

The Cloak

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Getting Something for Lent

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

We usually talk about giving something up for Lent. It may be chocolate, or chips or fried foods. Whatever the substance, we may make the decision to give something up during the forty days of Lent. This custom of going without something is rooted in two different habits of the Christian life: disciplining our appetites and making a sacrifice.



When we give something up in order to discipline our appetites, we are reminding ourselves that we are not just animals without control over our instincts but that we can overcome our instincts with

a decision. This may seem trivial if what we're giving up is something we can live without -- theoretically, chocolate is something we can live without (!). But the same "muscle" we use to deny ourselves of something trivial is the same muscle we use when we deny ourselves something difficult -- for example, hurting someone with our words when they have hurt us. When we are hurt, the instinct rises up within us to lash out, protect ourselves, drive away the harm. However, when we discipline our appetite to express our anger and instead refrain from hurting someone who has hurt us, we deny ourselves something more important than chocolate.

The second classic reason for the habit of giving up something for Lent is rooted in the idea of making a sacrifice. Even at the beginning of Lent, we are anticipating the last week when we revisit the scenes of God allowing himself in Jesus to die on a cross as the ultimate expression that God will stop at nothing to give Godself for us. Something deep in the human spirit wishes to reciprocate God's own sacrifice with a sacrifice of our own, even if what we choose to offer is a shadow of God's own gift to us. When we make a sacrifice, however, we should not kid ourselves. We are not earning our "reward." God's love for us cannot be earned, only given, by the Great Giver.

This classic practice of giving something up for Lent has parallels in other major religions, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, among others. The idea of the fast is to deprive oneself of something as a way of increasing our gratitude for the gifts we do enjoy.

But what if, instead of giving something up, we focus instead of getting something for Lent, or put another way, receiving? Isn't preparing ourselves to receive a gift from God just as good a spiritual exercise as giving something up? As we walk toward Easter, we are preparing ourselves to receive more than we can ask or imagine -- God's gift of eternal life for us, symbolized in Christ's resurrection. But there's a further reason for getting something for Lent. If we prepare ourselves to receive a gift, we are entering into the divine paradox: we can only give up that which first God has given us. Everything we have is what God has chosen to share with us, from creation (the earth we tread upon and the air we breathe), to our families (biological life as well as the bonds of love), to our professions (the work we have and the talents we use to do this work).

The seventeenth century poet George Herbert expressed the paradox in this way, when speaking the prayer we offer to God:

"Prayer the Church's banquet, angels' age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;"

(Excerpt from the poem "Prayer I")

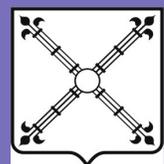
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Prayer is the Church's banquet: prayer is the table we lay out and upon which we put all the fruits and harvest of our lives. And yet, even this thing we seem to generate, prayer, comes originally not from us but from God. Just as the breath in our bodies is not self-generated but rather is the oxygen God has already shared with us through creation, so the prayers that we say are a returning to God of God's own breath and a returning of us to our birth, to God the source of life. Even when we give, we give of what we have been given, God's own life. So, this Lent, even if you choose the discipline of giving something up, remind yourself that even what you give is a reflection of what God has already given, and prepare yourself to receive the greatest gift of all.

From the Associate Rector:



The year of 2014 came with challenges for many of us. Many of our parishioners experienced changes in living situations. Many parishioners lost loved ones. Many have endured very real and scary diagnoses. These are the products of lives actively lived, the products of being open and loving each other.

One of the things that I always struggle to remember is that during challenges there always seem to be blessings that make themselves apparent. These are the blessings of community and God's work in our community. Saint Ignatius tells us that during the most harrowing of events that the blessings of God can shine through.

This is apparent at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church. One of the fears that I think is universal is the fear of being homeless; the fear of being hungry. These very real situations for some in the community of which Saint Martin's is a part. This year, during the season of Advent, this church strived to be a blessing to those who found themselves in need of a safe place to lay their heads and a warm meal to sustain them. This is the blessing that Saint Martin's could give to those in need- a blessing that flows from the Body of Christ. This is the blessing of being able to see the face of Christ in each other.

