with wives, girlfriends, friends, prayer, song and good cheer. **The meeting is December 12, 8 a.m., Miles Hall**

Community Café

Community Café Continues in the Fall

After a successful pilot year, the area churches, in partnership with Peninsula Agency on Aging, are in the process of planning new programs for the Community Café. The Café will restart in October, again falling on the first Thursday's of the month. For those of you who are still unfamiliar with the Café concept, here is a quick recap.

The Community Café is an interfaith community builder, open to anyone over 60 years of age. It is free and includes snacks and door prizes. The focus of the Café is to present helpful, informative information regarding issues that concern seniors, in a fellowship environment. It also opens the doors of our church to the community at large and demonstrates our desire to welcome others.

Last year's topics included: physical well-being, nutrition, sleep problems, successful aging techniques, talking to your doctor or pharmacist, advanced care planning, and brain aerobics to keep your mind tuned, along with chair yoga, line dancing, sing-a-longs, recorder concerts, bingo and table talk.

So who is a Café participant? We've had everyone from 60-97 year olds. The people who come, want to be engaged, and are active in the community. Their goal is to learn, have fun, share ideas and maybe get a door prize. Although programs like this are held in continuing care facilities, the Café gives you an opportunity to meet people from other faith communities, from different socioeconomic statuses, and to find out how connected we all are. Best of all, it's free!

Due to weather problems, which wreaked havoc on attendance for some sessions, the committee decided to have three sessions in the fall and three in the spring. Our first session on October 1, will be a gentle exercise session involving Tai Chi, Yoga, and Qi Dong, with special emphasis on the positive aspects of exercise and centeredness, on the body and mind as we age. On November 5, we will have a lesson in food handling safety and a Healthy Harvest Eating treat, in preparation for Thanksgiving. December 3, will also involve food, with an International Holiday theme.

Lest you think it's only about fun, there are information pamphlets and resource people available to help with specific questions, or to direct you to referral sources at every Café.

Stay tuned to the bulletin and be sure to try out at least one of the six Café events in the future!



Resource Visitors Program Martha Caruso

There are two times in our lives when we lack independence and strength to take care of ourselves, and thus are dependent on others for compassion and care. Infancy, and during our later senior years. (I know, this is a sentence fragment; compound subjects lacking a predicate.) Yet, here are two short fragments of our lifetime that have similar, yet different goals; similar yet, different predicates. The goal of infancy is to gain physical strength, develop a compassionate sense of self, and to learn to take care of ourselves and others, hopefully making the world a better place because we were in it. The actions we take to get there are sometimes willful, self-centered, comical, thoughtful, and shaped and directed by authority figures. When we were two, there were plenty of "no's", temper tantrums and wanting things our way. We depended on the compassion and care of others.

On the flip side, what are our goals in our later senior years? And what are the actions we take to get there?

No, I am not an adult-child telling my aging parent where or how to live. No, I am not advocating that you see your aging parent as an infant in need of your care. I am talking about two times in life when we are vulnerable. One we grow out of, one we struggle through to a goal of everlasting life. Society and caregivers may feel swamped or frustrated. Conversations such as this are difficult to initiate. Older seniors may not want to impose on their children, or take advantage of free help, or spend money on help that they can't afford, or feel that they don't need. Adult children may not want to acknowledge their parent's mortality, or increasing frailty, or come up against walls of resistance from preset parent-child roles. So we diligently

Resource Visitors Program

write advanced medical directives, assign someone as our power of attorney for our financial needs, and someone for our medical decision-making. We gauge our financial resources. We seek appropriate medical care as our strength lessens, and we struggle to take care of our daily needs. Sometimes we feel less than compassionate towards ourselves, but we hope for the best.

