

September TABLETALK September 2019

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR BILL:

This morning, as I prepared to leave home for the office, I received a message from my daughter-in-law. She had sent me over 100 pictures taken during the mission trip she was on with my son, and my two grandsons. They had left last Sunday morning, and returned late last night after spending a week in Belize with other members from their church.

No doubt, though I have yet to speak with them, it was a moving experience for my grandsons, as it would be for many of us. Far too often we take for granted the blessings we have - the homes we live in, the cars we drive, the food on our tables, the clothes on our backs, and so on. It isn't until we have an experience where we walk among those who have so little - those who have no beds to sleep in, not enough food to eat, inadequate shelter to protect them from the weather, and hardly any income - that we begin to realize how fortunate we really are!

As I write to you now, I would encourage all of you to count your blessings! St. Martin's is a wonderful congregation where God's love is evident, and where all of us have a home with a family of believers who take the Gospel seriously and strive to serve the Lord in so many ways each day. It has been a pleasure for me to serve as your interim pastor in Pastor Dave's absence and to get to know all of you so much better. It has been a joy to be a part of the effort you put into the various ministries of the church, and how you take care of your church home and each other. Truly this is a special place - a special family of God - and I would encourage you to realize how blessed you are to be here and to have each other.

That being said, we are heading into a very exciting time of the year. With the arrival of September our schedule becomes a lot more active and there are so many things to do and look forward to.

On September 8th, FISH returns for its second year, and the year opens with a special service of worship in the courtyard, which will include a "blessing of the pets!" Confirmation will also begin that day, so in terms of Christian Education some good things are starting to happen.

On October 6th the 10 o'clock service will be the Polka Mass. Pastor Glenn Beard and the Heidelberg Brass Band will be joining us once more for this very special worship experience, which we have enjoyed here for the past several years. Following worship that day, we will also be celebrating at the annual Oktoberfest, so October 6th will be a very exciting day for our congregation.

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On November 10th we will be hosting a special service to commemorate Veterans Day. The service will be held that afternoon, and all the congregations of the Anne Arundel Conference of our Synod will be invited to come. The hope is that a combined choir from all those congregations, under Tyler's direction, will be able to provide music appropriate for honoring our veterans that day! More information relative to this event can be found elsewhere in this issue of Table Talk.

Then the holidays will be upon us, and with their arrival the day we have all been looking forward to will also arrive, and Pastor Dave will return to his pastoral duties here at St. Martin's.

So, there are a lot of things to look forward to for all of us - a lot of blessings for which we should be thankful. Consequently, I encourage you once more to count your blessings. Consider how fortunate we are in so many ways and remember in prayer every day those who are less fortunate, and look to us for hope. Remember always the love that God has for you and strive every day in every way to be grateful for that love by sharing it with others, and, by so doing, reveal Jesus to the world every day by all that you do and all that you say!

God bless you all!

Pastor Bill

Notes from the August Meeting of the Congregation Council:

At its meeting on August 20th, the Congregation Council discussed the following:

JULY 11: Canvased by phone, the Council agreed to a change relative to enlarging the generator compound that is required to support the cellular antenna in the steeple.

JULY 22: Canvassed by phone, the Council agreed to elevate Chris to a full-time custodial position. It was also agreed that LED lights, which are more energy efficient, would be installed in the gym. A member has agreed to cover the cost.

SCHOOL BOARD: Three new teachers have been hired for this year. New floors have been installed in the 4th and 5th grade rooms, and the music room. The cost was covered by a grant from the state.

TREASURER: We are currently behind by \$27,000. We were in a little better shape this time last year.

SCHOOL BUDGET: Approved

MUSIC & WORSHIP: It has been a little too warm in the sanctuary on Sundays. Pastor Bill discussed this with Chris and changes were made. New speakers have been ordered. The development of a new Advent wreath was discussed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: FISH will begin its second year on 8 September and Confirmation will begin at the same time.

