

# THE MISSION

**ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS**

**MARCH, 2004**

*"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."*

Dear Friends,

Years ago, when I was first an Episcopalian, I found it difficult to understand how one could program a season of repentance and reflection every year. Our youth minister then, a life-long Episcopalian, said that for him, the changing seasons of the church year provided a rhythm to his life, and he found great value in entering into the particular spirituality evoked by the scriptures and the focus of worship as the year changed. I have since found real blessing in letting each season draw me deeper into the life of Christ. I hope you will too.

It is my hope that all of us will take advantage of the opportunity this year to participate in "a holy Lent." It isn't easy, in the midst of everyone's too-busy life, to make the time to step back from the busyness and spend time with the Lord, but making that choice can be a powerful difference in your life. Some ways to do that – traditional Lenten disciplines – are giving something up, a personal sacrifice that reminds us of what Jesus has done for us; adding a spiritual – or practical – practice, such as reading the Bible each day (there are, I understand, good suggestions on the Internet); reading a book which invites you to grow in faith (any book by Henri Nouen, Max Lucado – we have good books in our church library, too); joining a study group (pick up Purpose Driven Life or Beyond Belief and join any of our groups meeting on Wed. noon, Thurs, Sat., and Sun. a.m.; doing an outreach or service project.

Many people choose to fast during Lent, and there are several ways to do this besides totally abstaining from food (please be sure to drink plenty of water in any case). Light meals for breakfast and lunch with a healthy meal at dinner. No breakfast or lunch on Fridays – no meat on Friday. Wednesdays are also often observed as fast days during Lent. Be sure not to endanger your health, though. The purpose of such fasting is to deepen your awareness of God, to give your spirit more freedom, to give you extra time for prayer and reflection.

The New Zealand Prayer Book has some beautiful prayers and suggested readings for Lent. I hope they will be meaningful to you. Those for Ash Wednesday are as follows:

#### **Self denial:**

*Sentence: "Examine me O God and know my heart, test me and discover my thoughts, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23,24*

#### **Collects:**

Jesus, holy and strong,  
by your fasting and temptation teach us self-denial;  
control and discipline us,  
that we may learn to obey.

Matt. 16:21-27

Almighty and merciful God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent,  
create in us new and contrite hearts,  
so that when we turn to you and confess our sins  
we may receive your full and perfect forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

#### **Readings:**

Psalms 51 and 6

1. Isaiah 58:1-9a  
1 Cor. 9:24-27

2. Jonah 3  
James 1:19-27  
Matt. 6:16-24

God of the desert, as we follow Jesus into the unknown,  
may we recognize the tempter when he comes;  
let it be your bread we eat,  
your world we serve and you alone we worship.

May God bless you and fill you with his light and love this holy Lent – Mother Marilyn

## **Vestry Meeting Highlights Tuesday, February 3, 2004**

Members in attendance: Missi Kern, Cynthia Obermeyer, Jane Owens, Bruce Raymond, Georgia Reissig, Sue Richardson, Bryan Schallanberger, Chris Thompson, Boone Williams.

Chris opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

The minutes of the January 6, 2004 meeting were approved after corrections to some dates.

Chris reported that Bishop Rob O'Neill had provided him with a sample contract for a Priest-in-Charge. This is the contract that must be executed between St. Martin's and Mother Marilyn Schneider. Chris, Missi, Georgia, and Mike Blaser will review the sample and provide comments.

Chris reported that Marilyn had obtained rates from Bear Trap Ranch for the Vestry Retreat during the weekend of March 5-7, 2004. As in the past, funds are not designated in the St. Martin budget for this retreat, and individual Vestry members pay their own expenses. Mother Marilyn has asked Joey Wolf to facilitate the retreat.

Chris reminded Vestry members to make their time pledges if they haven't already done so. With Georgia's assistance, Sue will act as "Mason" to create the building blocks that will be visible evidence of our progress in meeting pledges and "building the kingdom."

Georgia and Cynthia will work together to create a wish list of supplies needed by St. Martin's, which will be posted in the narthex in the hope that parishioners will donate the needed items.

Chris noted that January expenses of \$8500 exceeded January income of \$6900, probably as a reflection of 2003 expenses carried into 2004, or perhaps large one-time payments for services or equipment that occur at the beginning of the fiscal year.

On Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, both thermostats in the hallway were left turned up and the doors to the sanctuary were left open, so the furnace ran continuously during the night trying to heat the sanctuary. Alan will prepare a checklist of 'closing' tasks to be posted on the east door in an effort to remind people of what they need to do before leaving.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:15 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Owens, Clerk

