

The Cloak

newsletter May-July, 2015



God's Gift to You

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

The Church is God's gift to you. It is gift, not only in the sense of conveying blessing, but in the sense of being gratuitous. There is nothing necessary about the Church. God could get along just fine without the Church. You and I would be worse off without it, but correspondingly it isn't essential to our existence. For the most part, except if we are homeless or without food, we could live without the Church. Yet, Jesus before leaving his earthly ministry very clearly gave his disciples to the care of one another and instructed them to share the very same forgiveness they had received with all the nations.

Sometimes we receive gifts, and we're not sure what to do with them. I have a couple of shawls that hang in my closet because they're lovely, but I'm not sure where I would wear them. I have a lovely three-tiered candy dish that someone once gave me, but I don't use it because I run out of time to polish it before my dinner guests arrive. I'm willing to bet that you too have gifts that are unused.

Do not let the Church be one of your unused gifts this spring and summer. Let Church be a gift that you use regularly and through which you give your own gifts. In this instance, I don't mean primarily your financial gifts or the gifts of your talents as you volunteer for ministry in Vacation Bible School or the Fellowship and Faith Commission or in preparing for the Bishop's visit. The gift that I'm hoping you will give regularly is the gift of worship. It's an old-fashioned word, I know, but worship is what we're made for: to live all our days in praise of God, who gives us life and the ability to enjoy it. Moreover, I can't think why we would hope for heaven if we're not interested in praising God. What else would we think happens in heaven?

The Church is God's gift to me too. I loved the worship, growth, and fellowship I experienced as part of the Church long before I became a priest. I'm fortunate to be able to work in a vocation that allows me to be in the Church almost all of the time. I'm very fortunate to have you all as partners in ministry. However, now it's time for a little forced separation, which allows me to take a step back and immerse myself in the study that fuels my ministry. There are two types of sabbatical for clergy. One is a sabbatical of rest in which the objective is to rejuvenate through relaxation and play. The other type is a sabbatical of study in which the objective is to rejuvenate through deep immersion in a scholarly subject. This second type is what I will be engaged in May 5 - July 27, 2015. I am grateful to the Vestry and the parish for being supportive of this endeavor.

As many know, for the past four years, I have been taking classes from the University of the South, Sewanee, toward a Doctorate in Ministry, the terminal degree for parish priests who choose this path. Not everyone does, nor must they. Throughout these four years, I have been refining a research area, and I have just received approved from the Advanced Degrees Committee to proceed

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with my thesis project, which has to do with helping people apprehend the sanctification God gives them. You may not have been aware, but much of my preaching and teaching for the past few years has been infused with this study, just as the remainder of my ministry will continue to benefit from it. Beyond my own growth, my hope is that the project will contribute to a new generation of pastoral theology and be useful to the formation of clergy and lay people in ministry.

This is a good time to remember that the Church is God's gift to us and that God has amply blessed us with the people we need to lead the ministries of the Church. The Vestry and Treasurer are deeply involved in the leadership initiatives of St. Martin's. Special task groups have been set up to work new areas like reformulating the Formation and Fellowship Commission and beginning Intermediate Financial Planning and Fundraising. In addition, all the normal Outreach and Worship ministries continue to happen. We are unusually fortunate to be served by an unusually talented staff and volunteer base. Please join me in valuing their work during my sabbatical time. I look forward to us enjoying the gift of the Church together when I return.



From the Associate Rector:



From the weather we are experiencing, we know that Spring has sprung. We notice new life budding all around us. The squirrels are playing, the pollen is flying and we see life all around us. This is a time of celebration and life. It is no mistake that this also Eastertide. These days that we celebrate the Paschal Feast of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is the time when nature celebrates with us in the budding life that surrounds us. It is hard for us to realize that this life surrounds us at all times. Things happen that obscure our view of this re-

budding of creation. We experience loss. We experience financial difficulties. We experience the hectic machinations of life that seem to steal our time from us.

These blinders that we experience is why the place we worship together is called sanctuary. This is a place that we can come and noticed the life around us. This is the life that comes to our life through the risen Lord. This Sanctuary offers solace, but that is not the only thing that it offers. The sanctuary offers us all a glimpse of the Body of Christ- Body that supports each other. A Body that strives to help us all notice the resurrection life around us. The responsibility of the Body of Christ is not one that exist only in the confines of these walls. This responsibility exists in the world as well, for you are the Body of Christ in this world.

