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ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

JANUARY, 2005

"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,

Earlier in December I made a two day retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Sedalia, a beautiful and peaceful place to be, in the foothills, overlooking the plains. From my window I could see a giant metal sculpture of the risen Christ, reaching toward heaven with one hand and earth with the other, symbolizing for me the reconciliation with God that Christ has made for us.

The theme of the retreat was An Amazing Gift, the gift of Jesus' friendship. In John 15:15, Jesus says to his disciples (and so to us), "I do not call you servants any longer . . . but I have called you friends because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from the Father."

Our Christmas reflections are about the coming of Jesus into the world — amazing enough. But how much more amazing that he comes as friend. A friend, says Sr. Eleanor, our retreat leader, is one who cares for you, who likes you, loves and treasures you, hangs in with you in good and bad. The dictionary adds two more facets of "friend" — someone attached to you by affection, a favorite. Think of it! Jesus says to each of us, "You are my friend!"

A question that wasn't addressed, though, is whether, in my heart, Jesus is my friend. And if so, how does that affect the way I relate to him, the way I think about him, the choices I make, the things I do. This seems like a good question with which to begin the new year. How do I live as a friend of Jesus?

And, along with that question, how do I live as a friend among friends?

Thinking of the new year in terms of friendship is exciting to me. We have so much to look forward to! Stay tuned for more specifics at the Annual Meeting.

I want to keep you informed about my surgery and recovery process, as far as I know now. The scheduled date is January 25, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. They say I will be out for four to six weeks. The Rev. Barbara Musselman will be the supply priest on Sundays, and pending the Bishop's approval, Deacon Shirley O'Halloran will also be assisting. Martha Libby will be our new Senior Warden, and she and the Vestry will, of course, keep things going as well.

As we approach the end of 2004, I want to express my — and our — gratitude to Bruce Raymond, especially for his leadership and hard work as Senior Warden but also for the many ways he has gifted this community, both this year and in the past. He has loved and mentored and headed program for our youth. He has loved (?!) and put in place our web site and our group email communications. He has been a contributor to the worship committee and church planning, and keeps our calendar up to date. He has (with the help of Pam Rice) gotten our library back in shape — and has done so many more things that bless us than I can mention here. Most important is the deep faith and prayer that are part of all he does, that have strengthened the Vestry and supported me in so many ways. Thank you, Bruce, for all you have done for St. Martin.

May God bless you and keep you. May you know Jesus as your friend. May 2005 be filled with his peace and presence in your life.

In his grace and mercy,

Marilyn+



Vestry Minutes December 7, 2004

Attending: Bruce Raymond, Bryan Shallenberger, SueRichardson, Cynthia Obermeyer, Georgia Reissig, and M. Marilyn. Excused: Jane Ownes, Missi Kern and Kathy Christy. Guests: Bob Williams and Martha Libby.

Opened with portions of Evening Prayer

Stewardship:

1. Bob came to discuss where we are with Stewardship. We received pledges from 33 families and have a total of just over \$72,000. This is 67% of our goal, and about 50% of our families.
2. Those who did not pledge will be approached by Stewardship committee members, by phone (about 25). They have already received a letter from Marilyn. Phone calls will begin NEXT week after numbers are presented to the parish (see #4).
3. We need to let the parish know where we stand in comparison to what we need. Directly and clearly. Explain that pledging helps us plan how to get what we need.
4. Bob/Bruce/Mike will get together and come up with a sheet that summarizes where we are compared to budget and what we are looking at so far for next year's budget (\$72K) This will be distributed on Sunday.

Budget:

1. We will have an additional budget meeting on Monday, December 27 at 7PM. We will begin putting together the budget for the annual meeting. We should have all the results of the stewardship committee's phone calls in by then.

Announcement:

Martha Libby will be the 2005 Senior Warden.

Staffing:

1. Deacon Shirley O'Halloran (a friend of Marilyn's) has offered to help out at St. Martin. She is willing to: a) assist with worship, b) CCRV to do a Deacon's mass with the LEMS, and c) be available for pastoral care. The vestry came to consensus that Shirley would offer a valuable service to our parish at this time. Marilyn will talk to her. She would be paid a small amount of money to cover mileage.
2. Discussion took place over supply priest for Marilyn's time off. Barbara Musselman is available for the time, and Marilyn will ask her. Agreement was that it would be most beneficial to the parish to have a consistent person be our "supply priest" during Marilyn's recovery. Marilyn is scheduled for surgery on January 25, at 7:45 AM at St. Joseph Hospital. Disability policy begins one month after her leave begins. She could return in as little as 6 weeks.

