

THE MISSION

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

APRIL, 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."

From Mother Marilyn

Dear Friends,

Soon we will celebrate Easter, the Day of Christ's Resurrection. We have almost come to the end of Lent, to Holy Week, the time when we have an opportunity to enter into the meaning of Christ's last days before his crucifixion. We feel the irony of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, knowing that in less than a week the crowds' hosannas will turn to shouts of "Crucify him!" And we hear the urgency of Jesus' last words to his disciples, feel the love and agony of the night of his betrayal. If you have seen The Passion, this whole experience is vivid, horrifying, anguishing to endure.

I hope we will see just as vividly the joy and astonishment and renewal of the Resurrection. We can imagine Mary Magdalene's wonder and confusion in the garden: "How can this be?" And the fear and amazement of the disciples when Jesus appeared in their midst. I hope we too will realize that same wonder and joy in our hearts.

For us, these days deepen in us the center of our faith: Jesus died for us and rose again that we might have life in him. We are more deeply reminded that because of him our lives have purpose.

Like the disciples, we wait together. We gather for the Seder meal on Monday, the 5th. We experience the foot-washing, the stripping of the altar, and the all-night vigil on Maundy Thursday, the 8th. On Good Friday, we pray the mass together at noon, and enter into the experience of Jesus' followers in the drama of the Stations of the Cross Friday night. I hope everyone will come and bring friends and neighbors. This will truly prepare your hearts for the glory of the Resurrection. On Saturday night we come together for the Easter Vigil, actually the first Easter service, beginning in Lenten darkness and ending in the new light of Christ. This is traditionally a night for baptisms as well.

This season leads us to ask why Jesus died for us? What are we called to do in response? In The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren reminds us that one of the purposes of our life is that we were formed for God's family, the church, which is one of the reasons being together for this holy season is so important. He says, "You are called to belong, not just believe.... We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves." He goes on, "God designed his church specifically to help you fulfill the five purposes he has for your life. He created the church to meet your five deepest needs: a purpose to live for, people to live with, principles to live by, a profession to live out, and power to live on. There is no other place on earth where you can find all five of these benefits in one place. God's purposes for his church are identical to his five purposes for you. Worship helps you *focus on God*; fellowship helps you *face life's problems*; discipleship helps *fortify your faith*; ministry helps *find your talents*; evangelism helps *fulfill your mission*. There is nothing else on earth like the church!" (P. 130, 136)

My prayer is that as we enter into these times of prayer and worship, we will be renewed in our commitment to Christ, to each other, and to the mission God has called us to fulfill.

May God's richest blessings be yours –

Mother Marilyn+



Vestry Meeting Highlights Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Members in attendance: Alan Engels, Missi Kern, Cynthia Obermeyer, Jane Owens, Bruce Raymond, Georgia Reissig, Sue Richardson, Bryan Schallanberger, Marilyn Schneider, Boone Williams. Mike Blaser was also present. Kathy Christy arrived later in the meeting.

Mother Marilyn opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

Mike presented the Income Statements for the period of January and February with comparisons to the previous year. The treasurer's report was approved as presented. The minutes of the February 3, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

Marilyn reviewed the parochial report she and Margie had prepared. Among other facts, the report shows a loss of 154 members during 2003, which reflects member losses after the departure of Praveen, member losses due to the National Convention decision, and the elimination of the names of former members who had been carried on the parish records but have not attended for an extended period of time.

The Vestry reviewed the ministry liaison list and updated it to reflect new ministry contacts and new Vestry members. The updated list follows.

Sue and Georgia are working on a design for the "bricks" that will record people's time donations; the "bricks" will be available from greeters on Sundays.

The Vestry retreat will be held the weekend of March 5-7 beginning at 6 PM on Friday night and ending after the 10:45 service on Sunday. The Friday and Saturday sessions will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Aurora, and the final Sunday session will be at St. Martin's.

Alan presented a detailed wish list for building and grounds. Alan proposed switching to digital (programmable) thermostats that would likely save substantial money on heating and A/C costs. Alan has already located someone willing to cover the costs of this change. Additional items included paint and supplies, baseboard for the nursery, hedge trimmers, lockable thermostat covers, salt, and fertilizers. Cynthia and Georgia are developing a list of items needed for the church that will be published in the newsletter and bulletins. Hopefully, people will donate the materials, services, or pledges to complete the needed work. Alan's items can be included on their list.

