

◆ THE MISSION ◆

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

OCTOBER ~ 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."

Dear Friends,

The Collect for September 18 struck me as being particularly poignant this year.

"Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly, and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord...."

We have watched in horror as thousands of people lost their earthly things, we have rejoiced to be able to help our refugee families gain some earthly things after years of living with virtually nothing, we have speculated here in Denver about how we might respond to some kind of catastrophe — communal or even personal.

The Collect speaks wisdom, but unless we have already learned in the good times to live in the place of "loving things heavenly" and "holding fast to those that shall endure," it will be very difficult to find any inner peace in the hard times. We need to be preparing now, in our every day lives.

There is a book called Practicing the Presence of God, written by a monk whose job was working in the monastery kitchen, not ordinarily considered to be either a holy place or a holy occupation. But it became holy to Brother Lawrence because he learned to know God's presence in all he did. He practiced thinking of God, thanking God, letting his soul open to God even as he washed pots and pans. He learned a moment by moment dependence on God.

A few years ago I read of the concept of "mindfulness" — a Buddhist principle, I think, taught by Thich Naht Han. Again, it is a practice of being aware, of mentally and emotionally being present to God in all things as you work rather than rushing along mindlessly as we often do.

As you dust, be mindful of the cloth — its texture, its source, its usefulness. And the wood — its beauty, its smoothness. As you tend your children, be mindful of their eyes, their voice, their inner self — all the particular wonders of each one. Be mindful at the computer, be mindful on the road.

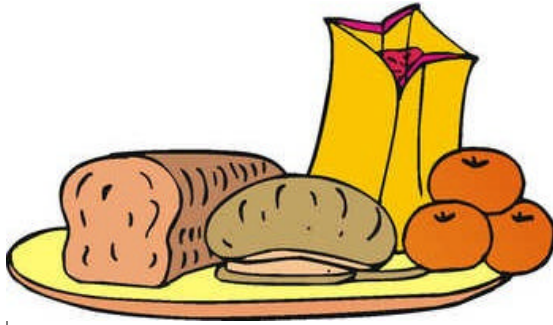
Be mindful of colors, sounds, smells, meanings. God is present in the creation, and it is God and our relationship with God which endures. How vital it is that we practice and learn to live in the Presence and with the Presence of God in our lives.

Worshipping together on Sunday mornings is an important way of celebrating God's love, of learning more of who God is, of experiencing God's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist! Telling our "God stories" to each other, studying together, having fellowship — all keep reminding us of the things that endure.

May we all, in God's grace, become mindful and grateful for the gifts of the heavenly things in our lives. May we hold fast to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's love,

Mother Marilyn +



The Vestry
 invites everyone to share in a
“BROWN BAG BREAKFAST”
 At 8:30 a.m.
EVERY FIRST SUNDAY

Please come at 8:30 on October 2

We want to provide a forum for asking questions about R.O.A.R., for discussing vision and hopes and dreams, for sharing God stories and solving problems — and especially for getting to know each other!



- For Cynthia Obermeyer and **ALL** who made it possible for our Somalian refugee family to have a new start in America!
- For all who have mowed and edged and trimmed our lawn this summer — you are a blessing!
- For our children, who pulled weeds on our playground!
- For all of you who faithfully contribute to our life together and our worship of the Lord —

YOU ARE AWESOME!



| St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church Financials — August, 2005 | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | August 1- 28 2005 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference (+/-) |
| Income | 6,458.41 | 58,290.69 | 66,189.52 | - 7,898.83 |
| Expenses | 5,425.99 | 64,589.84 | 69,909.94 | 5,320.10 |
| Difference | 1,032.42 | - 6,299.15 | | |
| Checking & Savings | 9,843.44 | | | |

Vestry Highlights for September meetings (September 9th and 19th)

- September 9: Open meeting continuing discussion of re-development.

We shared signs of Grace that we see. Georgia Humphrey noticed there was a shift in attitude... Grace has turned our outlook from a negative to a positive.

Change is often hard, because we have to address and own the problems before the change can happen. It is like an iceberg. From the surface, it looks like we can handle it easily. We keep God on top and focus. But, the main issues are often huge and hidden. We need to bring these out into the open, deal with them, and move forward. We cannot simply put a band-aid on the issue and put it away again.

Do we at St Martin need to address issues like:

The exodus of parishioners surrounding Gene Robinson, and the losses we felt?

Our sense of Loss/Anger when Praveen left?

Division among groups of us? Problems with the music team? Feelings of “cliquiness” regarding Cursillo and other groups?

Lack of communication about issues that are problems as well as those that are good.