YOUTH MINISTRY: The highlight of the summer as the Service Camp. It was well attended and a great success.

OLD BUSINESS: The Constitution is being reviewed for an update.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Stewardship - Allison Poltorak; Fellowship - Debbie Livingston and Kevin Spicer; Youth Ministry - Scott Schrier; Finance - Tom Freeman; Evangelism - Jon Aseltine; Secretary/Social Ministry - Sara Wetz; School Board - Molly Michaelson

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara's impending retirement was discussed. The Employee Handbook is due for an update. The sound system will be receiving two new speakers very shortly. Our church website was approved for an upgrade. No future requests for funds (the solicitation of special gifts from members) will be published without the Council's knowledge or approval.

NEXT MEETING: September 17th

Thank You!

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped us weed and mulch our gardens on August 27: MaryAnn Elliott, Tom and Barb Freeman, Betty and John Knupp, Deb Mangin, Dave and Patsy Mattingly, and Kim Rosekrans. Enjoy the gardens with benches in three different locations—in the courtyard, off the circle in the shade, and in the Columbarium and Memorial Gardens.

Flying Quilters

Flying Quilters will meet again on Mon., Sept. 9 and 23, in fellowship A and B from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for regular quilting. No sewing skills are needed. We'd love to have you join us. Bring a lunch and stay all day or come when you can. Questions? Judy Houston (judyhouston2@gmail.com or 410-263-3888)

Outie Lunch Group

The "Outie" Lunch Group will get together again for lunch on Tuesday, September 10th, 1:00 pm at The Green Turtle in Annapolis. Hope you can be there. Contact Carole Komenda 410-266-7132.

FISH - Year 2

Summer is winding down. School will start soon. Along with those changes, our next program year begins at St. Martin's. Welcome FISH – Year 2. The Christian Education committee along with Pastor Bill have been planning for our next year of the FISH program, our intergenerational education hour on Sunday mornings (which also includes a service component). We have made a few changes to the program for the upcoming year. We will be introducing a new gathering activity called Faith 5, which can actually be using at home as well. We are focusing on one theme per month tying Bible stories and service projects to that theme. We will also include some discussion on worship most Sundays. Interested in assisting with this program? Please contact Linda Wetz Ikwetz@verizon.net

Join us for our kick-off Sunday, September 8, where we will be hosting a pet blessing service at 9:00 am in the courtyard. Bring your pet to be blessed as we celebrate the beginning of our program year with many of God's creatures.





There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Martin's on Friday, September 13th from

12:30 pm - 6 pm in the Fellowship Wing. If you are able to donate please register online: http://www.redcrossblood.org/ or via the signup sheet in the Narthex or contact Sara Wetz at: slwetz@verizon.net, or 410-956-6515. Also, if anyone is interested in assisting by checking people in please contact Sara Wetz.

JOYFUL HEARTS

We will gather on **September 21 at 10:00 a.m in the Fellowship Wing** to make Christmas cards for the troops. We will be instructed by Pat Brodsky. Please plan to join us!

On October 11, 13 of our St. Martin's ladies will travel to Hallowood Retreat Center, north of Frederick, for a weekend retreat. Our leader for the retreat will be Dr. Jen McNeel. The theme for the retreat is "Exile and Empire: The People of God in the Midst of Change and Challenge." The heart of the presentation will be this: How did God's people in the past deal with a changing and challenging world, and what can we learn from them for dealing with our own changing and challenging world? This is Joyful Heart's 2nd annual women's retreat. We are looking forward to a weekend of learning, sharing, fellowship and fun.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the 10 a.m. service on **Sunday, September 22nd.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sep 26, 1-4 pm at the home of Judy Svoboda her address is 1273 Log Canoe Court, Annapolis, MD 21403. If you have questions, please call Judy at 410-267-9060. 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.

