

The Cloak

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Spring... Wow

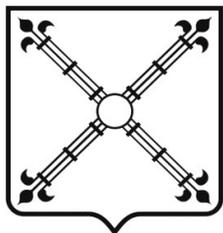
By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham



Spring keeps wowing us. First, we were wowed with the mild temperatures, then with the gorgeous blooms, then with Easter. Thinking about people, we were wowed by children who are excited to be at church and new families who want to count St. Martin's as their home church. We were wowed by the caring and inspiration we've found in each other in the Home Fellowship Groups. We've been wowed by the courage of dear friends who have died and have come to meet God face-to-face. We've been wowed by fellow parishioners who have made huge adjustments because of health conditions. We've been wowed by healing mercies. We've been wowed by the talents of our amateur musician-parishioners, including the kids at the 9:15 service, who keep us going with their percussion. We've been wowed by the strong group that gathers each Saturday evening at 5 for the gentle

strength of the Taize-style Eucharist. We've been wowed by the Saturday and Wednesday evening dinner who have enabled God to made a miracle in community out of simple food and human labor. The office and building and grounds volunteers keep wowing us with their energy and talents: we would not be able to do half of what we do as a church without them. Most recently, we've been wowed by our graduating high school students who have served St. Martin's so faithfully -- with-out a lot of acclaim -- and are proceeding with their plans for vocational school and college. I imagine you could name other "wows."

Spring keeps wowing us, and spiritually, being wowed is a great posture to keep. To be prepared to be wowed means being open to accepting God's blessings. It means rejoicing in being a creature and not trying to be the creator. It means having your eyes open for the good things coming your way. It means consciously and daily saying no to cynicism and despair and believing in a goodness that is more than we can manage or make happen. This is the promise of Jesus's resurrection, that in God's life -- lived every day of our lives -- we experience things we cannot bring about ourselves. My prayer for each of us is that, as we merge into summer, we remain ready to be wowed.



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



From Rev. Clay

Easter and Holy Week are behind us. We saw the Alleluias ring out where they were silent for 40 days before. We saw feet being lovingly washed, candles extinguished and lit again, welcomed the newly baptized, watched butterflies fly, and proclaimed Christ is risen. This was a wonderful time for us all as a Community of Christ, a time of Church year that resembles the World Series, Superbowl, and March Madness rolled into one.

So on the week after Easter Sunday, clergy start to resemble bears in the autumn. Clergy hibernate. This year, I literally went where the bears are. I decided to take a bit of a pilgrimage to the Appalachian Mountains and the Appalachian Trail. I was resigned to go alone. Be quiet and contemplative. Visit my Extroverts shadow side. This was my thought until I received a memo from the management of the Riley household. The memo informed me that if I thought I was going by myself to go off and be eaten by bears- I had another thing coming.

So, I called a friend- a priest many of you have met – named David Rose. David is a vicar in southern Georgia and while we walked (and walked and walked and walked) we discussed our parishes and what was happening with our churches. I was glad to hear of his small and growing parish, all of his interesting ideas, all of the challenges, and loving parishioners. I think he was glad to hear of St. Martin’s ups and downs that happen naturally in a large congregation. We discussed the expansion of services and liturgies, the expansion in programming, the new and exciting things that are happening, the challenges of parking etc.

These conversations subsided though and we had to time to really figure out what our trip was all about. The true meaning occurred to me the second day of our walk through the impressive and majestic Appalachians. I woke early, as one tends to do on the trail, to ramble down a steep ravine where a creek roared to purify water for our long walk scheduled for that day. As I bumbled nosily down the slope, I started to notice the dogwoods blooming, the sound of life that was the roaring of the creek. I noticed the “no-seeums” dancing around my grubby personage. I saw and heard wildlife dancing all around me. The Appalachians were roaring to life. This is spring in the Appalachians. What my senses were telling me was that this was not just spring- but this was the Cosmos celebrating resurrection. This resurrection was not only biological, but also theological.

I felt, at this moment, as if the Angel was rolling away the stone from the clod tomb that was winter. Jesus has indeed risen and the mountains were singing out his praise. In the busy quiet of the Creekside, I allowed myself to be still and know God. I was able to be still and see his wondrous works in creation- and my life. I also knew that I was not alone- I knew God worked in all of our lives.

So, how does this majestic mountain experience translate to the suburbs? I think if we force out all of the ephemera, which is easy to do beside a creek making it powerful descent , but not so easy to do in the race that be our lives- we can realize that Easter continues. Resurrection, Grace, and Hope continue.

There is much in our lives that make us doubt as Thomas did. There is much that can pull us from the quiet daily evidence of resurrection. But, if we just take the time to see the beauty of Christ in this world and each other- we can see the stone rolled away.

This trip taught me one thing, it is nice to get away, but it also taught me that God is good and creation is beautiful and that is always true- even in front of this laptop.