So, it is my prayer that when we notice one of our Brothers and Sisters who are having difficulty seeing the beautiful work of the resurrection in their lives, we can be there for them and support their journey into the resurrection. Let them know that the Body is there for them. Let them know that the Body is lifting prayers heavenward for them and all of us. We are all disciples, and our job is to notice the resurrection in the world and ourselves. It is also true that we are be there for each other when this difficult world presents things that obscure the view of Christ from us. This is truly work that enables us to say that "Alleluia, Alleluia!"



What your Associate Rector is up to!

I hope all is well with you and I want to start by letting you know that-

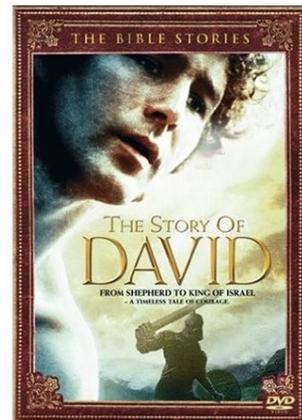
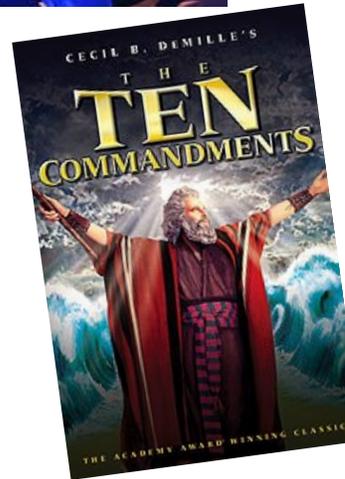
The Executive Board oversees the Programs of the Diocese set out in the Canons or approved by Council. It reviews the finances of the Diocese. It reviews policies and procedures relating to the work provided for in the Programs approved by Council, or the Executive Board, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the Council, when in the judgment of the Executive Board the income and the available funds of the Diocese will warrant. The Executive Board acts as the Council when the Council is not in session.

The Executive Board determines the Departments of the Diocese and defines the scope of their work. The heads of Departments are nominated (to the extent possible from members of the Executive Board) each year by the Bishop with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. The Bishop is an ex-officio member of each Department. Each Department is to submit a report to the Secretary of the Diocese by December 1st. The report is to include a summary of the work done by the department and a statement of the opportunities for future needs. Each Department submits a request for appropriations for the forthcoming year when requested by the Treasurer. The Executive Board is comprised of one clergy and one lay representative elected from each of nine Convocations for a term of three years. The Bishop may appoint two members. The Chancellor, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Diocese are non-voting members.

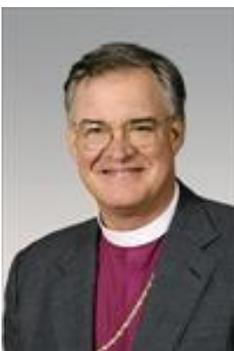
You may ask why I have given you a small lesson on Church Governance. My reasoning behind this is very simple. I have been elected to the Executive Board! At our Diocesan Council in Feb. I was appointed as the clergy representative to the Executive Board for our convocation which is comprised of all of the Episcopal Churches on the Peninsula. The Executive Board of the Diocese is roughly analogous to the Vestry of Saint Martin's Episcopal Church and I very much enjoy my role on it! I am proud to represent you and the rest of the Episcopalians of this Convocation!



This Spring and Summer sees the return of Reel Theology! This spring/summer we will show the Ten Commandments, David, and Babette's Feast. The screenings and conversation will happen on the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in Miles Hall. Feel free to pack a brown bag lunch or a snack! This program will need five participants to attend each individual screening for it to run, so feel free to call in and sign up at 1-757-229-1111! The dates of the program are May 12th, June 9th, and July 14th. Hope to see you there!



The Bishop is coming, The Bishop is coming!-



On May 17th, The Bishop of The Diocese of Southern Virginia, Hollie Hollerith IV, will visit Saint Martin's Episcopal Church. He will preside and preach at the 11am service. This visitation is the traditional time of confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church. The day will be scheduled as follows- Bishop Hollerith will meet with the Vestry in Miles Hall at 10 pm before the Service at 11am service. After the service, Saint Martin's will honor our the newly confirmed and those who are received into the Episcopal Church with a light meal in Miles Hall. We would also ask that those who are able park in the Williamsburg Office Park to do so, as we want to reserve the normal parking area for those who might encounter some difficulty with the stairs from the Office Park.