As part of my vocation as Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator, here at St. Martin's, I have visited or called many of our parishioners. I do hear plenty of insistent "no's," as well as very polite refusals to talk about future plans. I hear frustrations about not being able to do things, like drive, or be as active as before, or being left adrift with technology, or societal changes. I do visit persons with physical maladies that threaten their independent living situations. I'm often told of fears of what is to come, both physically and spiritually. But here lies the big difference between vulnerable seniors and vulnerable infants. **Infants cannot make informed choices.** Infants are not partners in the decision-making processes of their lives. (Even though looking back as a parent, it sure felt like their behavior influenced my life quite a bit!)

The goal of a pastoral visit is to talk about what you **want** your life to look like, given your unique situation. This includes physically and spiritually. It's an effort to maintain a connection to the church family, by providing information, fellowship and support. When you're a member of Christ's family, you should not feel alone. I have tried to provide information about services in the area that may be helpful. If it's an emergency, the services may be an immediate need, otherwise, the information is just stored for future planning, and we've had a nice visit, and made a personal connection. **And where better to get information than from friends, or people that we know.**

With the help of Rev. Shirley and Faith in Action, St. Martin's has trained several parishioner-volunteers to help connect seniors and/or their caregivers with resources that are available to help them age in the familiarity of their own homes. This information may be immediately needed, or stored for future information. There is no pressure to call anyone, or sign up for anything! The Program is called **Resource Visitors.**

Many seniors in our community are not aware of the many resources that are currently available. When searching online, you may end up on a very long journey between websites, and still be unsure what type of care is provided by each agency, or even what type of care your dollar is paying for. Then when making phone calls, the computerized telephone directories may misdirect, or disconnect you.

The Resource Visitors Program is free and confidential. Information, and or visits are available for anyone over 60, or their caregivers. The number one wish for most seniors is to live in their own homes for as long as they can. The benefit of this is that older people who stay in their own homes, tend to require less acute care. St. Martin's benefits by keeping our parishioners active, engaged, and supported by the larger body of the church.

Our Pastoral team has expanded to include Sallie Wendt, Bill and Bonnie Cooper, and Diane Catuska, who have been informed of area resources, and are eager to share their gift of time and information, to make our body of Christ stronger.

For more information on the Resource Visitors Program, or to set up an information visit :

Call Martha Caruso 229-1111 ext. 107

It's always easier to have a plan and list of numbers to call before the emergency strikes.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM You may have noted an addition to the narthex— a large screen TV has been installed for the purpose of displaying announcements, and... even overflow broadcasting of services as needed. This generous gift was donated by Carolyn and Satoshi Ito in thanksgiving for selling their house on the creek. It has sprung to life and is operational. Please take a moment to notice.

A CALL FOR LEMs AND LECTORS Are you an 8 o'clocker or an 11 o'clocker who is interested in serving as a Licensed Eucharistic Minister or a Lector helping the priests with Sunday service? We are looking for people who are interested in serving in these positions. If you are interested, contact Father Clay or Sandy Dunton. We would like to have you join us in this important ministry.

BUILDING & GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS There are three ways parishioners can help B&G: (1) join the commission--it meets the 1st Monday of the month from 7-8:30pm; (2) turn out on spring and fall half-day work days; and (3) help with episodic events that call for first responders like:

- Mopping flooding in Co-op and Choir Room due to torrential rains
- Moving things from one part of our campus to another
- Helping level brick/paver walks and Memorial Garden plaques.
- Joining the list of folks with special skills such as
painting * parking lot striping * power washing * HVAC systems * asphalt/concrete walkways/driveways
repair * all types of engineers * upholsters * and anyone who is not height adverse to replace sanctuary
and Miles Hall light bulbs.

You are invited to join the B&G Commission to help once or twice a year or more often if you can. Get in touch with Satoshi Ito, Junior Warden at itoathome@cox.net.

FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS Do you enjoy being social and helping others? We have just the perfect fit. Our flower delivery ministry is seeking additional members. These folks disassemble our floral arrangements and personally deliver smaller flower arrangements to fellow parishioners following Sunday's 11am church service. Please consider volunteering to help with this. Contact Gayle Mapp at 757-784-5984 or email at gaylej1964@cox.net.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD MINISTRY @ ST. PAUL'S NEWPORT NEWS For those interested in supporting an important outreach program, please consider supporting St. Martin's food ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newport News. On **Saturday, 15 August**, a group of St. Martin's parishioners will prepare, serve, and share a meal at St. Paul's with local residents for whom this meal is important. This is a rewarding outreach experience for all parishioners—including teenagers. The St. Martin's contingent normally leaves the church about 9:30 am; serves the meal at noon, and is back in Williamsburg by about 1:30 pm. Anyone who is interested should contact Cindy Jordan (757-784-1678).

CHRISTIAN IN A SECULAR WORLD EFM is a distance-learning program, for adult Christian formation through theological education and reflection offered by the Beecken Center of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. It encompasses Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and theology over a 4-year period (you register for one year at a time). This seminar program invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and sharing actions as Christian faith is deepened. There is a new group beginning at St. Martin's in September. The group meets during the academic year on Thursdays from 7-9 pm. We have scholarships available. To find out more, please call Ann Meyer at 229-1111.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Please consider joining us for a prayer opportunity each Thursday from 12-1pm, meeting in Zig Zag #1. Quietly connect with God's presence in a supportive group environment that prioritizes silence, gentleness, and imagination.



Episcopal Relief & Development

Healing a hurting world



Giving Thanks!

June 4, 2015

Dear Ms. Smith-Graham:

Thank you for St. Martin's Episcopal Church's generous contribution of \$472.70 to Episcopal Relief & Development. Your commitment to fighting poverty and disease is essential, especially now as we celebrate 75 years of healing a hurting world.

Your friendship and generosity make you an important part of our work as we strengthen communities and our bonds with one another. Each year, more than 3 million people in nearly 40 countries participate in innovative, locally led programs that boost harvests while protecting the environment, prevent diseases by mobilizing local volunteers and empower people to build livelihoods through financial and skills training. We also support disaster preparedness and response efforts, internationally and throughout the United States. You can learn more about our programs by visiting www.episcopalrelief.org.

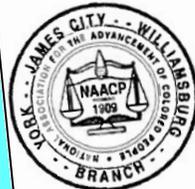
We also invite you to join us in marking our 75th Anniversary. Individuals, congregations, dioceses and groups are taking this opportunity to learn more and get involved in celebrating and sustaining our work around the globe.

For more information, call us toll free at 1.855.312.HEAL (4325), or visit the What You Can Do section of our website.

In partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

Faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke
President



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Email: NAACP@yjcwnaACP.org

Dear Rev. Riley:

On behalf of the officers and members of the YJCW-NAACP, I thank you and the members of your congregation for supporting our 36th Annual Life Membership Awards Banquet. Your contribution of \$300.00 is greatly appreciated.

The branch is committed to an active advocacy program to promote excellence in education, improve access to health care and empower individuals to register and vote. Your contribution helps these efforts.

We welcome your support and participation.

Sincerely,

Clarence Wilson
Branch President



Dear Rev. Smith Graham:

On behalf of Avalon: A Center for Women and Children, I want to thank you for your very generous in-kind donation of toiletries and notecards on 6/11/2015. Your donation made an *immediate* difference in the lives of a domestic violence survivor and her children living in the Greater Williamsburg area. Your gift will make it possible for us to serve more than 500 women and children in the greater Williamsburg area who are experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness this year.

These are just a few of the programs that Avalon provides in our community.

- 24-Hour Helpline
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Children's Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Counseling and support groups

You are helping to make a difference in the lives of others and, like our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, you are assisting in making our community a safer and healthier one. Thank you again for your support.

Most sincerely,

Bridget Casey
Director of Development and Communications

Thank you so much!