That is how we should try to see and be a blessing to those in need in our greater community. But this begs a question: how are we to be a blessing to each other during the hardest events of life? We do it together. We assure each other that this is a time to be embraced by the community. I saw this shared love and care given at the Saint Martin's Loss Support Group started here at Saint Martin's last month. This was a wonderful way for us to connect and be intentional with those in the congregation that are experiencing any kind of loss. The meeting was wonderfully shepherded by the Rev'd Nat Milton, a chaplain with the Bon Secours hospital system, and Alison Delaney, the chaplain at the Hospice House. It was evident to me that during these sessions we were able to be a blessing for each other by simply sharing and being present. During times of loss we can find the blessings of God- in our communal life with each other.

So, during this season of Lent and Easter- let us focus on the blessings of this life while we focus on God's ultimate blessing—the giving of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.



Lenten Art & Bible Experience
(With Lunch!) **February 28th**
10AM-12:30PM in Miles Hall

CONFIRMATION

May 17, 2015

@ 11:00am Service

by the Right Reverend Herman "Holly" Hollerith

If you are interested in becoming either confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church during the Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia's pastoral visit, please contact The Reverend Clay Riley (757-229-1111 or clay@stmartinswmbg.org). Youth who do not attend our Sunday school classes but would like to be confirmed should also contact either Rev'd. Clay or

Ann Meyer (ann@stmartinswmbg.org) to make their wishes known.





**Tuesday, February 17th
from 5:30-7:30pm**

Advance ticket sales
from J2A & Rite-13 Youth
between Sunday services
On February 1, 8 & 15

\$6/adult — \$4/child under 12
\$20 max/family

Wear a costume or mask (optional)
Swing to Jazz
Play lots of “pancake” games
Trinkets and Prizes

Proceeds go into Pilgrimage fund
for J2A and Rite-13 youth



Story Sunday Storytelling

Come to Miles Hall at 10am on Story Sunday and hear the
Bible stories as Jesus’ contemporaries heard them
— told entertainingly — not read or via video

There are three more stories to be told
this academic season

THEY ARE . . .

February 15- The Good Samaritan

Told by Deborah Quam

March 15- Jesus feeds 5,000

Told by Karla Dodson

April 26- Jesus is the vine

Interpreted by St. Martin’s Liturgical Dancers



If you have experienced any kind of loss (death of a loved one, job loss, divorce, medical issues, etc.) consider joining St. Martin’s Loss Support Group. The first Loss Support Group began on January 8th and was so successful that the 12 in attendance decided to meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the next three months at 1:00pm in Miles Hall. The meeting dates are February 11th, March 11th, and April 8th.

Everyone is welcome.
Just show up.

**St. Martin
shares Lenten
book choice
with beggar**



Martin's Choice for Lent

St. Martin is forming a book club for interested folks (a la Oprah). Martin suggests reading **"Cross-Shattered Christ: Meditation on the Seven Last Words"** by renowned theologian **Stanley Hauerwas**. This small but powerful book offers a moving reflection on Jesus's final words from the cross. Touching in original and surprising ways on subjects such as praying the Psalms and our need to be remembered by Jesus, Hauerwas emphasizes Christ's humanity as well as the sheer "differentness" of God.

"Cross-Shattered Christ" is an ideal book to read during our Lenten season which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 18) and goes through Easter day (April 5). The book is available through Amazon for \$13.22 in paperback, \$9.99 via Kindle or from \$0.01 in hardcover from other sellers. St. Martin's has purchased a dozen paperbacks for folks who don't do internet. Buy one from Martin or from Amazon and become a charter member of Martin's Choice Book Club.