We look forward to celebrating our diocese and those who are being confirmed and received on that day with you!





A new class is forming for the fall.

What is EfM?

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a Christian education program that enables lay people to live into their Baptismal promises and to serve the church and the world. The four-year program consists of study and reflection on Scripture, church History, and Theology in the context of an intimate and supportive community.

Integral to EfM is the practice of reflecting on one's life in a faith context through models of theological reflection. EfM students recognize that everything they do—as a worker, friend, parent, volunteer—calls them into ministry, and they prepare for the ministry by systematic study and guided reflection in a group setting. Each EfM group includes six to twelve students and is facilitated by a trained mentor. Groups meet for two to three hours once a week for nine months, usually during the school year, and students commit to one year at a time. Education for Ministry is a program of the school of Theology Programs Center at the university of the south in Sewanee, Tennessee. It has been in existence over thirty years and has graduates world-wide.

EfM students say

“EfM materials should contain a label that reads: ‘Warning! This may change your life.’”

“Faith enrichment, that’s what it is.”

“We learn to listen to one another without attempting to change one another, feeling compassionate rather than judgmental.”

“EfM has given me freedom to doubt and encouragement to think for myself.”

“EfM teaches me to articulate my faith.”

“EfM is a ‘team sport’ in which we challenge and encourage one another.”

“There is more fellowship in EfM than in any other group I know.”

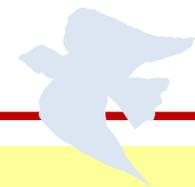
Who is doing it and what do I get from it?

There are currently twenty-seven active or organizing Education for ministry seminar groups in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. They are located in seven of the nine convocations. For students enrolling in one of these diocesan-sponsored groups, the tuition is reduced to \$350 per year.

What do you get for \$350?

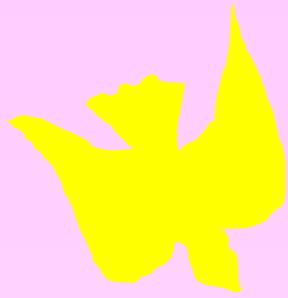
- ⇒ A 30-year international program with over 8,000 students and graduates worldwide.
- ⇒ A seminary generated curriculum spanning the Old and New Testaments, plus Church History and the evolution of Theology.
- ⇒ Contemporary scholarship that is accessible to people with a high school degree and also meaningful to people with PhDs.
- ⇒ A mentor who is trained to facilitate group life and can make learning effective and transformational.
- ⇒ Training in a unique process called Theological Reflection designed to enable students to apply what they are learning to their everyday life.

*Is it time you started
Education for Ministry?*



The Call for Youth Lectors-

After our successful Palm Sunday, we thought we would offer our youth the opportunity to serve the Church by reading scripture during our services on a more regular basis. There is a bit of training involved, but it is a wonderful ministry that enriches the entire parish. If you are interested in being a part of our worship teams and you are fall within the ages of 12 and above, contact Father Clay to sign up. The youth that are interested can expect to be placed on the Rota in the fall!



Installation of Pentecost Flames

Pentecost—the day that is described in the Book of ACTS when the Holy Spirit appeared as wind and fire to all those who heard The Apostle Peter in Jerusalem that day.

This year it falls on Sunday, May 24 soooooo on Saturday, May 23rd at least 5 people who are not height-adverse are needed to install Pentecost flames. If we start @ 9am there would still be time to enjoy your Saturday.

If you have Saturday free and would be willing to help, please call Ann Meyer (229-1111 or 645-8891). The installaton takes about 2 hours.



A Prayer for Mothers

Creator God,

Your love knows no bounds—
loving all mothers, knowing that
not every mother is in the same
stage of motherhood— some are
still praying for the child they
desire; some are in the busy daily
grind of parenting, and others have
grown children leaving the home.
Regardless, we rejoice in You that
we have a God who hears our
prayers when we cry out to You on
behalf of our children.

AMEN



A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers, who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Community Cafe



By Martha Caruso

As we prepare for spring and summer, we would like to thank all those who have participated in our first year of the new program: Community Café WMBG. The seed for the program was planted last summer as the Williamsburg Faith Community and the Williamsburg Aging and Disability Resource Center, (WADRC), tried to assess the needs of our community's senior citizens and to provide a venue for information and fellowship to be exchanged.

