

The Cloak

newsletter Nov.—Dec 2014



Waves of Gratitude

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham



A wise person once told me that feelings come and go, like waves lapping the ocean's shore. We are like the sandy beach: we receive each wave that comes in, and we're still there when the wave goes back out to the ocean's depths. It's good to let these feelings come and go. Trouble comes when we start judging these feelings as bad, telling ourselves that we shouldn't feel sad, or angry; that we shouldn't feel fearful; that we shouldn't feel happy; that we shouldn't feel grateful. Instead, it's important to let the feelings come and go.

This message is important in two ways as it pertains to having a grateful heart and giving of oneself to this church community – in time, talent and treasure. First, it's important to let the feelings of gratitude wash over us and nourish us. Just like our bodies need the restorative properties of water, so our spirits need the restorative properties of gratitude. We can be grateful that today we have the strength to live; grateful that we walk into the doors of St. Martin's and people genuinely care about us; grateful for God's unconditional love for us; grateful to be in community with others who are not content to leave people who struggle economically behind in the dust. We can be grateful that there's a larger Episcopal Church which let us borrow clergy who work on the bishop's staff to stretch our own clergy resources, a larger Church that helps us with questions of insurance and how to fairly compensate our employees. We can be grateful for the children who make our 80- and 90- year olds giggle in church and our 80- and 90-year olds who demonstrate to our children that life can be lived courageously.

When we allow our spirits to be nourished by these waves of gratitude, we ourselves feel capable of giving what God has shared with us. And when we give, we experience the power that comes of being agents who are capable of action: capable of making sure endangered women and their children have toilet paper and cleaning materials at the Avalon shelter; capable of providing financially for this church so that ministries can continue to happen; capable of contributing your prayers to this holy place so that even a stranger entering its doors can recognize that this church is soaked in prayer and hope and love.

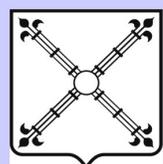
Just as you're being invited this fall to feel grateful and pledge to give financially to support St. Martin's ministries, you may, however, experience feelings other than gratitude. Other waves, also, might wash over you, waves like frustration, anxiety or even shame. Sometimes people get frustrated that the church asks for money. It may feel like another request for limited resources. That's a natural feeling: let it come and let it go. As you think about how generous you'd like to be to provide for ministry, you may feel anxious about not being able to fund all the priorities in your life as much as you'd like: let that feeling come and let it go. And, alternately, you may find yourself getting fed up with all the calls on the resources God has shared with you, and you might choose to simplify and do without some things so that you can more fully invest in other things. Let the feelings come and go, and then exercise decision-making that's in line with your values and what's important to you and who you are as a member of this community of St. Martin's Church.

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From the Assistant Rector

During this time of stewardship and giving of ourselves to the Glory of God, being that we are the Hands and Heart of Christ in this world- I thought it would be a good time to let you, the Body of Christ, know the impact that you have had on the lives of those who need our help.

St. Martin's was founded with a strong ethos of being a part of the community. We have grown as our community has grown. When growth is encountered in a community, the needs of the community grow as well. The figures below represent a sketch of not only cash donations that you as St. Martin's Episcopal Church have expended, but also the volunteer work hours that have grown this community. These numbers also represent the

value of the goods donated to those in need in our community. We are a blessed Church who continues to be a blessing to our friends in need.

- At years end will have **donated approximately 500 bags of groceries** to FISH with a value of approximately \$5000.00
- **Implemented the new Neighbor + Neighbor meals program** joins those in need to parishioners fostering a sense of community with those who volunteer, provide food, and attend.
- **Community Health Forum**, the program that focused on advocacy, crisis intervention, and recovery issues for the Williamsburg area had 80 attendees and representatives from many different social service and non-profit agencies.
- We have **fed over 225 meals to the homeless in Newport News** in partnership with St. Paul's Episcopal Church with a value of \$1,125.00
- **Distributed over \$17,000** in financial assistance to international, national and local individuals and organizations so far this fiscal year.
- Many individuals have taken on ministries in partnership with other organizations such as **Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Avalon, FISH, Walk the Talk Prison Ministries.**
- **Christmas Angel Program** that has delivered gifts to the disadvantaged youth of the Grove area.
- 596 volunteer hours involved with the **Winter Shelter** last December this accounted for \$5,960 of impact to the local community. We are ready to do it again this winter!

The impact of Saint Martin's is not one of only treasure donated to local non-profits, after all the United Way and the Community Foundation specialize in distributing significant funds to the non-profits that fill the gaps of care in our community, but we give of our selves, our souls, and our bodies, all to the Glory of God.

We will continue meet Christ by building a relationship with those in need, as well as donate significant funds to the organizations that we partner.

This year, our proposed budget will designate \$9,000 to be donated to area non-profit organizations, \$5,000 to go to those individuals from the community who are in need of emergency assistance. We, for the first time, will designate \$2,000 for the internal outreach ministries (those ministries that impact our community and are unique to Saint Martin's). These ministries will include Neighbor + Neighbor, The Winter Shelter for FY 15, St. Paul's homeless program, The Community Health Forum, and other ministries as they might arise.

If you have any questions or concerns about outreach, I am available by phone at 229-1111 ext. 102, email at clay@stmartinswmbg.org, or for coffee! Blessings to you all during this season of worship, expectation, thanksgiving, and service!

Newly Appointed -- Associate Rector

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

The vestry and I are delighted to announce an improvement in response to a long-term desire of this congregation: to be a church that is supported by two seasoned full-time clergy. The model we've operated under in the past has been to have an experienced rector and a newly ordained assistant rector. However, with the growth of our congregation (both in terms of size and the complexity of its needs), we have come to realize that the congregation's desire is to make relationships with two clergy that can be sustained over the long-haul.

It was our hope, when Clay Riley was hired three years ago, that he would grow in experience and skill such that, about the time we as a congregation were able to offer a more senior position, he would be able to fulfill it. At its September meeting, the vestry affirmed my decision to offer Clay the permanent associate rector position, newly converted from the assistant position. He has accepted our offer, and as a result, Clay will work more independently and with more authority in the areas he has already been supporting: Outreach, Faith Formation, Ecumenical Relations, and administration of the licensure process for Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors and Lectors in addition to the routine clergy duties of preaching, designing worship, leading worship, pastoral care, bereavement care, spiritual direction, teaching, weddings and funerals as well as diocesan ministry responsibilities.

We are fortunate indeed to welcome Clay into this newly converted position.



All Saints Service- 7am Nov. 1st, 2014

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This beautiful reading from the Revelation to Saint John reminds us of the mercy and love God has for us here and now, as well as the love for those Saints who have passed before us. Saint Martin's will acknowledge that love and the gift of the lives of those parishioners and loved ones who have joined the Communion of Saints and found their place at the heavenly banquet table when we **celebrate the Feast of All Saints at 7am on Saturday, November 1st** in the Memorial Garden. During this solemn service we will acknowledge the love for those who have died in the past year, as well as those loved ones who have moved past our sight with the celebration of Holy Eucharist and prayerful recitation of those saints whom we lift up to God on this day, which celebrates the eternal life given to us, and those who died, by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Service of Repentance for the Sin of Racism– Nov. 1st 5pm

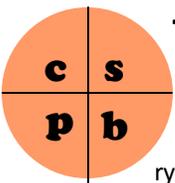
Annual Council Resolution R-1 resolved that "November 2, 2014, All Souls Day will be designated as the 'Day of Repentance and Reconciliation' in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and parishes will annually hold this observance during the octave of All Saints." The spirit of reconciliation and repentance for the sin of racism will be prayerfully honored at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church in Williamsburg on **November 1st at 5pm** as we acknowledge our transgressions of the past and repent for those sins against our brothers and sisters in Christ that we have committed as an institution and as individuals. The service will conclude with the celebrating of Holy Eucharist where we will acknowledge our reconciliation with Christ, as well as the entirety of the Body of Christ. The evening will then conclude with a meal of thanksgiving that will acknowledge the gift of reconciliation that God so bountifully provides to us. The **meal will be served in Miles Hall at approximately 6:15pm**



Candlelight Service (Hospice House)

Each fall, a Candlelight Memorial is held to remember the lives of loved ones who died at Hospice House & Support Care the previous year. It is a very special time for those who have lost someone, as well as the Hospice House staff who have cared for them.

