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*Deadline for February Tabletalk Articles 1/18*

**Pastor's Corner**

Dear St. Martin's Family,

I know that 2019 will bring many blessings to each of us individually and to our congregational family! That said, I wanted to share some important details about worship (and other things) this month:

January 6<sup>th</sup> is the festival of the **Epiphany**. Come hear about the Magi following the star and discovering that God's love had come into the world in Jesus. Please note that at our 10 am service we'll offer up a special prayer of thanksgiving for our now retired custodian, Tony Wells. Tony and his wife Ronnie will be in worship. If you'd like to bring an expression of thanks for his 6 years of service, we invite you to bring a card and hand it to Tony after worship. After a brief time of post-worship fellowship, we will then convene our semi-annual congregational meeting to ratify the budget.

January 13<sup>th</sup> is the festival of the **Baptism of Our Lord**. On this day we welcome the Rev. Eric Wester who is a special assistant to our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton—and is the endorsing agent for all chaplains in the ELCA. Eric offered to come and preach prior to my Navy mobilization and I believe the timing is perfect! Of note, we will also be celebrating several baptisms on this holy day.

January 20<sup>th</sup> is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany** and we hear the wonderful text from John's Gospel about Jesus changing water into wine. We belong to a transforming God who is ever-present and always active in our lives and through our lives to bring light and hope. Within worship we plan to dedicate the next batch of prayer shawls that are made with such care. Also, on this day there will be a special informational brunch for all Thrivent members. Many people at St. Martin's have been using their Thrivent membership (it's a fraternal financial company for Lutherans and other Christians, if you don't know) to enable the various social ministry projects we've completed through FISH. If you're a Thrivent member, please come and learn how to maximize your membership so we have more money to help more people! The brunch will be in the Library Lounge from both 9-10 timeframe or after the 10 am service—whichever suits!

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January 27<sup>th</sup> is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany** and in our Gospel lesson Jesus, after reading from the scroll of Isaiah, makes the pronouncement that the words he just read were being fulfilled in him! Later in the day (3 pm) we will celebrate another Fine Arts Concert as we welcome the United States Air Force Singing Sergeants! Do plan to attend this very special musical offering since it is an honor to welcome a group of this caliber into our midst.

As February arrives, you should know that **February 3<sup>rd</sup> (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany) will be my last Sunday with you for a while** since I report for active duty later that week. ***Pastor Bill Gilroy is all set to start his interim ministry among you*** and we will preach a dialogue sermon on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I remain grateful that he is coming out of retirement to help St. Martin's during my 10-month mobilization. You will be in the best of hands! As I continue to prepare things at church, home, and for the Navy I want to thank everyone for your encouragement and support. I trust the months will speed-by and I'm already looking forward to next December when I will return home and resume my duties among you. Thanks for your many prayers--- and please know you'll remain in mine. God bless!

Pastor Dave+

## Help Needed – Advent Clean-up

If anyone is available on **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** and would like to help take down and put away Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and narthex, please let Gary Beecher know – 301-627-6560. Thank you 😊

## Holiday Sharing

Holiday Sharing: A huge thank you to the many St. Martin's families that contributed so generously to our Holiday Sharing Families. Thank you also to the Bosley, Bradshaw, Drumm, Freeman, Knupp, Raabe, Ruhf, Spain, and Stock families for delivering the gifts to everyone's home. Thank you for helping to give needy families a joyous Christmas.

## Christmas Boxes for Seafarers

Many thanks to all members of St. Martin's who contributed their time, treasure, and talent to the gifts for International Seafarers. The total count was 40 boxes - a new record.

## Flying Quilters

The **Flying Quilters** will meet again on **January 14 and 28** in **Fellowship Rooms A/B** from **10 am – 2 pm**. New quilters are always welcome –no experience required.

## Outie Lunch Group

"Outie" Lunch Group - Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 1 pm at Uncle Julio's in Annapolis (181 Jennifer Road). Hope you can be there. Contact Carole Komenda 410-266-7132.



