

THE MISSION

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

JANUARY ~ 2006

"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,

New Year's resolutions! What good intentions we have, and how hard to maintain them, unfortunately. But even if we don't make any, we're still aware of January 1 being a new beginning, a fresh start – and the need to remember to write 2006 (!) instead of 2005.

St. Martin's, too, is in a place of new beginnings. We will gather on Jan. 15 for our annual meeting to join together as a congregation in briefly reviewing this last year, making plans for next year, choosing new Vestry members, and continuing to discern God's will for us – along with sharing a potluck brunch and some good fellowship!

In the past two years, we talked about Building the Kingdom and then Embracing the Kingdom. As we have worked on redevelopment this year and focused on our identity as a church (the core God values that make up the heart and soul of St. Martin's), we have realized that the center of all we do is Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to experience Christ and to serve Christ – in our personal lives; in our community – through loving fellowship; in Spirit-filled, joyful and holy worship; in reaching out to those in need, both physically and spiritually; and in our commitment to growing in faith – faith-building.

This year, as we face some changes, it is more important than ever that we keep our eyes on Jesus, that we stay in a place of faith in God and in God's faithfulness to us. As Jesus' disciples, like the first twelve, we may struggle sometimes. But Jesus' first disciples were committed to staying with him, learning and following his ways, and giving him their lives so that his message of love and his plan of salvation for all could be carried forward.

What if we resolved this year to intentionally try to become better disciples? What if we took seriously the need to grow in faith and grow in our relationship with Jesus? What if our stewardship of time included study

and prayer time, participation in small groups, seeking to know Jesus better? To experience him in deeper ways?

There are some simple opportunities starting this new year (and some ongoing ones as well). There'll be a women's retreat this spring, continuing adult Bible study, small groups (meeting 2nd and 4th Mondays and Tuesdays), discernment training for Cynthia's committee and for the new Vestry and Search Committee. And there's room for more! God may tap you on the shoulder to start a men's group, or a group focused on common interests, or something else he puts on your heart. We continue to support education and fellowship programs for our children and youth. We are also focusing on church growth as part of our renewal which will include reaching out into our neighborhood, welcoming newcomers, and incorporating them into the church family. I still believe – and witness all the time – that God has given each of you gifts, and you've been faithful in serving him. I also believe that God is continually creative – is there something new he's calling you to? Something that will further allow us to experience and serve Christ? We are living out our core values through our discipleship, encouraging and supporting one another, appreciating and respecting one another as we go, seeking to listen to and understand and forgive each other.

To this end, and as a part of our New Year's resolutions, I encourage you to read Ephesians 6:10-18, part of which I'll quote: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand . . . and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore . . . Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. . . ."

In closing: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20,21)

May your new year be blessed in every way, and may all your resolutions bear fruit!
Marilyn+

Vestry Highlights — December, 2006

We opened with prayer and a short Advent meditation on the value of the ordinary, such as the hundreds of uses for ordinary peanuts. “If God implanted such potential in a peanut, how much more has God implanted in each one of us? Ordinary people saying “Yes” to God enabled God to release extraordinary gifts for the world. Mary said “Yes” and now we await the birth of her Son. In each one of us is God-planted potential, growing toward birth.”

Canon Ed Morgan, diocesan deployment officer, met with us to discuss how to implement a search process. We decided at this time that we want to do an “abbreviated search,” which means that when we have done our preparatory work, the diocese will give us two to five names of people we can approach and interview, people whom they believe will be a good fit for St. Martin’s.

We will need to give the diocese a short profile, using much of the work we’ve been doing on ROAR. Rick Whipp is chairing this. We also need to fill out a CDO form (Church Deployment Office), which standardizes our priorities for clergy and describes our parish. The clergy also fill out the clergy form, so we and they are more able to see at least a preliminary fit. Our third task is to put together the package we will offer them, in terms of salary and benefits, insurance, continuing education, etc. The Search Committee will do the form, the Vestry will do the package.

Canon Ed gave us a packet detailing the whole process, so that Lorna and her committee will know what to do. They will probably divide the work into teams: a “community” team, which will gather information about Aurora and our neighborhood; a “screening” team and an interview team. We hope to be able to put information on our web site as well. Both the Vestry and the Search Committee will need to have discernment training, probably at our retreat in February. The Vestry will make the final decision on a call.

Canon Ed reminded us to be very aware that the church is our community, the place where we worship God and live out our Christian life. So we especially need to look at our expectations of what we want in a rector — and be realistic. He reminded us that the ministry of the priest is to enable ministry, not to do it all him or her self. We know that we need to find someone who agrees with and supports our core values. The Bishop wants to be very involved with this whole process. He wants to be sure that every congregation has everything it needs to be a church. Canon Ed expressed his encouragement to us and his belief that indeed St. Martin-in-the-Fields has a call and a ministry in this place. He will meet with us again after the first of the year.

Hopefully this will not be a long process, and we hope to have a long-term supply person so there will be as much consistency as possible during this time.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Marilyn, clerk pro tem

| St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church Financials — November, 2005 | | | | |
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| | November, 2005 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference (+/-) |
| Income | \$ 5,509.23 | \$ 101,301.56 | \$ 92,125.00 | \$ 9,176.56 |
| Expenses | \$ 6,612.20 | \$ 98,493.15 | \$ 97,304.00 | \$ 1,189.15 |
| Difference | \$ (1,102.97) | \$ 2,808.41 | \$ (5,179.00) | |
| Checking / Savings | \$ 20,414.90 | | | |

Note: The funds in Checking & Savings reflect funds for the roof replacement.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for January, 2006

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 15 Annual Meeting & Brunch after H.E. 9:30 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV | 16 | 17 | 18 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal | 19 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Prayer Group In Rector's Office | 20 | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 9:30 AM H.E. 11:00 AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM CCRV | 23 | 24 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper | 25 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal | 26 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Prayer Group In Rector's Office | 27 | 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Check www.st-martins.net for December Calendar events!

