

May TABLETALK May 2019

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Deadline for June Tabletalk Articles 5/24/19

A NOTE FROM PASTOR BILL:

It's hard to believe that three months have already passed since Pastor Dave's departure. We have been through the five weeks of Lent, we have experienced once more the journey that is Holy Week and we have celebrated Easter Sunday. Time has been moving swiftly, and as Pastor Dave said in a note he sent me just yesterday, he has "217 days remaining, but who's counting?"

As we move forward toward the months of summer, we have much to look forward to. Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday are on the horizon. This year's confirmation class will be confirmed, and the 8th grade St. Martin's School class will graduate. The Season of Pentecost, the longest season in the church year, will begin, and vacations will be taken. It is a busy time of the year, but one I look forward to.

Before moving ahead, however, I wanted to take a moment to offer a word of thanks to all those who worked so hard and gave of their time to make Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday so special for us all.

The Lenten Drama, The People vs Judas Iscariot, was something new and different for the congregation to experience, but I believe it went well and was well received. It would not have been as good, however, if it hadn't been for the commitment of those who participated as members of the cast. They did a fantastic job, which included not only being here on Wednesday evenings, but also for two rehearsals each week. I believe there were at least fourteen members of St. Martin's involved in the production of the Lenten drama, and I truly appreciate all they did to make the presentation so special and meaningful! The Music and Worship Committee has already expressed interest in doing something similar next year, and the weekly attendance on Wednesday evenings, as I have been told, was much better than usual.

Good Friday's evening service was also something different. It was a service we developed at St. John's and one I was always asked to do on that sorrow filled day before my retirement. I wanted to do it for you, and the response I have received has been very positive. But, again, it would not have been successful if not for the commitment of those involved. So, I wanted to thank them as well.

I could list names here but was afraid I might miss someone, so I have refrained from doing so. I just wanted to publicly thank you all once again, as I have tried to do privately, for making Lent and Holy Week so special for us all here at St. Martin's this year.

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I also wanted to mention how beautiful Easter Sunday was. The church was filled with worshippers at both services. The music was tremendous, and the joy was obvious in our celebration of Easter as a congregation. It was just a wonderful day all around.

Prior to Easter Sunday, however, we held a service of dedication for the beautiful sculptured "Butterfly" that now oversees our columbarium garden. A symbol of resurrection and new life, it was certainly an appropriate time for it to be dedicated, and added, I believe, to all that we celebrated on Easter Sunday.

So, all in all, it has been a very special few weeks, and the time has flown. I have certainly enjoyed being able to share this time and these experiences with you and thank you for your acceptance of me as your interim pastor and the kind notes and thoughts you have shared with me.

May God continue to bless us as we continue this journey together, and Pastor Dave as he cares for and ministers to the soldiers, sailors, and others now entrusted to his care.

Pastor Bill

FISH

FISH is winding down for this education year. We will be taking a break over the summer, so our last 3 weeks of FISH are upon us. May 5 we will learn about how to care for God's creation. On May 12, we will make a FISH banner to be carried into the 10:00 a.m. service on May 19. Our last FISH Sunday, May 19, we have a surprise in store for everyone as we wrap up the year. Join us as we close our program for this academic year.

JOYFUL HEARTS



Women's Fall Retreat

This year we have a two-day retreat planned for October 11-13 (Friday dinner

through Sunday breakfast) at the beautiful Hallowood Retreat Center in Frederick County. Our presenter will be Dr. Jennifer Houston McNeel, whose topic will be "Exile, Persecution, Empire: Three Stories of Faith in the Midst of Suffering." The cost for two nights, which includes room, all meals, unlimited coffee and tea, linens and soap, and our speaker's room and stipend, is \$240. Please indicate your interest to Linda Wetz, lkwetz@verizon.net, or Marianne Drumm, croftondrumms@gmail.com, by June 1, 2019.

