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A Guide to **PARISH LIFE**



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.

OUR CORE VALUES

To glorify God in all we do, St. Martin's Episcopal Church affirms and values:

The Christian Faith

As affirmed by the worldwide Anglican Communion which emphasizes the Holy Scriptures as the primary authority and guide for individual faith and practice.

Worship

Based on traditional Anglican theology, liturgy and the Christian Sacraments, always striving to offer God our very best in prayer, preaching and music in an inspirational setting.

Discipleship

Bringing as many people as possible into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and enabling each of us to be transformed into disciples of Jesus Christ through participation in the ministries of St. Martin's.

Ministry

Ministering to those in spiritual, emotional and physical need through Pastoral Care and Outreach programs designed to serve the St. Martin's Church family and our entire community.

Stewardship

Becoming faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure for the ultimate glory of God, the growth of His Kingdom and as an example to others.

Fellowship

Providing a Christian home for individuals and families seeking to experience and share Christian fellowship and community.

OUR HISTORY

Since its founding in 1952, St. Martin's Episcopal Church has grown to become the largest Episcopal Church in North America with more than 8,700 members. The Parish celebrates worship at five Sunday and three Wednesday services in both traditional and contemporary liturgical styles that provide an opportunity to give thanks and praise to God in the Anglican evangelical and orthodox tradition. The Church offers a wide range of Christian Education programs for the entire family, as well as numerous Outreach and Missions opportunities, and a variety of programs and events for adults, youth and children.

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(Individual department hours vary)

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St. Martin's WELCOMES YOU!



This publication, what we have affectionately been calling our “Yearbook” is designed as a helpful guide to the opportunities for discipleship, fellowship, ministry, mission, outreach and worship in and through our beloved Parish. It is a “guidebook” to help show you the way.



Last year, there were more than 16,000 separate activities, events, meetings and services held at St. Martin's – an average of more than 40 per day. No one person could be part of each of those gatherings; but the diversity of offerings is designed to be as comprehensive as possible to meet the needs of those seeking to experience the fullness of the Christian life.

Last year, a friend of mine introduced me to a wonderful book entitled, *True North* by Bill George. The book opens with a question, “What is your True North?,” and then goes on to explain:

“True North is the internal compass that guides you successfully through life. It represents who you are as a human being at your deepest level. It is your orienting point – your fixed point in a spinning world – that helps you stay on track...”

“Discovering your True North takes a lifetime of commitment and learning. Each day, as you are tested in the world, you yearn to look at yourself in the mirror and respect the person you see and the life you have chosen to lead. Some days will be better than others, but as long as you are true to who you are, you can cope with the most difficult circumstances that life presents...”

“I am the good shepherd,” Jesus told His followers (John 10:11). Being a shepherd in Jesus' day was serious business. A “good shepherd” would tend to his or her sheep, feed them, protect them, and most

especially guide them toward good places for rest and refreshment, and away from dangerous ones like steep ravines or vicious predators. The shepherd did this with his staff, sometimes known as a “crook.” A shepherd could use the curved end to pull sheep one direction or another, and the pointed end to poke and push in the same way. The shepherd was their constant companion, and this mix of “push and pull” eventually meant the sheep always got to the right place.

I hope this “yearbook” will help you get in better touch with your True North. As you turn these pages, you will see that a lot of planning has gone into the year ahead. I hope you will take advantage of the many offerings as you designate your priorities for the coming year. I know you join me in thanking the more than 200 staff members of St. Martin's who make our journey with the “Good Shepherd” all the more deep, meaningful and possible. Whether you are a long-time member or new visitor to St. Martin's, we will continue to do all we can to help you on your own spiritual pilgrimage. Allow this publication to be your compass along the way!

Brave Journey!

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Come WORSHIP WITH US

With an emphasis on beautiful liturgy and excellence in music, worship at St. Martin's provides an opportunity to give thanks and praise to God. Rite I is the form regularly used. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, The Church
Spoken service with sermon
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (first, third and fifth Sundays) or
Morning Prayer (second and fourth Sundays), The
Church Family service with hymns, anthems and full
Choir; feast days and other special events may affect
the 9:00 a.m. worship schedule.
- 9:15 a.m. *Family Table*, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Old Church
Family-friendly contemporary worship
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, The Church
Traditional service with hymns, anthems and full Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, The Church
Traditional service with hymns, Choir and organist;
casual attire

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- Noon Holy Eucharist followed by the Sacrament of Healing
(Holy Unction), Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel



Healing prayer, or prayer for any need, is offered after each service in The Church in the Patron's Chapel located to the left of the Altar.



Child care is available for newborns – pre-K for all Sunday morning services.