## January Joyful Hearts

To all ladies of St. Martin's congregation, please join us on **Saturday, January 12, at 10:00 am** in the Fellowship wing for our monthly Joyful Hearts (women's group) gathering. Everyone is being asked to bring a wrapped book of their choice. Everyone will be able to select a book and hopefully go home with a book they have not read. We will also discuss ideas for future gatherings and begin planning for our prayer walk we will have in the spring around our property. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Linda Wetz ([lkwetz@verizon.net](mailto:lkwetz@verizon.net)) or 410-271-8989.



**Blood Drive:** There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Martin's on **Friday,**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm-6pm in the Fellowship Wing.**

If you are able to donate please register online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> or via the sign up sheet in the Narthex or by contacting Sara Wetz ([slwetz@verizon.net](mailto:slwetz@verizon.net), 410-956-6515). Anyone who donated at the last drive is eligible to donate at this drive unless you did a Power Red. Also, donors will receive a long-sleeve t-shirt as a thanks for their donation. Also if anyone is interested in assisting by checking people in, contact Sara Wetz.

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## St. Martin's Lutheran Church recognized as Red Cross Pump It Up challenge winner for outstanding community blood drive support

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church** was awarded a winner in the American Red Cross Pump It Up challenge, which recognizes high-achieving blood drive sponsors that have grown the number of blood donations collected in their community to help hospital patients in need.

Committed to helping save lives, **St. Martin's Lutheran Church** has helped collect **119** Red Cross blood donations for patients in need over the past year. St. Martin's Lutheran Church has already achieved the honored distinction of the Premier Blood Partner with the Red Cross.

"Giving blood is a simple act of generosity that can truly make a lifesaving difference. Last year, we received an outpouring of support from the community at our blood drives and our goal is to make it a success again this year for patients who are counting on us. "We are proud to partner with the Red Cross as a Premier Blood Partner and help it fulfill its critical mission."

The need for blood is constant. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion, according to the Red Cross. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Red Cross blood drives at St. Martin's.

## COMPOSTING: A MEANINGFUL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Composting is good stewardship of the earth and is an important step beyond recycling. Plastics, which are recyclable, never disappear from the earth. Compostable materials renew the earth. Think about that difference.

For over a year, we've been composting at St. Martin's. **Look for** dark gray bins in the narthex for compostable materials and place the following in them:

- \* Our compostable specially - ordered paper cups, plates, napkins, spoons and forks.
- \* Tops of pizza boxes.
- \* Food remains, including cheese, fruit, cake, cookies, crackers, and coffee grounds.
- \* Anything made of cotton.
- \* Wilted flowers

**No plastic, styrofoam, or aluminum go into compost bins.**

Plastic and aluminum belong in the blue recycle bins. All other materials are trash (e.g., styrofoam)

January is our "composting education month." Help St. Martin's care for the earth and protect God's creation. Annapolis Compost picks up all the deposited materials on a regular basis. In return, St. Martin's receives occasional compost for our gardens. This is a win-win ministry.



## YOGA CLASSES

Beginning **Wednesday, January 9 from 6 pm - 7:00 pm in Fellowship B and C**, we will be kicking off a 4-week yoga class for youth-adults (youth, friends, parents, co-workers, neighbors are all invited!) It's a chance to focus on the mind, body and the Spirit. All classes will begin with a prayer/devotion and taught by a certified instructor. - limited to 15 spaces. Contact Laura Albanese to sign-up.



## Travel Size Toiletries

Many of our congregation members have shared that they save their toiletries from when they travel. With this in mind, we will begin a collection of un-opened travel size toiletries that can be shared with organizations such as the Light House Shelter. There will be a box in the Narthex where people can drop off un-opened travel size toiletries at any time and we will get these distributed. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The next meeting will be held **Thursday, Jan 24, 1-4 pm** at the home of Betty Cirone. Her address is 251 Lindenhall Ct, Riva, MD 21140. If you have questions, please call Betty at 410-956-6619. For those unable to meet, please keep knitting and crocheting, Pastor Dave and Chaplain Paula continue to find loving homes for our efforts. If you have a family member or friend who would like a prayer shawl or lap throw, please contact Pastor Dave, Chaplain Paula, or Dottie Hall (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town. Note – Pastor Dave will bless prayer shawls during services Jan 20.