Flying Quilters



The Flying Quilters will meet again on Monday, May 6 and 20 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, May 14 at 1 pm at "La Sierra" 2625 Riva Road. (Phone - 410-573-2961). Entrance does not face Riva Road - turn at CVS to street parallel to Riva. Contact: Carole Komenda 410-266-7132.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 1-4 pm at the home of Dottie Hall; her address is 8501 Bayside Road, #504, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. If you have questions, please call Dottie at 443-646-6630. For those unable to meet, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Bill 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 Bill, Chaplain Paula, or Dottie Hall (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

Memorial Garden and Columbarium (MCG)

Please take a stroll out to the Memorial Garden and **Columbarium (MGC)** area and see the progress we are making. The Butterfly stone is extraordinarily beautiful, and it reminds us of the "I am" verse from the Book of John, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even if he dies." Examine the butterfly closely. Is it taking flight or is it landing? In early May you will be greeted with a landscape transformation of beautiful flowers, bushes and trees. In the June timeframe we hope to have the glass access door from the narthex to the gardens completed giving us easy access to the gardens. A fundraising campaign is currently underway to help fund the outdoor hospitality area in memory of our brother in Christ, Rick Ruhf. It will be called the "Rick Ruhf Memorial Terrace". The MGC Committee welcomes you to participate in this ministry by making a contribution of any amount. Finally, the Men's Wednesday morning Bible study is sponsoring a fundraising campaign to purchase a beautiful bench for the gardens for our early departed brother in Christ and pastoral leader, Pastor Russell Fink. These and other opportunities await your participation. Peace and God's Blessings, Mel Tuckfield, MGC Committee Chairman

Thursday Mid-Day Bible study

Every Thursday at 11:30 am at the Double-T Diner (West St and Solomon's Island Rd). This informal review sheds light on each week's lessons for our Christian lives and provides Christian fellowship as we share a light lunch and conversation. Join us Thursday.

Special Delivery for Pastor Dave!

While Pastor Dave is deployed, we have him in our thoughts and prayers. We can let him know we're thinking of him with notes, cards, and colored pictures... and these can go directly into his own mailbox in the narthex. Bring your notes and pictures to church and drop them in his mailbox. All will be collected and sent in one larger envelope each week. Thanks to all!



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Planning for VBS is going well and we have a number of volunteers in place. However, we could still use shepherds. No planning or teaching required, just a desire to help make it a memorable week for the children. We also need youth volunteers (finished 5th grade and above). If you can assist, even for part of the week, you can register as a volunteer at http://stmartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/ or email us at http://stmartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/ or email us at https://stmartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/ or call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888. Hope to see you there!



St. Martin's Gardens

An Exciting Earth Day Project on Saturday, May 4, 2019 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please join us! We will plant about 30 shrubs and many perennials around the Memorial Gardens and Columbarium. Afterwards we will mulch. We need about 20 volunteers to help. Families are welcome, and we hope you will be able to participate. Refreshments will be served around noon. If interested, please e-mail Betty and John Knupp at Knuppster@aol.com or call 410-956-4881. Thanks!



From the Endowment Fund

So, are you expecting a tax refund? Think about dedicating a piece of it to the St. Martin's Endowment Fund (that's the name you write on your check, and you can simply drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church office.) Then that gift becomes tax-deductible for this year.

Consider the Endowment Fund as a way to donate for a special cause or (my favorite) in memory of, or in tribute to, a loved one. Some members name The Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in their wills or trusts. The beautiful part is that your donation never goes away—it stays in the Endowment Fund and is, therefore, a gift in perpetuity. Only a small percentage of the Endowment Fund's earnings may be used to help support needs in the local community and even needs within our church not covered by budget. For example, Endowment funds help support FISH activities this year and our Youth Camp last year. Legitimate outside community groups must apply to the Endowment Fund Board to be considered.

Be proud of St. Martin's Endowment Fund. It exists solely to advance the mission of the church—to grow and to do God's work through the Endowment Fund.