So, it is my prayer that we can all continue to see Easter in the normal things- even on Hwy 199!

Blessings,

Clay+



Softball Come cheer for your Cloaks!!!!

Our games will be held at Quarterpath Park in Williamsburg. All games are Thursday night double headers and the team would love to see you there! The schedule is as follows-

May 1: 6:15 and 7:15

May 8: 8:15 and 9:15

May 15: 6:15 and 7:15

May 22: 8:15 and 9:15

May 29: 8:15 and 9:15

Jun 5: 6:15 and 7:15

Jun 12: 8:15 and 9:15

Jun 19: 6:15 and 7:15

Jun 26: 8:15 and 9:15

St. Martin's Episcopal Church Faith Formation website has been crafted to support the ongoing formation of your faith and seeks to support each age group in our church on their individual spiritual journey.

Currently, there are five specific age groups published (*Mature Adults/Baby Boomers, Young Adults, Young Families, Tweens/Teens Families and Just for Kids*) and three other categories ready to view which are for all ages (Episcopal--Ease, Safe Children-Tweens-Teens, and Faith at Work).

The last 2 categories, St. Martin's Episcopal Church & St. Martin's Pinterest Boards will take you to our main



church website (with lots of information as to what specifically is happening at the church currently) and our church Pinterest boards (that has lots of information on things that can be done as a family to good books to read or Christmas and Easter ideas, etc.). All of these sections are added to frequently.

Each of the age grouping sections have a pull-out menu that hosts a page where you individually or with friends or family can do an activity designed to help someone else and to feed your desire to act out your faith. The Mature Adults/Baby Boomers page hosts "Faith in Action"; the Young Adult page hosts "Make a Better

World"; the Young Families page hosts "Family Activities"; Tweens/Teens Families page hosts "Do Unto Others"; and Just for Kids page hosts "I Want to Help Too." It is hoped that the editor and other writers will enable this website to become the go-to place for folks who want to grow their faith for themselves, their families and others they love. Realizing that our society values product--and not so much process, this site could become the place you visit to learn how to rest in God and trust that His love for you is greater than anything you might encounter in your journey through life. As support and guidance is offered to our church family through the articles, videos, anecdotes, cartoons, exercises, and activities, we hope that if you find your specific needs are not being met, you will let us know so we can rectify that. Check out what is offered for your age group, and let us know what you think about the site and purpose for it.

E Y C Episcopal Youth Community

- May 16-18** Diocesan EYC May Weekend @ Chanco
(6th—9th grades)
- May 18** Frisby Golf & Geo Caching @ County Park from 4-6pm
- May 25** No EYC—Memorial Day Weekend
- June 1** Dinner honoring Parents in Miles Hall @ 6pm
- June 8** Graduation Celebration for SMEC Seniors @ 6pm
- July 9-13** Episcopal Youth Event in Philadelphia
- July 20** Planning Meeting for 2014-15 Year with Parents
@ 6pm in Miles Hall
- Aug 4-8** Vacation Bible School



Ascension Service —

Thursday, May 29, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

The **Ascension of Jesus** is the Christian teaching found in the New Testament that the resurrected Jesus was taken up to heaven in his resurrected body, in the presence of eleven of his apostles, occurring 40 days after the resurrection. In the biblical narrative, an angel tells the watching disciples that Jesus' second coming will take place in the same manner as his Ascension.

The canonical gospels contain two brief descriptions of the Ascension of Jesus in Luke 24:50-53 and Mark 16:19. A more detailed account of Jesus' bodily Ascension into the clouds is then given in the Acts of the Apostles (1:9-11).

The Ascension of Jesus is professed in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles' Creed. The Feast of the Ascension, celebrated on the 40th day of Easter (always a Thursday), is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year. The feast dates back at least to the later 4th century. The Ascension is one of the five major milestones in the gospel

narrative of the life of Jesus— the others being baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion, and resurrection.

By the 6th century the iconography of the Ascension in Christian art had been established and by the 9th century Ascension scenes were being depicted on domes of churches. Many Ascension scenes have two parts, an upper (Heavenly) part and a lower (earthly) part. The Ascending Jesus is often shown blessing with his right hand - directed towards the earthly group below him and signifying that he is blessing the entire Church.

Pentecost is Sunday, June 8th

Pentecost, "the fiftieth [day]", is the Greek name for the Feast of Weeks, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. This feast is still celebrated in Judaism as Shavuot. Later, in the Christian liturgical year, it became a feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ (120 in all), as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described by some Christians today as the "Birthday of the Church".

In the Eastern church, Pentecost can also refer to the whole fifty days between Easter and Pentecost. The feast is also called White Sunday, or Whitsun, especially in England, where the following Monday was traditionally a public holiday. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday.



The Reconciliation of a Penitent (It's not just for Lent anymore!)