## St. Martin's Dedications Flowers, Bulletin, Candle

St. Martin's offers its members several opportunities to make dedications in honor or memory of loved ones, special events, such as weddings, baptisms, first communions or confirmations, or just to the Glory of God! These include flowers on Sundays to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary, the sanctuary candle (the large seven-day candle), and bulletins.

Flower arrangements are ordered from Gateway Florist for a cost of fifty dollars. Many of our members have preferred to make their own arrangements from flowers they purchase themselves or from flowers from their yards. Several vases that can be used are available in the sacristy or, if you choose to use your own vase, it will be returned to you. Please make sure you indicate on the dedication form if you would like to have flowers delivered from Gateway Florist or if you will be providing your own flowers.

The cost of the bulletin dedication is fifteen dollars; and the candle dedication is twelve dollars. Each Sunday, the bulletin announces the dedications that have been requested, be it flowers, bulletin or candle. The announcement includes the dedication provided by the giver and the giver's name, if desired.

Do you have a special event coming up for yourself or for a loved one or friend? Consider celebrating it with a Sunday dedication! You can find the Dedication Envelopes for flowers, bulletin and candle on the bulletin board across from the Library Lounge. Instructions for dedications and payments are on the envelope.



## First Communion

Is there a child in your life who is interested in receiving their first holy communion? If so, please know that classes will be held on February 3, 10, and 17 after the late worship service. March 6h (Transfiguration Sunday) is when the children will then receive their first holy communion. If you'd like to sign up or if you have questions, please contact Chaplain Paula at 410-703-2669 or [chaplainpaula@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainpaula@gmail.com).



## Endowment Fund

Happy New Year!

The spirit of giving hit the Endowment Board in December. Using income derived in 2017, the Board approved expenditures to our youth group to support a meal preparation endeavor that they are taking on this summer, to FISH to support the preparation of backpacks and other supplies to be distributed in the community, to the Samaritan House, to the YWCA, and to the St. Dysmas prison ministry. While our fund is small in comparison to those of others, our contributions are important to those in need in Anne Arundel County. As you make your New Year's resolutions, please remember the Endowment Fund so that it can continue its mission of supporting the ministry of St. Martin's in the Annapolis area.

- Submitted by Larry Laubscher

**Want to Stop Homelessness? Come take a tour of the Light House and learn how you can plug in. January 24, 6:00PM at 10 Hudson Street in Annapolis.**

We will meet the amazing staff, tour the facility, and learn about their programs to prevent homelessness and empower people as they transition toward employment, housing, and self-sufficiency. This is a great way to learn what the Light House is all about and the volunteer opportunities that fit with your talents and interests – whether its cooking meals, making bagged lunches, providing childcare, mentoring clients with job searches and finances, or serving on the Light House Board. And there are plenty of ways that the whole family can volunteer The Light House is a 24,000 square foot homelessness prevention center which provides emergency shelter to 45 individuals and 5 families with up to 20 children. In addition to shelter, food, and clothing, the Light House provides mental health stabilization, substance abuse prevention support, health care support, job training, and transitional housing. The Light House recognizes that to end the cycle of homelessness, people need to have sustainable employment skills that will allow them to make a living wage, so they can afford permanent **housing**. To reach that goal the Building Employment Success Training (B.E.S.T.) Program provides training to prepare students to work in the high demand fields of culinary arts and facilities maintenance.

