

◆ THE MISSION ◆

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

APRIL ~ 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."

Sr. Warden's Corner

We're coming up on the 1st anniversary of our redevelopment as a community of God. It seems like just a few days ago that we started. We began the process with Reach Out And Revitalize (ROAR). Following in the footsteps of Aslan, the lion, we took a hard look at ourselves. We looked from the inside and the outside. We looked at where we've been and where we are. We tried to find the patterns and things that make us who we are at St. Martin's.

After all that research, we came together as a community and, through prayer and guidance from our consultants, we developed the values that we believe drive us as a community. We decided that these values are the things upon which all of our actions and decisions will be based. We created a strong foundation from which to build the church that God wants us to be.

Your Vestry has worked very hard, oftentimes given up time for families, jobs, and personal needs, to help us get to this point. Now we believe we have the most marvelous opportunity. It's time for us to take the next step as a community. God has given us this time, without a rector, to learn to stand together and move forward in the direction He wants us to go. We have a financial plan for the next 5 years. Now we need to partner it with a program plan. How do we want to follow God's direction for us, what are we going to do.

It's time to look at the programs and activities we do and figure out what we want to do. We need to stretch our imaginations and develop activities that meet our core values as well as the needs of the community. Bishop O'Neill said to us at the beginning of this process that there are lots of people out there hungry for God and we need to introduce Him to them.

Take a look at your gifts....

- ◆ Do you have a talent for marketing and "getting the word out"?
- ◆ Are you a people person? Do you have any ideas for helping newcomers be part of our community?
- ◆ Are you bilingual? Can you use that gift to help attract people to St. Martin's?
- ◆ Can you pull weeds, paint, fix furniture, take out the trash, or meet any number of physical needs here at the church?
- ◆ Has God given you a gift for pastoral care?
- ◆ Are you willing to give 1 evening a month to help feed the homeless?

These are only a few of the places where we can make a difference. We KNOW we're supposed to be here. God gave us a foundation in our Core Values. Now is the time to use what God has given us to strengthen and grow our community. A new Rector will come to find St. Martin's alive and bustling with lay ministers eager to do God's will. It's exciting. It's rewarding. It's sometimes scary. But it's Gods work...in the words of Ty Pennington of Extreme Makeover, Home Edition.....LETS DO IT!!!

Martha Libby,
Sr. Warden

VESTRY MINUTES

March 7, 2006

Attending: Martha Libby, Jim Laginess, Bob Williams, Cynthia Obermeyer, Becca Dooley, Sharon Armstrong, John Shepherd, Rick Whipp, Sue Richardson, Jane Owens, Denise Merillat, Rev. Lou Blanchard and Judy Tice, Clerk.

The meeting was opened at 7:11 pm with a reading by Jim Laginess and prayer by Martha Libby.

Rev. Lou informed us that the Diocese feels we have made our journey of redevelopment and are at the crossroads to moving forward. This kind of redevelopment is new to the Diocese she thanked us for our commitment to the process and moving forward. We need to commit to our 5 year Plan as we continue our redevelopment. Search process – where are we?? Search status – are we doing a mini-search, short search or a Priest-in-Charge? Bishop Rob thinks we are looking for a Priest-in-Charge, while we feel we are looking for a Rector. We stated that we are looking for a Rector and requested 3-5 candidates for that position.

Rev. Lou invited the Vestry to attend a redevelopment class to be held Saturday, March 11, 2006, at St. Barnabas – seven members will attend.

Financial Report – Bob and Becca presented the financial report through March 6, 2006. The current bank balance is \$5,347.54. We have a positive balance in 2006; 2005 was a negative balance.

Margie has submitted her resignation effective April 28, 2006, after serving St. Martin's for 11.5 years. Ads will be placed in assorted newspapers and websites for a replacement. Martha will handle all advertising. Margie has offered one week training for her replacement.

Landy Phillippe had not been paid for her babysitting duties since late November. A check for \$180 was paid to her last week.

Internet service for St. Martin's - Rick Whipp will investigate new internet service.

Diocese requires an audit of the church books every 2 years. Mike Shallenberger has offered to perform this audit.