Hospice House and SMEC would like to invite you to join us this year, as we gather on Thursday, November 6 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church on Jamestown Road. Our amazing Hospice Guild provides refreshments at the end. If you would like a loved one's name to be read at the service please call Allison DeLaney at 757-206-1177 on or before November 4th.



The Rule of Benedict at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church

There has been a wonderful tradition of Benedictine prayer and spirituality at our parish for the past several years. It might not be known to the parish that an intrepid group dedicated to the Rule of Saint Benedict has been gathering for Morning Prayer, study, and fellowship at 6:30am every Wednesday in our Sanctuary for many years. This group has grown in popularity and now includes members from other Episcopal Churches and other denominations. This has led the leadership of this group to propose an expansion of this centuries old tradition of Benedictine study and prayer by offering to gather, pray, study, and share a meal together. This new offering will take place every **Monday at 12 noon in the Sanctuary beginning on November 17th, 2014**. The Church will provide the first few meals, so if interested please call Fr. Clay at (757) 229-1111 ext. 102 or email clay@stmartinwmbg.org so we will know how many to expect!



St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Service-

A joint service of thanksgiving in partnership with Saint Stephen Lutheran Church will be conducted at St. Stephen at **7:30pm on Tuesday November 25th**. Please join Saint Martin's Episcopal Church and Saint Stephen Lutheran Church to prayerfully lift our voices in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings of this life. Saint Stephen Lutheran Church is located at 612 Jamestown Rd., Williamsburg, VA.

Christmas Pageant

Just in case you were wondering what we are planning for our annual Christmas Pageant at 4pm on December 24th know that we are going to keep it as simple as possible--very low stress. Anyone (child, youth or adult) who would like to be in the pageant will need to sign up in the Narthex so we know how many people will be involved. Our readers usually come from the 6th through 12 graders, but younger readers are encouraged to volunteer too. On the night of the pageant we ask that the "cast" come to Miles Hall at 2:30pm where we will hear the story, pick our costumes, practice cues and movement, and then nibble on protein snacks to ward off any hunger pains during the 4pm service. If you have questions or would like to help with the "production and direction" phase of the pageant, please let Ann Meyer know by either calling 229-1111 or emailing ann@stmartinswmbg.org

The Pageant is a wonderful way for families to begin their celebration of Christmas. Therefore, we encourage whole families to take part. We have costumes for all ages and sizes. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the table that holds the children's worship aids. Please sign up any family members that would like to participate .



The Episcopal Youth Community invites you to

A Parish Pot Luck and Advent Wreath Workshop

November 30, 2014
from 4:00 to 6:00pm
in Miles Hall

Parish Pot Luck

Please bring—A main dish (meat or casserole)
OR A side dish
OR Dessert —
To serve 8 people

Advent Wreath Workshop

Please bring

- Evergreen cuttings from your or a neighbor's yard
- Garden snips or shears
- A large round plate that will hold water
- Fragrant herbs (Rosemary, Thyme, etc.) &/or berries
- Oasis, waterproof floral tape, candle holders and candles are provided for \$5.00.

We will begin with dinner then move on to Advent Wreath Making.

This is always a wonderful family activity and you leave with a great way to celebrate Advent.



Children's Worship Aids

We have added to our repertoire of quiet

activities your children can use during our worship services, knowing that children have the capacity to listen and absorb even while coloring, petting a stuffed animal, looking or reading a book or manipulating a toy. There is a hanging rack on the wooden post next to the table in the narthex that holds our crayons and coloring pages each Sunday. On that rack are small colored material bags containing a manipulative toy, a tract explaining what we do in our services, and a small book of pictures from famous painters. Below the rack and bags is a box with stuffed lambs in it that can also be taken into church. There is a book in the same box that goes with the stuffed lamb entitled "Let us Pray." In addition to the coloring pages and crayons on the narthex table is a graphic novel by Ernest Graham entitled "The Unlikely Chosen" which could be enjoyed by a child that reads. You are encouraged to make use of all of these worship aids, but unlike the coloring pages, the material bags, lambs and book, and the graphic novel should be returned to their original place so that children from other services can use them too. We hope your children will use and enjoy these aids.



When Christmas Is Hard, Come for Strength

By the Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

Even a good and fulfilling life is interrupted by tragedy. When one of these tragedies involves the death of a close relation or friend, we may encounter cycles of grief that come back around to us at holiday times. Getting extra support in a non-intrusive way can be a helpful way to get through the holidays.

In general, it's good to participate in the community life in a way that feels manageable to you. Don't isolate yourself, but participate in something where there aren't a lot of expectations put on you. For example, you might sign up to provide Thanksgiving food for families in hardship. Or you might make a habit of going to the Saturday evening eucharist service at 5 p.m. instead of the Sunday morning service. Or you might come to the Thursday, Contemplative Prayer session to get steadied spiritually.

In addition, two methods of support are available specifically in anticipation of Christmas for people dealing with grief: our **Blue Christmas Service on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m.** and our booklet on surviving the holidays.

Our Blue Christmas service is a beautiful Eucharistic service with readings from scripture as well as other inspirational resources and provides an opportunity specifically to give thanks for and remember our loved ones. In preparation for this service, a live Christmas tree will be outside the church in the portico for you to place an ornament with a picture of your loved one, starting Nov. 30th, the first Sunday of Advent. This is a way of gently including those we love but see no longer. Feel free to bring friends or neighbors to this service. We will make sure to help them feel welcome and included.

In addition, I hope you will pick up a surviving the holidays booklet from the narthex (entryway of the church). The booklets should be available starting Nov. 30th.



Don't Cheat Yourself: Celebrate Advent as well as Christmas



The Rev'd Shirley Smith Graham

While you're planning how you'll celebrate Christmas, be sure to include the four Sundays of Advent on your calendar, Nov. 30., Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21. Each one has special meaning and adds depth to your experience of Christmas. During the four Sundays of Advent, the readings from Holy Scriptures and the music explore themes of honesty, justice, mercy, and the hunger for hope. We frankly acknowledge the places where God's seeming absence creates the desire in us to have Christ be visible in our midst.

Then, choose one of more ways to celebrate Christmas with us.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, there are three services:

4 p.m. Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eucharist with Choir and String Ensemble

10:30 p.m. Music Sing-Along with Celtic Christmas Eucharist at 11 p.m.