At all times, it is customary for Christians to meditate on their practice of living out their daily lives in faith. All Christians can also find that it can be very challenging to live in a way that truly exemplifies the great commandment, loving God with our whole heart and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Acknowledging this, it is important to note that some find that the Rite of Reconciliation of the Penitent can be incredibly helpful in our journey towards acknowledging our shortcomings and the on-going striving to grow closer to Christ. St. Martin's would like to offer The Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent to all who feel called to participate in this wonderful rite of self-discovery. Please call 229-1111 or email clay@stmartinswmbg.org to make any arrangements.



Formation Celebration

Sunday, June 1, at 10am in Miles Hall

This is where we celebrate our Sunday School Students,
our Adult Formation Leaders, our Behind-the-Scenes Volunteers,
and our Teachers and Mentors

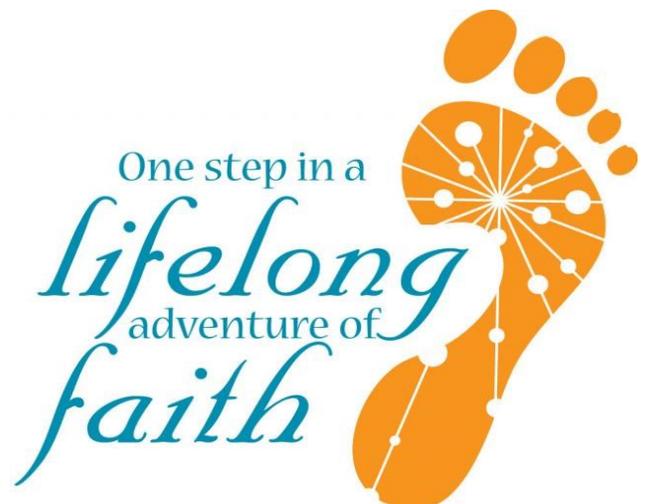
Everyone is invited to join the festivities as we recognize
the dedication and constancy of those who make Formation happen
during the Sunday 10am hour.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of five of our young people and several adults
will take place on Sunday, June 29th at
Grace Church in Yorktown, Virginia.

Bishop David Jones will officiate the Sacramental Rite
at 10:00 am in the small historic church.
St. Martin's gifts each confirmand with
a personal Book of Common Prayer.

Our parishioners are invited to attend and support
St. Martin's confirmands. When it gets closer to the
date, there will be a sign-up for those wanting to
carpool (those who are willing to drive and
those who would like a ride).





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 4th through 8th, 2014

From 9 to Noon

**3-year-olds through 5th graders at
BRUTON PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Parish House, off Henry Street,
Colonial Williamsburg**

www.brutonparish.org

There is a nominal registration fee to assist us in providing snacks & craft supplies during the week.

The fee schedule for the week is:

\$15 for the first child;

\$10 for the second child

\$25 maximum per family



It's time to register for

W E L C O M E —Vacation Bible School

Give & Receive God's Great Love

There will be an ongoing service project during the 5 days of W E L C O M E Vacation Bible School. Each day children will be asked to bring an item for Comfort Kits. These are kits of personal care items and snacks to offer to individuals who ask for our help. They are good to keep in your car for when you see or hear of any folks needing help. On Monday we ask that a protein bar that won't melt and is individually wrapped be brought in and put in the container for our Comfort Kits Outreach Project.



Registration forms are in the Narthex on the table that holds our children's worship aids and crayons. Please fill one out and mail it to Bruton Parish (address on form).

YARD SALE

Saturday, June 7th

from 8am to Noon

Miles Hall and Outside

Coffee and Donuts for Early Birds

Your Attic/Basement/Garage/

Around-the-House ITEMS

may be brought to Miles Hall

during the week of

June 2th—6th from 9am to 4pm

Pick-ups must be scheduled by

Friday, May 30th

NO

TVs, Clothing, VHS tapes

Electronics, Appliances,

Lighting Fixtures must work

If in doubt, call the office to check

if a specific item will be accepted

Donation receipts will be available

when requested

"The 17th century: Music of the Home"

Music of the Baroque era performed on original and modern instruments. Come hear compositions by Handel, Boismortier, Quantz and others, played on harpsichord, piano, recorder, Baroque flute and modern flute. These small ensemble works will introduce you to the music of the 17th century home. The players for the evening are Tom Marshall, Aidan Feldman and Tonia Herrin.

Wed. June 4th, 7:30pm at St. Martin's

There is no charge for the concert, but a free will offering will be collected.

Legacy



By Martha Caruso

One of the common introductory questions we have for people is, "What do you do?" which is then followed by a job title, some duties and accomplishments. Our lives are often defined by our work. Then we retire and we begin to redefine ourselves, hopefully by following our interests. So we may become writers, gardeners, consultants, golfers, doting grandparents, vestry members, etc. And time keeps marching on, until the question "What do you?" is answered by "I go to doctor appointments."

When our first introduction to a person is at this stage of their life, a tendency may be to be polite and maybe even appear a little patronizing. We may not notice that we are speaking to the very roots of our lives.