The free program met on the first Thursday of most months and included a variety of topics and entertainment, as well as snacks and prizes, donated by area businesses. Topics included Brain Health, Brain Aerobics, Nutrition as we Age, Exercise, Advanced Directives, Talking with Your Doctor and Pharmacist, Sleep Needs and Problems, and Successful Aging Tips for Different Stages of Retirement.

Entertainment included performances by the Windsor Winds, The Tidewater Recorder Society, The Good Time Line Dancers, as well as Bingo, and brain games.

Our last Café Series, beginning on April 16, focused on *Passages: Making the Most Out of The Transitions in Your Life.* Our final Cafes for this year, May 21 and June 18 will focus on discussions and questions that arise from our table discussions at our April 16 Café. As you can see, we have tried very hard to keep the content of the Cafes to be driven by the participants' requests for information.

The Faith Community and the WADRC will continue to revisit and restructure our program template over the summer and hope to continue next fall. Questions, suggestions or other input is always welcome.

The following places of worship, individuals, and businesses helped to make the Café possible through planning, presenting, advertising or donations. We thank them all for their participation and support!





What is the Benedictine Rule at St. Martin's?

There are two groups that are currently meeting at our church who, under some form of the above title, are "study groups" gathering weekly to explore the work of Benedict of Nursia, in Italy. St. Benedict was a 4th Century Christian who formed a community of men into a monastic group on a mountain top - Monte Casino - south of Rome amid the chaos after the fall of the Roman Empire. The groups at St. Martin's are part of a resurgence of world-wide Christian interest in the ideas and spiritual direction that Benedict explored. His ideas blossomed after his death into hundreds of monasteries and convents that developed across across Europe. Many still exist around the world in various forms but the large, impressive monuments we see in our travels are mostly historical testimonies to another time.

Why is his work so relevant and exciting today, so many years after his death? In major part, I believe, it is because the emphasis he had was not on "What am I to believe to be a Christian?" but "How am I to live my life to be a Christian?". To that end, he established a set of Christian rules of life that people in all kinds of communities might follow every day. The basic components of the "The Rule" included (1) regular prayer, (2) study of the Bible, (3) hard work, and (4) love and service to others.

Of course, his original brothers and sisters lived in monastic communities and that context was certainly different than ours today. Our modern challenge is to try and accept those same challenges and adapt them to our modern world. Both of our groups are active, busy study units that work and pray together to work and find God's presence in our lives. God is all around us - we have to continually recognize His presence in spite of the distractions.



St. Martin's 2015 Census

The recent census provided the clergy and the Vestry with some very useful information:

(a) We are in the process of updating our data base to reflect current e-mail addresses, which will allow St. Martin's to communicate accurately and more directly with members of the congregation;

(b) Because of having complete birth dates for parishioners, we now have a much better understanding of church demographics. We are the multi-generational congregation we thought we were, but we now have more precise insights into the make-up of our various "generations"; and

(c) A useful percentage of census respondents identified a "Pastoral Need/Concern/Issue." The identified needs range from support to the family, to classic outreach for those lacking basic necessities of life, to issues revolving around aging, to spiritual formation - to name the most prevalent.

Information and insights from the census go to the very heart of how the clergy and Vestry can better serve the St. Martin's congregation. We are grateful for the responses, and we thank all of you!



Taking a Break from the Saturday Evening Service

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

During May 9 - September 5, St. Martin's will be taking a break from offering our weekly Saturday evening Eucharist. This service has been successful beyond our original aspirations. We created it to make a "low-bar" entry for people who might not be used to church or the Episcopal form of worship. We have found it a place to welcome these people as well as those who work on Sundays and those whose family commitments call them to be elsewhere on Sunday mornings. For a segment of our regular Sunday morning congregation, the peaceful and less formal style of Saturday evening worship gives them a dimension of experience they enjoy in addition to Sunday mornings. A number of our seniors enjoy attending in the summer months when the daylight lingers. Of course, nights the Home Fellowship Group offers a home-cooked meal afterwards have been a big hit and an easy way to get to know one another and feel the love of Christ.