Usually, there's plenty of room at the 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. services, but we plan to offer overflow seating in Miles Hall as a way of preparing for Easter, when our crowds are much bigger. So, feel free to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for Christmas as we look to expand our capacity. "Overflow" will be made possible by the special gifts of parishioners who are enabling us to stream announcements to the new TV display that's to be installed in the narthex (entryway) and stream the service from video camera in the sanctuary to simultaneous projection in Miles Hall. Anyone seated in Miles Hall during the service will be invited by the ushers into the church for the distribution of Holy Communion.

In addition, on **Christmas Day (Thursday), at 10 a.m.,** we offer a simple and cheerful Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving for the Christ Child come among us.



Christmas Altar Flowers

—Sign-up Options

You're invited to help beautify the sanctuary by providing altar flowers this Christmas season in memory, celebration or thanksgiving. An appropriate donation is \$20-\$25. A list of donors and those honored will be placed in bulletins for Christmas services. Please indicate your interest by using the online sign-up form found on St. Martin's webpage (www.stmartinswmbg.org) or Tear off and complete the boxed mini-form found in our Sunday bulletins during November. Checks made out to SMEC and marked "Christmas flowers" may be placed in the collection plates or mail to St. Martin's, 1333 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg 23185. Watch for updated information in upcoming weekly Threads or announcements.



The 7th & 8th graders are raising money for their trip to Washington, D.C. where they will participate in [The Welcome Table](#) at The Church of the Epiphany. They are selling tickets to the Belk Charity Sale at \$5 each. Ticket holders will receive 20% to 70% off of Belk purchases storewide, including special savings on rarely-discounted brands. The Fall Charity Sale is set for Saturday, November 8th. If you are interested in buying a ticket, please contact Cindy Jordan at 757-564-1807 or email her at cwjordan_2@msn.com.



The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Capital is selling tickets to a private screening at New Town Regal 12 Theater on **Saturday, November 22, 2014, at 8:30am**, the opening weekend for this highly anticipated film. KCCC will use the proceeds from this screening to help fund its 2014 Christmas Toys for Kids Drive. The price of each ticket is \$15 of which \$7 is tax deductible. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Jim Pierce at 880-0996.

This film (the 3rd in a four part series) raises important dialogue about justice, economic resources, food security, and civic responsibility. To look at the story line on a deeper level, the games are symptoms of economic inequality and government exploitation within 13 different districts of a society. The games are an "entertaining" cover up to disguise the current economic inequalities.

50th ANNIVERSARY WINE FUNDRAISER—

Through your support \$453.20 was raised to purchase food for the Winter Shelter. Thanks especially to Geoff Wade and the vestry for facilitating such a successful and fun event.



Our first Sunday 10am

Adult Formation took place on Sunday, October 19th at La Tienda, the Spanish delicacy shop owned by the Harris family and located right behind us off of Jamestown Road (we share the

driveway). Twenty-five parishioners met in *La Tienda's la barra* ("the house bar") for informal Conversation and **The Eighth Sacrament of the Episcopal Church -- COFFEE** (latte, cappuccino and tea for \$2.50 made with Spanish coffee of course. Spanish breakfast pastries also available at low cost). The ambiance of La Tienda provided a great place to get to know one another better, have great coffee/tea and pastries and talk about how we'd like to see Faith Formation happen in this environment. Some great suggestions were made and will be considered by the Adult Formation committee. Come up the hill behind the church and join us while the children and youth are in Sunday school.

Christmas Giving Tree

Saint Martin's Episcopal Church will be collecting Christmas Gifts for the youth in need of our area on Dec 7th and 14th in the Narthex. The process is evolving, so stay tuned to Threads for more information!



Community Café WMBG

Our first Community Café WMBG, held at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church on September 4, was very successful with over 75 people attending. The idea to create an interfaith community for those of us who are over 60, or caregivers of parents over 60, began this past summer. The following churches participated in organizing the event: Ascension of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, King of Glory Lutheran Church, St. Bede’s Roman Catholic Church, St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, and St. Stephen Lutheran Church. Also supporting the Café through advertising and attendance, were: Unitarian Universalists, Williamsburg Baptist Church, Williamsburg Community Chapel, and Williamsburg United Methodist Church. The Faith Task Force began under the auspices of the Senior Services Coalition, in an effort to inform the public about services in the Williamsburg area, and to provide a venue for fun and fellowship.

The September Café Topic was “Physical Well-Being”. The Senior Services Coalition arranged for several volunteer experts to form the panel. Nancy Rivolta, Director of Memory Care with Comfort Keepers, addressed the topic of brain health. Heather Cordasco, Fitness Consultant, spoke about maintaining health and balance through physical exercises, and Sonja Mitchell, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension, described healthy foods and nutrition needs as we age. The panel answered questions and provided resource tables for further information on the topics. After the short presentation, the Windsor Winds, a group of musicians from WindsorMeade, led a nostalgic sing-a long. The afternoon was filled with information, fun and fellowship.

We would very much like to thank the businesses that donated prizes: American Family Fitness, Bucktrout, Comfort Keepers, Day Springs Farm, Food Lion John Tyler Highway, Fresh Market, Iron Bound Gym, Jewelry by Pierrette, La Tienda, Morrison’s Flowers and Gifts, Trader Joe’s, Victoria’s Restaurant, Williamsburg ENT Audiology Allergy Clinic, Home Care Assistance, JCC Social Services, Nelson Funeral Home, Rite Aid Jamestown Rd., TPMG Strive Physical Therapy. Community support is essential to this new endeavor, and the gifts from these businesses added to the joy of the afternoon.

The Community Café WMBG is intended to be a monthly event held on the first Thursday of each month. October’s topic was “Advocating for Yourself in the Health Field” and included a discussion from a doctor and pharmacist, followed by line dancing.

Our next Café will be held on November 2, from 1:00- 3:00 in Miles Hall. The topic is “Plan the Future You Choose” Advanced Directives will be discussed, as well as how to plan for joy and positive experiences in your life, through a Positive Life Review. Our entertainment segment will be Bingo. So come enjoy the fun, meet friends from all over Williamsburg, get some information, and maybe win a small prize.

Martha Caruso

Neighbor + Neighbor

During this holiday season, the scheduling for our Neighbor + Neighbor will change slightly. In November we will serve a thanksgiving meal to those in our neighborhood who are in need physically, spiritually or just enjoy fellowship on **Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30pm**. The month of **December will see the meal held on the 17th at 6:30pm** to facilitate the holiday events and closures at Saint Martin’s. This is a wonderful program

Joanne Cheves and Myrtle Engs



November, December, and January’s outreach offerings

The Open plate offerings for outreach, customarily scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, will be designated for the Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission in November, The ARC of Greater Williamsburg in December, and AVALON will receive our outreach offering for the month of January. We will also donate one half of the open plate to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem during all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship Group meets every second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at a nominal cost of \$5 and free for a newcomer's first breakfast. Breakfast, fellowship, prayer, and at times a presentation by a member or guest, are activities of the morning.

Recently, we had an inspired presentation by David Benedict on the The 3e Restoration Process. He explained that this local organization hopes to break the cycle of homelessness and extreme poverty through gracious hospitality and systemic change one Friend or Family

at a time. This is a great initiative to help friends in need within our community. Some of the men are going to attend An Evening with 3e Restoration fundraising dinner at the **Colonial Heritage Country Club on Friday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m.** If you have interest, contact David at dsbenedict@cox.net.

Last month, we had an informative presentation by Satoshi Ito on the Growth of U.S. and Japan 1865-1941. It was interesting how he compared the growth and expansion of the two countries during this period of time. Next month, Cliff Dickey will provide a presentation on the Nicene Creed.