Our perception of God? Our perception of the role of the Priest? (we must realize that the answers to our problems are NOT within the priest)

We need to INCREASE LISTENING and DECREASE JUDGING

From our core values meeting, it was pretty apparent that we value Family, Outreach, Praying, Welcoming, Learning and Participation.

It also appears that there **IS** a willingness to transform. So now what?

We need to solidify our list of values.

Vestry will look at surveys and finalize a list of Core Values.

We will look to come up with items to fill in the sentence: “God’s values at St. Martin’s are: _____”

Keep God first. We need to try to discern “God’s” values for us, not our values for us.

So, we can then communicate these values by writing them up and presenting them. We could have discussions about them on line, or in groups, or at a big meeting. We then “live with them” for a while, and see how they “fit”.

- Our meeting September 19 was our monthly business meeting.

We discussed a proposal from Dancing Kids, a non-profit organization, asking to use our education building on November 18 and 19 and a couple of other days down the road, for a photography fund raiser. The proposal was approved by consensus. Suggestions that a “no children without adult supervision” signs be posted. Group will donate 5% of picture coupon sales to St. Martin.

We talked about Marilyn’s visit with Bishop Rob. He wants to be sure we are not looking for a “Savior Priest” and wants to be sure we (the congregation) have the “will to do the work” needed.

Bishop Rob has not spoken to Lou Blanchard since he returned from his vacation, but certainly will do so, soon. So, we discussed if we do have the “will” and how we show that. A contract, or a card that was filled out by each person, indicating their commitment level or ability, in time, talent and treasure, was suggested. Then the word **COVENANT** came up. More than a contract or commitment, covenant reminds us of our Baptismal covenant. Each question that we are asked, we answer, “I will, with God’s help”. So we need to ask if we have the **“WILL WITH GOD’S HELP”** to move forward in this process. Maybe we use COVENANT cards.... Written commitments of what we will be willing to do. We also talked about how this would link this to our upcoming STEWARDSHIP drive/program/reminder. Marilyn will talk about this in Sermons throughout October. We will be discussing along ROAR and COVENANT and STEWARDSHIP. It seemed a natural progression to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Richardson

Clerk of the Vestry.



St-Martin in the Fields

We're on the right track

We're listening to the Lion of Judah
in the month of October.

We believe we have a clearer vision of
Reaching Out And Revitalizing

Beginning October 9th,
we will focus on God's call,
on the vision for St. Martin's,
and on the opportunities open for us.

Plan to come & Participate!

October Ministry Schedule

| | Torch Bearer | Crucifer | Chalice Minister | Lector | Intercessor | Greeter | Usher |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Oct-02-2005 9:30 am | Caitlin Shepard Becca Richardson | Michael Shepard | Chuck Tice Bryan Shallanberger | John Shepard | Martha Libby | Jo Cunningham | Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert |
| Oct-09-2005 9:30 am | Andrew Nelson Rachael Obermeyer | Bryan Shallanberger | Randy Hoidahl Martha Libby | Randy Hoidahl | John Shepard | Bill Eldred | Bill Eldred John Shepard |
| Oct-16-2005 9:30 am | Brandon Kern Garrett Revell | Natalie Graeber | Thor Nelson Tom Rothgeb | Mary Louise Gradwohl | Judy Tice | John Shepard | Tom Keables Jordan Hendrickson |
| Oct-23-2005 9:30 am | Jocelyn Whipp Sarah Raymond | Nate Raymond | Judy Tice Chuck Tice | Judy Tice | Thor Nelson | Randy Hoidahl | John Cunningham Jo Cunningham |
| Oct-30-2005 9:30 am | Becca Richardson Caitlin Shepard | Michael Shepard | Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield | Missi Kern | Missi Kern | Jo Cunningham | Bill Schneider Sharon Armstrong |
| Nov-06-2005 9:30 am | Rachael Obermeyer Andrew Nelson | Jordan Hendrickson | Bryan Shallanberger Martha Libby | Martha Libby | Mary Louise Gradwohl | Bill Eldred | Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert |

| | Altar Guild | CCRV | LEM | M&Ms | Teller |
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| Oct-02-2005 | Susan Shepard Cynthia Obermeyer | Mary Louise Gradwohl | Tom Keables | Ed & Heather Paprocki | Martha Libby Jane Owens |
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St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for October, 2005

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 23 9:30 AM H.E. 11:00 AM Christian Ed 1:00 PM CCRV | 24 | 25 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper | 26 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Check www.st-martins.net for updated Calendar events!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!