Woodrow Wilson observed:

Everything I know about history, every bit of experience and observation that has contributed to my thought, has confirmed me to the conviction that the real wisdom of human life is compounded out of the experiences of ordinary people. The utility, the vitality, the fruitage of life does not come from the top to the bottom; it comes like the natural growth of a great tree, from the soil, up through the trunk into the branches to the foliage and the fruit... the flower does not bear the root, but the root the flower.

As I go through the parish visiting and getting to know our congregants, both church-attending and homebound, I have been blessed with stories, opinions, and thought-provoking questions from: an FBI profiler, a member of the CIA, a teacher, a professor, an engineer, a CEO, a corporate salesperson, a stock trader, a therapist, a social worker, an aquatics manager, a navy bomb de-fuser, a general, a university administrator, and the list is as varied as our congregational family.

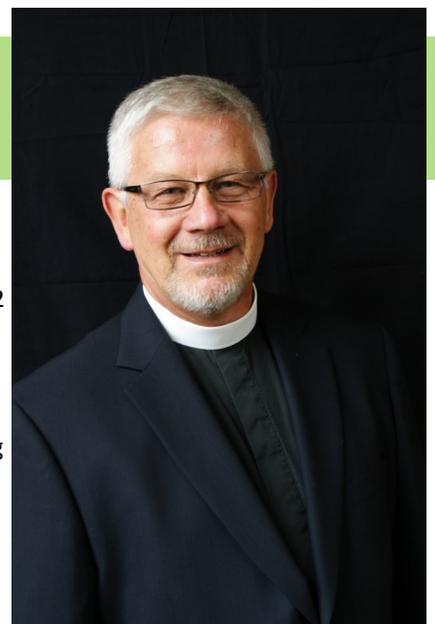
Saint Martin's has deep roots in this congregation and our present day fruits are very much a function of our deeply rooted past experiences and efforts by our very accomplished elderly population. As we travel this summer, see family, relax and have fun- **share your stories!** Videotaping an adult child, or grandchild, talking with a grandparent is an invaluable legacy. Journaling life events and wisdom gained is a gift to future generations. Let us know about important memories about St. Martin's and we'll put snippets on the Senior Pastoral Care web page for all to share.

Joel 1: 2-3 : Hear this you elders; listen all you inhabitants of the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors? Tell your children about it and let your children tell their children, and their children the next generation.

Have a great summer and enjoy your family, friends and stories!

Save the Date for ... Internationally Acclaimed Martin Smith. November 8 and 9, 2014

Plan on taking the opportunity to experience one of the most highly regarded spiritual teachers in the Episcopal Church, the Rev'd Martin Smith, the weekend of Nov. 8 and 9th, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. On Saturday, Nov. 8, Martin will lead a workshop, starting at 2 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. The workshop is called "Opening the Unusual Door. During the session, Martin will lead us in teaching, experimentation and discussion about finding God's hidden presence in the less familiar places of our experience. He is well known throughout the Episcopal Church and beyond as writer, retreat leader, and teacher exploring contemporary spirituality. His widely read books include Reconciliation, A Season for the Spirit, The Word is Very Near You and Compass and Stars. A priest since 1971, he most recently served as the Senior Associate Rector at St Columba's church in Washington, D.C., the largest parish in the Diocese of Washington, while continuing to travel widely to preach and teach. He retired in 2012 to devote himself to his roving ministry of spiritual formation. On Sunday, Nov. 9, Martin will be our guest preacher at the 8 and 11 a.m. services as we celebrate our church's feast day, giving thanks for the Christian witness of Martin of Tours.





FAITH
IN ACTION

WILLIAMSBURG AREA FAITH IN ACTION

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"Helping Seniors Stay at Home"

February 8, 2014

Dear Rev. Graham,

As people of faith, we are called to serve others. I like to paraphrase Christ's words in Matthew with a Faith in Action twist:

For I was lonely and you visited me, worried and you called to check on me, dejected and I was taken to my hair appointment, hurt and you mopped my floor, worn out from 24/7 care giving and you gave me respite, unable to climb on a stool and you changed my light bulb, could no longer drive and you took me to the doctor.

Williamsburg Area Faith in Action would like to thank your members, who are an important part of our team of volunteers carrying out our mission of assisting Williamsburg seniors stay independent in their own homes. With the help of Janet Adair, Gordon Adams, Jim Barton, Neil Hanlon, Bill Hern, Fred Hill, Barbara Hudgins, Ann Hunt, Sandy Liebler, Gayle Mapp, JoAnn McGrew, Ruth McMahon, John & Rosie Robbins and Frank Vingiello, our care receivers are transported, given a break from care giving, visited with, shopped for, have their homes cleaned, and receive help with home repairs, paperwork and yard work.

Thank you for your support, which allows us to be flexible in what we offer, but always with the same spirit of love and compassion. We ask that you keep our mission, volunteers and care receivers in your prayers. New volunteers and care receivers are always welcome!