As you may note, we have a lot of variety going on. It is a great time for fellowship, prayer, and learning. And the food is great, with at times, specialties that are not limited to but include, delicious waffles, tasty kielbasa sausage, scrumptious quiche, and most recently pancake mix and pure maple syrup made in New Hampshire...yum, yum! Please come join us.

Welcoming the Homeless into our House Winter Shelter 2014 December 7th-14th

This year St. Martin's will continue to extend the invitation to act as a Shelter Host Site to help the homeless community in the greater Williamsburg area We will be hosting the homeless the week of December 7th-14th, 2014. We will need many volunteers to cover December 7th, 12th, and 13th. The shifts will begin at 5pm and end at 8am the following morning. The shifts will require cooks for dinner and breakfast, intake people, and overnight people. We are very blessed this year to have two church partners, Hickory Neck Episcopal and King Of Glory Lutheran, who will be taking responsibility for the other days. This is a much needed program in our area, one that will be a blessing for our guests and for us. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful program, please contact Dorsey Smith at kathygail105@aol.com or Fr. Clay at clay@stmartinswmbg.org or (757) 229-1111

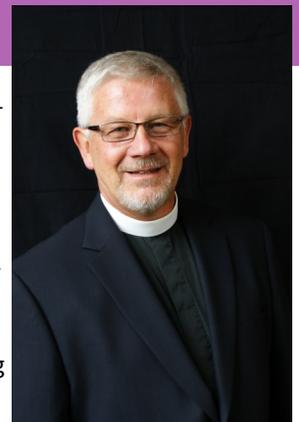
This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know members of the Saint Martin's community as well as members of the larger community, whom we have been called to serve! Please stay tuned to Threads, facebook, twitter, and the Announcement insert in your Sunday Bulletin for news and information about this wonderful project!

APPRECIATION SERVICE

January 10th at the 5 p.m. Taize/
Come and Fill Our Hearts Eucharist an appreciation service will be held for the volunteers and supporters of the Winter Shelter Program. A Pot Luck meal will follow in Miles Hall.

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.



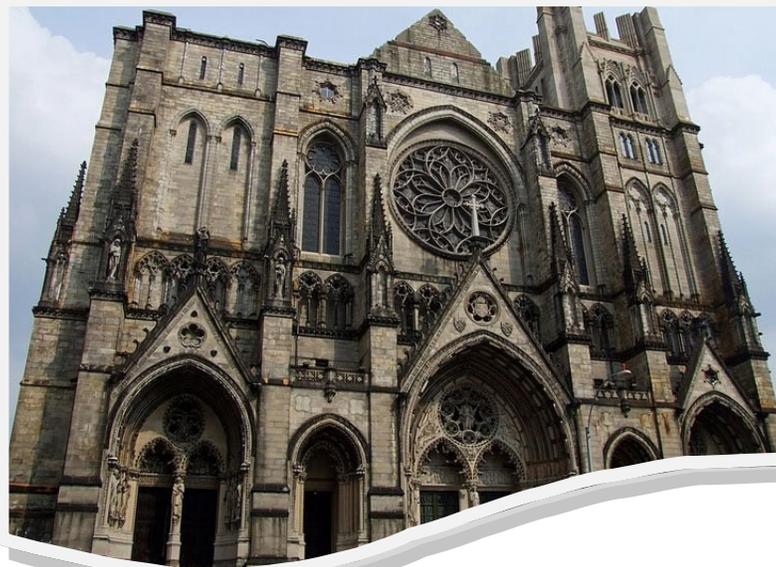
EYC Meetings

Sixth through twelfth graders meet every Sunday at various times. We join together to enjoy one another's company and to do outreach activities. As you can see from the descriptions below, we have a lot of fun. Youth are always welcome whether you've been before or not. You may also bring along a friend!!

Times are in description of event

9/14/14	(Parents & Youth)	Parent/Youth Meeting
9/21/14	(Ann & Richard Ambler)	Manna Bags to keep in car to give to Homeless 4-6pm @ MH
9/28/14	(Ann & Mona Starman)	Care Packages for College Freshmen (each youth brings 8 wrapped snacks) 4-6pm @ MH
10/5/14	(Bobby Jankovic., Shirley & Clay)	Swing Kingz (\$12/youth; food & fun included) 4-6 @ Swing Kingz
10/12/14	((Karen Burden & David Warren)	Trail Walk at WISC (bring snack & bottle of water) 4-6pm @ WISC
10/19/14	(Dani Jaworski & Pretlow Pacheco)	Berkeley Plantation Corn Maze (\$6/youth; \$11/adult) 1-5pm @ Berkeley Plantation
10/26/14	(Carrie Cooper & Parker Burden)	Geo Caching @ York River State Park (need cell phone, bag dinner & drink) 1:30-4:30pm @ Park
11/2/14	(Alan Arruda & Gary Sandling)	Yard work for identified parishioners 2-4pm @ parishioners' home
11/9/14	(Pretlow Pacheco, Frank Starman & Shirley)	Kayaking at Waller Mill Park (\$2/car entrance fee- \$5/hour/kayack-no dinner) 2-4pm @ Park
11/14-16	(Diocesan Event)-No EYC)	November Weekend-Diocesan Event at Chanco (6th-9th grades-\$120 fee-Deadline 11/3)
11/23/14	(Dani Jaworski & _____)	Hampton Roads Ice Plex (\$8 fee, \$2 skate rental, \$\$ for dinner @ Ice Plex) 2-4pm @ Plex
11/30/14	(Ginger & Richard Ambler)	Community Dinner & Advent Wreath workshop (\$5 for wreath supplies = bring greens from own yard & a side dish to share) 4-6pm @ MH
12/7/14	(Melissa Bennett & _____)	Winter shelter set up — 11am-12pm @ MH
12/14/14	(_____ & _____)	Winter shelter tear down—11am-12pm @ MH
12/21/14	(Melissa Bennett & Grahams)	Windsor Meade 4pm Vesper service (we will provide refreshments and conversation with residents prior to service) 3-5pm @ W Meade
12/28/14	(No Chaperones needed)	Christmas Vacation-NO EYC
1/4/15	(Parents & Youth)	Parent/Youth Meeting to plan 2nd half of year 4-6 @ MH

Green = Outreach Purple = Fellowship



Ninth and Tenth Grades going to New York City

At noon on Friday, November 21st our J2A class is boarding a 15 passenger van and heading north. They are registered for the Cathedral's Nightwatch Crossroads program. Nightwatch Crossroads is a Friday evening and overnight spiritual retreat for middle and high school age students, youth groups and their adult chaperones. Our group will have the opportunity to unplug from the distractions and stresses of daily life to connect with God and one another in the sacred space of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Nightwatch is a safe, spirit-centered program of joyful fellowship, contemplative-contemporary spiritual direction, devotional singing, and lots of fun activities.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, officially the Cathedral Church of Saint John: The Great Divine in the City and Diocese of New York, is the cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is located in New York City on Amsterdam Avenue between West 110th Street and 113th Street in Manhattan's Morningside Heights neighborhood

The youth going on this trip are Nate Bennett, Elizabeth, Matthew & Mitchell deJager, Andrea Florimonte, Ashley Hoover, Michael Luck, Evan Lynch and Clara Wincheski.

The adult chaperones and mentors are Richard Ambler, Mona Starman and Bobby Jankovic.