It's hard to take a break from something that is working well and fills so many needs. To put it bluntly, your clergy need to reduce from four services a weekend to three for a short time, and, even if we had money in the budget for supply clergy, it's hard to find clergy who feel comfortable leading worship in the Saturday evening mode. As a result, the Vestry and I ask your patience as we give Saturday evening a rest and look forward to being with one another again in worship in the fall. We will resume Saturday evening services on the second Saturday of September, the 12th. In the meantime, if you are looking for an alternative or supplement to Sunday morning worship, we encourage you to consider the following:

- Weekly Wednesday 12 noon Eucharist at St. Martin's with healing prayers.
- Friday evening "Recovery Eucharist" at 5 p.m., led by Rev'd Lauren MacDonald at Bruton Parish Church, call Bruton for specific dates.
- In addition, Grace Church in Yorktown conducts a Taize Eucharist once a month.

Finally, our Sunday morning worship service schedule continues through the summer with the normal 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. schedule since these services are each distinct in their liturgy, style and population -- plus, we can't get everyone in the church at the same time(!).

Buildings and Grounds

Since assuming the chairmanship of the Buildings and Grounds Commission, I've been on an education campaign, facing the realization that the current main buildings were constructed in the mid-seventies, approaching 50 years. Moreover, we added most of what became Miles Hall in 2000, making that part now 15 years old. As our campus and buildings age, it is inevitable that repairs and replacement will continue. This year we've had two major jobs and a refrigerator replacement which cost St. Martin's nearly \$20,000. The first major job was to replace the grease trap, required by law for a kitchen of our size. The second 2015 job was completed in April, which was to replace the hot water recirculating pump. The siding of the main building has been replaced by Hardi-Plank, done in steps over the last several years. We've delayed work on the last portion which includes, in part, the portion protected by the portico. Earlier this year, we had several roof inspectors report on the condition of the roofs, including that of the Zig Zag building. The most urgent repair needed, expectedly, is with the Zig Zag building now fully a half century old. A small group of us is charged with these ongoing challenges. Should you share our commitment to become disciples to care for our hallowed buildings and grounds, we welcome you to join us the first Monday of each month (with the exception of August) at 7:00 p.m.

Satoshi Ito, Chair, Buildings and Grounds Commission, and Junior Warden

Men's Fellowship Group

The group meets the second Saturday of the month in Miles Hall at 8:00 a.m.

Our purpose beyond great fellowship is to help families (anonymously) in need at Saint Martin's with our small treasury. We work with Shirley and Clay to identify the need and funding. We have helped with car seats, clothing, and school supplies.

Also, we have some out of church projects such as weekly food pickups from grocery stores for delivery to the Grove Food Bank assistance program. And, for the past few years we have assisted the chaplain at Eastern State Hospital with clothing for some of the patients before the Christmas holidays and singing by some of our group. It seems that they really like our singing, go figure that one!

We have a rotating "chef" that is responsible for the breakfast with assistance from volunteers. We start with prayer before the meal, chat during breakfast, have a program of some type either secular or non secular, and end with a closing prayer before clean up.

The breakfast cost is a whopping \$5.00 (the funds go for the breakfast and items noted above) and for a first time visitor, it is free. So, if you have not attended, please ascertain if your schedule will permit a visit. We welcome you.

The next four month schedule is as follows:

May, head chef is Satoshi Ito. Program, parishioner Drew Stelljes has tentatively agreed to talk about his experiences directing W&M's OCES (community outreach) program.

June, head chef is Vip Vipavetz. Program, Dean Gordon will present on the Order of St. Luke.

July, head chef is Dave Holtgrieve. Program, Mike Fager will deliver a talk on long-term care insurance.

August, no breakfast as it is summer vacation recess!



Vacation Bible School

At Hickory Neck — Aug 3-7 — 9am to Noon

This year's theme is

“Children Called by God: Building Faith Brick by Brick.”

We will learn about faith through the examples of children and youth in the Scriptures: Joseph, Moses' sister, Samuel, David, and Jesus. After hearing each story, we explore the story through play using LEGOs, Duplos, and similar building toys in imaginative ways. The children also reflect on these stories through music, art, recreation, and snacks.

Registration forms for children and volunteers will be available by May 1st, so watch for more information in Threads.

Church YARD SALE

**Saturday, June 6
8am to noon**

Donations accepted Mon, June 1st through Friday, June 5th from 9 to 4.

(tax receipts available)

Call 229-1111 for a pick-up
We do not accept electronics or adult clothing. Children's clothing is fine.

We have moved our 10am Adult Formation offerings to Miles Hall.

It is easier for some of our parishioners to access and provides a better space to show any video series we offer. We sadly leave La Tienda, but encourage our parishioners to attend their Friday and Saturday night Tapas and Dinner evenings.