Sincerely,

Jeane Moore
Program Coordinator

Neighbors helping Neighbors!

During this spring and summer the monthly pot luck supper for our neighbors at Rawls Byrd and others in need will continue on the last Wednesday of the month. Because we are trying to provide a somewhat healthy meal we are asking that members **bring main dishes, vegetables, salads and healthy sides**. The church will provide a dessert this time and not the main course. We look forward to fellowship with each other and with our guests. Please arrive with your dish a little before 6:00 if possible.

Call Cindy Jordan with any questions at 757-784-1678. The sign-up sheet for each monthly dinner is up and running on the web page. Please sign-up!

Volunteers needed to mentor for Williamsburg Walk The Talk (WWTT)

Williamsburg Walk the Talk (WWTT) volunteers invest their time and talent to mentor people leaving the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ) near Williamsburg, VA, to help them have a successful fresh start. This is truly a win/win because getting to know people from different backgrounds helps us grow by sharing their diverse life experiences. In the process we make sure to the best of our ability that they are clothed, fed, housed, assisted with getting a job and shown respect. The main requirement is a willingness to learn about the human resources available in the community and to patiently provide time and opportunity for the client to make use of those resources. The typical time commitment is between 5 and 10 hours per month. Training will be provided. More information and sign-up details are at <https://sites.google.com/site/wwttalk/> or reach out to john.schwenkler@hp.com



January 16, 2014

AMERICAN FRIENDS of the
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of JERUSALEM

Building Presence—Building Peace

Dear Ms. Graham,

It's a great joy to thank you and for your generous support for the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem. You should be very proud of the institutions which teach and heal in a volatile place. Those we serve are grateful for the gift of \$1,500.00 from your Christmas offering made by check dated December 31, 2013 which will support the area of greatest need.

Recently St. Andrew's Clinic opened in Ramallah and is treating those suffering the debilitating effects of diabetes. Hundreds of children will get to go to camp, and those with physical disabilities will get the therapy they need. All because your heart was touched and you responded. Thank you!

This Diocese lives the Gospel each day through their good work available to all, regardless of religious, ethnic or economic background. By extension, you do as well. Thank you for your support, your prayers and your commitment to this work.

This is a wonderful gift! We are so grateful to you and the entire St. Hyacinth's family for your generous support. Thank you!

In gratitude,

Anne K. Lynn
President

P.S. Visit our website at www.afedj.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/afedj for up to date information. Or email me any time at aklynn@afedj.org. I'd love to hear from you!

**Your contributions
and service make a
difference in our
community and
the world!**



Dear Reverend Smith Graham,

On behalf of everyone here at Avalon, we thank you for the support that you and your Congregation have shown to us. The toiletries and cleaning products you collected made a direct and immediate impact in the life of a mother and her children who were in need. And to know that there are people in the community who support our mission makes a big difference in our journey to serve victims of violence. We are grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

With gratitude,
All of Avalon



Episcopal Relief & Development

Healing a hurting world

Dear Ms. Smith-Graham:

Thank you for St. Martin's Episcopal Church's generous contribution of \$200.00 to Episcopal Relief & Development. Your commitment to fighting poverty and disease is essential as we continue our work in support of the Millennium Development Goals and communities around the globe.

Your friendship and generosity make you an important part of our work as we strengthen communities and our bonds with one another. Our programs in nearly 40 countries provide agricultural training that helps farmers produce better crops while protecting the environment, and distribute livestock that give families a source of food and income. Our health initiatives give remote villages access to clean water, and promote community outreach activities that help prevent malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. 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.

For more information, call us toll free at 1.855.312.HEAL (4325), or visit the Ways to Give section of our website.

In partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

Faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke
President



Please pass on the heartfelt thanks of everyone in the Clothes Closet at FISH to all of the volunteers from St. Martin's who came to FISH each Tuesday during the month of February to help process clothing to be given to our neighbors in need.

Your church responded with a wonderful cadre of folks who worked well and enthusiastically, who accomplished a great deal and who were great fun to work with.

FISH simply could not fulfill its mission to our community without the help of such volunteers as these who offer helping hands and open hearts to serve others. St. Martin's supports FISH on so many levels -

we are truly grateful.

We look forward to working with you again next February!

Sincerely and on behalf of all in the Clothes Closet at FISH,

Mary Kafes

FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FISH INC. HEREBY RECOGNIZES

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

AS AN OFFICIAL "FRIEND OF FISH"

And awards this

Certificate of Appreciation

for their selfless work and contributions in assisting individuals and families in crisis and need in the

Williamsburg community. With thanks from a grateful community.