April 29, 2015

Dear Ms. Graham,

It is so inspiring to receive a gift that allows us to say "yes" to a child, family, or adult who needs the teaching and healing services provided by the institutions of the Diocese of Jerusalem. Your generosity tells people in the Holy Land that you believe in them, and that is truly powerful.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church said "yes" to changing lives through the gift of \$93.00 to AFEDJ by check dated April 16, 2015 from your Good Friday offering in support of the area of greatest need. Your heart was touched and you responded - thank you!

The difference between a good organization and a great one is the commitment and passion of its supporters. Thank you for investing in AFEDJ as we strive to have great impact. *You moved our mission forward.*

In gratitude,

Anne K. Lynn
President

St. Martin's family for your support. Thank you!

P.S. Visit our website and Facebook page, or join our email list, for news, updates, and stories. We couldn't do it without you! Call or email me at aklynn@afedj.org any time - I'd love to hear from you!

Dear Friends of FISH:

On behalf of the many FISH volunteers, and those we serve, I wish to express our gratitude to you and your members for your generous contribution to FISH. The Williamsburg area churches continue to provide a large portion of our financial support and many of our volunteers, all who serve without financial compensation. Without that support, our work would not be possible.

Your gift will greatly assist FISH in providing emergency food and clothing to those in need within our community. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

F. B. Kueser
Treasurer





Well Done, Good and Trustworthy Servants -- Paying Off the Mortgage by the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

These are the words the master speaks to his servants in the parable told by Jesus in Matthew 25:14-30. These were the words that came to mind when I learned you had met the parish goal of paying off the mortgage on Miles Hall and the parish offices and Sunday School rooms and preschool rooms. Amazing and biblical.

In the story, before leaving town for awhile, the master puts three servants in charge of different amounts of money, giving one of them five talents (units of money), another one two talents, and the third person he gave one talent. In essence, the master appoints each of the three servants as stewards to manage that which still belongs to the master. Yet, they have complete authority over the money.

One servant interprets the responsibility as holding the money in trust: he takes no risks with it, but that means the sum doesn't grow any larger. The servant who was entrusted with two talents uses those two to make two more, doubling the money. The servant who had been given five talents also doubles the money, making five more talents. Upon his return, the master greets the two who had doubled his money with praise: "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

It would have been easiest for the people of St. Martin's to say in the 1990s, we can make do without a parish hall. We can manage with small offices that aren't insulated from the weather. We can manage without enough space for Sunday School. We don't have to have the Co-Op Preschool here. But you didn't. You took the five talents that had been entrusted to you and you doubled them -- creating room for newcomers to gather and for people to grow in their faith, room for the choir to rehearse on Sunday mornings and for new children to learn they are loved unconditionally not only by their parents but also by God and safe neighbors. You have made room for youth groups from throughout the diocese (and even the nation!) to overnight as they sojourn across Virginia, proving the point that the family of the Church is larger than any single parish. You have made room for people who are homeless to be sheltered in the winter. The list goes on and on.

The doubling of the facilities might have been enough faithful stewardship. But now you have paid off the mortgage, thus reducing the total cost and removing the burden of the debt from the remainder of 2015 and 2016. "Well done, good and faithful servants. You have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things."

What an honor it is as a congregation to be entrusted with God's resources, for that is what church property is. It is not ours; it is God's. It is not built for our security and ease; it is built to provide life and growth for the new people who come to St. Martin's and future generations. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this faithful enterprise. If you were not yet able to contribute and you have the ability, we are happy to accept further special donations beyond your normal pledge toward the upkeep costs of the buildings. What a privilege to be part of the miracle!

