

THE MISSION

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

FEBRUARY, 2003

"The Purpose of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church is to help people be transformed, gifted, called, equipped and sent into ministry by Christ in the context of a caring community of celebration."

In God-I boast in his promise in the Lord-I boast in his promise - in God I trust, I am not afraid. Psalm 56 10-11a

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have entered into a time of great sorrow. But, it should not be a time of inaction. As Martha Libby put it, God cannot do worse. He can only do better. It was said so many times during Praveen's last service that the best thing we, as a body of Christ, can do is to continue to attend service's at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Indeed, for the short term, that should be our goal.

The vestry is committed to finding the best candidate for minister at St. Martins. In working toward that end, we have established a search committee. The following people are members of the search committee: Kathy Christy, Tonja Hayes, Wayne Kern, Martha Libby, Steve McGill, Bruce Raymond, Sue Richardson, Dee Settlemeyer, and Bob Williams. Please pray with the vestry that our search will be short in duration and effective in its exploration. We don't want to rush the process too much because we need time to allow for a grieving period and some time for everyone to reflect on the past three and a half years. The vestry is working as quickly as possible to find an interim minister who can lead us through this process in an effective and efficient manner.

The time has also come for the congregation of St. Martin's to step forward and ease some of the burden that has been placed on us. During the first three weeks, Father Stan has agreed to lead us in our worship services, as well as the CCRV service. He has also agreed to provide pastoral care during the daytime hours. The Vestry has taken great strides towards choosing a search committee in selecting the person who God has chosen to lead us onwards. So Praveen's legacy of dancing feet continues today.

For the remainder of January and for the first Sunday in February, our worship service will move to 10:00 a.m. There will be a Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. From the second Sunday in February onwards, we will move back to two Sunday worship services with Sunday School in between. The vestry felt we should be consistent with regular services. So, starting on February 9, 2003 the services will be 8:30 a.m. early service and 10:45 a.m. late service. Sunday School will be provided at 9:45 a.m. CCRV will continue to be at 1:00 p.m. The vestry chose these times because we felt 8:00 AM was too early for many people.

It is important that you know the vestry makes decisions using the consensus model. On Monday evening, we had another two hour meeting. At that meeting, we decided unanimously to change the services times back to the two services because we felt it was important to keep a consistent schedule. The vestry planned a retreat to strengthen our bonds and leadership for the weekend of February 14th. We have all agreed to keep this date and hope you will also continue with your individual commitments to the church. Together we can serve the Lord and support one another.

Finally, we ask for your continued prayers for the Vestry, especially for Marty Hardison, our Senior Warden. We were greatly blessed by God with two new members to fill the two vacancies. Pray also for Jane Owens and Steve McGill. Also, pray for Fr. Stan as he steps in to minister to us. Pray for the body of St. Martin, that we will continue to be steadfast in our faith. And, as will be the norm for the next few months, pray that God will act swiftly and surely to call a faithful servant to lead His flock.

Vestry Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2003

Members present: Fr. Praveen Bunyan, Kathy Christy, Ron Fullmer, John Holder, Mark Johnson.

In preparation for the upcoming annual meeting Mark Johnson presented the year 2002 expenses for review and the budget for 2003. Discussion centered around areas of the budget that might be trimmed. Mark noted that the two copiers St. Martin has are a very large expense. Margie will be asked submit the copier contracts for review before the next renewal.

The issue of Rector compensation was also discussed. Fr. Praveen emphasized the importance of presenting an attractive package to an incoming Rector. The members considered the possible changes that we could face during the transition time between Rectors, but decided the Rector package was a priority and may even need to be adjusted more during the search process in order attract the right candidate. The 2003 budget was approved to be presented to the Annual Meeting on January 12th.

The Sexual Misconduct Prevention policy was reviewed and approved for implementation. The training provided by the Diocese is mandatory and will be enforced. All parish members that minister to children and youth must have attended a workshop prior to September 1, 2003. Bruce Raymond will write a newsletter article for February presenting the new policy and dates for training. He will also have policies available for this weekend training and the annual meeting.