Mother Marilyn's housing allowance was not noted in the minutes for last year. For 2005, \$21,000 has been designated for housing allowance and for 2006, \$3,500 has been designated for housing allowance for January and February.

Safeguarding God's Children – the new policy provisions need to be reviewed and implemented. Sue Richardson and Rick Whipp will review the policies and report to the Vestry by April 30, 2006.

Copier – Rick Whipp has investigated the copier situation. The Riso contract will be up June 2007; the cost to buy out the contract would be \$3,600. Canon has offered to lend us \$3,400 to pay the Riso and install a Model 2860 copier. After much discussion, it was decided to accept their offer – leading to a savings of \$189/month after the Riso was returned at the end of the contract. Full consensus to accept the loan and 2860 copier.

Search Committee – interviewing a candidate on Friday, March 10, 2006.

Marketing – Sharon Armstrong reported on some thoughts on how to market St. Martin's. After her discussion with Fr. Hess in Colorado Springs, it was decided that planning around events would give us more visibility in the neighborhood. Sharon, Bob and Cynthia will form the committee as well as ask members of the congregation to join.

St. Martin's Sign – the sign is in need of repair and more letters need to be purchased to put more information on the sign. Cynthia and Jim will look into this further.

Bruce and Michelle Raymond are planning the Seder to be held on the Monday of Easter Week.

Bob Williams informed us that the Vestry must approve the pledge to the High Plains Region to be paid quarterly. Approved – full consensus.

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Bob Williams will chair the presentation to the High Plains Region for grant money. Martha and Bob will meet to prepare presentation. Jane Owens offered to do a Powerpoint presentation.

Welcome Packet – the packets are almost ready. Some discussion on how to handle Rector name and secretarial name. For now, they will be omitted. Jim Laginess has been asked to approach Shari Laginess to chair the Newcomer Integration Committee. To be included in the packet – Pastoral Care, Sara Gallegos; Worship, Dee Settlemeier; Finance, Bob Williams; New Members, Sherri Laginess; Marketing, Sharon Armstrong.

It was decided that the Agenda for the monthly meetings was too long and cumbersome. Two meetings per month – 1st Tuesday and 3rd Monday – will be scheduled for a few months. Full consensus – no further discussion.

Building and Grounds – Cynthia Obermeyer will meet with the sprinkler company early on Thursday to fix the problem with Zones 4 and 5. We will renew the contract with them. Also a question arose concerning the Labyrinth scheduled for March 19. What is the anticipated disruption of the church seating area? She will be in contact with Ami Claire Raymond on this matter.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer and adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Tice Clerk of the Vestry

April 2nd, 2006



April 13
Monday—Seder Meal
6:30 PM

Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM
H.E. & Foot washing
Followed by the Watch

April 14
Good Friday Service
7:00 PM

April 15
Saturday, Easter Vigil
7:00 PM

April 16
Easter Day
9:30 AM H.E.

Financials — February, 2006 for St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church	
Total Income	\$ 16,487.00
Total Expenses	\$ 15,602.00
Net Income	\$ 895.00

Dear Friends,

How can I thank you for your wonderful send-off on February 26th – and the great Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on the 28th – a real Mardi Gras, complete with beads and banner!!! For me, it all very much epitomized the love and joy we've come to share at St. Martin's these last three years. The flowers – such beautiful flowers! – were a complete and lovely surprise. I have vases all over the house and two weeks later most of them are still beautiful. The gift basket from the children and their "book" of pictures and notes are things I will always treasure. I wish you could all see how precious they are. And I'm thrilled to have the scrapbook with so many pictures of all of you and the memories of our time together. There are some really creative people at St. Martin's!

I'm truly grateful for the gift of being part of this community, walking the journey these last three years with you, and seeing you ready and able to move forward into the new things God has for you. I think each one of you is more gifted and more beautiful than you realize! As a community you have so much to offer to anyone who comes into this place.

I'll miss you all so much! You'll always be in my heart and in my prayers. The words of the song someone put in my scrapbook say it better:



*Friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them.
And a friend will not say "never" 'cause the welcome will
not end.*

*Though it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hands we
know*

That a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

*With the faith and love God's given
Springing from the hope we know
We will pray the joy you'll live in
Is the hope that now you show
But we'll keep you close as always
It won't even seem you've gone
But our hearts in big and small ways
Will keep the love that keeps us strong.*

No, a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

(Michael W. Smith and Deborah Smith)

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and God bless each one of you and St. Martin-in-the-Fields always in every way!