Anniversaries

Names	Date	Month
Creig and Julie Humes	6	August
Mark and Karen Florimonte	7	August
Buzz and KathyWincheski	8	August
Ted and Mary Lynch	8	August
Ray and Mary Alie	8	August
Ed and Emily Pease	9	August
John and Julie Conlee	11	August
Dee Holmes and Christopher Howard	11	August
Shelby and Bill Hawthorne	15	August
David and Karol Link	16	August
Michael and Susan Terrien	20	August
Walter and Jean Barter	20	August
Lynn and Sallie Dievendorf	20	August
Timothy and Carol Wilson	23	August
Ted and Marsha Lyman	24	August
Jaque and Betsy Ambler	24	August
Frank and Martha Caruso	25	August
Kyra Cook and Drew Rodgers	29	August
Jim and Susan Axtell	31	August
Jim and Joanne Cheves	31	August
Rosie and John Robbins	1	September
Tony and Ruth D'Alessandro	1	September
Rene and Dana De Jager	2	September
Larry and Mandy Bostian	6	September
Jack and Edith Edwards	6	September
Bob and Mary Mulcahy	6	September
Tom and Betsy Luckam	12	September
Sue and Randy Milligan	13	September
Mark and Dani Jaworski	15	September
Dennis and Catherine White	16	September
Walter and Christine Baskin	17	September
Parker and Karen Burden	20	September
Ron and Kate Palmer	21	September
Chris and Linda James	24	September
Jim and Lynne Detmer	26	September
Augie and Sandy Liebler	2	October
Mike and Barbara Faubert	5	October
Rex and Lynn Hoover	6	October
Abby and Tom McSweeney	9	October
Robert and Anne Arseneau	10	October
Gary and Linda Osborn	11	October
Lynn and Chuck Gaunt	12	October
Jim Yatzeck and Jane Core-Yatzeck	13	October
Michael and Katie Vahey	14	October
Thomas and Ellen Postemski	16	October
Dave and Paulette Holtgrieve	21	October
Skip and Caroline Maryan	23	October



“On the Fridge” Reminders

August through October, 2015

- EVERY SUN 8, 9:15 & 11am Eucharists (S)
- EVERY SUN @ 10am Sunday School* (various rooms)
- EVERY SUN @ 10am Adult Formation* (MH)
- EVERY SUN @ various times EYC* (MH)
- EVERY SUN @ 4pm Financial Peace U* (CR) 9/20-11/15
- EVERY MON @ Noon Benedictine Grp (L)
- EVERY 3rd MON @ 6:30pm Walk the Talk (L)
- EVERY 1st MON @ 7pm Bldg & Grds Mtg (CR)
- EVERY WED @ 6:30am Benedictine Grp (S)
- EVERY WED @ Noon Eucharist & Healing (S)
- EVERY 1st WED @ 1pm PCA Meeting (ZZ1)
- EVERY WED @ 1:30pm Lectionary Study (MH) 9/9 start
- EVERY WED @ 6:30pm Bible Study-Ambler
- EVERY WED @ 4pm Bell Choir* (MH)
- EVERY WED @ 7pm Choir Practice* (CR/S)
- EVERY THR @ Noon Contemplative Prayer (ZZ1)
- EVERY 2nd THR @ 7pm Finance Meeting (L)
- EVERY 3rd THR @ 1pm Community Café* (MH)
- EVERY 3rd THR @ 6pm Vestry (MH)
- EVERY FRI @ Noon Bible Study-Noble (CR)
- EVERY 2nd SAT @ 8am Men’s Breakfast (MH)
- EVERY 2nd SAT @ 10am Order of St. Luke (CR)

- 8/3-7 VBS (Hickory Neck) 9am-Noon
- 8/15 St. Paul’s Hot Lunch Program 10:30-1:30 (Nwpt News)

8/30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL Farewell to Rev’d Shirley & Mortgage Retirement Celebration 12:30pm Miles Hall
8 /?? TBD Farewell to Shirley Coffee and Desert Drop-in Miles Hall from 7-9pm —Ice Cream Social alternative