Sanctuary Sound

Sanctuary Sound Update: Tyler purchased both sets of new sanctuary speakers last week and arranged for their installation. We have the money in hand to cover the speakers and their installation, plus the installation of a video camera to stream our church services to shutins. Many thanks to those who made these improvements possible! If you have any comments or questions for the Worship & Music Committee, please contact Marianne Drumm, Chairman, croftondrumms@gmail.com or 410-703-0876, or Tyler Horton, Director of Music Ministry, thorton@stmartinsonline.org, 410-263-4723

Memorial Garden and Columbarium (MGC) Update:



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nearly completed Phase I construction. We believe we have created a sacred garden for our loved ones and a place for prayer and meditation. When the portal, terrace, walk ways and seating wall are completed this will exhaust our available funding. As you know, the MGC is a self-funded project. Thank you for your generous contributions and participation during the past two years. We will delay the construction of Phase II until additional funding is received.

Over the past two years we have come to realize that the previous cost of a niche is a break-even proposition at best. Please be advised that starting on January 1, 2020 the cost of a niche will increase to \$3,000. A niche will accommodate the cremains of two loved ones. One payment of \$3,000 can be made or two payments of \$1,500 with the latter one being paid at any time or at time of need. All previous purchased niche deposits will be honored. If you are considering purchasing a niche it would be to your advantage to do so before the end of the year.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche, making a memorial gift or simply donating to the project in any amount please contact me at 410-971-7059 or Kim Rosekrans at 443-538-4446 Peace and God's Blessings, Mel Tuckfield, MGC Committee Chairman.

Meet 'n Eat

Meet 'n Eat are small group gatherings to share meals and community beyond what can happen on Sundays. The gatherings are of three different kinds: Lunch Bunch, "Outies", and "Innies." Lunch Bunch -Participants meet monthly for lunch at different local restaurants. Carol Komenda puts a notice in the bulletin of the day and location. If you can participate, call her so she can include you in the reservation with the restaurant. Outies - Participants gather in small groups for dinner at local restaurants. Each group decides on its schedule and restaurant destinations. Innies – Participants gather in small groups of 6-8 at their homes on a rotating basis for a pot luck dinner, brunch, or whatever any group may decide for itself. The Innie groups each decide their schedules. Opportunities to sign up for any (or all) of these "Meetings 'n Eatings" will start Sunday, September 8 after each service and again on Sunday, September 15. You can also contact Judy Svoboda at jssvoboda@comcast.net to participate.

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Are you in middle or high school?



*Do you enjoy singing, playing an instrument, or both? *

Come join in on the newly forming Youth Band!!!

We will be playing several times a year at FISH, Youth Assist Sundays, and more!

If you are interested, please contact Mary Rosekrans (mary.rosekrans@gmail.com) 443-939 1442 with your contact information, instrument, and if you want to sing. Practices will be twice a month on Sunday's after the 10 am service. A schedule will be complied once we have the group formed. Any adults interested in helping with tech, please let Mary know.

VETERANS DAY 2019



The Music and Worship Committee is planning a special service for Sunday afternoon on November 10th at 3 p.m.

The purpose of the service is to honor our veterans, and every congregation from the Anne

Arundel Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod will be invited to attend.

As part of the service we will request that choir members from the various congregations come together under Tyler's direction to form a combined choir for the occasion. Patriotic songs and hymns will be sung. Veterans present will be recognized in a special way. And a special guest speaker will be offering the message.

Veterans who can still wear their uniforms are encouraged to do so. And following the service, there will be a reception. At the reception we are hoping that the veterans in attendance will bring along some memento or special award from their years of service to put on display!

So, mark the day and time of your calendar and plan to be with us for this special occasion!

St. Martin's Lutheran Church Golf League - 2019 September Schedule

Date	Course
9 September 2019	Bay Hills
16	Bay Hills

Contact Alan Bitonti via email (<u>ajbitonti@verizon.net</u>) and cell phone (781-608-8508) if interested.

The cost is \$25 which includes a cart. We will have a 4-person best ball format and a group dining opportunity will be available at a local restaurant.