## March 2004 Ministry Schedule

	<b>Torch Bearer</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Chalice Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Usher</b>
Mar-07-2004 8:30 am	Erin Macdonald Jordan Hendrickson	Bryan Shallenberger	Sharon Hoidahl	Lorna Mayfield	Lorna Mayfield		Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert
Mar-07-2004 10:45 am	Sarah Raymond Tyler Eldred	Nate Raymond	Jay Johnson Chris Thompson	Mary London	Mary London	Bill Eldred	Tracy Eldred Bill Eldred
Mar-14-2004 8:30 am		Erin Macdonald	Mike Shallenberger Marilyn Macdonald	Sharon Hoidahl	Sharon Hoidahl		Ann Shallenberger Sharon Armstrong
Mar-14-2004 10:45 am	Caitlin Shepard Becca Richardson	Michael Shepard	Pam Rice Jay Johnson	Dee Settlemyer	Dee Settlemyer	Jo Cunningham	Tracy Eldred Bill Eldred
Mar-21-2004 8:30 am	Natalie Graeber Rachael Obermeyer	Bryan Shallenberger	Lee Mayfield Jeff Caruso	Lorna Mayfield	Lorna Mayfield		Alyssa Shallenberger Jordan Hendrickson
Mar-21-2004 10:45 am	Kim London Dalton London	Ted Sharsmith	Tom Rothgeb Martha Libby	Chuck Tice	Judy Tice	Jay Johnson	Andrew Tung Cal Hosman
Mar-28-2004 8:30 am		Jordan Hendrickson	Mike Shallenberger Marilyn Macdonald	Sharon Armstrong	Sharon Armstrong		Ann Shallenberger Bonnie Engels
Mar-28-2004 10:45 am	Jordan Cunningham Brandon Kern	Kim London	Mary London Cal Hosman	John Cunningham	Jo Cunningham	Bill Eldred	Milt Cowan Tom Keables
Apr-04-2004 8:30 am	Erin Macdonald Alyssa Shallenberger	Jordan Hendrickson	Bryan Shallenberger Sharon Hoidahl	Georgia Reissig	Georgia Reissig		Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert
Apr-04-2004 10:45 am	Tyler Eldred Becca Richardson	Nate Raymond	Tom Rothgeb Pam Rice	Missi Kern	Missi Kern	Randy Hoidahl	Tracy Eldred Bill Eldred

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>CCRV</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>M&amp;Ms</b>	<b>Teller</b>
Mar-07-2004 Other ministries	Cindy Johnson Cynthia Obermeyer	No flowers	Lorna Mayfield	Jay Johnson	Joni Graeber	Missi Kern Bryan Shallenberger
Mar-14-2004 Other ministries	Be Martin Ann Shallenberger	No flowers	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Randy Hoidahl Sharon Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl	Bryan Shallenberger Jane Owens
Mar-21-2004 Other ministries	Milt Cowan Beverly Cowen Patty Juhl	No flowers	Tom Keables	Mary Louise Gradwohl Jay Johnson	Jo Cunningham	Jane Owens Boone Williams
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If you are unable to serve at the assigned time, please make arrangements for a substitute.

# St. Martin-in-the-Fields

## Activities and Events for March, 2004

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EVENTS

Youth Alpha
Begins Sunday March 7th 4:03 - 6:03 PM
Each Sunday through Lent.

For info? Contact Boone

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30-Hour Famine
Saturday March 13th 9:00 am through Sunday March 14th 11:00 am

This is a lock-in activity for middle & high school youth.
Pick up your pledge forms and registration today.
Info? Contact Bruce or Michelle

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Quest 2K4: Imagine!
April 30 - May 2, 2004
Frontier Ranch, Buena Vista, CO

Applications will be available soon. Set the dates aside now and start
saving for the fee! This weekend is run by the Diocese of Colorado.
A great weekend to meet other kids from parishes
from all around Colorado.



March Birthdays

Table with 2 columns: Name and Birthdate. Includes names like Sue Richardson (1), James Laginess (4), Jackson Hosman (6), etc.



Jo Cunningham\*; Sharon Hoidahl; Wayne Kern\*; Lorna Mayfield; Cynthia Obermeyer\*; Bruce Raymond; and Georgia Reissig.

You can pick up a Prayer Chain list with phone numbers on table in Narthex..

You may call any one of them and they will initiate your call to the group, to those participating in the e-mail prayer chain, and to the church office to be placed in the Prayers of the People on Sunday. Those names denoted with an \* are best reached in the evening.

LENTEN STUDY Wednesdays in March

A daytime Lenten Study on the book Beyond Belief by Elaine Pagels is being offered by Sharon Hoidahl. Meet at the church from noon - 1:00 PM, on Wednesdays beginning March 3rd through 31st. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch. Participants should read the introduction and first chapter prior to the first session. Call Sharon for information.

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**Vestry Members :**

Bruce Raymond, Sr. Warden  
Alan Engels, Jr. Warden  
Mike Blaser, Treasurer  
Kathy Christy  
Missy Kern  
Cynthia Obermeyer  
Jane Owens  
Georgia Reissig  
Sue Richardson  
Bryan Shallanberger  
Boone Williams

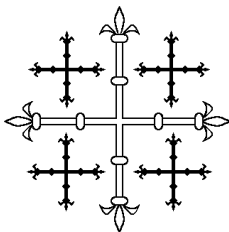
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**St. Martin Staff:**

Priest-in-Charge,  
Pastor Marilyn Schneider  
Secretary, Margie Reck  
Music Director, Georgia Reissig

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

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***Holy Eucharist Services***  
***8:30 & 10:45 AM***  
***Christian Education***  
***9:45 AM***

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***www.st-martins.net***  
***St. Martin Prayer Chain:***  
***prayer@st-martins.net***

***The Mission***

Submissions may be made to office@st-martins.net. The deadline for newsletter articles is no later than the 15th of the preceding month. Many thanks to all who assist in newsletter production and mailing.

**W**elcome to this electronic edition of The Mission.

If you know of someone who you believe should be added for this on-line service, please notify office@st-martins.net .

**Parish Life**

**COFFEE HOST / HOSTESS HELP  
NEEDED !!**

Please sign up to host coffee on Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on wall in Narthex.

A Supplies Needed sheet is on bulletin board in the kitchen. Thank you for your contribution of supplies.

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