- 9/6 Healing at all Sunday Services (S)
- 9/7 Office Closed — Labor Day
- 9/13 Canon Michael Spear Jones preaching all services 10:00am ~Forum~ Discussion of Rector Transition including Q & A opportunity (MH)
- 9/20 New directory photos after each service (portico) - THIS SUNDAY ONLY!! Don’t miss this opportunity!
Adult & Children’s Faith formation begins @ 10am
All parents + 6-12 graders Information Mtg 10am (MH)
EYC Planning Meeting (10:00-11:30am-CR)
Financial Peace University begins-weekly @ 4pm (CR)
- 9/27 Faith & Fellowship Meeting @ 12:30pm (CR)
- 10/1 Community Café, 1-3pm, (MH)
- 10/3 First 1st Saturday Food/Friendship, 6pm (MH)
- 10/12 Columbus Day — Office closed
- 10/13 Instructional Eucharist @ 6:30pm (S)
- 10/18 Monthly Teacher Meeting @ 12:30pm (MH)

RED=Liturgical; PURPLE=All Ages; BLUE=Adult;
GREEN=Child/Youth; ORANGE=Secular

August Birthdays

Name	
Shelby Hawthorne	1
Roxanne Lovelace	1
Denise Wade	2
Evan Lynch	2
Ruth D'Alessandro	3
Mercer Collier	3
Jonathan Sechrist	4
Ray Wolf	4
Holden Lovelace	5
Alex Armbruster	6
Carley McQuain	6
Kate Palmer	7
Dennis Gilbert	7
Andrew Johnston	8
Ann Gray	9
Larry Jackson	9
Carol Haas-Reynolds	10
Douglas Finch	10
Dennis Ogorzaly	12
Carolyn Ramage	12
John Dewhirst	12
Elizabeth Keller	12
Sue Milligan	12
Liindsay Coleman	13
Ann Hunt	14
Frank Starman	16
Pembroke Hoffmier	17
Susan Patterson	18

Hanson Farkas	20
Toni Beacham	21
Nicole Davis	21
Margaret Dossin	21
Alex Babbitt	21
G.G. Gray	22
Connor Williams	22
Garland Gray	23
Taylor Gray	23
Katie Finch	23
Kaitlyn Lee	23
Melissa Bird	24
Will Humes	24
Rowan Henderson	24
Sue Larkin	25
Noah Terrien	25
Linnea Patterson	25
Amy Harris	27
Bronwyn Anderson	27
Clay Riley	27
Gail Homer	27
Patty Westberg	28
Melissa Middaugh	29
Randy Milligan	30
Karon Link	30
Kayleigh Burden	30
JoAnn McGrew	31
Betsy Ambler	31
Tracy Luck	31
Will Armbruster	31

September Birthdays

Name	
Pam Wright	1
Betty Herringshaw	1
Melanie Eiselen	1
Hunter Pease	1
Lissa Arruda	2
Paul Maycock	2
Richard Bevan	2
Ruth Conners	2
Sarah Noble	2
Polly Foote	2
Mandy Bostian	3
John Enright	4
Russell Thompson	4
Ruth McMahon	5
Ione O'Connor	5
Jennifer Milby	5
Marcus Fields	5
Sam Thompson	7
Patty Ogorzaly	8
Forrest Balko	8
Rene De Jager	9
John Goomis	10
Clara Wincheski	10
Susan Lontkowski	11
Carol Wilson	11
Michael Vahey	11
Marcia Weatherstone	11
Sue Garrett	12
Nelson Miller	12
Peggy Donohue-Cope	12
Jack Molloy	13
Blanche Scharf	13
Chris James	13
Maggie Elliott	13