Bruce and Pam Rice have completed a review and clean-up of the church's library. Mark Johnson donated a laptop computer that Bruce will set up to provide catalog and check-out functions.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:50 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 6th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Owens, Clerk

**2004 Vestry Liaisons
(As of 3/04)**

MINISTRY	CONTACT	PHONE*	VESTRY LIAISON
Campus Care	Alan Engels		Alan Engels
Christian Education Adult Sunday School Confirmation Classes Library Youth Education & Fellowship Children's Sunday School Children's Chapel Sunday Nursery	Marilyn McDonald Lorna Mayfield Bruce Raymond Bruce Raymond Jo Cunningham & Tom Keables Jay Skinner & Sue Richardson Landy Phillippe		Jane Owens Jane Owens Bruce Raymond Bruce Raymond Sue Richardson & Bryan Shallanberger Sue Richardson & Bryan Shallanberger Sue Richardson
Christian Life Daughters of the King Cursillo Prayer Chain	Jane Owens Jane Owens Sharon Hoidahl		Missi Kern Jane Owens Georgia Reissig
Finance Treasurer Stewardship	Mike Blaser Vestry		Mike Blaser
New Members Greeters & M&Ms New Member Integration	Randy Hoidahl Georgia Reissig		Georgia Reissig Georgia Reissig
Outreach Caring Hands St. Clare's Kitchen Evangelism & Missions	Jay Skinner Milt & Beverly Cowan Cynthia Obermeyer		Cynthia Obermeyer Cynthia Obermeyer Cynthia Obermeyer
Parish Council	Bruce Raymond		Bruce Raymond
Parish Life	Kathy Christy		Kathy Christy
Worship Commission Altar Ministry Altar Guild Music Ushers	Missi Kern Cindy Johnson Georgia Reissig Bill Eldred		Missi Kern Cynthia Obermeyer Georgia Reissig Alan Engels

All Phone numbers are area code 303 unless otherwise noted

Phone numbers eliminated in this online copy.



3450th Annual Passover Seder Monday April 5th, 2004 at 6:30 PM

- Reminder - please bring ceremonial food and other supplies to the church by 2:00 Sunday.
- Setup volunteers - Setup will be at 2:00 PM
- Bring prepared food items to the meal Monday night

A-M bring Vegetable or Salad
N-Z bring Fruit or Dessert



Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil - Come to the Garden

"They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." Later... He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mark 14:32,37-38)

Please join in the all night Prayer Vigil that begins after the Maundy Thursday Service (April 8th) until Noon on Good Friday. After the Maundy Thursday service, the Sacrament is transferred to the "Prayer Garden" - located in the conference room. Be enriched by an hour of prayer spent with others before the Lord.

The sign up sheet is in the narthex. . All ages are welcome to participate in this quiet vigil with Jesus. You are invited to sign up for an hour during the night or Friday morning. Multiple people can sign up for the hour, but please (for security reasons) have at least two people signed up per hour.



Good Friday Service — April 9, 7:00 PM

Ever wondered what it was like for the people who witnessed the crucifixion? Thought about their reactions and thoughts after Jesus was taken away to the tomb?

- How they felt?
- What was Barrabas thinking?
- How did Simon of Cyrene reflect on his experience of carrying the cross?
- What was John the disciple going to do?

On Good Friday, St. Martin-in-the-Fields will present "Were You There" - a series of monologues depicting how it might have been at the end of that day. Come see and hear what might have been.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for April, 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 4:03 PM Youth Alpha 6:00 PM Conf. Class Palm Sunday	5 6:30 PM Sedar Meal	6 7:00 PM Vestry	7 7:00 PM Choir Practice	8 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday H.E. with Foot Washing 9:00 PM Prayer Vigil Ending Friday Noon	9 12:00 PM Good Friday Service 7:00 PM Good Friday Drama	10 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Youth Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat
11 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Brunch & Egg Hunt 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV Easter Day	12	13	14 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15	16	17
18 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 4:03 PM Youth Alpha 6:00 PM Conf. Class	19 7:00 PM Daughters of the King	20	21 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22	23	24
25 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 4:03 PM Youth Alpha 6:00 PM Conf. Class	26	27 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper	28 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29	30	

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April Ministry Schedule

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher
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
Apr-18-2004 8:30 am		Erin Macdonald	Lorna Mayfield Lee Mayfield	Sharon Armstrong	Georgia Reissig		Alan Engels Bonnie Engels
Apr-18-2004 10:45 am	Michael Shepard Tyler Eldred	Caitlin Shepard	Milt Cowan Pam Rice	Martha Libby	Bruce Raymond	Jo Cunningham	Andrew Tung Tom Keables
Apr-25-2004 8:30 am	Natalie Graeber Rachael Obermeyer	Jordan Hendrickson	Jeff Caruso Bryan Shallenberger	Georgia Reissig	Sharon Armstrong		Alyssa Shallenberger Alan Engels
Apr-25-2004 10:45 am	Kim London Dalton London	Ted Sharsmith	Mary London Martha Libby	Bruce Raymond	Chuck Tice	Bill Eldred	Milt Cowan
May-02-2004 8:30 am		Erin Macdonald	Marilyn Macdonald Lorna Mayfield	Sharon Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl		Kira Gilbert Sue Gilbert
May-02-2004 10:45 am	Jordan Cunningham Sarah Raymond	Nate Raymond	Milt Cowan Tom Rothgeb	Jay Johnson	John Cunningham	Jay Johnson	John & Jo Cunningham Tom Keable