St. Martin's founded the Light House with 12 other Annapolis churches over 25 years ago. St Martin's continues our leadership role by filling a permanent seat on the Board of Directors. A big thanks to Kelly Shenk, who is nearing the end of her two terms on the Board, Mark Sindt, previous Board Member, and Barb Freeman our Light House Liaison. If you'd like to join us for this behind-the-scenes tour, **please RSVP to Christine Sindt in the Church Office at 410-263-4723.**

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**Light House**  
A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER





## *The Chaplain's Corner*

*He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new " And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Revelation 21:5*

As we enter another New Year many of us are heard to say, "I am making all things new." New Years' resolutions run the gamut from weight loss, to financial choices, to personal interactions. Yes! In this new year, "I resolve to...." On and on the lists go. We make these firm resolves. Yet within a week or possibly even a month that weight loss resolve gives way to "just one more" cookie or chocolate or.... Our resolve to become more financially sound fades as the January sales blitz entraps us to spend. And try-as-we-might we just can't engage him/her in some meaningful conversation. Fact is, sometimes we really don't try.

God's Word is rich with resolves and resolutions and *all things new*. God gives us a promise when He tells us in Jeremiah 31:31, "*Behold days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel....*" Here God gives us a promise which is fulfilled in the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ – a gift we received just last month.

We have received that gift. God has given us the gift of eternal life through the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. We read in Ezekiel 11:19-20, "*I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*"

As we enter this year of 2019 let us resolve to be people of God. Here at St. Martin's we have so many blessings to share, so many talents and ideas. Let Christ live in us, walk with us, and guide us so that we share those gifts with all whom we meet, so that at the end of this year we can say, "Yep! I kept my resolution. I walked with Jesus. I read and kept God's Word. I shared the good news of God's love with those I met."

Happy New Year! ...and blessings.

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Chaplain Paula*

## Memorial Garden and Columbarium (MGC) Update and Phase 2 Fundraising



Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Martin's,

On December 22, 2018, following two years of planning and fund raising, the Memorial Garden and Columbarium (MGC) Committee completed Phase 1 construction. Included in Phase 1 are: 1 Columbarium frame and 45 niches; a 3 boulder fountain representing our Baptism and the Trinity; installation of 2 boulders that will accommodate the Francis Street cross and "I am" engraved stone and butterfly representing the Resurrection; initial lighting; sod and mulch. The first inurnment was held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> for our beloved Zoltan and Doris Modly. A second inurnment is scheduled later in January for our dear brother, Rick Ruhf. A total of 21 niches are reserved and an additional 4 are pledged. In addition a variety of memorial gifts and project donations have been made totaling approximately \$80,000. Thanks be to God!

It is now time to begin Phase 2 fundraising and project construction of this important ministry. The following are included in Phase 2: a 2<sup>nd</sup> Columbarium frame and 45 niches; 7 "I am" stones placed appropriately in the garden; a point of egress from the narthex to an outdoor hospitality area; 2 stone pathways from each side of the narthex; stone pathways to both columbarium structures; 2 benches and 2 "L" shaped stone walls framing the gardens; landscaping; plumbing and lighting. As with Phase 1 funding, construction of Phase 2 will not include any church capital funds but rather the project will be funded by the generous souls of St. Martin's.

**It should be noted if you are not interested in participating in inurnment at St. Martins there are two other opportunities to participate in the ministry. They are: (1) making a memorial donation in the name of a loved one; and/or (2) simply contributing to general project expenses.** In 2019 please consider making a donation to the MGC for \$100 or \$500 or \$1,000 or more. If every household gave \$500 we would easily reach our Phase 2 goals. We realize this request may be out of reach for many of you and if this is the case after prayerful consideration, give what you can afford. **It is also important to remember that giving to the MGC Ministry should not take the place of your weekly offering that you pledged for 2019.**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. If you have any questions or are interested in **making a memorial donation**, please contact Mel Tuckfield (410-971-7059). Peace and Blessings, MGC Committee



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# St. Martin's Youth Newsletter



*Fun times above at our Christmas Cheer party! We played lots of games, exchanged presents and played a few rounds of our favorite game- SARDINES!*

***News from Mrs. Laura....***

***Happy New Year! May God's love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy!***

***Reminder: My days off are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays unless there is a youth event. I will be out of town Friday, January 25-28<sup>th</sup> at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Conference in Jacksonville FL. Can't wait to come back with new and exciting ideas!***