Marty gave an update on the number of open vestry positions (2) and noted that we had possible 3 candidates. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Raymond



Mission Report- February 2003

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Every Sunday as we leave the worship service, we are sent to go out into the world, in the name of Christ, to love and serve Him, to rejoice in the power of the Spirit, and to bless the Lord. We are sent to **do**- to love and serve, to rejoice, to bless- and we are sent in His name, with His power. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

As we go forth without Father Praveen as our rector, we might feel a bit like slowing down—or waiting for the new rector to guide us. But that would be a mistake, for the Lord is already guiding us, and we need only go forth in His name, in His power, to love and serve, to rejoice and bless; and He will lead us as He has thus far. Phil Gazley, our link with Lutheran Family Services and the refugee family we are praying for and preparing to help, encouraged us to honor Praveen's ministry and to be faithful to the Lord by going forth even more boldly than we have so far. To seek with renewed joy and energy those people the Lord wishes to bless through us. Both he and Father Praveen have encouraged us to see this time of change as a time to grow in the Lord, to trust Him to care for us and to strengthen us as we serve Him in all His disguises. As Phil told us, sometimes He comes to us as a refugee family in need, sometimes as a homeless man; sometimes He's a starving Haitian, sometimes as a mother with children and without shelter or food; sometimes He's an orphan in Africa, sometimes He's a lonely widow; sometimes He's pleasant and kindly, and sometimes He's offensive; sometimes He's rich, sometimes He's not; sometimes we have money or time and can easily help, and sometimes we really don't. And yet, always He calls us out of our own comfort to respond to the needs of others. He calls us to put aside our own ideas and to seek and serve His children in their need as He brings them to us.

I think we could not give more appropriate and profound thanks for all that Father Praveen has meant to us and shown us than to go forth with renewed strength and commitment to love and serve the Lord by reaching out to those in need, here and abroad. Let us spread the good news of Christ's great triumph over evil and need and death to those who have not heard and to those who cannot hear over the rumble of their needs.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

In His Name, Janet Fullmer

Revised Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Policy Now in Effect

Because we care for both the children and adults in our church, we have the following guidelines to help strengthen our program and set high standards of care. It is an unfortunate fact that abuse does occur, but by implementing this policy, we are taking simple steps to help prevent its occurrence at St. Martin's. This policy is designed according to National Church and Diocese of Colorado requirements.

All Vestry and Staff members, and volunteers who work with children and youth at our church are required to read and sign an acknowledgment. Even though other adults are not required to read the policy, it is good for all members of the church to be aware of the general practices. A listing of the key points of the policy follow***:

Key points for Volunteers with Children or Youth at St. Martin-in-the-Fields

All Volunteers

1. All regular volunteers must read and sign receipt of the St. Martin policy.
2. Volunteers must have been a member of St. Martin for at least 6 months.
3. Volunteers must fill out a Confidential Child worker Application and be interviewed by the Rector, Senior Warden or designee. This form needs to be filled out annually.
4. Background checks will be performed on all volunteers and staff that regularly supervise children.
5. All regular volunteers must attend a minimum of four hours training on issues of child sexual abuse in church settings within 6 months of volunteering.

Drivers

1. All drivers must have on record a signed and approved "Transporting Children in a Motor Vehicle" form with documentation including copies of a current drivers license and insurance before they can drive for a St. Martins event involving children or youth. The form is included in the church policy packet.

Guidelines for supervising children and youth

1. Must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Try to schedule events so that 2 adult supervisors, ideally one male and one female is present in the room. If the adults are from the same family, then a third adult present is encouraged.
3. Minimum requirements for any event with children or youth.
 - a. The room used for activities must have an open door or window access.
 - b. Random visits are encouraged by the program director or parents.
 - c. Any class or event with only one child present will be cancelled or combined with other groups or classes. One adult is never to be alone in a room with one child or youth.When these minimum requirement cannot be met the event or class must be cancelled and parents notified immediately.
1. When transportation is provided to any activity, no adult employee or volunteer shall be alone with one child or youth with the exception of immediate family members.
2. Two unrelated adults must be present at any youth or children's function at or away from the church.
3. The Vestry must give prior consent to all overnight events.
4. Written attendance records will be kept on all children's programs. These records must be submitted to the church office for storage.