During Lent our 10am "Common Grounds" held at La Tienda will feature conversation around the meditations. In addition there will be an opportunity to offer comments on a blog linked to the church website. On Saturday, February 28th from 10am to 12:30pm in Miles Hall (includes a light lunch) there will be a hands-on activity with modeling clay associated with the book's meditations.

Hope you will join the rest of us.



**REEL
THEOLOGY
RETURNS**

**2ND TUESDAY
OF MONTH
@ 1PM IN
MILES HALL**

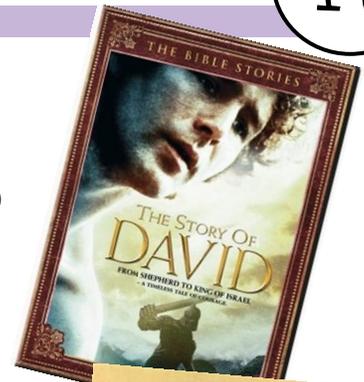


**4/14/15
NOAH**



**5/12/15
10 COMMANDMENTS**

**6/9/15
DAVID**



7/14/15

BABETTE'S FEAST



Holy Week and Easter Services

- ◆ **Palm Sunday Eucharist**—March 29 at 8am, 9:15am & 11am
- ◆ **Tenebrae Prayer Service** — Tues. March 31, 7pm
- ◆ **Wednesday in Holy Week**—Eucharist and Healing — Wed. April 1, Noon
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday**—Eucharist & Altar Stripping — Thurs. April 2, 7pm
- ◆ **Good Friday Self-guided Stations of the Cross** — on Fri. April 3, Noon to 3pm
- ◆ **Good Friday Prayer Service** — Fri. April 3, 7pm
- ◆ **Holy Saturday Prayer Service** — Sat. April 4, 10am
- ◆ **Great Vigil** — Sat. April 4, 6pm
- ◆ **Easter Celebratory Eucharist** — Sun. April 5 at 8am, 9:15am and 11am
Easter Egg Hunt on April 5, 10:15am on church grounds
Butterfly Release on April 5, 10:30am on church grounds



He is risen!!!

He is risen indeed!!!



Community Cafe



Community Café Series

The Community Café WMBG has been going strong since our first meeting in September. After our winter hiatus, we will resume on March 5, from 1:00-3:00, in Miles Hall. All persons age 60+ and/or their caregivers are invited to attend. For those of you who have not yet attended, not to worry. There are always new people and the afternoon is very flexible and free, with no need to register.

The idea of the Café is to provide information to the Williamsburg Community about the changes that occur as part of the normal aging process and to have information about local resources, events, or activities that benefit the retirement community of Williamsburg. Although the afternoon is held at St. Martin's Church, the Café is co-planned and supported by participants from many area places of worship, as well as community agencies. It is not a vendor event, but pamphlets are available, as well as a representative from The Aging and Disability Resource Center, and various parish nurses who can answer your specific questions or concerns.

The Café is meant to give information, as well as a place to meet and greet new and established friends. The format of the café is: a short speaker presentation, open- mike question and answer period, snacks, light entertainment or games, followed by door prizes; with No pressure to buy or sign away anything! Who could resist? Our feedback from participants has been very positive. So we hope many of you will come to experience what this event, which appears in your announcements, is all about.

Our next meeting on March 5, is entitled **“Safe and Restful Sleep”** featuring **Dr. Thomas Bond**, a retired sleep expert, who was instrumental in starting the Williamsburg Sleep Clinics. If you're run down from lack of sleep, or wonder how much sleep you really need, or what good sleep behavior really looks like, this may be the perfect opportunity to get your questions answered.

In April, May and June, we will begin our Series **“Planning for the Future- An Exchange of Experiences, Concerns, Conversations, and Resources.”**

The Series will have speakers and round table discussions on such issues as:

What types of needs may arise as I get older?

How will I talk to my children about these needs?

What resources are available for all income levels?

How will I get around when I can't drive?

