

◆ THE MISSION ◆

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

FEBRUARY ~ 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,

"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Rom. 7:25) This is our heartfelt prayer of gratitude as we move into a new year. Thanks to every one of you as well. We have all been praying and listening and discerning for the last few months – and trying to be patient! The Vestry especially has spent many hours learning from our consultant, the Rev. Georgia Humphrey, and working through issues, compiling surveys, planning and acting – and becoming clearer and more excited about what God is doing here at St. Martin's.

And now, beginning 2006, we have a new mission statement! A new logo! New name tags! New visitors' packets! (Special thanks to Jane Owens for her creativity and hours of work putting these together.) New energy and vision! And though they are new in some ways, we believe they express what is and has been at the heart and soul of St. Martin's. We also believe they express what God is calling us to do and be – to Experience and Serve Christ through Worship, Community, Faith-building and Outreach. We have a Search Committee. We're working closely with the Diocese, and we believe God will help us get the funding we still need. (Special thanks to Bob Williams our incredible stewardship motivator, encourager, and man of vision!)

We have five awesome new Vestry members to join our awesome veteran Vestry members. We'll have a Vestry retreat Feb. 10 and 11, and on Feb. 12 from 1 pm to 5 pm, the Rev. Vicky Kempf, from Ft. Collins, will lead a workshop on discernment for the Search Committee and Vestry. Anyone in the congregation is also welcome to join us for this workshop.

We are looking to our future with hope and faith and expectation because we know God is faithful. We may also, however, be feeling a little anxiety because

we're facing some changes and some things that are unknown, and that's to be expected. We will try to communicate what is going on, but please ask questions, read newsletters, emails, etc., if you're not feeling clear. What we do

know is that the leadership of this congregation is strong, strong in faith and truly gifted and skilled. We have a clear mission and focus. The Diocese supports us and will recommend candidates for Rector who will fit well with our parish and our mission and values. We are even putting together a five year plan!

As we move into the future, I want to encourage you, if you have an idea or a desire, a nudge from God or a calling to ministry, take action! Run it by Martha, any Vestry member, friends – and go forward!

A number of you have expressed a desire for small groups. We already have several small group/work groups – music team, altar guild team, Vestry, teachers of children and youth – any of which would welcome new members. We have two Cursillo pot luck sharing and support groups which are open to everyone. If you have other ideas, go for it.

For instance, Denise Merillat has seen a need for a women's group, and with the help of a steering committee, is organizing a women's retreat for April 29 and 30.

I encourage you to try out your ideas!

It may be God who is calling you to be part of our reaching out and revitalizing – our Lion's R.O.A.R.! Aslan is on the move!

Paul wrote to the Ephesian churches "I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making

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every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (4:1-3) These words are so important for us. The unity of the Spirit means that our community is grounded in our faith. Our commitment to seek the Spirit’s guidance in what we do and to seek the Spirit’s love within ourselves and in our relationships with one another leads to the bond of peace. Remember the old song? “Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.” This is God’s desire and intention for his people, but it is only by the presence and power of the Spirit that we can live this way, and by our making “every effort.” I pray it will be so.

May God’s grace and peace strengthen and sustain you in his love,

M. Marilyn+

Vestry minutes January 15, 2006

First abbreviated Vestry meeting:

New Vestry is:

Sr. Warden: Martha Libby

Jr. Warden: Cynthia Obermeyer

Bob Williams 1 year left

Jane Owens 1 year left

Sue Richardson 1 year left

Rick Whipp 2 years

Sharon Armstrong 2 years

Becca Dooley 2 years

Denise Merillat 3 years

Jim Laginess 3 years

John Shepherd 3 years* with some reservation

Meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM.

Our first meeting will be February 7th.

Additional meetings may be needed. (especially when Search committee will need us) If so, they have been on the 3rd Monday of the month, but this is negotiable depending on everyone’s schedule.

Vestry retreat:

February 10 – 6-9 pm Potluck dinner to start

February 11 – 9am-4pm Continental breakfast. Lunch T/B/A

February 12 – Commissioning at church at 9:30 followed by

Discernment Training with Vicky Kempf – 1:00-5:00 PM

Please try to read “Grounded in God ” before 2/12. Marilyn has a copy and will try to gather others since it is out of print.

We work by a consensus model. We will discuss this further.

Bob, Becca and Rick will work on the 5-year plan mentioned in the annual meeting. The diocese is requiring us to come up with one.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Richardon

Meet some of your New Vestry Members

Denise Merillat

I am 40 years old, married and have 4 children ages 1, 9, 12, and 14. I am a Registered Nurse and a licensed Nursing Home Administrator. I currently work for Hospice of Metro Denver as a director over several clinical areas in the hospice agency. My hobbies are reading and playing games with my children and my friends. I also enjoy hiking, camping and spending time outdoors. I also love animals and our family has 2 dogs, a cat and a hamster.

I joined St. Martin in the Fields in 1999 during a difficult time in my life and immediately found a church home. At the time I had just come back to the church and I felt the best way to learn more about Christ was to teach and was called to join the Children's Ministry. I taught Children's Chapel, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School until I moved to Texas in 2003. Also during my time at St. Martin's, I participated in Cursillo Weekend #107. I joined St. Aidan's Episcopal Church which has mission status in Houston. I was involved in the Alter Ministry and Chalice service there. I also founded the Women's group at St. Aidan's. I joined the Daughters of the King in February, 2005.