## **January Fellowship and Service Events**

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5:30pm- Dinner and Ice Skating-** Join us at Quiet Waters for an afternoon of ice skating and then we'll head over to Little Italy for

an early dinner. Bring money for dinner and ice skating (\$6 to skate and \$3 for skate rentals). Parents- We will need help transporting to Little Italy and I need at least one adult leader to stay for the entire event. Meet in the warming room at QW. Sign up by Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm- De-stress Yoga classes-** Join us on Wednesdays evenings in January for an hour of gentle, mindfulness yoga. Classes will be taught by Cindy Carey, a new member who is a registered nurse and certified yoga instructor. Class is limited to 15 so sign up soon. Adults and youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to join.

### Senior High Sunday Mornings at 9am

All senior high youth, friends and middle school friends already confirmed are invited to join us Sunday mornings.

- Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast at IHOP- Meet in Laura's office by 8:45am and we will travel over to IHOP for some pancakes and return for the 10am service.
- Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>- FISH- Pastor Dave will share about his upcoming deployment
- Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>- Finding God in the small screen- youth room
- Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>- FISH – Mrs. Laura will be out of town

### Confirmation Students

- ***Reminder- Please turn in your Service Hours and Worship Reflections!***
- Worship Reflection requirements have changed- please turn in 12 worship reflections instead of 15. We have a few students almost done with this requirement.
- Confirmation Make-Up Wednesday will be Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library lounge. Please RSVP to Laura by 1/29.

### **January Lessons**

- January 6<sup>th</sup>- Temptation of Jesus
- January 13<sup>th</sup>- FISH- Pastor Dave will be sharing about his upcoming deployment
- January 20<sup>th</sup>- Call of the Disciples
- January 27<sup>th</sup>- Beatitudes

### Youth Support Ministry Meeting

**Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the youth room-** Youth, Parents, and any adult wishing to help in our youth ministry program join us for an evening of visioning



and planning for the spring and summer. We'll also discuss our summer service camp.

### Mark Your Calendars Now!!

**Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - St. Martin's Service Camp-** It's our first service week camp at St. Martin's. Join us for a fun week of interactive service projects and fellowship events. Each day will participate in a meaningful service project (Operation Homecoming, Packaging 10,000 meals and more) and then cut loose for some fun fellowship events. Can't join us for the whole week- no worries 2day and 3days are available too. Registration forms will be available in February. Space is limited.

*Youth and Parents worked together at the annual Linda's Legacy homeless drive to get into the holiday spirit of giving.*



ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL



LEARN  
*to play*  
PICKLE BALL

**SCHEDULE:** MONDAY OR TUESDAYS 6-7:30 PM  
STARTING JANUARY 7TH OR 8TH  
LESSONS FOR ADULTS ONLY

**COST:** \$25 FOR FIVE SESSIONS  
PADDLES AVAILABLE FOR LESSON

**LOCATION:** ST. MARTIN'S GYMNASIUM

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!

TO SIGN-UP:

EMAIL KIM D'AMICO [KIMLD66@VERIZON.NET](mailto:KIMLD66@VERIZON.NET)