Save the Date!

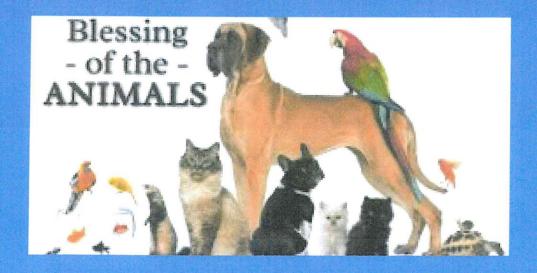
St. Martin's Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 6th. More details to come.....

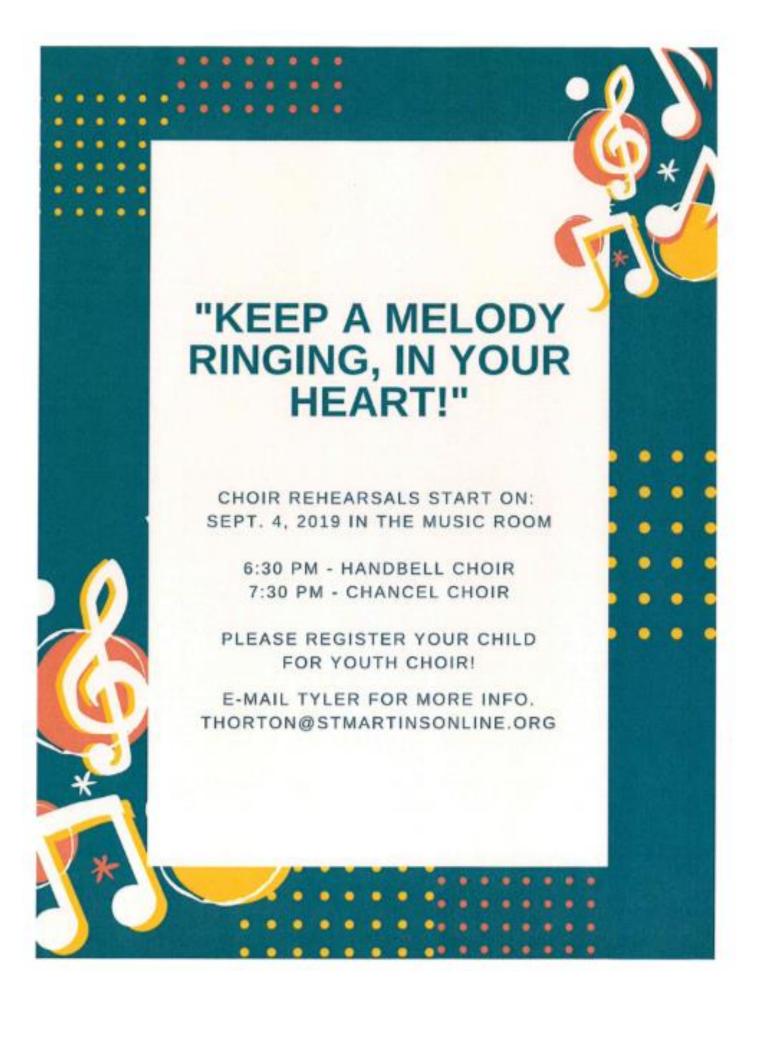
PAWS IN PEWS PET BLESSING SERVICE

All are invited to join us for a special worship service with communion. Bring your fuzzy, scaly or feathery pet to service.

Sunday, September 8th at 9am in the courtyard.

Refreshments (for pets and their human friends) to follow and local author and member Tara Chaudry will be signing her book "Peter the Shih Poo- Sometimes everyone needs a little help from above!"





St. Martin's Youth Newsletter

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St. Martin's
Youth Group
didn't slow
down at all
this summer.
It was a
season of
learning,
service and
lots of
fellowship.



We launched our very own St. Martin's Service Camp with 30 youth. We learned about discipleship and being God's hands and feet in our own community and made an enormous impact locally.