I moved back to Aurora in September 2005 and re-joined St. Martin in the Fields. I feel I was called back to this place that truly was a life saver to me when I first became a member 7 years ago. I have such confidence in this church family and feel strongly that we have a lot to offer the growing community of South East Aurora. I feel that our church family only has room to grow and flourish. My vision would include these key points:

- Developing strategies to market the gifts we have for our community
- Develop a sound financial foundation and fund raising plan
- Integrate St. Martin in the Fields into the every day workings of our community
- Create programs that feed the spirit of our current and future congregants

Hello, **my name is James Laginess.** I am mostly known at St. Martins as Jim.

I grew up in Michigan and have spent 18 years in the Navy. My family and I have been with St. Martins since 2002.

This will be the first ministry that I have held. The hopes I see for St. Martins is growth and the opportunity for all to give their thoughts and opinions in order for the whole church to understand and know what is going on.

Results of Core Values Small Groups, Annual Meeting

WORSHIP

What we like:

Joyful, happy, Spirit-filled Music

Joyful, Praise, Contemporary — Music, music, music

(2 checks) Upbeat, contemporary music, incorporating instruments and voices

Suggestions:

Sharing of lector role (several people per service)

Involve youth in service

Option for early Sunday service

Name tags for kids

Morning prayer, noon-day prayer or evening prayer, occasionally (More corporate (body) prayer)

Goal — 3 services (a la Good Shepherd)

1 — spoken

2 — contemporary

3 — traditional

FAITH-BUILDING

Continuing and growing:

Sunday School

Small prayer groups

Youth Group

Bible Study

Confirmation — pledge our lives to Jesus

OUTREACH

What we do:

Operation Love, food drives

Feed and help homeless

Suggestions:

Opening food drives up to locals

Expand our ministries to the needy

Expand to the local community and bring more people together

COMMUNITY

What we do:

The sense of community is constantly present in everything we do

The church makes getting together easier by scheduling after mass

Pentecost Picnic

I think we are pretty friendly (and tolerant!) of really young children and all of our kids know each other even if all our adults do not (smile)

Suggestions:

Bring families together with others to worship and celebrate special occasions:

— soup suppers

— potlucks

— small (cell) groups

Mom's Day Out program

Fair with Pentecost Picnic

Create realistic and viable small family communities that regularly meet and support each other outside of Cursillo

FEBRUARY MINISTRIES

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher
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
Feb-12-2006 9:30 am	Garrett Revelle Caitlin Shepard	Nate Raymond	Randy Hoidahl Thor Nelson	Randy Hoidahl	Denise Merillat	Randy Hoidahl	Sharon Armstrong Bill Schneider
Feb-19-2006 9:30 am	Jocelyn Whipp Alexis Hartung	Becca Richardson	Denise Merillat Martha Libby	Lorna Mayfield	Mary Louise Grad- wohl	John Shepard	Bill Eldred John Shepard
Mar-05-2006 9:30 am	Rachael Obermeyer Mikayla Kern	Bryan Shallenberger	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Sharon Armstrong	Judy Tice	Jo Cunningham	Tom Keables

	Altar Guild	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Feb-05-2006	Judy Tice	Mary Louise Grad- wohl	Tom Keables	Ed & Heather Paprocki	Sue Richardson Rick Whipp
Feb-12-2006	Susan Shepard	Lorna Mayfield		Randy Hoidahl	Rick Whipp Becca Dooley
Feb-19-2006	Cynthia Obermeyer	Tom Keables		Barb Thomas	Becca Dooley Cynthia Obermeyer
Mar-05-2006	Patty Juhl	Mary Louise Grad- wohl	Tom Keables	Jo Cunningham	Cynthia Obermeyer Sharon Armstrong

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Activities and Events for February, 2006

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Check www.st-martins.net for December Calendar events!

Are you being called?

Do you have a heart for our Sunday worship, and would you like to be part of making it happen?

- The Altar Guild would be happy to answer questions, train you, support you and welcome you in the ministry of the altar. (See Judy, Susan, Cynthia or Patty)
- Do you have the gift of hospitality? Do you like to make people feel welcomed and included? There are at least two ways you can be part of ministries of hospitality. You can welcome newcomers, be part of parish partners, make a plan for incorporating new members.
- Or you can be part of planning and preparing parish events – potlucks, parties, brunches, whatever! We would really like to have a Parish Life team. (See Martha)
- Are you motivated by outreach? Join the Outreach Ministry team. Or be a driver/deliverer of donations to St. Francis Center or Operation Love. (See Cynthia)

**It's fun and fulfilling to be part
of the action –
try it out, if you haven't already!!**



February Birthdays

Shirl O'Halloran	10
Brian Daily	11
Mike Blaser	13
Michelle Raymond	20
Justine Owens	20
Kate Nelligan	24
Dave Dooley	26
Heather Williams	29

No Recorded February Anniversaries !

If you are a member, or if you would like to make St. Martin-in-the-Fields your regular home church... the data base is only current **IF you have provided information to the office**— see next message:

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

Forms are also available in the Narthex in the side pockets of the Welcoming Podium.

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.*

Vestry Members :

Martha Libby, Sr. Warden
Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden
Becca Dooley, Treasurer
Sue Richardson, Clerk
Sharon Armstrong
Jim Laginess
Denise Merillat
Jane Owens
John Shepard
Rick Whipp
Bob Williams

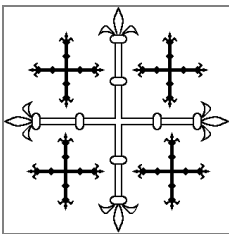
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11:00 a.m.

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Chain information sheet on the
communications table in the Narthex.



Important Information: Did you know?

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.



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