CELLULAR ANTENNA PROGRESS REPORT

Periodically, I will prepare a short synopsis for TableTalk to keep everyone advised of the progress being made regarding the cellular antenna project for the church steeple and grounds.

- Construction drawings have been prepared by the site developer and delivered to AT&T for design approval. The drawings will then be sent to me for approval.
- Power for the site has been ordered from BGE.
- The developer is to walk the site with a company called "Stealth" to officially design the new box structure that will be inserted on top of the steeple. Once the box structure is designed, the developer will file for a permit with the City of Annapolis. Hopefully, this will occur sometime in June.
- A structural analysis of our steeple has been prepared which provides proof that the steeple is structurally sound and sufficient to hold the proposed antennas and other equipment.

Larry Laubscher



Blood Drive



There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Martin's on Friday, June 7th from

12:30 pm - 6pm in the Fellowship Wing. Please register online at http://www.redcrossblood.org/ or via the signup sheet in the Narthex or contact Sara Wetz (slwetz@verizon.net, 410-956-6515). Anyone who donated at the last drive is eligible to donate at this drive. Also, if anyone is interested in assisting by checking people in please contact Sara Wetz.

Abide Dance Ministry Summer Workshop

July 8th-19th, 2019 (Monday-Friday) at Prism Annapolis, 12:00 PM-4:00 PM, \$595.00. With an emphasis on both artistic and spiritual growth, this twoweek workshop will allow your dancer the opportunity to focus their talents on God. Dancers will begin each day with a time of devotion and scripture, with an emphasis on a daily or weekly theme. The children will be encouraged to develop journaling habits and engage in discussion on how their dancing can be used as an integral part of their own personal worship and growth. The rest of the day will consist of a lyrical/contemporary dance class, rehearsal time in which the dancers will learn choreography for our end of workshop performance, improvisation/choreography exercises, guided activities or crafts relating to our theme, and time for prayer and reflection. This workshop is recommended for children ages 10-14 with some prior dance experience. Please wear dance-appropriate clothing, including ballet flat shoes. In addition, please plan on bringing a bible and a blank journal. Questions? Contact Kaitlin Alter at:

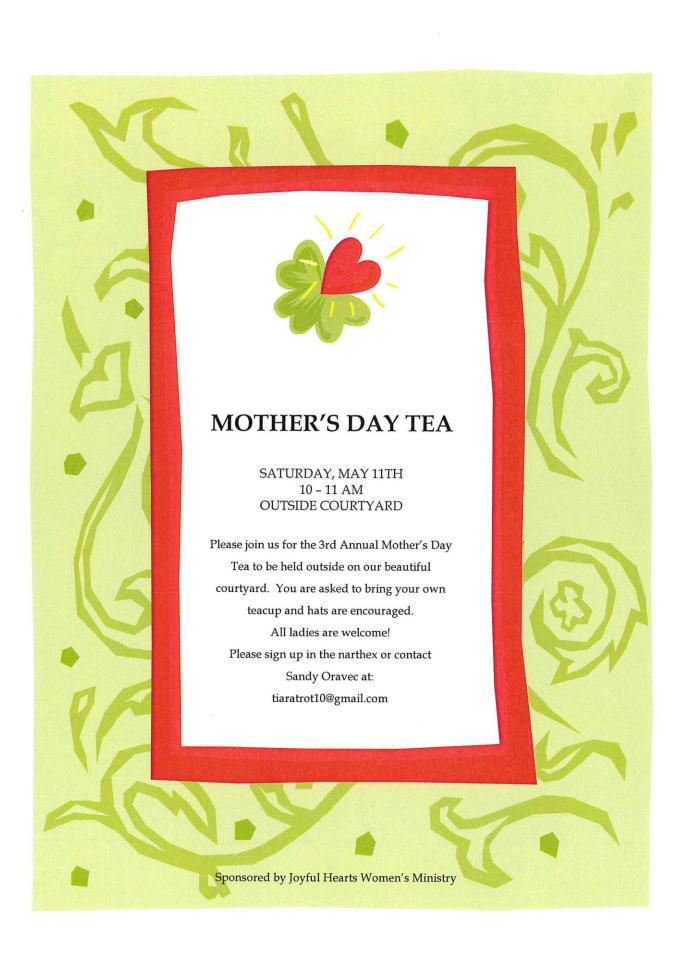
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Pastor Dave's Easter in Africa