News from Mrs. Laura:

It's back to school time and that means fall sports and activities. As a youth group, we want to support each other, so please consider emailing your game, recital, meets, performance schedules to me so we can start a shared google calendar.

Remember friends are welcome to attend all events and RSVP'ing (even if its last minute) makes coordination easier. Every event requires at least one additional adult leader so please consider volunteering and contact me.

We still have some St. Martin's Youth Group t-shirts available. If you are interested, please stop my office on Sunday mornings to pick up one.

Mrs. Laura's Fall Schedule: Office Hours: You can find me in my office on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You can always reach me via text or email.

September Fellowship and Service Events

Sunday, September 8th **9am Paws in Pews-** St. Martin's will be hosting a special pet blessing service and we need the youth to help. We need greeters, ushers, communion assistants, help setting up food tables for people and animals. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in this meaningful but noisy service.

Sunday, September 15th 11:30am-3pm- Fall Kick Off- Join us for one last dip in the pool and a cookout at Hunt Meadow Pool (less than 5 mins from church) as we celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Bring your swimsuit, towel and a side dish or dessert to share. Main dish and drinks provided. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 12th and let me know if you need a ride.

Sunday, September 15th **9am**- Youth Support Team Meeting- Join as we review our summer and make plans for the rest of fall. This is for all senior high and interested parents/adults.

Tuesday, September 24th **6:30pm- Senior High Dinner and ARK-** meet at church at 6:30pm and we'll head downtown for dinner and ARK (don't know what ARK is well join us to learn more). We will return to church by 8:15pm. Please bring \$10-15 for dinner. If you need a ride to or from let me know.

Senior High Sunday Mornings 9am

All 9-12th graders are invited to meet each Sunday in the youth room for fellowship, devotion and service. See schedule below:

Sunday, Sept 1st- No SHSM

Sunday, Sept 8th- Special Pet Blessing Service

Sunday, Sept 15th- Youth Support Team Meeting-All senior high youth are welcome

Sunday, Sept 22nd- Lighthouse Lunches- we will be making lunches to be delivered to the Lighthouse shelter in the afternoon.

Sunday, Sept 29th- It's a 5th Sunday and that means BREAKFAST OUT. Meet a little earlier at 8:45am in Laura's office and then we are off to the Lighthouse Bistro for breakfast. We will be back in time for those attending 10am worship. RSVP By 9/28.



Anchored in Christ Called to Serve

Confirmation 9am Sunday Mornings

Confirmation classes meet in the art room each Sunday at 9am. Please consider signing up to bring snack at least one Sunday.

Sunday, Sept 1st- No class

Sunday, Sept 8th- Special Pet Blessing Service

Sunday, Sept 15th- 8:45AM IN THE ART ROOM- CONFIRMATION FAMILY MEETING (PARENTS AND STUDENTS). Join us as we go over expectations for the year and meet are amazing teaching team. Parents will be dismissed at 9am.

Sunday, Sept 22nd- Class

Sunday, Sept 29th-Class

Confirmation Retreat- Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12 -Sunday, October 13th for our Confirmation Retreat in Ocean City, MD. Please let me know if you are unavailable this weekend ASAP. We need 1 male adult leader for the retreat.

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Registration for 2019 St. Martin's Lutheran School Golf Tournament

Please complete your Team Contact, Golfer	r(s) and Sponsorship Information.	
Email	_	
First Name	Last Name	
Street Address		
City	State Zip	
Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Please select your level of participation (a	Il that apply)	
Individual Golfer (\$150 per golfer)		
Foursome (\$600)		
Platinum Sponsor (\$1,250) – includes sig and in the weekly newsletter, 4 golfers, and	nage on two tee boxes, recognition on the school website full cheat packages for each golfer.	
Gold Sponsor (\$750) – includes signage on one tee box, and recognition on the school website and in the weekly newsletter, 2 golfers and full cheat package for each golfer		
Silver Sponsor (\$195) — includes sign spo and in the weekly newsletter.	nsorship on a tee box and recognition on the school website	
Sponsor Information: Company Name		
(as it would appear on signage, etc.)		
Golfer Information		
Please include information for each golfer, in	ndividual and group.	
Golfer # 1		
First Name Last	: Name	
Email Address	Phone	