The group plans to spend Saturday afternoon seeing the sights and enjoying the hustle-bustle that is so exciting in NYC. Little Italy is a favorite for lunch and China Town is great for reasonably priced souvenirs. The new World Trade Center and the Empire State Building are on the agenda. They plan to spend Saturday night in a midtown Episcopal Church, and on Sunday morning may make their way to the NBC studios and hope to get seen on TV in the crowd outside. Close by the plaza is St. Mary's Episcopal Church, affectionately known as Smokey Mary's due to their profuse use of incense. The youth in past trips have found that church and their liturgy different enough from St. Martin's to be memorable. After Services, they board their van and are homeward bound planning to arrive back at 6pm.



If you think the Cathedral looks big from the outside, you must see the inside. From the front doors to the high altar it is two football fields long. The Cathedral is a cruciform shape and the height of the ceiling at the crossing is high enough that the Statue of Liberty could be placed there with room to spare. The stain glass windows tell wonderful stories and honor just about every occupation.



Camp Chanco

November Weekend

The registration deadline for this fall retreat for grades 6 - 9 is November 3rd. Get registration forms and a flyer by going to Diosova.org then clicking on youth, then on youth ministry then scroll down the page until you get to November Weekend. We encourage youth in these grades to attend and make new friends from around our diocese. November weekend includes music, games, activities, socials, small group discussions and amazing worship.

The weekend retreat takes place from November 14th through 16th.



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

a program of the University of the South

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a distance learning program offered to lay people by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. St. Martin's is offering this program beginning in January on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8pm in the Choir Room. Due to this time frame, participants bring their own bag dinner and beverage. Seminar members systematically go through the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology over a four month period. The group begins on Thursday, January 8 and breaks for Christmas and Easter; however, registration must be completed before the end of November in order for the class materials to arrive on time. Seminar members also experience something called theological reflection. This is an exceptionally useful tool to employ when faced with an unusual situation or when needing to make a difficult decision. The method trains one to reflect on the pros and cons of a solution in comparison to Biblical examples and reflection on the thoughts and feelings of the Biblical personalities in the example. The result of such an exercise is always illuminating. If you are a person with more questions about faith and God than you have answers, then this course is for you. The awakening of members to their own spirituality and a better understanding of individual ministry are but two of the glowing outcomes of this course. If you want more information, please contact Ann Meyer at 229-1111 or email her at ann@stmartinswmbg.org

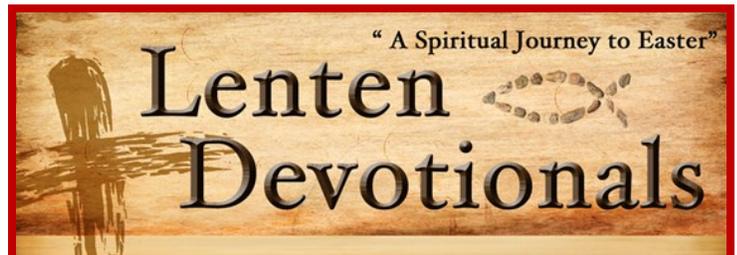
Newcomer's Class



If you are new to the Church, or just want to get reacquainted with our Anglican/Episcopal traditions and structures, please join us for this class. In this class we will explore our Anglican heritage, our theology, and traditions. The book "Your Faith, Your Life" An Invitation to the Episcopal Church will be utilized to help us explore how exactly Faith, Tradition, and Reason inform our understanding of scripture and the polity of the Episcopal Church. The class will also explore why the sacraments are so central to our faith as an outward and visible signs of the grace with which God blesses us. The classes will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays. The dates are January 6, January 13, January 20 and January 27. The class will be held in Miles Hall at 7pm.

Fall Clean Up Day

On November 15th intrepid volunteers will assemble to clean the church grounds and kitchen! There are jobs for all from age 9-89! The Building and Grounds would like to invite you to be a part of this illustrious crew! Arrive at the Church at 9 am on Saturday, November 15th for fellowship and a bit of light work that help us ready the Church for Advent! Refreshments will be served!



This year Lent starts on February 18, 2015—Ash Wednesday. Each year we ask parishioners to volunteer to write a devotion for our booklet. We use our daily lectionary for our scripture references. These scripture references will be ready to choose from on Saturday, Jan 10, Sunday, Jan 11 and Wednesday, Jan 14 and Saturday, Jan 17, Sunday, Jan 18 and Wednesday, Jan 21 after each of our services. The scripture references correspond to one of the 40 days of Lent and the devotion written for those scriptures will appear on its scheduled day.

In order to have all the devotions in time for the booklet to be published, they need to be turned in to Ann Meyer no later than February 9. They can be hand written or typed or emailed (ann@stmartinswmbg.org).

I am amazed each year at how many first-time contributors feel that they have gotten so much out of writing their devotion than anyone could reading it. The preparation and thinking that goes into writing a devotion reveals to the writer the core of their belief system and their faith in God. I hope you will pray about what your decision should be regarding volunteering to write a devotion. Blessings to all of you who chose to take a step in faith and say "yes" to contributing.

Nominees for Vestry



Melanie Denise Anderson Davis

Family Information: When Joe and I moved here from the United Kingdom in 2007, he barely reached my shoulder. Seven years later, I barely reach his shoulder! We chose Williamsburg to be near my father and stepmother, Dr. John and Dr. Lorraine Anderson, who attend First Baptist, with whom St Martin's enjoys a close ecumenical relationship. Now 18, having graduated from Warhill High School and taken a gap year, Joe is about to set off for the next stage of his life in January to play soccer in Germany.

Investment in St Martin's Community: A cradle Episcopalian, I naturally tried all of the local Episcopal churches. We quickly settled on St. Martin's as our new church home with its winning combination of familiar liturgy and tradition combined with its solid history of social conscience as well as its progressiveness represented by a newly hired female rector. The congregation was as warm and wonderful as the home-baked bread delivered to newcomers. That family spirit was so very welcome as I adjusted to my life as a newly single parent returning to the US after 20 years in the UK, and Joe adjusted to living in a foreign country.

Spiritual Growth through Vestry Service: At Saint Martin's, we honor God's word through liturgical and community service, demonstrating our beliefs through actions that match our words. As a member of the Finance Committee for the last few years, I have gained deeper insight into some of the practical aspects of looking after the physical plant in which our church meets. I am honored to have the opportunity to expand this further by joining the Vestry, planning our spiritual path as we continue to walk the walk of our eponymous St. Martin, with active community outreach as well as pastoral care for and spiritual fellowship with one another. I served on the Parish Church Council (equivalent of the vestry) at our church in England.

Service Usually Attended: We initially attended the 9:15am service and eventually switched to the 11am service, so I could sing with the choir.

Profession and Hobbies: I work as a technical writer/trainer for a large multinational corporation in a department that develops healthcare software in Richmond. I love our musical ministry and the time the choir spends practicing as well as singing during service. Reading, tennis, and entertaining are some of my other favorite past-times.



R. Bruce Ebersole

A relatively recent arrival in Williamsburg, I was born and raised in Paradise, Pennsylvania, a dairy farming community in Lancaster County. Raised a Methodist, albeit with very strong Mennonite influence from my father's side of the family, I have spent virtually all of my adult life as a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

My education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from Catawba College, Salisbury, NC, and a Master of Arts degree from The American University, Washington, DC.

My professional career revolved around the U.S. intelligence community. I worked at Central Intelligence Agency for more than thirty-one years where I was involved in operations. After "retirement," I spent an additional ten years working for Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant at the National Reconnaissance Office, retiring for a final time in early 2013. (Prior to working at CIA, I taught history and political science at Jacksonville Episcopal High School, Jacksonville, Florida.)