Pastor Dave led two services beneath a 900-year-old "tree of life" pictured below, celebrating the Good News that Christ is Risen. He also preached at a Kenyan chapel and it looks like he has made a few friends along the way.







Vacation Bible School July 8 - 12, 9 am - 12 noon

To Mars and Beyond - Explore where God's Power can take you. We will go beyond with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope

We will again have classes for age 4 through finished 4th grade. If you are in 5th grade or above, we would welcome you as a volunteer. We also need adult volunteers.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! There are only about 30 student slots remaining, so register soon. You can register students and volunteers at:

http://stmartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/

If you have any questions, please email us at vbssmlc@gmail.com or call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888. Hope to see you there!

This year we again have the option of paying with PayPal. After registering, you can return to the church VBS web page and use the PayPal option there. This will allow you to pay with a PayPal account or major credit card. As before you may also send a check to the church office (1120 Spa Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403). Be sure to include VBS and the child's name on the memo line and put VBS on the outside of the envelope.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church Golf League - 2019

Date	Course	Comment
13 May 2019	Bay Hills	Opening Day!
20	Bay Hills	
3 June 2019	Bay Hills	
10	Bay Hills	
17	Bay Hills	
24	Bay Hills	
1 July 2019	Bay Hills	
8	South River	Need players' names no later than Sunday, July 7
15	Bay Hills	
22	Bay Hills	
29	Bay Hills	
5 August 2019	Bay Hills	
12	South River	Need players' names no later than Sunday, August 11
19	Bay Hills	
26	Bay Hills	
9 September 2019	Bay Hills	
16	Bay Hills	

Our "home" course is Bay Hills this year due to construction at Eisenhower. The cost is the same as last year, \$25 which includes a cart. South River is \$40 with a cart. We need to let South River know 24 hr ahead to allow them to have carts ready for us. As before we will have a 4-person best ball format and a group dining opportunity will be available at a local restaurant as before.





The Chaplain's Corner

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. John 20:21

Last month we finished our Lenten journey and celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. We focused on *His* journey to the cross, *His* sacrificial death on that cross for us, and *His* resurrection to glory for all eternity.

Special emphasis and attention were given to stories of how Jesus helped and ministered to those around him. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, was also our good teacher, demonstrating for us many ways, day-by-day to interact with and improve the day for those we encounter. In John 13:15 we read, 'For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." Have you said 'Good morning' to your neighbor? Did you step aside to allow the mother with a restless, crying child to go first in the checkout line at the grocery store? Have you called or sent an email or text to someone who is confined to home? These are but a few of the ways we can follow Jesus' example.

Throughout scripture we read of God's people, tested to a limit, and giving us examples of strength and courage. We read of those who followed God and who, from their own, sometimes meager existence, shared that love from God with those they met ... those they served. Yes, we remember these lessons, yet sometimes our own days grow long. Sometimes we grow weary as we carry our own burdens. We ask, 'Why?' and we wonder if anyone hears. On those days more than others, look to God's own Word, God's promises to us.

Peace be with you. "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Chaplain Paula

St. Martin's Youth Newsletter

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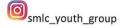
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Our youth worked hard with the Garden Club spring cleaning the church grounds and planting before Easter. Thank you to all who helped and a special thank you to Betty Knupp for teaching us about the importance of rain gardens.