Donald W. Butts
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



17 Jan 14
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Home Fellowship Group Update: There's Room for You

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

Home Fellowship Groups are a way for everybody to get a spiritual re-charge during the week and feel the support of caring Christians. Our first five groups were implemented during Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 to popular acclaim. Some of those groups will go on hiatus for the Fall. Others will continue on an altered schedule. In addition, we expect to be starting up two new daytime groups over the summer. So if you're interested in finding out more about how you can connect with other good people through a Home Fellowship Group, please call or email one of the contact persons listed below or, if you're interested in a daytime group, contact Rev'd Shirley. We limit the size of each group to 12 persons so they stay comfortable, but if you find out a group is full, the contact person will be happy to guide you to another group.

What Home Fellowship Group is

- Individuals who are willing to grow individually and together
- People who yearn for an assurance of Christ's caring for them in their daily lives
- Folks who let others share appropriately, without cross-talk, advice-giving or judgment.
- A balance of prayer, personal sharing and Christian study (often the Bible but sometimes a devotional or contemporary Christian thinker).
- A non-threatening environment
- Coordinated and resourced by Rev'd Shirley
- Initially, groups will meet weekly for six weeks, and then members can decide whether to continue. You may move between groups.
- Each group has a host, facilitator, and a point of contact.
- Each group has 8-12 people to enable a good group dynamic and an opportunity for all to share.

What Home Fellowship Group is not

- A self-help group
- A counseling or therapy session
- A Bible study (only), even though study is a component of every session
- A mentoring group

What do I do if I'm interested in a Home Fellowship Group?

- Look at the list of groups and find one that meets on a day/time that works for your schedule.
- Call or email the point of contact for the group and find out if there's room in the group.
- If there is room, go! If there's not, try another group.
- If you can't find a group that still has openings, contact Rev'd Shirley so that she can know of growth needs.

The following Home Fellowship Groups are in operation:

- **Group A, John Tyler Hwy.** Meets Thursdays, 7 –8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 6.
Point of Contact: Sue Ducibella, 259-9965, ducibes@gmail.com.
- **Group B, Ford's Colony.** Meets Sundays, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Mar. 2.
Point of Contact: Roger Hoopengardner, 903-4246, roghoop@aol.com.
- **Group C, York County.** Meets Sundays, starting Feb. 9.
Point of Contact: Alice-MarieSchwenkler, 220- 2560, amschwenkler@gmail.com.
- **Group D, New Town.** Meets Wednesdays, beginning Mar. 19.
Point of Contact: LenScharf, 345-6401, Irscharf34@yahoo.com
- **Group E, Kingsmill/City of Williamsburg.** Meets Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., starting on Feb. 6.
Point of Contact: Gayle Mapp, 784-5984, gaylej1960@yahoo.com

The next group of hosts and facilitators will be trained during the Summer or Fall of 2014 and another set of groups is expected to be launched in Fall 2014.

Looking Ahead to a Wonderful Year!

Our staff just finished planning ahead for the next academic year, and we're so excited we just had to let you know what's coming ahead! Please note on your calendars now the events that are of interest to you and, for more information, watch forthcoming *Threads* (email), Sunday Announcement Bulletins, *The Cloak* newsletter as well as Facebook and Twitter. Please note that the items listed below are simply one-time events and recurring events. In addition, the regular ministry groups of the church are doing their ministries.

June 2014 - June 2015

Vacation Bible School August 4-8, 2014, Bruton Parish
Every Sunday is Fellowship Sunday, 10 a.m. Miles Hall,

starting June 8 (Pentecost)-August 3
Youth Yard Sale June 7, 2014

1st Saturday Community Dinners: June 7, July 5, Aug 2

Pastoral Care meetings each Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Outreach Community Dinners-Last Wednesdays-dates

June 25, July 30, August 27 and beyond

Recurring Programs / Events:

Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Intergenerational Story Sunday (next evolution) and same-story Sundays following

Faith Formation each Sunday, for children, youth, and adults starting Sept. 14

Faith Formation on most Sundays, location to be announced
"Mix and Mingle" Fellowship most Sundays at 10 a.m., Miles Hall

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) most Sundays, 4-6 p.m.

Community Cafe for Seniors, once per month, info from supportive professionals, fellowship, refreshments, entertainment, involvement from various churches

1st Saturday Community Dinners, following the 5 p.m. service

Outreach Community Dinners, last Wednesday of each month, 6-7:30p.m.

Home Fellowship Groups (5+2) 5 current; 2 in process

Fall Stewardship events

Stewardship task groups launch

Fall Newcomer / inquirer series

Reel Theology, future opportunities to be announced

Lenten Lunch (once a week), possibly w/ a book study like "The Holy Longing", ecumenical, invitations to Office Park workers

Benedictine Group and proposed expansion/retreat

Instructed Eucharist, presented twice

Spring Newcomer / inquirer series

Softball in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015

Diocesan youth events (October Weekend, Happening Weekend x 2, May Weekend, Middle School Overnight, Senior Weekend, Chanco Summer Camps)

Education for Ministry (EFM), every Thursday, 6-8 p.m.