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1. Permission slips must be obtained for all children or youth for all overnight events or for any trip away from the church grounds. (The permission slip is in the church policy packet).

*** The complete policy is posted in the vestibule and copies are available from the Church office.

Upcoming Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshops:

All volunteers who work regularly with children and youth are required to attend one of these workshops. Watch for dates to be announced as workshops become available. The next one is scheduled at the Training Event of the Diocese (TED) on May 3, 2003. Place and registration details to be announced.

Provided on behalf of the vestry by Bruce Raymond

GET ACQUAINTED WITH A NEW VESTRY MEMBER. . .

Hi....I'm Jane Owens, one of the newest members of your Vestry.

'The Five J's' is how my family refers to itself. As a blending of two families, we had different last names, but a common first initial! In 1994, Joe Owens met Jane Rhodes and her children, Jeff and Jordan Hendrickson. They decided to become a family—the Four J's. In 1997, they were joined by Justine, the fifth J (of course!).

Four of the Five J's visited St. Martin-in-the-Fields on a fateful day in January 2002. We were (very pleasantly) surprised by the friendliness of the congregation, the joy of the worship, and the dancing feet of the pastor. After all, as life-long Roman Catholics, we'd never experienced anything like it! We had left our church of 11 years only a few months before, finally realizing that our theological differences with the Roman Catholic Church would never be bridged, and so we were in search of a new spiritual home.

At St. Martin, we found our new church family immediately. We were very comfortable with the service due to its similarities in liturgy and eucharist, but what really impressed us was how joyous was the celebration of Christ's love and how evident was the feeling of sincere affection among the congregation. Very important to me personally was the fact that women could be priests, priests could be married, and that the laity had a real say in how church business was conducted. As a Catholic, I had wrestled with these very issues as long as I could remember.

We became active members of St. Martin pretty quickly. Joe joined the choir and began to play the piano for services, and I started to make nametags. Next I got involved in the Daughters of the King, and then became a Sunday School teacher for the middle schoolers. Joe and I attended Cursillo #107 in August 2002, and decided to commit ourselves to that as a joint ministry. In October 2002 I attended Genesis 2002 as youth sponsor. Lately, I have agreed to become the parish representative for Cursillo, and will be part of the 2003 Welcoming Commission. And last, but not least, now I am a member of the Vestry.

I am thrilled to be part of the St. Martin Vestry during this crucial time in our parish. I rejoice every day in the fact that we have choices. I love St. Martin and I hope to be able to contribute to maintaining and enhancing the unique and joyous spirit of this special spiritual family.