**The Entertainment Books
For 2005-2006 Are Now Available. . .**

Bargains galore to save \$ \$ \$ by using the discount card and coupons. Proceeds to the Danny Shewey Memorial Scholarship fund for St. Martin youth. These books are thoughtful gifts for Anniversary, Birthday, or Christmas.

Contact Randy Hoidahl following the Sunday service, or call him at 303-690-7376 to purchase a book or two (or more!). The price is only \$25.00.



October Birthdays

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| Karla Ellis | 4 |
| Missi Kern | 8 |
| Stephen Juhl | 10 |
| Jane Owens | 12 |
| Janet Fullmer | 12 |
| Fern Keables | 16 |
| Be Martin | 18 |
| Jeremy Tung | 19 |
| Sarah Raymond | 21 |
| Julie Ann Skinner | 25 |
| Samantha Baker | 25 |
| Justin Jimmerson | 26 |
| Chris Shepard | 28 |
| Shari Laginess | 30 |
| Anna Miller | 31 |

CURSILLO



Coming from the Spanish, Cursillo means "a short course," such as one would run in a race. The full name, Cursillos de Cristiandad, means "short courses in living Christianity."

In Colorado, Cursillo is a short course that allows the participant to experience teaching, learn, love, sharing, and an opportunity to evaluate one's own faith in a retreat setting over a long weekend. Normally, Cursillo takes place from Thursday evening through Sunday at a retreat location with approximately 25-30 candidates and 10-15 team leaders. The weekend includes a series of talks by the leaders and then sharing by the candidates in smaller 5-7 person groups to talk and work together over the weekend. Most people experience a very uplifting experience and are supported through prayers and love from their home church. Once the weekend is completed, the candidates are supported through Ultreyas (groups that get together once per month to sing, share, and pray together) and fourth day groups that meet once per week to support each other in their daily lives.

The next Cursillo weekend will be October 20-23 at the Easter Seals Camp near Georgetown, If you have questions or are interested in attending, contact Martha Libby, 303-695-5603, or Jane Owens, 303-699-5835.



October Anniversaries

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|------------------------|----|
| John & Susan Shepard | 14 |
| John & Amanda Sullivan | 27 |

Information for Birthdays & Anniversaries, is included on the Membership Information form. Please contact the office If you need to receive a form.
www.office@st-martins.net

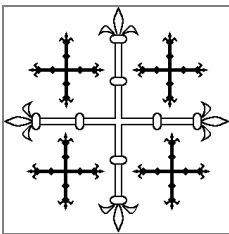
Vestry Members :
 Martha Libby, Sr. Warden
 Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden
 Michelle Mayfield, Treasurer
 Sue Richardson, Clerk
 Stephen Hull
 Jane Owens
 Bryan Shallenberger
 Rick Whipp
 Bob Williams

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St. Martin Staff:
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 Pastor Marilyn Schneider
 Deacon, Shirley O'Halloran
 Secretary & Newsletter editor,
 Margie Reck

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

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Holy Eucharist Service
 9:30 a.m.
Christian Education
 11:00 a.m.

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



Prayer Chain requests may be placed at:
 prayer@st-martins.net, or pick-up a Prayer Chain
 information sheet on the communications table in
 the Narthex.

St. Peter & St. Mary church in Denver opens its doors each Tuesday evening to feed the homeless and poor at St. Clare's Kitchen. There is a dire need of white socks and t-shirts. (Shirts do not have to be new.) It would be very much appreciated if members of the churches could donate these items.

St. Martin's ministry at St. Is always the 4th Tuesday of This could be YOUR way to in need. There is always an nate who count on a good, couragement.

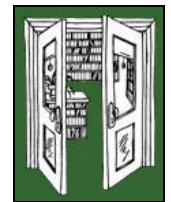


Clare's Kitchen each month at 5:30 PM. give a helping hand to those overflow of those less fortu-hot meal and a word of en-

*Once you go you will want to return the next time and you will be blessed from the experience. Please see or call Cynthia Obermeyer if you have questions (303-690-1884). It helps a lot if you will sign up on the St. Clare's bulletin board so we can be assured there are enough volunteers to assist. You can go early and help cook, or by 5:30 to help set-up and serve, clean-up... wash dishes, or wherever...
 Just Jump In & Help!
 Please Help!!*



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St. Martin will receive a referral fee for each item purchased. Tattered Cover is your local source for books. The books can be delivered to your door - or packaged and ready for your pickup at either Tattered Cover store. At Amazon.com **books, music, electronics, software, etc.** are **ALL** eligible for supporting St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Suggestions for reading by other members of our parish are on the site, along with Bibles and the BCP.

Take a look at **www.st-martins.net** - Click on Bookstore then select either of the stores where you would like to shop.

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