Stephen Ministry, 2 and 4 Tuesdays/month, 6-8:30 p.m.

Vestry meetings, monthly 3rd Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.

Executive Vestry Meeting, 2nd Sunday afternoon or evening/month

Finance Committee Meetings, monthly 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds Meetings, 1st Mondays, 7 p.m.

Outreach Commission (as needed)

Christian Education Committee (Adult, Youth and Child Formation) twice annually

One-Time Events:

Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Directory Photos Taken-September 7 & 14

Blessing of Animals-October 5, 10am

Daylight Savings: Nov. 2, 2014 and Mar. 8, 2015

All Saints Eucharist in the Bell Tower Memorial Garden, 7 a.m. Sat., Nov. 1, 2015

Service of Repentance and Reconciliation Sat., Nov. 1, 5 p.m., with Eucharist and Taize

Workshop with The Rev'd Martin Smith, "Opening the Unusual Door", Sat., Nov. 8, 2-5 p.m. Miles Hall

Feast of St. Martin of Tours and guest preacher The Rev'd Martin Smith at 8 and 11 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 9

Adult Faith Formation Retreat, date TBD

Benedictine Spirituality Retreat, date TBD

Thanksgiving Dinner preparation, coordination and delivery, Nov. 27, 2014

Vestry Election Dec. 7, 2014

Winter Shelter week, Dec. 7-14

Blue Christmas Service, Sat., Dec. 13, 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve (Thursday) 2014 4 p.m. Pageant, 7:30 p.m. Traditional, 10:30 p.m. Celtic

Christmas Day (Friday) 2014 10:00 a.m.

Vestry Retreat, Jan. 23 - 25, 2015, at Richmond Hill Retreat

Annual Meeting, Feb. 8, 2015, 10 a.m.

Diocesan Council 2015, Feb. 6-7 (not 100% definite)

Palm/Passion Sunday March 29, 2015

Holy Week Mar. 29 - Apr. 4, 2015 Maundy Thursday @ St Stephen

Wednesday Eucharist-Noon-Stripping of the Altar @ St Martins

Easter Vigil Apr. 4, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Apr. 5, 2015

Spring Bishop's Visitation 2015

Community Health Forum in April 2015 (#2)

Spiritual Retreat at Richmond Hill, date in May 2015 TBD

Pentecost May 24, 2015

End of Year Celebration of Christian Formation Ministries, date TBD

Birthdays May-July

Name	May
Lauren McQuain	1
Caroline De Jager	2
Matt Dolci	2
Amy Elliott	2
Sam Smith	2
Celeste Babbitt	3
Jim Weatherstone	4
Kathleen Yates	4
Evan Graham	5
Christopher Howard	5
Hunter Rutz	5
Anne Harder	6
David Jolley	6
May Balko	7
Martha Caruso	7
Scott Langhorst	7
Jamie Clark	8
Matthew Jankovic	8
Bev Olsen	8
Jordan Foote	9
Lana Young	9
Matthew Chamberlain	10
Wesley Goodman	10
Pat Haynsworth	10
Olivia Miller	11
Martha Gray	12
Virginia Willey	12
Josh Cosby	13
Annemarie Schreiber	13
Liz Sykes	13
VIP Vipavetz	13
Dick Mericle	14
Augie Liebler	16
Jim Yatzeck	16
Kerry Armbruster	17
Kelly Clark	17
Jonathan Harris	17
Bill Hawthorne	17
Bonnie VanZandt	17
Linda James	18
Mary Driscoll	19
Liam Riley	19
Melissa McInerney	20
Ron Monark	20
Ron Palmer	20
Maggie Riley	20
Rory Miller	22
Jim Osborn	22

Name	May
Sarina Patterson	22
Ginger Flynn	23
Liz Thomas	23
Richard Carr	25
Phaedra McNorton	25
Martin Garrett	26
Richard Hartle	26
Ed Pease	26
Robert Middaugh	27
Sam Harris	28
Teresa Kauffman	28
Katie Vahey	28
Emily Gray	29
Mary Osborn	29
Patricia Arruda	31
Frank Vingiello	31
Sallie Wendt	31

Name	June
Ed Stock	1
Lisa Cumming	2
Avery Weaver	2
Connor Nickerson	3
Louise Stokes	3
Kevin Kelly	4
Judy Williams	4
Noreen Adams	5
Jeff Armbruster	6
Sue Barton	6
Jake Eiselen	6
Brian Grieff	6
Anne Hearth	6
Jake Potts	6
Todd Evans	7
Hannah Potter	7
Cindy Reeves	7
Richard Shane	7
David Warren	7
Joshua Baum	8
Alice McNeil	8
Lia Potts	8
Madelyn Fields	10
Laura Houghland	10
Andrea Florimonte	11
Mark Meadows	11
Melissa Bennett	12
Kathy Grieff	12