Fun and wonderfully delicious.

Thank you to the Harris family and their staff for such caring hospitality.

Thank
You!





Laws of the Heart

The Ten Commandments by Joan Chittister, OSB
A 12 session Video series with facilitated discussion

Two offering times:

Wednesdays 1:30-3:00pm in Miles Hall (following noon service)
and
Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm
will meet in Choir Room

Start dates have been determined!

Wednesday group begins May 6;

Thursday group begins May 7



Formation Celebration

Sunday, May 31

at 10am in Miles Hall

*Everyone invited to help recognize
our Sunday School teachers and
leaders!*



March 19, 2015

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
ATTN Rev. Shirley Smith Graham
1333 Jamestown Road
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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 household items on 3/19/2015. 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 all
for your amazing
support!*

Offerings of Thanks!



Dear Reverend Graham:

On behalf of the Community of Faith Mission (COFM), we want to thank St. Martin's Episcopal Church for being a shelter Host Site. You opened your doors and hearts and provided generous care to those who are homeless in Williamsburg. You are a gift to the COFM Shelter Program.

We understand that it is difficult to rearrange your regular weekly program schedule and accommodate guests, and that it is a logistical challenge to give up rooms in your church that would otherwise be occupied. Hopefully these challenges are outweighed by blessings experienced by all of your wonderful volunteers!

Your congregation's role in the Community of Faith Mission, in the service to struggling people in our community, has been invaluable. Thank you for partnering in this exciting work. We hope St. Martin's will join us again in our next shelter season.

Blessings,

Ashley Willis
Secretary

CC: Rev. Riley

Vestry Corner

What is it? Here's where you can find available summaries and/or financial updates from the monthly Vestry meetings.

Where is it? You can easily find it on St. Martin's web. Once at www.stmartinswmbg.org —point to the **HOME** option found along the top menu bar. A dropdown menu will appear with more options. Click on **VESTRY**. You'll find the Vestry Corner located on the right side of the page — items organized by month.

More complete information? That's available too! Complete minutes from each meeting are also available on our web page, www.stmartinswmbg.org. Please consider visiting the online archive. Find the link by pointing to the **RESOURCES** option on the page's top menu bar, and clicking on the **MEMBERS ONLY** option. A password is required. [Please call the office to learn the password if you don't have it!]

St. Martin's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Summary

Date: April 16, 2015

Reporter: Melanie Davis

- 1. Approval of March minutes:** The Vestry approved minutes submitted by Nellie Williams.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Ron Monark presented the year-to-date financial report. Ron advocated there is no need for a budget deadline to predict the entire year at this point in time. The Vestry agreed with Ron's approach of monitoring financial changes against overall. For example, the objective to increase revenues is on track with a positive response to the Rector's personal appeal to parishioners who had pledged in the past and not renewed and givers of record who had not previously pledged adding \$34K in pledges last month.
Overall, the balance sheet is down from last year, per planned Human Resource expenses, but there is still \$225K in cash accessible funds. The key take away is we must now plan on how to ensure resources for the church's future as generations before us did.
The Rector and Senior Warden noted appreciation for the countless hours Ron has spent understanding SMEC cash flow and accounting practices.
- 3. Stewardship Update:** Charter for Intermediate Financial Planning Task Force, chaired by Matt Dolci, was discussed. A sub group will refine the charter wording within next 30 days.
- 4. Vestry Action Plan Update:** Positive response to the recent census with 234 forms received. Lora Price is entering these into database; Bruce Ebersol and Cindy Albert will analyze the data and publish results. Congregation is still welcome to submit forms.
- 5. Ask, Thank, Tell Book Discussion:** Powerful messages in shifting personal giving response from "How much of mine do I give to God" to "How much of God's should I keep" and learning to be "disciples of God" rather than "members of Church club" will need repetition. Vestry to ask Faith Formation Groups to read and share book with youth, so they get this message early.
- 6. Summer schedule changes:** Vestry agreed to remove the Saturday night service from the calendar May-Aug. Provide clear confirmation that the service will we resume in the fall and advise of alternative service options in the meantime. Neighbor-to-Neighbor meals will also take a summer hiatus.
- 7. Prayer Partners:** Rector Shirley Smith Graham had Vestry members draw prayer partners with whom to share concerns and pray with intent on vestry matters causing personal concerns.
- 8. Diocesan Vestry Training Workshop:** Melanie Davis reported on the workshop she and Satoshi Ito attended in February. Not Vestry 101, but a frank discussion of 'adaptive leadership' that Vestries can adopt for addressing the challenges facing the church today given society's changing attitudes towards the role of church and personal preferences for commitment of time as well as money.
- 9. Building and Grounds Committee Report:** Cliff Dickey reported that the kitchen grease trap has been replaced. Spring Cleanup date postponed. Roof repairs will be needed.
- 10. Stewardship Update:** Shirley SG and Ted Lyman advised the Fund Raising Task Force is planning a short-term campaign to pay the remaining \$72K mortgage off early.
- 11. Executive Leadership Report:** Barb Watson gave the report, confirming coverage plans during Shirley's sabbatical May-July. Congratulations to Shirley, whose doctoral thesis subject was approved.
- 12. Important Dates:** Vestry will meet with Bishop Holly at 10am during the Bishop's Visitation and Confirmations May 17, 2015. Nelly Williams will arrange a parish lunch following the services.
The Parish-Wide Celebration and Staff Thanks You to be held at 4pm on September 13, 2015.