News from Mrs. Laura....Our service week camp (July 29-August 2nd) registration forms will be emailed May 1st! Thank you for your patience. I think you are going to love this camp. We are partnering with some wonderful organizations- Cheryl's Rescue Ranch, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, The Outreach Program and more. Camp runs from 9-4pm. Join us all week or pick a few days. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

Reminder: My days off are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays unless there is a youth event.

May Fellowship and Service Events

Saturday, May 4th 9am-noon- Garden Workday Part 2- Youth will be helping the garden club again, this time planting shrubs, perennials, and mulching the Memorial Garden and Columbarium. If you can't stay the whole time, no worries, please join us for whatever time you can spare. RSVP by May 3rd. Bagels, fruit and water will be provided so sleep in and refreshments provided at noon as well.

Friday, May 24th- 6-8:30pm- 2nd Annual Kick Off the Summer Bash- All youth and their friends are invited to join us for a cook out, water games and much more. We'll have hamburgers and hot dogs. Last name A-M bring a dessert, N-Z bring a side dish. RSVP by May 22nd. And please make sure you bring



your swimsuit or clothes you don't mind getting wet and a towel. Parents-I need at least 2 adults to assist.

Tuesday, May 28th Movies, Dinner and Devotions- We'll be meeting at Annapolis Mall food court for dinner and devotions and then we are off to see the movie "Secret Life of Pets." Devotions-Do pets go to heaven? Please watch your email for the time. Please bring money for dinner and movie. Movie is \$7. Parents- we will need at least one other adult leader to attend.



Sunday, June 2nd **8am and 10am Youth Assist Sunday-** In support and celebration of our Confirmation Class, we are asking ALL youth to help assist at services. We will need ushers, communion assistants, readers, and an assisting minister. Please email Mrs. Wetz at

Ikwetz@verizon.net with your service preference and job.

<u>Senior High Sunday Mornings at 9am</u>All senior high youth, friends and middle school friends already confirmed are invited to join us Sunday mornings.

- Sunday, May 5th- Free Breakfast! Meet in Laura's office at 8:45am and we'll head over to the Lighthouse Bistro. We'll be back in time for those attending the 10am service.
- Sunday, May 12th- FISH
- o Sunday, May 19th- FISH
- Sunday, May 26th- NO Senior High Sunday Morning-Memorial Day Weekend

Confirmation Students

May Lessons

- Sunday, May 5th- RISEN- Movie and discussion
- Sunday, May 12th- RISEN- Movie and discussion
- Sunday, May 19th- FISH- Last day of Confirmation Celebration

Confirmation Day is June 2nd. Confirmation Students being confirmed, please watch your email for details.



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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

5/2	Deb Mangin				
	Amanda Wheaton				
5/3	Betty Cirone				
	Debbie Livingston				
5/4	Nancy Gilroy				
5/5	Dave Edsall				
5/6	Tracey Maxwell				
5/8	Lenny Bosley				
5/9	Emily Downing				
5/10	Martha Hollenbeck				
	Marlys McDevitt				
5/12	Kevin Althoff				
	Karen Martinson				
	Noah Ritter				
5/15	Pete McDevitt				
	Lynne Traher				
5/16	Annika Standish				
5/17	Jennifer Henley				
5/18	Aiden Filer				
	Lucy Claire Freeman				
	Davis Ruhf				
5/19	Ches Lanham				
	Tara Longergan				
5/20	Rachel DeVinney				
5/21	Stephen Haroth				
	Lauren Ochalek				
	Linda Wetz				
5/23	Jessica Littleton				
5/24	Gavin Cooper				
5/25	Gary Beecher				
5/25	Alan Traher				
5/26	Jane Doyle				
5/27	Flizaheth Pacher				



Anniversaries

5/29

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5/30	Brad and Kathleen Spain

Herb Hagenau

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St. Martin's Mission Statement:
Welcoming all and growing together
to share God's love and serve Christ
with energy and joy!