An influential impulse in my life is the observation from Swiss theologian Karl Barth, "A Christian goes through life with a newspaper in one hand and a Bible in the other." For me that translates as outreach: helping others in need is what gives me the greatest spiritual bang for the buck. As a fairly new member of St. Martin's, I would bring to the Vestry no detailed agenda other than to support and pursue all possible aspects of St. Martin's mission in the Williamsburg area.

My interests include reading everything from history to politics to biography to contemporary fiction; birding; a love of listening to music, especially contemporary classical and opera; and playing tennis and cycling.

My wife, Annabel, and I have three grown daughters, two living in the metropolitan Washington, DC area, and the third living in Chesterfield, NJ.

Nominees for Vestry



Satoshi Ito

Satoshi Ito was the eldest child of Shigeru and Mary Ito, born in Los Angeles County. He has lived in the Williamsburg area since 1965 when he joined the Sociology Department faculty at William and Mary.

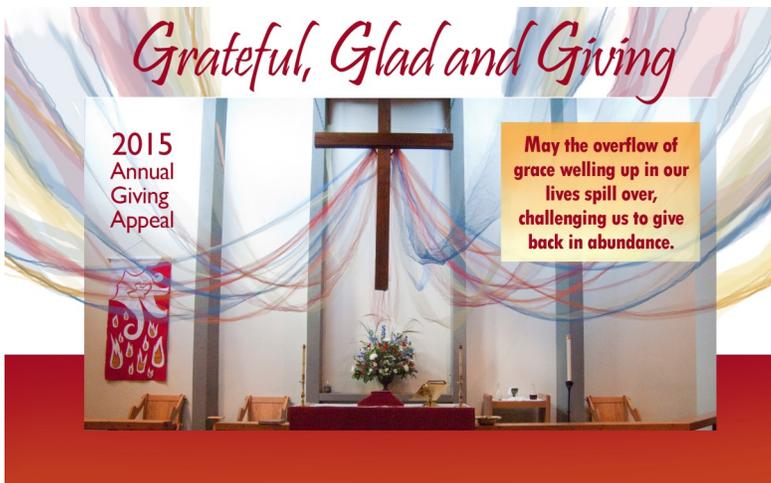
The path to potential service as a member of St. Martin's vestry began in 1987 with Satoshi's marriage to Carolyn True at the same church. They have attended the church together since their marriage. In the early 1990s, David Benedict and Satoshi represented one of four Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Southern Virginia to revive the Anti-Racism Commission. They trained to become facilitators to teach clergy, seminarians, and lay leaders to cope with the sin of racism. This offered Satoshi systematic exposure to the Christian approach to ridding racism, which supplemented his academic sociological training. During 2007-2008 Satoshi decided to take Rev. Shirley Smith Graham's confirmation classes to prepare for confirmation and baptism to become an official Episcopalian. By this time, he was a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. After confirmation, he became delegate/alternate to Annual Council, a Stephen Minister, member of the church's Men's Fellowship Group and a member of a Neighborhood Fellowship Group. With gratitude to the triune God, Satoshi now wishes to have the opportunity to become a cheerful giver of time and any talent as a new member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church vestry.



Diane Langhorst

I came to St. Martin's in 2002 on the recommendation of a friend. The message "You are only a visitor here once," and the warmth of the parishioners, along with the natural feel of the setting and building, helped to make St. Martin's my church home. I commuted to work in Richmond and helped with Outreach for the first seven years. My thirty-five years as a social worker includes work in mental health and medical settings and faculty positions at JMU and VCU. Since fully retiring three years ago I have participated in a Bible study group, a search committee, a home fellowship group and as a Sunday School helper. I volunteer with the United Way Community Resource Center (CRC) and SpiritWorks Foundation. Recently I helped organize the first Church/Community Health Forum at St. Martin's, and I am our representative on the Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission (GWOM), an interfaith group working to coordinate year round efforts to help homeless folks in our area.

My husband, Scott, and I met while students at William and Mary, and we love Williamsburg. Our son, Mark, his wife Jenny and 2 children, Kylie and Dawson, live in Richmond. I have been an Episcopalian all of my life and attended many churches. This church, its founding principles, and the excellence of our staff make it special. I appreciate St. Martin's reputation as an "incubator" of meaningful church/community relationships, such as the monthly Community Café and annual Community Health Forum. If elected, I will be honored to serve on the vestry.



The Ingathering of Pledges will be Sunday Nov. 23, 2014



OSL Healing Ministries™

The Order of St. Luke the Physician

Every Christian has, at some point, wrestled in prayer against the illness of a friend, loved one, or themselves. We long to witness healing such as Christ himself performed when He walked this earth. Christ said that we would do greater things than He did; but we were never meant to do them alone, and we need the power of the Holy Spirit for healing and miracles.

Celebrate these New OSL Members

On October 10, 2014, the following people were inducted into the Order of St. Luke the Physician:

Anabel Ebersole (St. Martins)

Melissa Bennett (St. Martin's)

Kathryn Young (The Williamsburg Chapel)

Dick Young (The Williamsburg Chapel)

Dorrine Douglass (St. Peter's)

Answering the Call

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) is an ecumenical organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. It is composed of volunteers committed to Jesus Christ as God, the Son who heals today and who proclaims wholeness today. It is not a church. It is not a club. It is not a social institution.

OSL an organization of faith, prayer and service with Chapters throughout the world. Its members come from many backgrounds of dogma, discipline and experience. It consists of medical people, lay people and clergy devoted to bringing this ministry to all who need physical, spiritual or emotional healing. It exists as an organization because they are people into whose lives God's call has come prodding them to respond; to do something with their lives that others may experience in their lives the daily healing power of Jesus Christ.



St. Martin's Outreach Project

If you would like to be a part of a wonderful Thanksgiving Day outreach project we would love to have your help! The St. Martin's family we will be preparing and delivering meals to 20-25 Williamsburg families in need on Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry please plan on joining us. Below is a list of some of the ways you can help with this project.

- Meet at the church Thanksgiving morning from 10-12 to assemble Thanksgiving meals.
- Donate a pie, stuffing, cranberry sauce, colorful napkins, paper plates or bottles of water.
- If you teach a Sunday School class you can make Inspirational cards for members of the families.
- Families will be needed to deliver the meals to the families (in the Williamsburg area).

There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex in October or you may sign up online in October as well. Wherever you are so moved to help out we welcome and encourage you to do so. Families are welcome to participate!

If you have any questions please call Kerry Armbruster (564-0447) or Shirley at church.

Psalm 107:22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

The Senior Pastoral Care Web Page: A Treasure Chest of Resources and Information

Senior Pastoral Care - St. Martin's Episcopal Church

www.stmartinswmbg.org/senior-pastoral-care.html

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Small enough to welcome you and big enough to make a difference

Be Safe and Happy at Home

Welcome to the 60 or better page! Under the guidance of Shirley Smith-Graham and Martha Caruso, senior pastoral care coordinator, we're working on pulling together a number of helpful resources, to keep us informed, safe and happy in our own homes.

If you would like information about the types of help which are available in the Williamsburg Community, call St. Martin's.
Senior Pastoral Care 229-1111
Tues.-Friday 9:00-11:00 or
email: martha@stmartinswmbg.org
[St. Martin's Resource List](#) arranged by need.