June Birthdays	
Name	June
Ed Stock	1
Lisa Cumming	2
Avery Weaver	2
Louise Stokes	3
Connor Nickerson	3
Kevin Kelly	4
Judy Williams	4
Jeff Armbruster	6
Brian Grieff	6
Charles Red	6
Sue Barton	6
Anne Hearth	6
Jake Potts	6
Jake Eiselen	6
Cindy Albert Reeves	7
Todd Evans	7
David Warren	7
Hannah Potter	7
Lia Potts	8
Alice McNeil	8
Laura Houghland	10
Madelyn Fields	10
Mark Meadows	11
George Cici	11
Andrea Florimonte	11
Melissa Bennett	12
Kathy Grieff	12
Diane Langhorst	12
Peach Taylor	13
Earl Brantley	14
Catherine White	14
Meredith Ripple	14
Jackie Your	14

June Birthdays	
Name	June
Larry Bostian	15
David Dry	15
Ruth Hay	15
Stephen Sechrist	16
Joyce Cobb	16
Bonnie Klem	16
Meghan Riley	16
Rex Hoover	18
Annabel Ebersole	18
Anthony Feldman	18
Al Wolfe	20
Ralph Cobb	20
Chip Bradley	20
Gina Lynch	20
Kudy Yates	21
Andy McNeil	22
Pickett Miles	22
Brian Smart	24
Aidan Feldman	24
Chris Humes	24
Christa Mueller	25
Catherine Sipe	25
Don Young	26
Mark Goodin	26
Callie Houghland	26
James Zapata	26
Timothy Holland	27
Stephen Argue	28
Melinda Tremblay	28
Roma Maycock	28
Karen Burden	28
Carolyn Ito	28
Ashley Hoover	28
Julia McClure	30

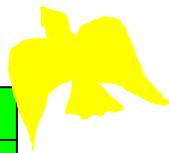
May Birthdays	
Name	May
Lauren McQuain	1
Amy Elliott	2
Matt Dolci	2
Caroline De Jager	2
Sam Smith	2
Celeste Babbitt	3
Jim Weatherstone	4
Kathleen Yates	4
Hunter Rutz	5
Christopher Howard	5
Evan Graham	5
David Jolley	6
Anne Harder	6
Scott Langhorst	7
May Balko	7
Martha Caruso	7
Jamie Clark	8
Matthew Jankovic	8
Lana Young	9
Jordan Foote	9
Pat Haynsworth	10
Matthew Chamber-	10
Wesley Goodman	10
Olivia Miller	11
Martha Gray	12
Virginia Willey	12
VIP Vipavetz	13
Annemarie Schreiber	13
Liz Sykes	13
Josh Cosby	13
Demetra Giannakakis	13
Dick Mericle	14
Jim Yatzeck	16

May Birthdays	
Name	May
Augie Liebler	16
Bill Hawthorne	17
Kelly Clark	17
Jonathan Harris	17
Bonnie VanZandt	17
Kerry Armbruster	17
Linda James	18
Liam Riley	19
Mary Driscoll	19
Ron Palmer	20
Ron Monark	20
Maggie Riley	20
Melissa McInerney	20
Maeve Sandling	22
Rory Miller	22
Jim Osborn	22
Sarina Patterson	22
Ginger Flynn	23
Lorraine Price	23
Elizabeth Thomas	23
Phaedra McNorton	25
Richard Carr	25
Martin Garrett	26
Richard Hartle	26
Ed Pease	26
Carol Holland	26
Robert Middaugh	27
Teresa Kauffman	28
Katie Vahey	28
Sam Harris	28
Mary Osborn	29
Emily Gray	29
Patricia Arruda	31
Sallie Wendt	31
Frank Vingiello	31



