

THE MISSION

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

AUGUST, 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."

From Mother Marilyn

Dear Friends,

Lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! I'm not sure about the first two, but my expectations of a more relaxed season were totally blown away by a deluge of activity – focus groups, Vacation Bible School, work days, yard sale, Christian Education planning, etc. etc. Is this maybe a little crazy? Or more like fun!

The focus groups were planned and led by the Search Committee and they gave us an opportunity to think and talk about St. Martin – what we especially appreciate, what we sense is God's call, how we want to reconnect with our Mission statement, what our dreams are for the future – and we shared our stories of our personal blessings here. As I listened (and put in my two cents) it seemed to me that there were two themes especially that kept coming up. The first is about the love and caring that people experience in this community, the ways in which people step forward to help, the warmth of our Sunday services. Still, we aren't perfect in this regard. For instance, sometimes visitors are welcomed personally by members – and sometimes they leave without anyone speaking to them. We don't have very good ways to support fellowship. (Notice that as a result of these conversations, we are planning suppers together in August. Look for details.) We could improve our communications. More people could be involved and active in pastoral care. Maybe you can think of other ways to support St. Martin as a "caring community." In any case, I hope we together can be more intentional about caring for one another.

Sometimes it seems that because we are a close-knit community, we squabble like families do. I have observed that there are lots of very talented leader types should be! And that's very Episcopalian. We that we share core beliefs as expressed most coming then to a variety of ways of under-non-essentials) It has always been a challenge (and of course "I'm right!" we think). At VBS over our faces that had pictures on them of all Jesus – toys, TV, having our own way, being change our heart? How do we get rid of the ourselves? We love Jesus more than those things.

We are a church which was founded on the premise that we share core beliefs as expressed most clearly in our worship. . . .

here with very definite views of how things are a church which was founded on the premise clearly in our worship, and that we are welcoming and expressing our faith. (Adiophora: how to live in love when we are so different on the Planet Plaid, we made masks to hold the things that were more important to us than right, special clothes, etc., etc. How do we masks that hide us from each other and from

I love this quote from Paul in Colossians 3:12-17: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved," (which you are) "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

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These principles of life together are especially important as we plan for Christian Education in the fall. That, to me, is the second priority for St. Martin this year. This is an important way in which we express the love of God to our children, in which we teach them about Jesus Christ, in which they can experience "church," and learn about themselves and each other as beloved children of God. This is how we help them prepare to stand firm in the face of all the assaults they face in the world. What is important here, I believe, is the need of the children and what God is calling each person to do in meeting that need. It's become a cliché, but indeed, it takes a village to raise a child. Please pray about what God is calling you to do this year.

If this "village" is to be about nurturing and teaching our children, adults also need to be about continuing to learn and center in their own faith lives. We are planning adult classes to meet between services at the same time as the children's classes, and we encourage all adults to come. Our hope is that these will not only be opportunities to learn and grow, but also times of fellowship and caring.

This summer has also been a time of significant losses: Georgia Reissig's beloved grandson Justin tragically drowned on July 13th. The caring of this community poured out for her and her daughter Tammy. We continue to pray for them in their sorrow, for comfort and healing, for God's presence with them.

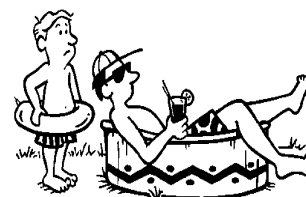
We both grieve and celebrate with the Fulmers as they leave for Janet to begin her seminary studies in Berkeley. Janet, we will certainly keep you in our prayers and look forward to hearing from both you and Ron.

We will miss Denise Hartung and her children, Michael, Lauren and Alexis. Thanks for all you have done for all children here. We wish you well and continue to pray for all of you.

If, as I have come to believe, caring is at the heart of God's charism and his gifting of St. Martin, then our nurturing ministries and our children's ministries are part of God's call to us. As we look ahead to this fall, let us pray deeply and intentionally for these ministries and those who are leading them – and pray and listen to what God is asking you to do.

May the rest of your summer be filled with blessings – perhaps (I hope) some laziness, some haziness (we can use the rain), and a little less craziness!