Name	June
Diane Langhorst	12
Peach Taylor	13
Robert Brantley	14
Meredith Ripple	14
Catherine White	14
Jackie Your	14
Larry Bostian	15
David Dry	15
Ruth Hay	15
Joyce Cobb	16
Bonnie Klem	16
Meghan Riley	16
Stephen Sechrist	16
Annabel Ebersole	18
Anthony Feldman	18
Rex Hoover	18
Chip Bradley	20
Ralph Cobb	20
Gina Lynch	20
Al Wolfe	20
Judy Yates	21
Andy McNeil	22
Pickett Miles	22
Alice-Marie Schwenkler	23
Aidan Feldman	24
Chris Humes	24
Brian Smart	24
Christa Mueller	25
Catherine Sipe	25
Mark Goodin	26
Callie Houghland	26
Don Young	26
James Zapata	26
Stephen Argue	28
Karen Burden	28
Ashley Hoover	28
Carolyn Ito	28
Roma Maycock	28
Melinda Tremblay	28
Julia McClure	30

Name	July
Thomas Evans	1
Dan Jackson	1
Claire McInerney	1
Patricia Wilkins	2
Richard Ambler	3
Robert Arseneau	3
Molly Chamberlain	3

Name	July
Bob Coleman	3
Myrtle Engs	3
Leslia Cochrane	4
Tony D'Alessandro	6
Diane Dye	6
Daniel Brown	7
Quinn Collins	8
Karen McDonald	8
Melanie Davis	11
Sheila Glennon-Sandling	11
Janet Adair	13
Micichael Foote	13
Randall Dilley	14
Sarah Nickerson	14
Dick McGrew	15
Paulette Holtgrieve	16
Reed Jordan	16
Susannah Armstrong	17
David Feldman	17
Kay Russell	17
Connor Your	17
Will Armstrong	19
Bryan Arruda	19
Nathan Baum	19
Keith Potts	19
Trent Sellers	19
Thomas Hoffmier	20
Melissa Powell	20
Mary Ross Rathbun	20
Kay Gardner	21
Phyllis Glenn	21
John Lynch	21
Sarah Jones	22
Patty Seftas	22
Jim Barton	23
Frank Brennan	23
Campbell Burden	23
James Faubert	23
Louise Lynch	24
Emily Bousquet	25
Sallie Dievendorf	26
George Roesch	26
Jasmine Winfree	26
Alan Arruda	28
Celia Dolci	28
Connie Harris	30
Bill Sykes	30
Jan Woods	30

Anniversaries May-July

Anniversaries	Date
Name	May
Beverly and Craig Olsen	1
Dale and Kay Russell	2
Mark and Patty Seftas	2
Chip and Stephanie Bradley	3
Annabel and Bruce Ebersole	5
Russell and Sam Thompson	9
Jack and Becky Molloy	11
Amy and Drew Steljjes	15
Martin and Sue Garrett	17
Liza and Keith Potts	21
Amy and Tim Harris	23
Diane and Scott Langhorst	25
Mary Ann and Robert Iles	26
Stephen Argue and Stephanie Castleman-Argue	27
Lee and Mary Ross Rathbun	27
Sandy and Tom Hale	28
Gabbie and Rick Jones	29
Joe and Gail Homer	30
Jeff and Kerry Armbruster	31
Kent and Lauren McQuain	31

Anniversaries	Date
Name	June
Leigh and Laura Houghland	5
Lisa and Robert Cumming	6
Jim and Nancy Pierce	6
Helen and Pickett Miles	12
Anne and Kevin Kelly	13
Frank and Mona Starman	16
Denise and Geoff Wade	16
Claire and Gjergji Cici	19
Shirley and Bill Hern	19
Dorsey and Kathy Smith	20
Ann and Mal Hunt	22
Lucinda and Wesley Dudley	23
Jill and Pete Gushue	23
Carol and VIP Vipavetz	23
Gordon and Noreen Adams	24
Abraham and Kay Gardner	24
Anna and Ray Wolf	24
Andy and Lanette McNeil	25
Carolyn and Satoshi Ito	27
Deane and Ruth Gordon	28
Melissa and Robert Middaugh	29

Anniversaries	Date
Name	July
Ann and Will Armstrong	1
Allan and Virginia Willey	1
Dave Douglas and Kathy Urbonya	6
Cindy and Richard Reeves	7
Judy and Paul Yates	8
Richard and Ginger Ambler	9
Marcus Fields and Melissa Sparks	9
Greg and Leslie Henderson	10
Bonnie and Roger Hoopengardner	12
Jim and Marcia Weatherstone	12
Deirdre and George Roesch	16
Doug and Betsy Finch	17
JoAnn and Dick McGrew	17
Cindy and Reed Jordan	21
Nelson and Olivia Miller	21
Gary Sandling and Sheila Glennon-Sandling	21
Brian and Theresa Smart	25
Stephen and Suzanne Sechrist	26

A Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Wedding Anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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