# ME? SING? YES!

*It's time for you to join a choir!*

Handbell Choir -

Wednesday's @ 6:30 - Music Room

Chancel Choir -

Wednesday's @ 7:30 - Music Room

Children's Choir (ages 5+) -

1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays @ 4:30 - Music Room

Compline Choir -

As Scheduled - Music Room/Sanctuary



## WHAT AM I GETTING OUT OF IT?

It's a proven fact that singing a chorus is more fun when we are surrounded by friends, belting it out at the top of our lungs. Maybe that doesn't seem like a proven fact, but according to recent research -- it actually is. Humans are wired for rhythmic togetherness; from choral singers, musicians, dancers, to rowers, the science is coming in that we bond best when we are making music with each other. Studies show that choral singing improves our mood, with a decrease in stress, depression and anxiety. These effects are often attributed to the deeper breathing associated with singing, that is also used in meditation. These benefits are enhanced in a group setting, compared to singing alone. Singing in a group offers us a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves. It helps us feel that we are needed by the larger community. In that light, choral singing programs are beginning to make big strides at senior centers, as a way to improve the quality of life for the older members of our society. Beyond these psychological effects, our physical health is also impacted for the better: lower blood pressure, increased blood oxygen saturation, elevated immunity, higher pain threshold, stronger respiratory muscles, and less stuttering. Music making produces measurable changes in the brain! These changes positively impact our ability to heal after strokes by assisting the formation of alternative pathways around damaged brain tissue. All of these factors can lead to a deeper sense of well-being and overall happiness. Another notion is that the experience of making music together provides a sense of awe not just for the observers, but for the participants, as well. If one voice, instrument, or dancer alone is amazing, a group of performers is more so. What does that awe lead to? Research shows that this emotion engenders an enhanced sense of altruism. It seems to shift our focus from our own narrow view to that of our common humanity. Those who report more awe in their lives have been shown to be more generous, more ethical, and more helpful towards others. Perhaps as we join with others to create an experience of great beauty, we diminish any sense of scarcity, while augmenting our connection to all in a way which is paradoxically self-affirming. We feel more comfortable and happier in our own skin. The statistics are in. In 2017, only 33% of Americans described themselves as happy. A full 40% said "they rarely engage in hobbies and pastimes they enjoy." It is time to turn that around.

<https://artistworks.com/blog/surprising-health-benefits-singing-choir>

# **USAF Singing Sergeants in 2019**

**Sunday, January 27, 2019 @ 3:00 PM**

**Sanctuary**

**Please join the Singing Sergeants for an afternoon of acapella choral music at Saint Martin's Lutheran Church in Annapolis, MD. The performance will include choral classics, spirituals, as well as patriotic favorites.**



# Rooke Chapel Ringers in 2019

Friday, January 18, 2019 @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

The Bucknell University Rooke Chapel Ringers were organized in 1983. The choir consists of 14 members who are selected by audition and who represent diverse major fields of study at Bucknell University, including the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, business administration, education and engineering. The choir plays regularly for Protestant worship services on campus and participates in the traditional ringing-in-of-Christmas at Candlelight services in Rooke Chapel each December. This popular performance, taped and repeatedly televised by PBS for national distribution, was nominated for an Emmy in 1996 and 2004. A Christmas compact disc, which also includes the Rooke Chapel Choir, was released by Albany Records in November 1995. Since its founding, the choir has participated in two festivals at the Riverside Church in New York City and was chosen to play for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Conference in the spring of 1985. In January 1986, the choir embarked on its first two-week European concert tour of Switzerland and Austria. Twelve concerts included performances in Lucerne, Montreux, Salzburg, and Goetzens. The Rooke Chapel Ringers were honored to have been invited to perform at the Tenth-anniversary celebration of Handbell Exploration in Tempe, Arizona, in 1995, and the Hershey Handbell Exploration at the Hershey Hotel Syracuse Symphony for three holiday concerts. They returned to Syracuse for the 2006 holiday concerts and were featured again with the symphony in December 2009. The ringers participated in Bronzefest 2008 in Ohio, and completed the annual Senior Winter Tour, visiting Rochester, N.Y., Syracuse, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Stroudsburg, Pa. Following the tour, the ringers played for a four-day masterclass in conducting at Bucknell, with Dr. Payn serving as clinician. The group performed with the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble in February 2009.