In Christ's love,
Marilyn+



To The Women of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

The Daughters of the King of our parish will be hosting a study for new candidates beginning on Sunday, August 10, for a total of six study sessions through the end of September. If you are seeking to grow in your faith life, please join us! Call Jane Owens at 303-699-5855, or contact any other Daughter for more information. You can identify us by the distinctive silver crosses we always wear. We hope to hear from you!

For His Sake....

I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?

Vestry Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 1, 2003

Members in attendance: Kathy Christy, Marty Hardison, John Holder, Mark Johnson, Missi Kern, Steve McGill, Jane Owens, Bruce Raymond, Joey Wolf, Mother Marilyn Schneider.

Mother Marilyn displayed a figurine of St. Martin that was sent to us as a gift from the Bunyan family. Margie is working to obtain a display box for it.

Mother Marilyn opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from the June 3rd meeting were approved. Mark presented a financial statement for the first six months of 2003.

Joey reported that negotiations are underway with Calvary Chapel. Calvary has found other facilities for their large Thursday night gathering, but will continue to use the Education Building for other activities.

The 'Clean-up Day' volunteers were able to accomplish many of the tasks needing to be done outside the church, including weeding the flowerbeds, trimming trees, and spraying weeds. There are still some significant tasks remaining, including cleaning out and painting the garage, sodding the prayer garden, and repairing the beams holding in the playground gravel.

The Ed Building was broken into sometime during the night of Friday, June 20. The sound system owned by the Korean Church was stolen, although there was no sign of forced entry. The Vestry decided to have deadbolts added to the Ed Building doors, and to have the exterior doors of the main Church building rekeyed. The distribution of the new keys will be tightly controlled.

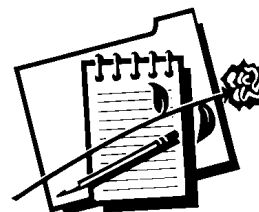
Bruce reported that the Search Committee was pleased with the participation in the focus groups held June 15, 22, and 29, and that several themes are already emerging. The information gathered will be compiled at the next Search Committee meeting on Monday, July 7.

The Vestry agreed to meet on the afternoon of Sunday, July 6 to work on the prayer garden, and will continue working on position descriptions for themselves and the paid staff at the next work session on Tuesday, July 29th.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Owens, Clerk



Directory Updates: (Office records currently)

Please Note: All personal addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses have been removed from this Internet edition. Please contact the church office for details.

Add: John Kalema

Naomi Stilnaker

Pam Rice

Address change:

Jewell Rima

Pruett, Candy / Richard Stein

Moved out of Colorado:

Fortenberry family

Matt McCullough

Add E-mail Address(es):

* Cal Hosman

* Amy Holder (change)

* Owens family

* Shelanda Phillipe

* Boone Williams

Please call the office if you have moved or have a new phone or email address

Thank you, Janet, for sharing this wonderful letter of God's word and love for us! It is the greatest love of all to know that we are God's chosen people. We have been blessed with so many wonderful gifts. Gifts that we may share with others in sharing God's word and also in our deeds to one another in the world. In these times of distress in our lives, we have so many opportunities to share God's love with those our lives touch. Have you helped someone with your Love today? Cynthia Obermeyer, Missions and Outreach.