Next Month... Meet the second new Vestry Member... Steve McGill

MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY, 2003

| | February 2 10:00 AM | February 9 | February 16 | February 23, 9:30 AM Bishop's Visitation | March 2 |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| Scripture | Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84:1-6 Hebrews 2:14-18 | 2 Kings 4:18-21, 32-37 Psalm 142 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 | 2 Kings 5:1-15ab Psalm 42:1-7 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 | Isaiah 43:18-25 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 | 1 Kings 99:9-18 Psalm 27:5-11 1 Peter 1:16-19 |
| Torch - - - - - | 10:00 AM Tyler Eldred Kim London | Richard McGill Heather Tung | Michael Shepard Caitlin Shepard | Michael Hartung Ben Bunyan | Rachael Obermeyer Dalton London |
| Crucifer 8:30 AM 10:45 AM | 10:00 AM Jared Thompson | Jason Christy Kayleigh McGill | Bryan Shallanberger Nathan Raymond | Jason Christy Charity Atukunda | |
| Chalice 1 8:30 AM 10:45 AM | 10:00 AM Michelle Tung | Kathy Christy Martha Libby | Marilyn Macdonald Cal Hosman | Mark Johnson Mary London | |
| Chalice 2 8:30 AM 10:45 AM | 10:00 AM Vince Columna | Bryan Shallanberger David Owsley | Albert Senkeeto Janet Fullmer | Jason Christy Ron Fullmer | |
| Lector 8:30 AM 10:45 AM | 10:00 AM Chris Thompson | Mark Johnson John Holder | Sharon Armstrong Bruce Raymond | Ron Fullmer Chuck Tice | |
| Intercessor 8:30 AM 10:45 AM | 10:00 AM Ruth Thompson | Albert Senkeeto Dawn Hardison | Janet Fullmer Jo Cunningham | Sharon Armstrong Jared Thompson | |
| Greeters 8:30 AM 10:45 AM | 10:00 AM Jay Johnson | Kay Johnson Marla Albert | Mark Johnson Randy Hoidahl | Kay Johnson Bill Eldred | |
| Ushers 8:30 AM 10:45 AM | 10:00 AM John & Jo Cunningham | Alan & Bonnie Engels Andrew Tung/Bill Eldred | Sharon Armstrong/Kay J. Tom Keables/Cal Hosman | Sue & Kira Gilbert Bill & Tracy Eldred | |
| Nursery 10:45 AM | | | | Milt Cowan/John Switzer | |
| Altar Guild Flowers | Obermeyer/Tice C. Johnson | M&B Cowan Hoidahl | C. Johnson/Shallanberger C. Johnson | K. Johnson/Martin C. Johnson | Holder/Obermeyer C. Johnson |
| CCRV 1:00 PM | Jay Johnson | Janet Fullmer | Mark Johnson | Jeff Caruso | Lorna Mayfield |
| LEM | Mark Johnson | Ron Fullmer | Chris Thompson | Janet Fullmer | Mark Johnson |
| M & M's | Graeber | M&B Cowan | K. Olson | J. LaBadie | J. Brennan/M. Mutmansky |
| Teller | Hardison/Johnson | Johnson/Holder | Holder/Owens | Owens/Raymond | Raymond/Wolf |

Please arrange a trade if you cannot serve & Notify Kathy Christy by phone or e-mail: ann_christy@dpsk12.org
 Ministry Schedule is also on the Website @ www.st-martins.net

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for February, 2003

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2 9:00 AM Christian Ed. for All Ages 10:00 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:00 PM Conf. Class | 3 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM DOCC | 4 7:00 PM Vestry | 5 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal | 6 7:00 PM Parish Council | 7 10:00 AM Women's Group | 1 7:00 PM Prayer Svc. Selection of New Rector |
| 9 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Christian Ed. for All Ages 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:00 PM Conf. Class | 10 7:00 PM Daughters of the King 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM DOCC | 11 | 12 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal | 13 | 14 10:00 AM Women's Group | 15 7:00 PM Prayer Svc. Selection of New Rector |
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| 23 Bishop's Visitation - 25th Anniv. of St. Martin 9:30 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 4:00 PM Praying Moms 5:00 PM Conf. Class | 24 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM DOCC | 25 5:30 PM St. Clare's Kitchen | 26 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal | 27 | 28 10:00 AM Women's Group | |

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Vestry Retreat Fri. PM - Mid-Sun.

Please note new Sunday Service times and be sure to check www.st-martins.net for updated Calendar events!



Children's Ministry — February, 2003

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Epiphany Pageant. It was a huge success and the kids had a great time doing it.

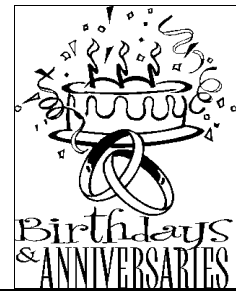
Please remember that there is a new time for Sunday School while we are still having one service at 10 AM. (*) **SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE AT 9AM for grades 3-5, middle school, high school and adult. Grades preschool-2 will continue to be held during the service.** All classes will continue to be held in their original locations. We do plan on continuing to use the same curriculum and do not have any immediate plans to change it.