With love,
Marilyn



3452nd Annual Passover Seder

Monday April 10th, 2006 at 6:30 PM

For all ages. The meal, in which we learn the story of the Passover, makes the connection between that meal and our Eucharist and is a way for us to pass the story on to our children.

Adults \$6.00, Children Under 12 \$3.00

Main dish, beverages and ceremonial foods provided.

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

Sign up no later than Sunday April 2 after the service.

Also needed! Ceremonial food preparation, setup, & certain supplies. See sign up sheet in Narthex.

Setup will be on Sunday April 9th at 2:00 PM



Diocesan Prayer Conference

Sponsored by Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

This year's Anglican Fellowship of Prayer conference "**Staying in Touch With Reality**" will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, on Friday evening, April 28th and all day Saturday, April 29th.

Come, worship and listen to the wisdom of Bp. William (Dub) Wolfrum. Then participate in stimulating workshops, share in fellowship and prayer with others in our diocese and enjoy music led by Meredith Lusby.

Full details are posted on bulletin board in east hallway at St. Martin's.

April Ministry Schedule

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE FOR
MAUNDY THURSDAY & THE EASTER VIGIL**
The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher
Apr-02-2006 9:30 am	Alexis Hartung Garrett Revelle	Michael Shepard	Denise Merillat Martha Libby	Missi Kern	Chuck Tice	The	Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert
Apr-09-2006 9:30 am	Mikayla Kern Sarah Raymond	Nate Raymond	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Martha Libby	Denise Merillat	Whole	John Cunningham Jo Cunningham
Apr-16-2006 9:30 am	Rachel Obermeyer Jocelyn Whipp	Becca Richardson	Chuck Tice Judy Tice	Mary Louise Grad- wohl	Judy Tice	Church	Sharon Armstrong John Shepard
Apr-23-2006 9:30 am	Brandon Kern Andrew Nelson	Bryan Shalhanberger	Bryan Shalhanberger Mike Shalhanberger	Chuck Tice	Martha Libby	Is	Bill Eldred Tom Keables
Apr-30-2006 9:30 am	Sybil Keables Lauren Hartung	Michael Shepard	Randy Hoidahl Thor Nelson	Randy Hoidahl	Mary Louise Grad- wohl	The	John Cunningham Jo Cunningham
May-07-2006 9:30 am	Caitlin Shepard Justine Owens		Martha Libby Denise Merillat	Lorna Mayfield	John Shepard	GREETER!	Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert

	Altar Guild	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Apr-02-2006	Judy Tice	Tom Keables	Tom Keables	Ed & Heather Paprocki	Denise Merillat Bob Williams
Apr-09-2006	Susan Shepard	Mary Louise Gradwohl		Jo Cunningham	Bob Williams John Shepard
Apr-16-2006	Cynthia Obermeyer	Lorna Mayfield		Randy Hoidahl	John Shepard Rick Whipp
Apr-23-2006	Patty Juhl	Tom Keables		Barbara Thomas	Rick Whipp Sue Richardson
Apr-30-2006	Judy Tice	Mary Louise Gradwohl		Ed & Heather Paprocki	Sue Richardson Cynthia Obermeyer
May-07-2006	Susan Shepard	Lorna Mayfield	Tom Keables	Jo Cunningham	Cynthia Obermeyer Sharon Armstrong

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for April, 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>8:00 AM Search Comm. 9:30 AM H.E. 11:00 AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM CCRV</p>	<p>7:00 PM Music Planning</p>	<p>7:00 PM Vestry</p>	<p>6:30 PM Music Rehearsal</p>			
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<p>8:00 AM Search Comm. 9:30 AM H.E. 11:00 AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM CCRV</p>	<p>6:30 PM Seder Meal Help set up Sun. @ 2PM</p>		<p>6:30 PM Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>7:00 PM Maundy Thursday - Ft washing / followed by Watch</p>	<p>7:00 PM Good Friday Service</p>	<p>7:00 PM Easter Vigil</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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<p>8:00 AM Search Comm. 9:30 AM H.E. 11:00 AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM CCRV</p>		<p>5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper</p>	<p>6:30 PM Music Rehearsal</p>			
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May						
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Check www.st-martins.net for Calendar events!