How do I right-size my house, or move?

What kinds of questions should I ask when evaluating care giver options or long term care facilities?

As well as questions brought up by participants through round-table discussions

This is NOT a vendor event, but information about resources will be available. Invite your friends. The Cafe is free and open to all Williamsburg residents. The first 50 participants will be eligible for door prizes.

Movers & Shakers

(AKA—9:15am Service Adults)

Those of us who attend the 9:15am service on Sundays know how great it makes us feel—the not-always-traditional music and often sway-worthy beats; the voices of children singing, laughing, playing, and sometimes crying; the clergy calling us by name when they hand us the bread at communion; the uber-long Peace that finds us crossing aisles to connect with each other; the specialness of “our” children and adults singing solos; our young people providing rhythm with drums, tambourines, rain sticks, chimes, and kabasa; a shortened time-frame for the service to accommodate the attention and activity span of children; fun, entertaining and theologically astute sermons geared for our children; —

Whoa . . . Let’s look at that. The children’s sermons are great, and we all take away a nugget or two from them that often runs through our brains during the week, making us think of what we are doing and why. But they are “Children’s Sermons.” So if you need a theological boost mid-week, you might want to access the clergy sermons given at the 8:00 and 11:00am services. Any internet-ready device (computer, smartphone, tablet, iPod) can access these sermons. Go to www.stmartinswmbg.org and click on the “resources” tab across the top of the main page. In the pull-down menu you will see “Sermons,” which you should click on to take you to the page that has them all listed. Click the link of the sermon you want to hear and it will play immediately. They are MP3 files which will play on any audio player or saved to wherever you want them. The files go back to 2007.

“Wow! That’s cool but when am I supposed to do this?”, you ask. How about in your car during your commute, or while you’re waiting for the baby to wake up, or during your daily walk or run or bike ride, or with your morning cup of coffee or tea, or use it as your daily meditation, or while the pasta is cooking, or, or, or whenever you need that spiritual lift. What’s being said here is that if you want more or feel you are missing something, this is a free and easy way to hear your clergy’s theological take on Scripture and how they relate it to the things we encounter everyday. Eye opening and mind blowing. Try it.

Episcopal Youth Community

Winter/Spring Schedule

Green = Outreach Purple = Fellowship

- 2/1/15 **Congregation invited to help make Valentines for Vets from 12:15 to 2pm in MH (lite lunch included)**
- 2/8/15 **EYC help young kids make Valentines during Annual Meeting in Miles Hall @ 10am—from 4-6pm EYC takes Valentines to VA Hospital in Hampton**
- 2/15/15 **Movie shown in Miles Hall from 4-6pm w/dinner**
- 2/22/15 **Rebounders in Newport News from 4-7pm followed by dinner on way home.**
- 3/1/15 **TBD**
- 3/7/15 **NAACP’s Special Showing: Selma**
- 3/8/15 **W&M Baseball game at 1pm-Plumeri Pk**
- 3/15/15 **Lazer Tag in Toano from 4-6pm**
- 3/22/15 **Yard Work Outreach Project 1-3pm**
- 3/29/15 **Take palms to house-bound parishioners 2-4pm**
- 4/5/15 **Take Easter flowers to house-bound parishioners from 12:30-1:30pm**
- 4/6-12/15 **Spring Break-No EYC**
- 4/12/15 **Manna Bag assembly followed by assorted games w/dinner**
- 4/19/15 **Tides Baseball game in Norfolk at 1:05pm**
- 4/26/15 **Bowling 4-6pm**
- 5/3/15 **Visit Animal Shelter (TBD)**
- 5/10/15 **Family Feud with George Roesch**
- 5/17/15 **Swing Kingz from 4-6pm**
- 5/24/15 **Possible trip to Norfolk Zoo (TBD)**
- 5/31/15 **Formation Celebration**