Tips and Information for You and/or Your Caregiver

Listed in reverse order for your convenience, the most recent article is at the top!

[Driving Concerns as We Age](#) posted 10/14/14

[5 Myths About Aging](#) posted 9/17/14

[6 Normal Memory Lapses](#) posted 7/18/14

Information Links

Medicare open Enrollment ends December 7. Watch these short videos to get info on Medicare. [Click here](#)
To see more videos go to:
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/videolist.html>

National Council on Aging often referred to as **ncoa:** dedicated to improving the health and economic security of seniors. This month's article focuses **Five Medicare Mistakes to Avoid** [click here](#)

PADRN.org Peninsula Aging and Disability Resource Network
FREE SERVICE to help seniors find the services they need to age in place.
Phone # 757-345-6277

Senior Navigator.com Visit this statewide listing of resources

Tips about caring for yourself while caring for a loved one.
www.CaregiversLibrary.org and
www.CaregiverStress.com

Community Events that you may find interesting

Community Cafe WMBG
Thursday, November 6
1:00-3:00

If you haven't attended a Community Cafe' event, there's always another chance to have fun and learn a little. November's topic is **Plan the Future You Choose**. Do you have an **Advanced Directive** on

If you haven't visited the Senior Pastoral Care Web Page in a while, it may be time to take another look.

The page can be accessed under Ministries: pastoral care: senior pastoral care. Here you will find current articles and local resources to assist you and/or your family as you navigate retiring and growing older in Williamsburg. If you have questions or comments about resources or would like to view the page and don't have access to a computer, please contact Martha Caruso at (757) 229-1111.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	
Tim Yates	1
Adrian Sechrist	2
Dorsey Smith	2
Claire Cici	2
Dana De Jager	2
Dianne Catuska	3
Nicholas Jankovic	3
Jean Clayton	4
John Herringshaw	5
Jean Dickey	5
Chauncey Burgazli	5
Mac Ambler	7
Ann Youngman	8
Nan Hoover	8
Joan Dry	9
Alaina Ambler	9
Nathaniel Shird	11
Jesse Mosher	11
Jaque Ambler	12
Bonnie	12
Carolina Turner	13
Shawn Yates	13
Nicholas Kellogg	13
Nolan Lovelace	13
Melissa Sparks	14
Ben Harris	14
Julia Sargeant	15
Fritz Schreiber	15
Vicky Harder	15
Eleanor Rosser	16
Kathy Wincheski	16
Brian Freeman	17
Joe Homer	18

Mark Jaworski	19
Mary Alie	19
Clive Van Orden	20
Lisanna Laplante	21
Lanette McNeil	22
Alex Harder	22
John Lilly	23
Jean Barter	23
Daniel Green	23
Barbara Paul	24
Kathy Smith	25
Joanne Cheves	25
Drummond Poole	25
Parker Burden	26
Bruce Ebersole	26
John Hewett	27
Mal Hunt	27
Tristian Castleman-	27
Nate Bennett	27
Celia Jolley	28
Jim Oliver	30
Devon Gilbert	30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	
Georgie Shane	1
susana Jankovic	1
Barbara Hudgins	2
Kieran Shaw	3
Bob Mulcahy	3
Jim Pierce	3
Neil Hanlon	4
Donna Keating	4
Drew Rodgers	4
Skip Maryan	5
Gary Ripple	5
Debbie Coleman	6
Barbara Watson	6
Craig Olsen	6
Jodie Dolci	6
Tom Ward	7
Frank Caruso	7
Barbara Floyd	7
Molly Warren	8
Gemma Meadows	8
Priscilla Nystrom	9
Barbara Rockwell	9
Jim Hamilton	9
Cindy Jordan	10
Louise Vought	10
Lynne Detmer	11
CJ Young	11
Deane Gordon	11
John Barton	11
Nancy Pierce	12
Betsy Elliott	13
Julie Humes	13
Betty Jackson	14

Elizabeth Baum	14
Phyllis Belden	15
Stephanie Bradley	17
Elisabeth Brantley	18
Natalie Jankovic	18
Helen Riley	19
Jim Detmer	19
Paul Harder	19
Margaret Luck	19
Jim Axtell	20
Charlotte Price	20
Dorothy Marshall	20
Ruth Gordon	20
Finn Riley	21
Carol Bright	21
Norma Hamilton	22
Holden Warren	22
Lawrence Luck	22
Roger Myers	22
Florence Downes	24
Brink Ambler	24
Bill Hern	25
Chris Harris	25
Robert Watson	26
Jane Core-Yatzeck	26
Judy Murray	27
Cailin Yates	29
Robert Lynch	30
Emily Olsen	30
Ashton Pacheco	31
Bob Fehrenbach	31

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	
Mike Faubert	1
Karen Florimonte	1
Zoe Eiselen	1
Keely Flynn	1
Courtney Williams	1
JoAnneMeador-	2
Susan Goodin	2
Lucas Henderson	2
Bob Winfree	3
Tom Luckam	7
Margaret Yates	8
Edward Riley III	9
Bobby Jankovic	11
Lynn Gaunt	11
Amelia Poole	11
Emma McNeil	12
Joe Poole	13
John Stokes	14
Carol Vipavetz	14
Joanne Elston	15
Isabella Roesch	15
Ethan Kavanagh	15
Sandy Hale	16
Douglas Lockwood	17
Matthew Link	17
Miles Riley	19
Whitney Smart	19
Howard Glenn	19
Madeline Sipe	19
Mia Fields	19
Michael Terrien	21
Pretlow Pacheco	22
Mollie Robbins	24

Cliff Dickey	24
Edith Brennan	24
Peggy DuPont	24
Mary Lynch	26
Kathy Urbonya	27
Jim Cheves	27
Lucinda Dudley	28
Paul Yates	28
Ryan Hudgins	28
Mary Mulcahy	28
Dodie Lowman	29
Ediith Remick	30
Gary Osborn	30
Jennifer Rodriguez	30
Meghan Wilson	30
Lisa Your	31
Mary Beth Collier	31
Gracy Arruda	31

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date
Kathy and Brian Grieff	4
Matthew and Kristi Chamberlain	4
Judy and Larry Williams	6
Teresa and Steve Kauffman	6
Carolyn and Jim Ramage	12
Edith and Frank Brennan	12
Mark and Susan Patterson	20
Lissa and Alan Arruda	20
Ginger and Kirk Flynn	25
Mary and Jim Osborn	26
Don and Ruth Harris	28



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date
John and Ginger Dewhirst	1
Thomas and Pembroke Hoffmier	14
Robert and Elisabrth Brantley	18
Jim and Sue Ducibella	28
Diane and Dennis Gilbert	30

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	
Chris and Connie Harris	12
Keith and Sarah Nickerson	16
Tim and Cailin Yates	20
John and Alice-Marie Schwenkler	26
Larry and Betty Jackson	29





HOSPICE HOUSE
 & Support Care of Williamsburg

September 30, 2014

Dear Rev. Shirley Smith Graham:

On behalf of Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg, thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00 on September 23, 2014. Your contribution makes it possible for us to enhance the quality of living for those facing end-of-life and to support those who love them.

Each month, Hospice House programs provide the following services to the greater Williamsburg community:

- ...respite for caregivers and companionship for those fighting life limiting illnesses
- ...compassionate care and support for guests and their families at Hospice House
- ...bereavement consultation and support

Because Hospice House and Support Care does not charge a fee for its services, nor does it receive reimbursement from insurances, Medicare or Medicaid, your gift makes an immediate impact on the individuals and families we serve.