Gavin Meadows	13
Lisa Hewett	14
Katie Wilson	14
John Conlee	15
Marcus Starman	15
Dave Douglas	16
Brooke Potter	16
Alexa Riley	17
Allan Willey	17
Tom McSweeney	17
Adeline Nickerson	17
Mark Jaworski	18
Doug Finch	18
Elinor Lashley	19
Willis McClure	19
Patty Jackson	19
Nora Jackson	19
Christopher Flower	20
Aurora Curtis	20
Meggie Rodgers	21
Allison Gray	21
Richard Reeves	22
Randolph Cabell	22
Karol Yengel	22
Keira McInerney	22
Gilbert Elston	23
Adam Terrien	23
Dale Russell	24
Raymond Foote	25
Susanne Sechrist	25
Tom Strode	25
David Lowman	25
Dennis White	26
Alex Hardee	27
Thomas Cici	27
Marsha Lyman	28
Christine Justis	29
Ross Larkin	30
Adam Link	30



October Birthdays

Name	
Shirley Hern	1
Len Scharf	1
Susan Axtell	1
Beth Goomis	1
Bonnie Mershon	2
Todd Larkin	2
Rubye DeWitt	3
Robert Iles	3
Andrew McGrew	3
Rosie Robbins	4
Sara Dossin	4
Gilbert Elston	6
Lillian Pease	6
Lori Conen	7
Mae Pease	7
Scott Larkin	7
Kelsey Smart	7
Jordan Damian	8
Conrad Burgazli	10
Kornelia Blaha	11
Sue Ducibella	11
Stuart Jackson	13
Mikey Vahey	13
Allen Back	14
Mia Meadows	14
Allisons Hamilton	15
Edward Sykes	15
Katharine Sykes	15
Rick Jones	15
Kent McQuain	16
Elle Humes	16
Diane Gilbert	17
Ray Alie	18
Theresa Smith	18

Sam Royall	18
Pete Gushue	18
Larry Williams	19
Tom Hale	20
Drew Stelljes	20
Meaghann Terrien	20
Elayne Anderson	21
Kelly Tremblay	21
Jill Gushue	21
Victoria McLaughlin	23
Margaret Sykes	23
Eric Johnston	24
Don Noble	24
Elizabeth Melton	25
Linda Butler	25
Barbara Faubert	25
Lindsay Resner	25
Naomi Yatzeck	25
Sean McSweeney	25
Julia Howard	26
Timothy Wilson	27
Katarzyna Terrien	28
Barbara Buder	28
Lois Headden	29
Olivia Castleman-Dry	29
Elizabeth Yates	29
Edith Edwards	30
Mary Hawthorne	31



Celebrating Another Sister Church

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

We all celebrate in spirit what several of our parishioners will be celebrating in person in September: the 500th Anniversary of ministry at St. James' Church, Welton le Wold, near Louth, in Lincolnshire, England. In 2007, a group of parishioners from this English sister church visited us, and this year they invited us to do the same, to help them celebrate Christ's 500 years of faithfulness among them.

In gratitude for their fidelity in preserving the Church and its ministries despite many challenges, we are sending them a gift of two Eucharistic vessels, the clear glass vessels used to hold our water and wine. This gift is significant because the glass vessels are blown by the Jamestown artisans at the Glass House, using a process first brought to this area by the Virginia Company in 1608, as an effort to boost revenues. It seems fitting that, in gratitude, this "daughter church" would send back to the "mother church" a gift that returns what was originally given, with interest, so to speak.

We thank the members of our parish who are travelling to Louth and ask them to convey greetings and gratitude on behalf of all of us at St. Martin's Church in Williamsburg (Jamestown).

Please Note:

The Church office will be closed for the following holidays:

Mon., Sept. 7th for Labor Day

Mon., Oct. 12th for Columbus Day

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TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS-Have you recently called the church office? Hopefully a real, live person was available to answer your call in spite of the fact that sometimes we receive more simultaneous calls than we have people to answer. If that's the case, you'll receive a recorded message. Please know you can leave a voice mail at any point by directly dialing your party's extension. For your convenience, here's the list—which is also repeated during the recorded message. We look forward to hearing from you!

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