If you have not attended Sunday School and would like to give it a try we encourage you to do so. The curriculum that we use is appropriate for drop-ins and all are welcome. Even if you and your family cannot attend every Sunday, please feel free to come when you can make it.

We continue to have a need for teachers at all levels. If interested, please contact Sue Richardson or Denise Hartung.

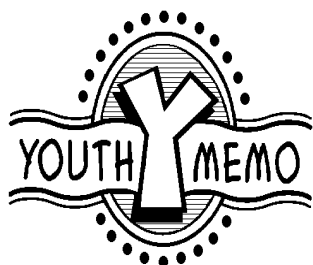
God Bless you all through out the new year!
Denise Hartung
Sue Richardson

(*) From 2/9/03, Sunday School will be held at 9:45 AM between the 8:30 & 10:45 AM Holy Eucharist Services.



February Birthdays !

| | |
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| Mark Johnson | 2 |
| Jim West | 3 |
| Tracy Fortenberry | 3 |
| Daniel Chase | 7 |
| Margaret Lisecki | 8 |
| Joanne Shewey | 11 |
| Albert Senkeeto | 13 |
| Meghan Erickson | 14 |
| Ben Bunyan | 14 |
| Michelle Raymond | 20 |
| Justine Owens | 20 |
| Samuel Columna | 22 |
| Jay Johnson | 23 |
| Tamie Fahey | 23 |
| Kyle Beach | 23 |
| Tricia Trinite | 24 |
| Tracy Moore | 26 |
| Venkat Srikumar | 26 |
| Dave Dooley | 26 |
| Emma Johnstone | 27 |
| Ida Bunyan | 28 |
| Jason Christy | 29 |



QUEST 2K3 is Coming !!

The schedule for 2003 Quest is
April 4, 5, and 6, 2003

***Deadline for registration is
March 2nd, 2003.***

Please find all the information and registration forms on table in the Narthex and plan to participate in this great event!

February Anniversaries

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| Lee & Kathy Christy | 2 |
| Scott & Lisa Johnstone | 16 |
| Jon & Jen Goodman | 16 |
| Steve & Kathy McGill | 20 |
| Chris & Mellisa McSherry | 29 |

Vestry Members:
 Marty Hardison, Sr. Warden
 Joey Wolf, Jr. Warden
 Mark Johnson, Treasurer
 Kathy Christy
 Ron Fullmer
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 Missy Kern
 Steve McGill
 Jane Owens
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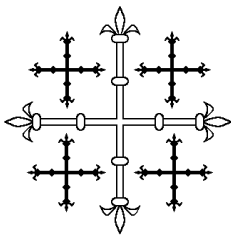
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St. Martin Staff:

Secretary, Margie Reck
 Music Director, Georgia Reissig

Office Hours
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Tuesday - Friday

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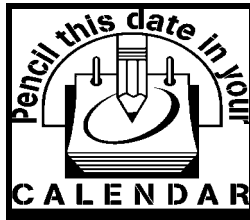


Starting Feb. 9, 2003:
Holy Eucharist Services
 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Christian Education
 9:45 AM

e-mail:
office@st-martins.net
Parish Web Site:
www.st-martins.net
St. Martin Prayer Chain:
prayer@st-martins.net

ST. MARTIN'S FAMILY PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to place someone on our prayer chain, please contact Kira Nunez by phone or by email: prayer@st-martins.net to activate your prayer concern. We will make certain that their name(s) are added to the list printed on the weekly Prayers of the People. Our prayer warriors are very dedicated and pray on a regular basis. If there is an answer to prayer before the 30 days, please contact us so we might rejoice with you and remove the persons name from the list.



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 7:00 PM**

For anyone involved in any type of ministry at St. Martin, i.e. Daughters of the King, Vestry, Outreach, Men and Women's ministries, worship, children's ministry, etc, you are needed to participate in the Parish Council for good communication, scheduling, or to solicit help in an upcoming project. Please submit all calendar items by Tuesday, February 4 to Bruce Raymond via church mailbox, phone, or email: bruce@st-martins.net. Thank you!

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