A Prayer for Birthdays

Our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen them to trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



July Birthdays

Name	July
Dan Jackson	1
Gordon Justis	1
Thomas Evans	1
Claire McInerney	1
Patricia Wilkins	2
Bob Coleman	3
Robert Arseneau	3
Molly Chamberlain	3
Myrtle Engs	3
Richard Ambler	3
Leslie Cochrane	4
Tony D'Alessandro	6
Diane Dye	6
Karen McDonald	8
Quinn Collins	8
Sheila Glennon-Sandling	11
Melanie Davis	11
Janet Adair	13
Michael Foote	13
Sarah Nickerson	14
Randall Dilley	14
Dick McGrew	15
Reed Jordan	16
Paulette Holtgrieve	16
David Feldman	17
Kay Russell	17
Susannah Armstrong	17
Connor Your	17
Will Armstrong	19
Keith Potts	19
Bryan Arruda	19
Trent Sellers	19
Thomas Hoffmier	20
Mary Ross Rathbun	20
Melissa Powell	20
Jess Lockaby	20
Kay Gardner	21
John Lynch	21
Patty Seftas	22
Sarah Jones	22
Jim Barton	23
James Faubert	23
Frank Brennan	23
Campbell Burden	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
John Bright	30
Jan Woods	30
Bill Cooper	31
Bonnie Cooper	31

"On the Fridge" Reminders

May through July

RECURRING EVENTS — ACTIVITIES:

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

5/2 Last 5pm Saturday Eucharist until September (S)
5/2 Last 1st Saturday Food/Friendship, 6pm, till Sept.(MH)
5/3 Healing at all Sunday Services (S)
5/25 Office Closed—Memorial Day
5/31 Formation Celebration @ 10am (MH)
6/1-5 Yard Sale Collection 9am-4pm (MH)
6/5 J2A Lock-In from 6pm to 8am (MH, ZZ)
6/6 J2A Yard Sale 8am-Noon (MH,L,Church Grounds)
7/3 Office Closed—Fourth of July
7/21 From His Hands @ Noon (K)
7/22 CLOAK Quarterly Newsletter Deadline
8/3-7 VBS (Hickory Neck) 9am-Noon

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



Office Closures in May-June-July

Memorial Day Monday, May 25
 Independence Day Friday, July 3

Celebrating Anniversaries

Anniversaries	May
Names	
Dale and Kay Russell	2
Mark and Patty Seftas	2
Chip and Stephanie Bradley	3
Bruce and Annabel Ebersole	5
Sam and Russell Thompson	9
Jack and Becky Molloy	11
Gordon and Christine Justis	13
Drew and Amy Stelljes	15
Martin and Sue Garrett	17
Keith and Liza Potts	21
Jess and Jane Lockaby	21
Tim and Amy Harris	23
Scott and Diane Langhorst	25
Robert and Mary Ann Iles	26
Lee and Mary Ross Rathbun	27
Tom and Sandy Hale	28
Rick and Gabbie Jones	29
Gail and Joe Homer	30
Jeff and Kerry Armbruster	31
Lauren and Kent McQuain	31

Anniversaries	June
Names	
Carol and Timothy Holland	2
Leigh and Lurn Houghland	5
Bill and Bonnie Cooper	6
Nancy and Jim Pierce	6
Robert and Lisa Cumming	6
David and Elaine Benedict	7
Helen and Pickett Miles	12
Kevin and Anne Kelly	13
Frank and Mona Starman	16
Denise and Geoff Wade	16
Bill and Shirley Hern	19
Clare and Gijergji Cici	19
Kathy and Dorsey Smith	20
Mal and Ann Hunt	22
VIP and Carol Vipavetz	23
Lucinda and Wes Dudley	23
Pete and Jill Gushue	23
Kay and Abe Gardner	24
Ray and Anna Wolf	24
Andy and Lanette McNeil	25
Carolyn and Satoshi Ito	27
Deane and Ruth Gordon	28

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



Rite 13 Ceremony

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