Winter Doldrums

by Martha Caruso

I recently found myself feeling down in the dumps. The rush and festivities of Christmas and New Year's were over, and it was cold and gray outside. Life's challenges were getting bigger in my mind's eye and I wondered if I was depressed. Attending a Home Fellowship meeting, I found most of my friends were also feeling a little malaise. As a group we decided that if we are attentive, during these down times, we can still find God hidden in our daily lives. If you're like me, however, sometimes you may need a blatant push which you cannot ignore. It came in the form of frigid weather and an ice storm, which delayed schools, closed church and caused some people to lose power. The next morning I walked into the church parking lot and was literally stopped in my tracks by the blinding beauty of the ice shimmering, like thousands of diamonds, on the trees in the sunlight. It was blinding, yet stunning, how like the descriptions of God's presence. And for a bit the depression was lifted, and the words of *Isaiah 43:19*, rang true. **"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing!"**

On the other hand, what are the symptoms of depression that might need more help than an occasional beautiful moment. The National Institute of Health and Senior Health, lists these common symptoms. If you have several of these and find they last for more than two weeks, you may have some form of very treatable depression.

- Feeling nervous or emotionally "empty"
- Feelings of excessive guilt or worthlessness
- Restlessness and irritability
- Feeling like life is not worth living
- Sleep problems, including getting to sleep, wakefulness in the middle of the night or sleeping too much
- Eating more or less than usual, usually with unplanned weight gain or loss
- Having persistent headaches, stomach aches or other chronic pain that doesn't go away when treated
- Loss of interest in once pleasurable activities
- Frequent crying
- Difficulty focusing, remembering, or making decisions
- Thoughts of death or suicide

Depression may co- occur with other illnesses or life changes. It may be the by- product of loss, a difficult relationship, financial trouble,, transitioning to a new living situation, or it may be caused by hardening or inflammation of the blood vessels in the brain. **Since there may be medical conditions or drug interactions that can cause these symptoms, it is important to mention your symptoms to your doctor.** Through a physical exam, tests, and interview, your doctor will be able to treat all of your symptoms, or possibly change medications for a better outcome. Treating depression is not a cop out, or a substitute for dealing with the process of normal grief.

Depression is a common problem for older adults, but it is **NOT** a normal part of aging. In fact studies show that most older adults feel satisfied with their lives, despite having more physical ailments. Grief after a loss is normal. Dealing with life's stresses and transitions is normal. Both of these examples can last for more than two weeks. Talk with your doctor, if your life is changing.

Remember God is present, and He formed you with great purpose. My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose *Isaiah 46:10; 3-4*

**Hearken to me, who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb;
Even to your old age, I am He, and to gray hairs, I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.
I have graven you on the palm of my hand and I will not forget you. *Isaiah 49***



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 sheets on 12/8/2014. 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

Bridget Casey
Director of Development and Communications

Thank you so much for all of your support!

Thank You for Your Generosity!



Dear Reverend Graham:

On behalf of Community of Faith Mission (COFM), thank you and the congregation of St. Martin's Episcopal Church for your wonderful grant of \$1,500 to allow us to hire an intern. We are excited to welcome Anna Newton, a William & Mary senior, to the COFM team. We are thankful for the hands-on and administrative help she will give this mission, and we are eager to see how she will be personally, professionally and spiritually impacted by the experience.

We are all blessed by St. Martin's compassion for and commitment to the homeless men, women and families of Williamsburg. Your church leadership and volunteers have tirelessly and faithfully supported COFM and the people who rely on this emergency shelter program.

Thanks to all of you, COFM will be better equipped to handle the upcoming shelter season. In an effort to always be improving our process to help homeless guests, the program is growing and the duties for board members and other volunteers are expanding. Having the help of an intern will bless us all.

Thank you so much for your generous, impactful gift.

Blessings,

Ashley Willis

Ashley Willis
Secretary



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"Helping Seniors Stay at Home"

Dear Rev Riley,

This is just a quick note from my heart to thank the members of St. Martin's for the \$1,000 grant from the Outreach Committee. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of seniors and adults who have a chronic illness or physical disability who are striving to remain independent in their own homes.