## **Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

*If your birthday or anniversary is*

*not listed here, please provide the church office with the information so you can be included next time!*

### **Birthdays**

Miles Henley	1/2
Phyllis Phipps	1/2
Charles Taylor	1/2
Sadie Elliott	1/3
Alex Gatchel	1/6
Olivia Stephenson-O'Dea	1/7
Gregg Gallina	1/8
Teufila Hagenau	1/8
Janet Clauson	1/9
Mark Hagenau	1/9
Herb Hagenau	1/10
Alan Bitonti	1/11
Eugene Humphrey	1/11
Michael Taylor	1/13
Bruce Alter	1/15
Dylan Roemer	1/16
Zachary Gallina	1/17
Elizabeth Ochalek	1/18
Jina Eckhardt	1/22
Desmond Rafferty	1/22
Tim Doyle	1/23
Carol Livingston	1/24
Margaret Kamp	1/25
Cameron Ochalek	1/25
Pam Currie	1/27
Joachim Rogalli	1/27
Patricia Mattingley	1/29
Jack Shenk	1/29
Colin Downing	1/30
Emily Spain	1/30
Delores Grauel	1/31

### **Anniversaries**

Bob & Myrtie Bartel	1/31
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# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Happy New Year!	<b>2</b> 7 A.M. Men's Bible Study 10 A.M. Staff Mtg	<b>3</b> 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY (DOUBLE-T DINER)	<b>4</b> 12:30 pm Blood Drive (A, B,C)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 A.M. Worship 9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (Fellowship); Confirmation (Art Room); Senior High (Youth Room) 10 A.M. Worship 11:15 am Congregational Mtg.	<b>7</b> 10 A.M. FLYING QUILTERS (A,B) 6 pm Pickleball (Gym) 7 pm Bible Study (B)	<b>8</b> 1 PM Outie Lunch @Uncle Julio's 6 pm Pickleball (Gym) 7 pm Mutual Ministry Mtg.	<b>9</b> 7 A.M. Men's Bible Study 10 A.M. Staff Mtg 6 PM Yoga (B,C)	<b>10</b> 9:30 am LMS Clothes Sorting (A,B) 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY (DOUBLE-T DINER) 7 pm Youth Support Mtg.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10 am Joyful Hearts Meeting
<b>13</b> 8 A.M. Worship 9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (Fellowship); Confirmation (Art Room); Senior High (Youth Room) 10 A.M. Worship	<b>14</b> 10 A.M. FLYING QUILTERS (A,B) 5 P.M. Light House Shelter Dinner () 6 pm Pickleball (Gym) 7 pm Bible Study (S)	<b>15</b> 6 pm Pickleball (Gym)	<b>16</b> 7 A.M. Men's Bible Study 10 A.M. Staff Mtg 6 PM Yoga (B,C)	<b>17</b> 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY (DOUBLE-T DINER)	<b>18</b> 7 P.M. Rooke Chapel Ringers	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8 A.M. Worship 9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (Fellowship); Confirmation (Art Room); Senior High (Youth Room) 10 A.M. Worship	<b>21</b> **Church Office Closed 6 pm Pickleball (Gym) 7 pm Bible Study (B)	<b>22</b> 6 pm Pickleball (Gym)	<b>23</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S) 6 PM Yoga (B,C)	<b>24</b> 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY (DOUBLE-T DINER) 1:00 PM PRAYER Shawl Mtg. (Betty Cirones Home) 6 PM LIGHT HOUSE TOUR	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8 A.M. Worship 9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (Fellowship); Confirmation (Art Room); Senior High (Youth Room) 10 A.M. Worship 3 pm USAF Singing Sergeants (S)	<b>28</b> 10 A.M. FLYING QUILTERS (A,B) 6 pm Pickleball (Gym) 7 pm Bible Study (B)	<b>29</b> 6 pm Pickleball (Gym)	<b>30</b> 7 A.M. Men's Bible Study 10 A.M. Staff Mtg 6 PM Yoga (B,C)	<b>31</b> 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY (DOUBLE-T DINER)		



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Sunday Worship: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m.

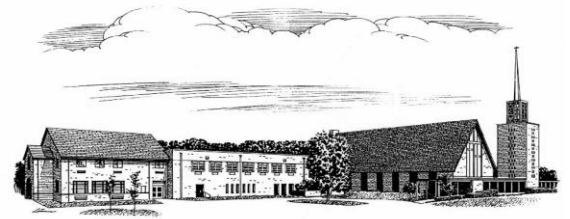
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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