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you...Psalm 139:1
I know when you sit down and when you rise up...Psalm 139:2
I am familiar with all your ways...Psalm 139:3
Even the very hairs on your head are numbered...Matthew 10:29-31
For you were made in my image...Genesis 1:27
In me you live and move and have your being...Acts 17:28
For you are my offspring...Acts 17:28
I knew you even before you were conceived...Jeremiah 1:4-5d...
I chose you when I planned creation...Ephesians 1:11-12
You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book...Psalm 139:15-16
I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live...Acts 17:26
You are fearfully and wonderfully made...Psalm 139:14
I knit you together in your mother's womb...Psalm 139:13
And brought you forth on the day you were born...Psalm 71:6
I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me...John 8:41-44
I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love...1 John 4:16
And it is my desire to lavish my love on you...1 John 3:1
Simply because you are my child and I am your father...1 John 3:1
I offer you more than your earthly father ever could...Matthew 7:11
For I am the perfect father...Matthew 5:48
Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand...James 1:17
For I am your provider and I meet all your needs...Matthew 6:31-33
My plan for your future has always been filled with hope...Jeremiah 29:11
Because I love you with an everlasting love...Jeremiah 31:3
My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore...Psalm 139:17-18
And I rejoice over you with singing...Zephaniah 3:17
I will never stop doing good to you...Jeremiah 32:40
For you are my treasured possession...Exodus 19:5
I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul...Jeremiah 32:41
And I want to show you great and marvelous things...Jeremiah 33:3
If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me...Deuteronomy 4:29
Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart...Psalm 37:4
For it is I who gave you those desires...Philippians 2:13
I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine...Ephesians 3:20
For I am your greatest encourager...2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles...2 Corinthians 1:3-4
When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you...Psalm 34:18
As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart...Isaiah 40:11
One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes...Revelation 21:3-4
And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth...Revelation 21:3-4
I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus...John 17:23
For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed...John 17:26
He is the exact representation of my being...Hebrews 1:3
He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you...Romans 8:31
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins...2 Corinthians 5:18-19
Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled...2 Corinthians 5:18-19
His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you...1 John 4:10
I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love...Romans 8:31-32
If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me...1 John 2:23
And nothing will ever separate you from my love again...Romans 8:38-39
Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen...Luke 15:7
I have always been Father, and will always be Father...Ephesians 3:14-15
My question is...Will you be my child?...John 1:12-13
I am waiting for you...Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Daddy, Almighty God

MINISTRIES FOR AUGUST, 2003

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31	Sept. 7
Scripture	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 Psalm 78:1-25 Ephesians 4:17-25	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-29	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 5:21-33	Deuteronomy 4:1-9 Psalm 15 Ephesians 6:10-20	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 1:17-27
Torch 8:30 AM	Rachael Obermeyer Alyssa Shallanberger Jordan Cunningham Dalton London	To be supplied Natalie Graeber Caitlin Shepard Michael Shepard	Alyssa Shallanberger Bryan Shallanberger Gloria Kiconco Heather Tung	Rachael Obermeyer Natalie Graeber Dalton London Tyler Eldred	Alyssa Shallanberger Bryan Shallanberger Nate Columna Josh Columna	Alyssa Shallanberger Bryan Shallanberger Richard McGill Gloria Kiconco
Crucifer 8:30 AM	Kathy Christy	Mark Johnson	Mike Shallanberger	Kathy Christy	Mark Johnson	Mike Shallanberger
10:45 AM	Charity Atukunda	Charity Atukunda	Kayleigh McGill	Nathan Raymond	Charity Atukunda	Kayleigh McGill
Chalice 1 8:30 AM	Kathy Christy	Mark Johnson	Mike Shallanberger	Albert Senkeeto	Marilyn Macdonald	Albert Senkeeto
10:45 AM	Lee Mayfield	Vince Columna	Michelle Tung	Mary London	David Owsley	Cal Hosman
Chalice 2 8:30 AM	Sharon Hoidahl	Marilyn Macdonald	Bryan Shallanberger	Kathy Christy	Mark Johnson	Bryan Shallanberger
10:45 AM	Lorna Mayfield	David Owsley	Vince Columna	Cal Hosman	Michelle Tung	Jay Johnson
Lector 8:30 AM	Ruth Thompson	Mark Johnson	Georgia Reissig	Sharon Armstrong	Marilyn Macdonald	Sharon Armstrong
10:45 AM	Jo Cunningham	Judy Tice	Bruce Raymond	Dawn Hardison	John Holder	Steve McGill
Intercessor 8:30 AM	Sharon Hoidahl	Marilyn Macdonald	Georgia Reissig	Sharon Armstrong	Marilyn Macdonald	Georgia Reissig
10:45 AM	John Holder	Chuck Tice	Ruth Thompson	Mary London	Jo Cunningham	Jay Johnson
Greeters 8:30 AM	Mark Johnson	Kay Johnson	Marla Albert	Mark Johnson	Randy Hoidahl	Marla Albert
10:45 AM	Jo Cunningham	Bill Eldred	Randy Hoidahl	Jay Johnson	Jo Cunningham	Bill Eldred
Ushers 8:30 AM	Sue & Kira Gilbert	Sharon Armstrong/Kay J.	Bonnie/Alan Engels	Mike/Ann Shallanberger	Jordan Hndrcksn/Alyssa S.	Sue/Kira Gilbert
10:45 AM	Jo & John Cunningham	Cal Hosman/Andrew Tung	Bill Eldred/Tom Keables	Milt Cowan/John Switzer	Jo/John Cunningham	Bill/Tracy Eldred
Nursery 10:45 AM	- - - / Heather West	Heather W./Pat Columna	Heather W./Amy Holder	Heather W./Tracey D.	Shelanda P./Dawn H.	
Altar Guild Flowers	C. Johnson / Juhl C. Johnson	Holder/Martin Holder	Shallanberger/Obermeyer Hoidahl	Milt/Bev Cowan / Kay J. C. Johnson	Tice/Juhl Tice	C.Johnson / Martin C. Johnson
CCRV 1:00 PM	Jay Johnson	Lorna Mayfield	Mark Johnson	Jay Johnson	Lorna Mayfield	Mark Johnson
LEM	Mark Johnson	Marty Hardison	Jay Johnson	Mark Johnson	Marty Hardison	Jay Johnson
M & M's	Milt/Bev Cowan	Joni Graeber	Cunningham	R. Hoidahl	Milt/Bev Cowan	Joni Graeber
Teller	Owens/Christy	Christy/McGill	McGill/Holder	Holder/Hardison	Hardison/Johnson	Johnson/Raymond