MAUNDY THURSDAY | EASTER VIGIL | EASTER SUNDAY - Ministry sign up in Narthex

	Altar Guild	Flowers	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Apr-04-2004	Cindy Johnson Ann Shallenberger	Cindy Johnson	Jay Johnson	Marilyn Macdonald	Joni Graeber	Michelle Raymond Sue Richardson
Apr-11-2004	Cindy Johnson Patty Juhl Beverly Cowen Milt Cowan	Cindy Johnson	Tom Keables	Mary Louise Grad- wohl	Jo Cunningham	Sue Richardson Cynthia Obermeyer
Apr-18-2004	Be Martin Cynthia Obermeyer Susan Shepard		Mary Louise Grad- wohl	Tom Keables	Randy Hoidahl	Cynthia Obermeyer Kathy Christy
Apr-25-2004	Judy Tice Ann Shallenberger Patty Juhl	Judy Tice	Jay Johnson	Tom Keables	Joni Graeber	Kathy Christy Georgia Reissig
May-02-2004	Cindy Johnson Susan Shepard Judy Tice	Sharon Hoidahl	Lorna Mayfield	Jay Johnson	Jo Cunningham	Georgia Reissig Missi Kern

 *From the Sr. Warden*

Easter..... almost!

The other day, I was asked, "Where is heaven?" Our image of heaven includes our hopes of a complete and perfect life with God. Are you familiar with the idea "The kingdom is here.... but not yet?" We live in expectation of the second coming of Christ, the promise of heavenly glory, but, Jesus promises to be with us NOW, and we commit to being the hands, feet, and loving presence of Jesus to those we meet on a daily basis.

The kingdom of Jesus is here now..... but we all know that this isn't all there is. The heartaches and trials, uncertainty, and sin in our lives are proof that we are not complete, yet. One thing is certain; God is present and loves each one of us. To the extent that we can trust in God's faithful love and care for us - we can know that God's kingdom has begun. When the angel Gabriel told Mary "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." it wasn't because the pregnancy, labor, and child rearing were finished (much less the suffering and crucifixion)! It was because the kingdom had arrived!

Let us be people of the kingdom. Spread the good news that Jesus is risen, is alive, and with us in everything that we experience. What does that mean for today....? It means we carry on. We continue to run the race that St. Paul describes. We rejoice that God is with us in the midst of adversity, uncertainty, and our own sinfulness. We are called to feed the hungry... to minister to others, to serve our sisters and brothers at St. Martins and the needs of our neighbors.

One way of encouraging each other in this walk is through acknowledging our service to time and talent to one another. Note the growing brick wall in the narthex. Pledge your own time and talent and add your own bricks to the wall. Let us support each other in building the kingdom.

Bruce



April Birthdays

Rick Whipp	1
Natalie Graeber	1
Tom Keables	2
Amie Claire Raymond	2
Tyler Eldred	2
Annelisi McSherry	10
Michelle Mayfield	15
Wayne Kern	17
Rachel Whipp	26
Nathan Raymond	27

April Anniversaries

Tom & Fern Keables	5
Larry & Cass Strotheide	7
Bob & Diane Williams	15
Bill & Tracy Eldred	19

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt between services on Easter Sunday. Kids from toddlers to age 12 (or still in 5th grade) are invited to participate in the hunt. Bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs!!

Request for donations appears in bulletin

Reminder:

Set your clocks ahead
1 hour before you go
To bed Saturday night!

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 Shallenberger

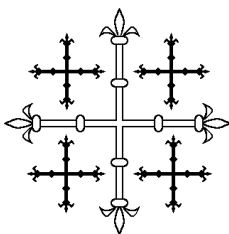
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St. Martin Staff:

Priest-in-Charge,
Pastor Marilyn Schneider
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Holy Eucharist Services
8:30 & 10:45 AM
Christian Education
9:45 AM

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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.

Welcome 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 .



Prayer Chain requests may be placed at:
prayer@st-martins.net
Or pick-up a prayer chain information sheet in the Narthex.

Episcopal Camp Opportunities — Summer, 2004

Camp Ilium & Trinity Ranch are offering camps during months of June and August. Read all about it in weekly bulletin announcement!

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