On behalf of the many thousands of families we have served through the years and those we have yet to serve, thank you again for your support of this important work.

Warmest regards,

Linda A. Taylor
 Executive Director

Jackson-Feild Homes



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 546 Walnut Grove Dr.
 Jarratt, VA 23867
 434-634-3217

Eleventh House
 205 North Boulevard
 Richmond, VA 23220
 804-355-8735

Development & Marketing Office
 2800 Patterson Ave, Suite 302
 Richmond, VA 23221
 804-354-6929

September 30, 2014

Dear Ms. Graham:

For many of our boys and girls, the beginning of a new school year means they're one step closer to the dream of completing high school. Because of their struggles with mental illness, this is a goal - a dream - that some assume they will never achieve.

Thank you for your recent gift in the amount of \$750.00. Your generosity enables us to help our boys and girls take that step and it helps us provide all the supplies and equipment they need for a successful year at Gwaltney School.

We are excited to tell you that we added new modular classrooms that will house our Food Occupation & Safety, Certified Nursing Assistant and Horticulture programs. These vocational programs provide opportunities for students to receive training that introduces them to a variety of career paths.

Thank you for believing in our mission. We strive to ensure that each and every child we serve receives an accurate diagnosis and obtains the right treatment that will put them on the road to mental wellness.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Chaffins
 Assistant Director of Development

We are very blessed to have the generous support of the members of St. Martin's



AFEDJ
 American Friends of the
 Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Dear Ms. Graham,

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

St. Martin's Episcopal Church said "yes" to changing lives through the gift of \$200.00 to AFEDJ dated August 12, 2014 from your special offerings in support of Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Your heart was touched and you responded - **thank you!**

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

I like to refer to you as the entire St. Martin's family for your generous support. Thank you!

In gratitude,

 Anne K. Lynn
 President



AVALON
 A CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

October 14, 2014

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 clothing and personal items on 9/30/2014. 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
 Director of Development and Communications

Thank you all so much for your generous and ongoing support!

Thanks for Your Generosity!

On the Fridge

SUNDAY	Weekly	-Holy Eucharist Services at 8, 9:15 & 11am (S) Adult Faith Formation at 10am (La Tienda) Fellowship at 10am (MH) Sunday School for pre-school—12th grade at 10am (various)
	Monthly	-2nd Sunday-Newcomer's Tour after each service (narthex)
MONDAY	Weekly	-Benedictine Prayer with Lunch at Noon (S/MH)-begins 11/24
TUESDAY	Monthly	-1st Monday-Building & Grounds Mtg at 5:30pm (CR) -2nd Tuesday-Stephen Ministers Mtg at 6pm (CR) 3rd Tuesday-Finance Committee Mtg. at 7pm (CR)
WEDNESDAY	Daily	- Benedictine Group at 6:30am (S) Holy Eucharist Rite II at Noon (S)
	Weekly	- Choir Practice at 7pm (CR)
	Monthly	-1st Wednesday-PCA Mtg at 1pm (ZZ1) 2nd Wednesday-DOK Mtg at 10:30am (CR) 2nd Wednesday-Faith Outreach Mtg at Noon (MH)
THURSDAY	Weekly	- Contemplative Prayer Group at Noon (ZZ1) Education for Ministry at 5:00pm (CR) begins Jan. 8
	Monthly	-1st Thursday-Community Café' at 1pm (MH) 3rd Thursday-Vestry Meeting at 6pm (MH)
FRIDAY	Monthly	-1st Friday-Recovery Worship Service at 4:30p (Bruton)
SATURDAY	Weekly	- Holy Eucharist II w/Taize at 5:00pm (S)
	Monthly	-1st Saturday-Food/Friendship/Fellowship Dinner @ 6pm (MH) 2nd Saturday-Men's Fellowship Group at 8am (MH) 2nd Saturday-OSL at 10am (CR)
Nov. 1	7:00am	All Saints' Day Memorial Garden Service (MG)
	5:00pm	Diocesan Racial Reconciliation Service (S)
Nov. 2	2:00am	Daylight Savings Time Change—Fall back one hour
	8, 9:15, 11am	All Souls' Day Eucharist Services (S)-schedule for every Sunday
	1:30pm	EYC helps parishioners with yard work (off site)
	5:30pm	Financial Peace University (CR)-every Sunday eve through Nov. 9
Nov. 6	4:30pm	Hospice House Candlelight Service (S)
Nov. 8	2:00pm	The Rev'd Martin Smith Workshop (MH)
Nov. 9	8 & 11am	The Rev'd Martin Smith Preaching (S)
	10:00am	Story Sunday-Daniel, Fire & Lions, OH MY!!
	2:00pm	EYC Kayaking at Waller Mill Park (meet at Park)
	4:00pm	Faith Formation Commission Meeting (MH)
Nov. 11	All Day	Veteran's Day-Office Closed
Nov. 15	8:00am	Fall Clean-up Day (SMEC grounds)
Nov. 16	No EYC	Diocesan November Weekend at Chanco for 6-9 grades
Nov. 23	1:30pm	EYC Ice Skating at Hampton Ice Plex (leave from SMEC parking lot)
Nov. 25	4:00pm	Neighbor + Neighbor Dinner (MH)
Nov. 26	All Day	Thanksgiving Dinner Prep (K & MH)
Nov. 27	All Day	Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
Nov. 30	4:00pm	Parish Dinner & Advent Wreath Workshop (K & MH) EYC Hosts
Dec. 7	10:00am	Story Sunday-Baby Jesus meets Simeon & Anna
	4:00pm	Winter Shelter (K & MH) SMEC Hosts
Dec. 13	5:00pm	Blue Christmas Eucharist (S)
Dec. 14	10:00am	Winter Shelter Ends (K & MH) SMEC Hosts
Dec. 21	3:00pm	EYC Windsor Meade Vesper Service (Windsor Meade)
Dec. 24	4, 7:30 & 10:30	Children's Pageant, Traditional Christmas Eucharist, Celtic Eucharist
Dec. 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Service
Dec. 26—Jan. 2		Office Closed for Christmas
Jan. 4	4:00pm	EYC Parent/Youth meeting to schedule 2nd semester activities (MH)
Jan. 8	5:00pm	Education for Ministry (CR)
Jan. 10	6:00pm	Volunteer Appreciation Potluck (K & MH)
Jan. 11	10:00am	Story Sunday-Jesus Gets Lost
	4:00pm	EYC will continue through May 31-events TBA
Jan. 19	All Day	Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed
Jan. 23-Jan. 25		Vestry Retreat (off site)
Jan. 25	10:00am	Annual Meeting (S) — Children & Youth in MH to make Valentines
Jan. 28	4:00pm	Neighbor + Neighbor Dinner (MH)

RED = Church/Formation Blue = Adult Events Orange = Outreach Green = Youth Events

Special Sundays Coming Up

November 2:

Healing Prayers and Loose Plate Offering for Outreach

November 9:

Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours (our namesake) and guest preacher at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.: The Rev'd Martin Smith, celebrated preacher, teacher and spiritual guide

November 16:

Advent Raffle (all services)

November 23:

Ingathering of the Pledges and Advent Raffle

November 30:

First Sunday of Advent

December 7:

Second Sunday of Advent and Giving Tree for Students at Rawls Byrd Elementary

December 14:

Third Sunday of Advent and Giving Tree for Students at Rawls Byrd Elementary

December 21:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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