Vestry Changes:

1. Two people have accepted the nominations at this point: Pam Rice and Stephen Hull; would like a third
2. Reviewed the schedule of On/Off Vestry service. This year Kathy, Bruce and Missi go off, and we would like to have 3 new members. Next year Cynthia, Georgia and Bryan go off, and again 3 new members needed. The following year Sue and Jane go off and we would replace with another 3. There would then be the correct rotation of 3 people each year and all would serve three-year terms.
3. Some discussion about the disruption when Marilyn leaves, but Martha is hoping to seat a search committee in February and have a contracted priest by November to begin in January of 2006.

Annual Meeting - January 9 - Epiphany

1. Need Ministry reports by 12/22 to Margie. Liaisons please contact your ministry/ies and ask them to have their reports in.
2. Children's ministries will have a Children's program during the service.
3. Pot luck brunch items will be served after service and before the meeting.

Margie sent the Vestry a nice Thank You note for her 10th anniversary gifts.

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There was a brief discussion regarding Junior Warden and how to form that position and/or various committees that could be under that position. Marilyn will decide how this will be handled.

Cynthia has agreed to be the “emergency contact” person for the church. This is mainly due to her close proximity (and her willingness to do it!!) Thank you Cynthia!!

Georgia has spoken with Zach regarding shoveling snow off the sidewalks (we have a parking lot plow person). Marilyn will contact him and perhaps a couple of other folks could help him.

If anyone knows someone who might donate computers... we certainly could use a computer and Hi Intensity LCD projector!! It would be wonderful to have for things like the annual meeting...or the Christmas program!

Meeting closed with singing the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Richardson.

Confirmation Class



Classes begin on January 16, 2005, and continue each Sunday at 6:00 PM in the conference room.

If you are considering participating in confirmation this year, please see Mother Marilyn or Lorna Mayfield.



ASK GRACIE. . .

Are There Special Dates to Remember in January, 2005?

YES!!

- Jan. 2nd—9:30 a.m. H.E.
United Thank Offering kick-off
- Jan. 9th — 9:30 a.m. H.E.
Followed by brunch &
Annual Meeting
- Jan. 16th — 8:30 & 10:45 H.E.
Confirmation Classes begin
(6:00 p.m.)

Pure Love, come down to set us free

By Cassandra Strotheide

Class of 2005

Diocese of Colorado — CMD

*Pure Love, come down to set us free,
Bright star to guide the way,
The world rejoiced on bended knee,
On that first Christmas day.*

*The small meek child in manger lay,
who knew what path he'd take?
None guessed how short would be his stay,
Given up for human's sake.*

*Now, hush, enjoy your mother's breast,
Her soft sweet songs of love.
Too soon will evil come to test
your mission from above.*

*Oh, precious package wrapped up tight,
Abed on donkey's stall,
To show love's triumph over might,
The perfect gift for all.*



Greetings dear friends,

I am happy to say that I am approaching the last week of the term, and the mid-point of the time in seminary. All is well. We miss you, Colorado and snow—we have in partial compensation, magnolia trees beginning to burst into bloom, lilies opening, and the bay sparkling in the sunlight.

Ron has been busy with work, and had been happily preparing to leave for the mission trip to Haiti this January. Unfortunately, the violence in Haiti has escalated, and the trip has been indefinitely postponed. Please remember the people of Haiti as they try to regain some stability and end to the violence.

I had a couple of great classes this fall—and I sincerely thank all who participated in answering my query about the Eucharist for my liturgics class. I had another wonderful class, offered by the Franciscan School of Theology. It was called, “From Saul to Paul,” and it was a thorough examination of the struggles of the early church and Paul’s struggle to deal with the issues that divided and threatened it. There was one passage from Philippians 2:1-18, and particularly, 2:1-5, 14, that I returned to over and over as I prayed for St. Martin, the diocese, and ECUSA. It was this: *If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus . . . Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.*

To me, the stars- and heavens- give such a sense of the joy and mystery of creation, and such a sense of reassurance about the infinite majesty of God and all that God has created, that I rest in the peace which passes understanding. Knowing and believing that God’s plan is perfect and *whatever* God does is done in love, I can with Julian of Norwich, affirm in my heart: *All shall be well; and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.*

We send our love and thanks for you, our beloved parish. We are so very blessed. May God bless and keep you, and bring a new year of joy and life!

In His Love,

Janet and Ron Fullmer



**Two Episcopal Summer Camps
Planning Dates for Summer 2005**
(Brochures on display in the Narthex.)

Camp Ilium

Camp Ilium's mission is to nurture children, youth, and adults in Christ and one another in the splendor of His majestic creation. Dates for Summer 2005 Mission Camp (High School) to Navajo Reservation - Mid June (TBA)
High School Camp June 26 - July 2
Family Camp July 3 - July 9
7th & 8th Grade Camp July 10 - July 16
5th & 6th Grade Camp July 17 - July 23
2nd - 4th Grade Camp July 31 - August 13

Camp Ilium also has winter dates for families, groups, etc with discounts at Telluride Ski Area. (www.campilium.com)

Trinity Ranch

Come and join us for fun and fellowship for a week of camp at Trinity Ranch.