Please arrange a trade if you cannot serve.

Ministry Schedule is also on the Website @ www.st-martins.net

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Activities and Events for August, 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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Children's Chat

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." I Corinthians 13:4-7

This was one of the lessons from this year's Vacation Bible School:

Basic Interplanetary Bible Learning Experience

This was a wonderful curriculum from the "Big Idea" people who bring us Veggie Tales. We traveled around space visiting the Planet of Plaid, an observatory, the training center, the Milky Way Café and spent time in our space ship, learning lessons from the letters of Paul. This is a 2 year curriculum, so look for it to be continued next year!!

We had 29 children registered and various helpers who were teachers, aliens, coaches, waitresses, spaceship commanders and characters who were "galeezed" in from Bible time to help demonstrate the points Paul was trying to make in his letters.

We learned how to prepare our hearts for Jesus and how to show Him to others by how we act.

As we close VBS this year, we also say good bye to Denise Hartung who is moving to Houston. We hope we will continue to see her children, Michael, Lauren and Alexis from time to time. Best wishes to them all!

As you may know, we are trying to figure out a plan for Christian Education for next year. We request your prayers that we may see the plan that God has for us, our children and Christian Ed. in our parish.

There is a planning meeting for anyone interested in Christian Education for the preschool through high school aged students of the parish on July 31 at 7PM. Contact Heather West if you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting.

Prayerfully,
Sue Richardson

Many, many thanks to everyone who participated as teachers and assistants in making this VBS so successful. Your help was greatly appreciated!



August Birthdays !

Mason Martin	1
Justin Laginess	2
Sybil Keables	5
Nyabweza Itaawi	5
Dylan Moore	9
Mary Louise Gradwohl	9
Seth Raymond	10
Helen Gray	11
Laura Rivera	12
Antonia Johnstone	14
Patty Juhl	15
Becca Dooley	15
Landy Phillipe	16
John Holder	16
Amanda Boyd	17
Judy Tice	18
Bill Drexler	18
Don Beach	18
Bill Schneider	19
Max Nunez	19
Lisa Burke	20
Rachael Obermeyer	21
Spencer Earnhardt	22
Michael Shepard	25
Lorna Mayfield	27
Kelli Laginess	28
Julie LaBadie	28

August Anniversaries

Roley & JoAnn Greer	7	Fred & Martha Libby	18
Terry & Sue Lesyinski	12	Alan & Bonnie Engels	22
Wayne & Missy Kern	15	Lee & Lorna Mayfield	28
Albert & Pross Senkeeto	17	Dave & Joni Graeber	31

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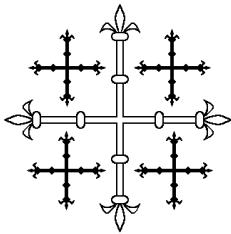
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