January Ministry Schedule

| | Torch Bearer | Crucifer | Chalice Minister | Lector | Intercessor | Greeter | Usher |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Jan-01-2006 9:30 am | Jocelyn Whipp Caitlin Shepard | Michael Shepard | Judy Tice Chuck Tice | Judy Tice | Judy Tice | Randy Hoidahl | Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert |
| Jan-08-2006 9:30 am | Sarah Raymond Alexis Hartung | Nate Raymond | Martha Libby Denise Merrilat | Denise Merrilat | Missi Kern | John Shepard | Bill Schneider Sharon Armstrong |
| Jan-15-2006 9:30 am | Rachael Obermeyer Mikayla Kern | Jordan Hendrickson | Randy Hoidahl Thor Nelson | Missi Kern | Lorna Mayfield | Bill Eldred | John Cunningham Jo Cunningham |
| Jan-22-2006 9:30 am | Michael Hartung Lauren Hartung | Becca Richardson | Lorna Mayfield Lee Mayfield | Martha Libby | Sharon Armstrong | Jo Cunningham | Bill Eldred John Shepard |
| Jan-28-2006 9:30 am | Andrew Nelson Justine Owens | Bryan Shalldanberger | Bryan Shalldanberger Martha Libby | Mary Louise Grad- wohl | Chuck Tice | John Shepard | Tom Keables Bill Schneider |
| Feb-05-2006 9:30 am | Brandon Kern Sybil Keables | Michael Shepard | Chuck Tice Judy Tice | Chuck Tice | Martha Libby | Bill Eldred | Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert |

| | Altar Guild | CCRV | LEM | M&Ms | Teller |
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| Jan-01-2006 | Cynthia Obermeyer Patty Juhl | Lorna Mayfield | Tom Keables | Ed & Heather Paprocki | Cynthia Obermeyer Martha Libby |
| Jan-08-2006 | Judy Tice | Tom Keables | | Jo Cunningham | Martha Libby Jane Owens |
| Jan-15-2006 | Susan Shepard | | | Barb Thomas | Jane Owens Bob Williams |
| Jan-22-2006 | Cynthia Obermeyer | Lorna Mayfield | | Ed & Heather Paprocki | Bob Williams Bryan Shalldanberger |
| Jan-28-2006 | Patty Juhl | Tom Keables | | Randy Hoidahl | Bryan Shalldanberger Sue Richardson |
| Feb-05-2006 | Judy Tice | Mary Louise Gradwohl | Tom Keables | Jo Cunningham | Sue Richardson Rick Whipp |



NOTICE!
St. Martin-in-the-Fields
2006 Annual Meeting
Will take place on:

JANUARY 15, 2006

The Meeting will take place following a Brunch after Holy Eucharist

Your attendance is extremely important. Please mark your Calendars!



January Birthdays

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|-------------------|----|
| Sara Merillat | 2 |
| Jenny Sharsmith | 4 |
| Lucille Williams | 12 |
| Martha Libby | 12 |
| Becca Richardson | 15 |
| Laura Whipp | 16 |
| Kimberly London | 19 |
| Kasey Eldred | 22 |
| Susan Shepard | 24 |
| Diana Settlemeyer | 26 |

Is it time for you to be confirmed or received?

Yes, if you love the Lord Jesus Christ and want to confirm sacramentally your love and commitment to serve him. Yes, if you sense that God is calling you to make this step of faith.

The Prayer Book tells us that "Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

"It is required of those to be confirmed that they have been baptized, are sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, are penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord." (BCP p.860)

For anyone who desires to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, we are offering a preparation class beginning January 22. Our first meeting will be at the Sunday School hour (11:00) in the church so we can decide the best tie for everyone to meet weekly. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held Saturday, May 13, at the Cathedral.

For more information, please call Lorna Mayfield (303-699-4820) or M. Marilyn (303-693-8872).

Have you wanted to be part of a Small Group?

You are warmly invited to come to either of our two Cursillo reunion groups!

One group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:30 PM to share potluck.

Call Martha Libby, 303-695-5603, for information and to get The location for a particular Monday.

The other group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, also for potluck, at 6:30 PM.

*Call Jane Owens, 303-699-5855,
Or Sue Richardson, 303-617-0057
For information and location.*



January Anniversaries

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| Mike & Ann Shalanberger | 11 |
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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
Jane Owens
Bryan Shallanberger
Rick Whipp
Bob Williams

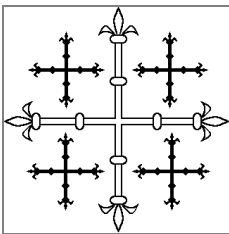
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St. Martin Staff:

Priest-in-Charge,
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.

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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.

Entertainment Books For 2005-2006 . . .

If you need another Entertainment Book, or haven't purchased one, please contact Randy Hoidahl (303-690-7376). Savings galore at restaurants, theaters, groceries at Safeway, and many more. You can see a sample, just check with Randy. The price is only \$25.00



St. Martin will receive a referral fee for each item purchased. Tattered Cover is your local source . 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.



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