Senior High Camp June 12-18
Elementary Camp June 19-25
Angel Tree Middle School Camp June 26-30
Angel Tree Elementary Camp July 5-8
Middle School Camp July 17-23

Altar Ministries — January, 2005

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher	Coffee
Jan-02-2005 9:30 am	Caitlin Shepard Cody Wonycott	Michael Shepard	Chuck Tice Pam Rice	Pam Rice	Judy Tice	Jo Cunningham	John Shepard Tom Keables	Joy Guarina
Jan-09-2005 9:30 am	Sarah Raymond Jocelyn Whipp	Jordan Hendrickson	Martha Libby Jay Johnson	Martha Libby	Missi Kern	Randy Hoidahl	John & Jo Cunningham	Kathy Christy
Jan-16-2005 8:30 am	Vincent Graeber Rachael Obermeyer	Natalie Graeber	Lorna Mayfield Lee Mayfield	Georgia Reissig	Lorna Mayfield		Dave Graeber Joni Graeber	Kathy Christy
Jan-16-2005 10:45 am	Becca Richardson Brandon Kern	Michael Shepard	Judy Tice Chuck Tice	Jay Johnson	Pam Rice	John Shepard	Bill Eldred Tracy Eldred	Tom Keables
Jan-23-2005 8:30 am		Bryan Shallenberger	Bryan Shallenberger Mike Shallenberger	Lorna Mayfield	Georgia Reissig		Ann Shallenberger Jordan Hendrickson	Joni Graeber
Jan-23-2005 10:45 am	Cody Wonycott Sarah Raymond	Nate Raymond	Pam Rice Martha Libby	Bruce Raymond	Martha Libby	Jay Johnson	Tom Keables John Shepard	Joy Guarina
Jan-30-2005 8:30 am	Jocelyn Whipp	Jordan Hendrickson	Sharon Hoidahl Randy Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl	Sharon Hoidahl		Bill Schneider Mike Shallenberger	Kathy Christy
Jan-30-2005 10:45 am	Rachael Obermeyer Caitlin Shepard Becca Richardson	Michael Shepard	Jay Johnson Judy Tice	Judy Tice	Chuck Tice	Bill Eldred	John & Jo Cunningham	Tom Keables
Feb-06-2005 8:30 am		Natalie Graeber	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Mike Shallenberger		Kira Gilbert Sue Gilbert	Joni Graeber
Feb-06-2005 10:45 am	Brandon Kern Cody Wonycott		Chuck Tice Pam Rice	Missi Kern	Judy Tice	John Shepard	Bill Eldred Tracy Eldred	Joy Guarina

	Altar Guild	Flowers	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Jan-02-2005	Ann Shallenberger Judy Tice	Judy Tice	Tom Keables	Lorna Mayfield	Randy Hoidahl	Kathy Christy Georgia Reissig
Jan-09-2005	Be Martin Cynthia Obermeyer	Sharon Hoidahl	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Tom Keables	Joni Graeber	Georgia Reissig Missi Kern
Jan-16-2005	Patty Juhl Cindy Johnson	Cindy Johnson	Jay Johnson	Mike Shallenberger	Jo Cunningham	Jane Owens Bryan Shallenberger
Jan-23-2005	Ann Shallenberger Susan Shepard	Cindy Johnson	Tom Keables	Jay Johnson	Ed Paprocki & Heather Ruck	Bryan Shallenberger Sue Richardson
Jan-30-2005 8:30 am	Judy Tice Olivia Humphrey	Judy Tice	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Tom Keables	Joni Graeber	Sue Richardson Cynthia Obermeyer
Feb-06-2005	Cynthia Obermeyer Patty Juhl	Sharon Hoidahl	Jay Johnson	Mike Shallenberger	Jo Cunningham	Cynthia Obermeyer Jane Owens

**You may also go to: <http://www.st-martins.net/>
For a link to Ministry Schedule, which includes Sunday Readings.**

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for January, 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV	3 7:00 PM Music & Liturgy	4 7:00 PM Vestry	5	6 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	7	8
9 9:30 AM H.E. followed by Annual Meeting 1:00 PM CCRV	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	14	15 Youth Sat./Sun. - Cosmic Bowling
16 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 6:00 PM Conf. Class	17	18	19	20 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	21	22
23 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 6:00 PM Conf. Class	24	25 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper Youth Serving	26	27 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	28	29
30 Youth Sunday 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 6:00 PM Conf. Class	31					