Pam writes, "Another month has passed and—once again—you made it possible for me to keep all my doctor appointments and get to the grocery store. I don't know what I would do without you!" It is comments like this that renew our passion for the mission of Williamsburg Area Faith in Action (WFIA), but it's generous donors like your organization who really make it possible.

Rev. Riley, we can only help Pam and others like her because of the ongoing support we receive from St. Martin's and others. We couldn't do it without your financial support and the volunteers from your congregation. We, and those we serve, deeply appreciate your generosity.

Warm Regards,

Rita B. Smith

Rita B. Smith
Executive Director

February Birthdays

Name	Feb
Jim Ramage	1
Nathaniel Elliott IV	1
Anson Butler	2
Michael Milligan	2
Walter Barter	2
Gina Clayton	3
Anne Kelly	4
Lee Rathbun	4
Linda Lockwood	4
Patricia Barton	5
Charlotte McNeil	6
Mills Armbruster	6
Stephen Howard	6
Gene Allender	8
Mary Ann Iles	8
Ted Lynch	8
Jack Edwards	9
Kirk Flynn	9
Aiden Butler	10
Amelia Butler	10
Reilly Flynn	10
Anna Wolf	12
Helen Smith	14
Meredith Poole	14
Mona Starman	14
Katie Green	15
Sarah Yatzeck	15
Branko Jaworski	16
Briana Jaworski	16
Emily Stefanick	17
Olivia Deaver	17
Abbey Potter	18
Dana Castle	18
Betty Tyrrell	19
Allyn Potts	20
Eli Smith	22
Roger Hoopengardner	23
Ann Armstrong	24
Becky Garrison	25
Carol Rideout	25
Lynn Hoover	25
Emma Hagaman	26
Mary Enright	27
Robert Cumming	27
Becky Molloy	28
Mary Kate Galke	28
Nikolai Sechrist	28
Patrick Kavanagh	29
Ramon Rodriguez	29

March Birthdays

Name	Mar
John Pouch	1
William Houghland	1
Stephanie Castleman-Argue	3
Mary Cabell	3
MaryAnn Church	3
Shannon Hunter	3
Ginger Dewhirst	4
Evans, Ms. Cristine Michelle	5
Cameron Deaver	5
Buzz Wincheski	6
Eleanor Hunter	6
Jordan Barton	6
Susan Williams	7
Geoff Wade	7
Don Harris	8
Dave Holtgrieve	8
Elizabeth Stelljes	8
Eloise Levy	9
David Benedict	10
Isabel Florimonte	10
Braden Stelljes	10
Joe Davis	11
Dee Holmes	12
Kyra Cook	12
Caroline Ward	13
Susan Ripple	14
Elizabeth De Jager	16
Matthew De Jager	16
Mitchell De Jager	16
Deirdre Roesch	17
Makayla Starman	17
Jack Seftas	17
Theresa Smart	18
Chuck Gaunt	18
John Robbins	19
Ruth Harris	20
Ken Butler	20
Michael Luck	20
Patrick Ward	21
Maxwell Brantley	22
Ann Meyer	23
Caroline Maryan	23
Gary Sandling	23
Julie Conlee	24
Rem Yates	25
Satoshi Ito	25
Alan Melton	26
Matt Jordan	26

March Birthdays

Name	Mar
Hunter Hagaman	27
Gabbie Jones	27
Norman Berge	28
Jessica Link	28
Susan Terrien	29
Ellenor Reynolds	30
Bill Hoover	30
Marcia Connor-	30
Ginger Ambler	30
Grace Dossin	30
Jackie Etheridge	31
Fran Ennis	31