St. Martin's Women's Retreat
 April 29-30, 2006
 "Coming Together: Connecting the
 Christ in You"

At Bear Trap Ranch, Colorado Springs.

If you did not get a Registration Form
 or need more information please contact:

Amie Claire Raymond 303-363-7531 or acraymond@fidele.net
 or
 Denise Merillat 720-810-4179 or neesiern65@comcast.net,

Quest 2K6: Jump!
March 31 - April 2,
Frontier Ranch, Buena Vista, CO

A week-end retreat for fun, discipleship, worship, outreach,
 leadership training and ministry opportunities for young people
 in grades 6-12 at Frontier Ranch. Registration information has
 been sent! If you did not receive it please let us know. Contact
 the Office for Faith Formation for more information.

Episcopal Summer Camps:
A Christian Camping Experience at Trinity Ranch

Imagine what it must have been like to live and work in the Holy
 Lands at the time of Jesus. On your Holy Land Adventure you
 will explore Jewish customs and traditions, taste new foods, try
 new arts and crafts projects and discover that Jesus chose the cross
 because of His unending love for each of us.

We hope you will be part of this summer's

Holy Land Adventure!

- June 11-17 — High School Camp
- June 18-24 — Elementary I Camp
- June 25-July 1 — Middle School Camp
- July 5-8 — Angel Tree Camp Elementary
- July 10-14 — Angel tree Camp Middle School
- July 16-22 — Elementary II Camp

April Birthdays

Rick Whipp	1
Amie Claire Raymond	2
Tom Keables	2
Alexis Hartung	9
Abigail Sullivan	12
Michelle Mayfield	15
Wayne Kern	17
Tyler Eldred	21
Rachel Whipp	26
Nathan Raymond	27

April Anniversaries

Tom & Fern Keables	5
Larry & Cass Strotheide	7

Information for Birthdays and An-
 niversaries, is included on the blue
 Membership Information form
 available in the side pockets of the
 Welcoming Podium, or you may
 contact the office if you need to re-
 ceive a form by e-mail to:
 office@st-martins.net

To transfer your membership to St.
 Martin-in-the-Fields you may sup-
 ply the name of the last church
 holding your records in space pro-
 vided on this Membership Informa-
 tion form as well. Thank you.

**Important Information: Did
 you know?**

Take a look at www.st-martins.net
 & click on Bookstore to se-
 lect from either Tattered Cover
 or Amazon.com.

St. Martin receives a referral fee
 for each item purchased!

Vestry Members :

Martha Libby, Sr. Warden
Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden
Becca Dooley, Treasurer
Judy Tice, Clerk

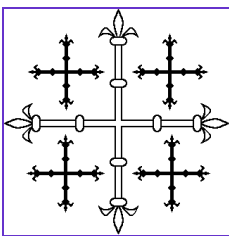
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Rick Whipp
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9:30 a.m.
Christian Education
11:00 a.m.

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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.

FAITH FOR LIFE WEEKEND
June 2-4, 2006
YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch
Granby, CO



A weekend for the entire diocese to gather for the formation of our faith, our families, our friendships, and for outdoor fun. Come join with the bishop and other parishes from around the diocese to celebrate a very special Pentecost weekend.

"Marking Milestones" Just as ancient roadways marked the miles traveled, so parishes and homes can use faith milestones to mark our faith journey.

There will be special programs for children, youth, and adults that inspire us to mark the faith milestones and learn some key principles.

These principles will be brought to life by our speaker **Dick Hardel** who will guide us through key practices that develop caring conversations, family devotions, family service, and family rituals and traditions.

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Details about lodging options & Registration forms are located in the book rack in narthex. **No registrations will be accepted after May 15th.**

For more information go to www.coloradodiocese.org or call 303-837-1173

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If you know of someone who you believe should be added for this on-line service, please notify office@st-martins.net