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February 05

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December 2004 High Plains Regional News

From your Missioner Lou Blanchard and the High Plains Executive Committee, below is an update on happenings and upcoming events in the High Plains Region. Please share this information with as many from your parish as you can. If you have any questions or need information please contact Nancy McClung, or any member of the Executive Committee listed below:

- **High Plains Regional Confirmation 2005**- Please contact Nancy McClung if you will be participating in the High Plains Regional Confirmation on May 14, 2005 at St. John's Cathedral.
- **Samaritan Saturday 2005** –Planning for Samaritan Saturday is in full swing. The committee has established a calendar, contacts and a list of agencies to be served. All parishes have been contacted and invited to participate. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Bob Blatherwick at 720-748-2049 or RcBlat@aol.com
- **2005 Pledges** –Bob Leaman will be sending out forms requesting 2005 diocesan and regional pledges. Please be sure to return your pledges as soon as possible. Prayerfully remember the ministries your region has helped in the past and hopes to continue to help in 2005.
- **St. Francis Center now provides overnight shelter**- Through public sector funding, the St. Francis Center has been enabled to be open overnight. This will have a big impact on the homeless community as they have a capacity of over 300. We as a Diocese have supported St. Francis Center for 21 years.
- **Diocesan Restructuring** – With the Bishop's restructuring of his staff to accomplish the mission of promoting healthy clergy and congregations, Lou Blanchard will no longer be serving as Missioner for the High Plains Region so that she can do some new work in the area of Congregational Development. A new Regional Missioner will be appointed by the Bishop in January.

Questions? Please contact:

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Bloopers

Some church bulletin bloopers are legendary. Here are a few:

- *For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*
- *Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.*
- *The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.*
- *The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus.'*

In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year old girl was among those who raised their hands. A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm. The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

**“Amahl and the Night Visitors”
to be Presented by
St. Andrew’s Musicians
January 6, 7, 8**

St. Andrew’s will present the magnificent opera, “Amahl and the Night Visitors,” as an Epiphany meditation and a fundraiser for the church. Performances are on January 6, 7, and 8, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2201 Dexter Street.

Evening performances will be at 7:30 p.m., and there will be a matinee on Saturday afternoon, January 8, at 2:30 p.m.

MB Krueger is the musical director and Tim Krueger will conduct. Principal cast includes Debra McVicker, Allison Westphal, David Farwig, Kevin Fletcher, John Taylor, and a chorus composed of members of the St. Andrew’s Choir.

Mark your calendars today, and come celebrate this joyous Christmas/Epiphany tale told in Gian Carlo Menotti’s glorious music...in the beautiful setting of St. Thomas Church...with a superb cast of singers.

Tickets will be on sale in the undercroft, following each of the services on Sunday, or in the church office. They are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students. This is a “not to be missed” occasion!



January Birthdays

Jenny Sharsmith	4
Jordan Rudolph	12
Martha Libby	12
Becca Richardson	15
Laura Whipp	16
Kimberly London	19
Georgia Reissig	22
Kasey Eldred	22
Susan Shepard	24
Diana Settlemeyer	26
Joy Guarini	31

January Anniversaries

Mike & Ann Shalanberger 19

Former Secretary of Education William Bennett told of attending a modern wedding ceremony where the couple wrote their own marriage vows, in which they promises to stay together “As long as our love lasts, and we stay friends.” Bennett said that upon hearing this, he and his wife cancelled the registration they had made for dinner china for the couple, and sent them paper plates as a wedding present instead.

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Seating guests at the wedding, the usher asked the middle-aged woman who entered the church, “Are you a friend of the bride, Ma’am?” “Oh my Lord, No,” the woman objected. “I’m the mother of the groom!”

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prayer@st-martins.net, or
pick-up a prayer chain information sheet in the Narthex.

Vestry Members :

Bruce Raymond, Sr. Warden
Mike Blaser, Treasurer
Kathy Christy
Missi Kern
Cynthia Obermeyer
Jane Owens
Georgia Reissig
Sue Richardson
Bryan Shallenberger

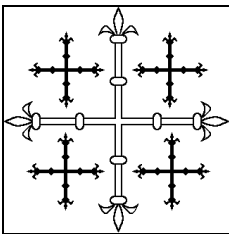
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8:30 & 10:45 AM
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9:30 AM

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Entertainment Books for 2005 are still available

Contact Randy Hoidahl following Sunday services, or call him to place your order. You will find bargains galore to save \$\$\$ by using the discount card and coupons. Proceeds go to the Danny Shewey Memorial Scholarship fund for St. Martin youth.



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