April Birthdays

Name	Apr
Nydia Holley	1
Jeannine Schmidt	1
Anne Arseneau	2
Sandy Liebler	2
Jane Lockaby	2
Dani Jaworski	3
Mark Patterson	3
Eric Hecker	4
Sam Jones	4
Ted Lyman	5
Don Ennis	5
Lucy Chamberlain	5
Nellie Williams	5
David Link	6
Louie Wincheski	6
Ramon Rodriguez III	8
Marie Obermann	8
Pam Hawkes	8
Torbet Lovelace	8
Helen Miles	9
Carole Lynch	9
Harry Haynsworth	9
Max Ritz	9
Calhoun Armstrong	9
Tim Harris	10
Alan Bennett	10
Liza Potts	11
Mary Kline	12
Sandy Dunton	12
Gayle Mapp	14
Harry Eiselen	14
Jenny Hecker	14
Betsy Luckam	15
Jim Hay	15
Jacob Sandling	15
Gijergji Cici	16
Emma Stelljes	16
Hazel Farkas	17
Casey Bennett	17
Emily Pease	18
Lois Stough	19
Jacob Barton	19
Lynn Dievendorf	20
Meda Humphreys	21
Evelyn Berge	23
Creig Humes	23
Nancy Ward	23
Sheryll Elston	23
Linda Osborn	23

April Birthdays

Name	Apr
Amy Stelljes	23
Mark Florimonte	24
Sandy Ward	24
Madison Damian	24
Rachel Johnston	25
Carina Dolci	26
Steve Kauffman	28





Rawls Byrd Elementary School

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Karen Swann
 Principal

Melissa White
 Assistant Principal

January 5, 2015

Dear Parishioners of St. Martin's Episcopal Church:

On behalf of Rawls Byrd Elementary School, we want to express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and assistance to our families in need during the holidays.

Everyone has praised the overwhelming gestures from your church to make Christmas special for our students and their families. It is a comfort to know we have such an active and public-spirited partnership with residents of our community.

Please know your kind help will be long remembered.

Gratefully,

Karen Swann
 Principal

Melissa White
 Assistant Principal

Anniversaries		
Names	Date	Month
Jim and Sue Barton	17	Feb
Ken and Linda Butler	22	Feb
David and Celia Jolley	24	Feb
John and Beth Goomis	25	Feb
Ralph and Joyce Cobb	29	Feb
Barbara and Robert Watson	5	Mar
Cliff and Jean Dickey	6	Mar
Matt and Jodi Dolci	6	Mar
Alan and Elizabeth Melton	8	Mar
David and Joan Dry	11	Mar
Fritz and Annemarie Schreiber	12	Mar
Dennis and Patty Ogorzaly	23	Mar
Sheryll and Gilbert Elston	23	Mar
Mark and Susan Goodin	24	Mar
Norman and Evelyn Berge	31	Mar
Don and Sarah Noble	2	Apr
John and Lisa Hewett	3	Apr
Al Wolfe and JoAnne Meador-Wolfe	5	Apr
Betty and John Herringshaw	10	Apr
John and Louise Lynch	15	Apr
Polly and Michael Foote	17	Apr
Robert and Carole Lynch	18	Apr
Gary and Susan Ripple	19	Apr
Willis and Julia McClure	22	Apr
Meredith and Joe Poole	23	Apr
David Feldman and Susan Lontkowski	23	Apr
Hazel and Hanson Farkas	27	Apr

Dear Members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church,

During this season of thankfulness - Thanksgiving - I feel especially blessed by the generosity you have shown by assisting me with my mortgage payments.

During the many months of unemployment it was difficult at times to believe I would ever be able to pull myself out of debt. Although, I still have a long road ahead your assistance has made the trek seem attainable. I wish you and your wonderful congregation the most joyful and spirit filled holidays! Again, many thanks for your kindness in aiding me so that I would not lose my home.

In Christ,
 Cheryl Trexler



DON'T BE LATE TO CHURCH

Daylight Savings is March 8th- Set clocks ahead 1 hour



Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name! PSALM 100:4

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