Golfer # 2		
First Name	Last Name	
Email Address	Phone	
Golfer # 3		
First Name	Last Name	
Email Address	Phone	
Golfer # 4		
First Name	Last Name	
Email Address	Phone	
Please print out the completed form and mail with your check to:		

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The Chaplain's Corner

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:1b-2

Summer has gone and we are returned to the scheduling of our usual activities: work, school, church, other activities. Life gets hectic sometimes, and the return to a full schedule after some period of rest can be at the same time stimulating and exhausting. So how do we cope? How do we handle all the demands placed on us day by day?

Reading through the gospels I've often been reminded that our Lord appears not to have had a vacation. No relaxing weeks on the beach for him. No! Each day he was teaching; he was healing; he was bringing his Father's message to those he encountered. Jesus was a good teacher. By his own examples Jesus laid out lessons for Christian living – lessons to follow the great commandment and the second – lessons on loving God and loving God's creation and our fellow human beings. He taught his disciples and, by extension, teaches us to share God's message of salvation.

Like Jesus, we are to become teachers – no, not a classroom and report card type of teacher – but in some way, we are the teachers, examples, or reference points for those we meet. Let us humble our hearts before our God. Let us join our spirits with our Lord so that we may go into the world and become instruments of God, bearing fruits that will last.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completeness by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

Chaplain Paula

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

9/2	Mark Sindt
9/3	Lee Downing
9/4	Pastor Dave
9/6	Sullivan Crabtree
	Matt Lanham
9/8	Joanne Lewis
9/10	John Breen
	Bob Brock
9/11	Mallory Gallina
9/12	Kelly Shenk
9/13	Brendan O'Dea
	Kevin Parrish
9/14	Carin Antochy
9/15	John O'Neill
9/16	Paul Edlich
	Greg Maxwell
9/17	Larry Day
	Pastor Bill
9/18	LeAnn Myhre
9/19	Brynn Laird
9/20	Ruth Hanson
9/22	Sam Septembre
9/23	Christine Campbell
9/24	Stephanie Crabtree
9/25	Marcus Raabe
9/26	Jody Pilka
9/28	John Stock
9/29	Ginger Henley
	Happel Kolakoski

Anniversaries

9/30 Mary Lerner

9/1	Greg and Enid Roemer
9/2	Jody and Eric Pilka
9/4	Michael and Stephanie Crabtree
9/17	Robert and Susan Connell
9/25	Ches and Sue Lanham
9/28	Mick and Paula Thistle

A SPECIAL NOTE

One of the Eagle Scouts in Troop 771 has a story he wished to share with us:

My name is Dustin Danckworth. Four years ago, my Grandma Riggs was diagnosed with colon cancer. For more than a year she battled this cancer that spread to her liver, lungs then brain and finally took her life. During her illness many people brought her meals. Family, friends, neighbors, and church family. There wasn't "Meals on Wheels" where she lived but she was still cared for. I know how much my grandma appreciated the love of all and I knew I could never show enough gratitude to all those who helped so I decided my Eagle project would not only serve as my project but would also be my thank you for those who take care of others. Thanking those in Pennsylvania who took care of her, through those who help here in Maryland, through Meals on Wheels.

With the permission from my troop, district and St. Martin's I led a group of scouts, youth, adults and scout leaders in the building of two picnic tables. I am sure anyone can use them, but I wanted them specifically for the Meals on Wheels group.

Bonita Riggs was a kind, wonderful and loving person. She was the definition of a Grandma. I love her and I miss her. I hope you all enjoy the tables.



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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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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!