For the preaching schedule visit stmartinsepiscopal.org/preaching.php.
To hear recent sermons on MP3, visit stmartinsepiscopal.org/sermons.php.
Copies of Sunday sermons are available through the Bookstore & Gift Shoppe for just \$3.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

1:00 p.m. (New time)

Family service (no Eucharist)
The Church
Music and Nativity liturgy

3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
The Church
Festive music by the Parish Choir,
Gloria Dei organ, Brass
and Tympani



EASTER DAY SERVICES

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
The Church
Festive music by the Parish Choir,
Gloria Dei organ, Brass and Tympani

9:15 a.m.

Family Table, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Old Church



AND...NEW THIS FALL...*THE ALTAR*

*Starting Sunday, October 5
11:15 a.m.
The Island*

What comes after Family Table? Responding to a growing interest among many of our students, college age and young adult members, The Altar will be a new service offering contemporary worship with St. Martin's tradition of excellence in inspirational music, preaching and liturgy.

We will meet weekly and all are welcome to experience yet another avenue of worship. As an added bonus...we will serve a "meal on the grounds" of burgers, Mexican or other favorites right after the service each week for a minimal fee. Worshipers are encouraged to stick around for fellowship, food and light music in a casual setting!

We will see you at *The Altar*!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE



*Sunday, October 5
3 p.m.
Lawn outside the
Wayside Chapel*

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, a special service will be held followed by a blessing by a member of our Clergy of all creatures great and small. Please be sure to keep your pets on leashes or in cages. The service will not be held in the event of rain. During the Blessing of the Animals Service, Outreach will have a pet food drive. Please bring canned or packaged pet food that will be donated to Pet Patrol.



FEAST OF LIGHTS SERVICE

*Sunday, January 11
6 p.m.
The Church*

This beautiful candlelight service takes the light of Christ into the world literally with our actions and symbolically through candles.

Weather permitting and with the approval of the Fire Marshall, we will celebrate with a fireworks display. Everyone is then invited to go to The Island for fellowship and a reception.

Youth interested in assisting with the service or reception should contact Anthony Orona at 713-830-4110 or aaron@stmartinseiscopal.org.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

*First Wednesday of the month
5 – 6 p.m.
Old Church*

St. Martin's chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician holds a healing prayer service for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family. All interested Parishioners are invited to come and take part in this service, as well as bring anyone else who would like to receive prayer, anointing and the laying on of hands.

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ASSISTED LIVING GROUPS

Residents of the Hampton Tanglewood, Colonial Oaks and Hallmark Assisted Living facilities are offered a Morning Prayer service each Sunday throughout the year, and Holy Eucharist is provided on the first Sunday of each month. Approximately 75 people attend the services each week.

For more information, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinseiscopal.org.



AN ADVENT WREATH DEVOTIONAL

Laura and Russ Levenson

A circle reminds us that there really is no beginning and no end of God's love. As the ending words of the Holy Bible remind us, God testifies of Himself, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 22:13) With this devotional, we hope to provide you with a framework to travel within the circle of God's love throughout the Advent season. Using a question, some Scripture, a brief meditation and a closing prayer, we will offer you what we hope will be a regular companion in your Advent journey for years to come. Available for purchase with or without an Advent wreath in St. Martin's Bookstore & Gift Shoppe.

How to TAKE PART IN SERVICES

HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come to the altar rail as the Ushers direct and take the next available place. Our custom is to kneel at the rail, but you may stand if it is more comfortable. After receiving communion, please return to your pew. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, tell one of the Ushers and a priest will bring communion to you.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

After receiving the wafer, you may immediately consume it, or you may hold it and intinct (dip) it into the wine; please notice the intinction vessel on the lip of the chalice. To take the wine directly from the chalice, gently guide it to your lips. If you are wearing lipstick, we ask that you please blot your lips before receiving. Gluten-free wafers also are available.

RECEIVING THE BREAD ALONE

Receiving either the bread or the wine alone is considered full communion. If you choose to receive only the bread, cross your arms across your chest as the chalice is passed.

RECEIVING A BLESSING

If you or your children would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, simply come forward to the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest as a signal to the priest.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE!

All baptized Christians — no matter their age — are encouraged to come to the altar rail for Holy Communion. Our young ones have a few options:

- Some children prefer to receive only the bread. Receiving either the bread or the wine alone is considered full communion.
- Those children who prefer not to receive communion may receive a blessing instead by immediately crossing their arms across their chest.
- Some parents allow their children to receive communion only after they have completed instruction in their 3rd grade year. Please note that we do offer Communion Instruction for children in 3rd grade, and/or any child who has not previously had the instruction and is older than 3rd grade. Children are encouraged to participate in this class to deepen their understanding of Holy Eucharist in the worship experience.



ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN CHURCH!

Children bring much richness to our worship community and new ways of seeing familiar rituals. Children also can bring awkward questions and unexpected comments! Here are a few ways to make Church a more pleasant experience for everyone:

- Come early to get a good seat, preferably where children can see.
- Share your Worship Booklet with young ones and help them follow along with the prayers and music.
- Be realistic. Young children cannot be expected to sit quietly all the time. Elementary-age children, however, have longer attention spans and can be expected to participate fully in the liturgy with your help.
- Do some homework. Spend time helping your child become familiar or even memorize some of the prayers and responses. Being able to participate helps them feel included.
- Do not feel embarrassed if you need to take your child out for a while.



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How to JOIN THE CHURCH

DISCOVERING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT ST. MARTIN'S – MEMBERSHIP 101

Seeking membership at St. Martin's is a very important step. Our goal is to support your understanding of our Parish and its ministries, and to help you find your place in the life of our Church. This informative class is a requirement for anyone desiring to join St. Martin's – you may join as a baptized member from another church or by transferring as a confirmed member from another Episcopal church. We also offer Confirmation classes for those desiring to become confirmed, received or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church.

The class is divided into two parts. Part I, which is taught by our Rector, is held on a weeknight and Part II is held on a Sunday morning soon after Part I. We provide child care for Parts I and II, and dinner is provided during Part I. Reservations are required for both parts of the class.

2014 Class Dates

Monday, September 29 and Sunday, October 12

Monday, October 20 and Sunday, October 26

2015 Class Dates

Quarterly beginning in January

Watch *The Star*, *Star-Light*, website and e-newsletter for specific dates and times.

As you move through the membership process, you will become familiar with the many events, activities and ministries at St. Martin's. We will assist you in finding your place where you feel comfortable and where you will be able to enhance your spiritual life.

For more information, please contact Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership Ministries, at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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Each member of the St. Martin's Parish family can receive support, assistance and comfort during life's joys and sorrows through our caring ministries. Special programs are offered for persons who are dealing with serious health issues or loss

of a loved one. In times of illness and hospitalization, upon the birth of your child or grandchild, to add a name to our Prayer list, or for any other reason, please call the Pastoral Care office at 713-985-3808.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please leave your name and a phone number on our **Prayer Line at 713-830-4124** where you can be reached. Tell us the name of the person for whom you want us to pray. Do they want to be prayed for by name during our worship services? Let us know if he or she is a parishioner. If they are in the hospital, please leave the name of the hospital and room number, and let us know if they would like a visit from a priest.

BABY BLESSINGS

If you have a new baby in your family, we offer blessings in the form of a psalm, prayer for parents, prayer for the child and general blessing of the entire family. These blessings can be offered in the hospital or in your home.

For more information, contact the Rev. Alex Large at 713-985-3849 or alarge@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are typically held privately or in small groups, and are preceded by baptismal instruction for the parents and godparents. If the candidate for baptism is an adult, preparation also is appropriate. Baptism instruction classes are scheduled throughout the year.

For more information about baptisms, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

WEDDINGS

As couples prepare for their wedding, our aim is to help and lend support, encouragement, and affirmation during the preparatory time and at the time of the marriage. The anticipation of a wedding is such a delightful time. The focus is on the future, a new kind of future for the couple, their families and their extended families. Please keep the following in mind: To be married at St. Martin's, the bride or groom (or either of the couple's parents) must be an active member in good standing, which means baptized, confirmed in the Episcopal Church, participates in stewardship by maintaining a pledge, and attends worship services at St. Martin's on a regular basis.

For more information about weddings, contact Allie Hippard at 713-985-3830 or ahippard@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Nancy Adee Photography

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

We are here to provide comfort, support and planning in your time of need. Our urn gardens, The Garden of the Holy Cross and The Garden of the Holy Cross-Riverway, offer a place for prayer, meditation and quiet beauty.

For more information about funerals and memorial services, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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HOUSTON BRONZE IN CONCERT WITH BILL NAVE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



*Friday, September 19, 7 p.m.
The Church*

Houston's premiere
handbell ensemble will
make their St. Martin's
debut as the first concert
of our 2014 – 2015 season.

Houston Bronze just celebrated their 25th anniversary
and is an award-winning group that has achieved a
high level of virtuosity. This concert will highlight
sacred and folk favorites in this fabulous program.
The effect of their playing in the St. Martin's acoustic
setting will be stunning!

PSYCHOTHERAPY AND FAITH CONFERENCE WITH DR. RICHARD KOGAN AT THE PIANO



*Friday, November 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall*

**WITH DR. DAVID HENNING
AT THE ORGAN**

*Friday, November 7, 12:45 p.m.
The Church*

Music has an amazing power for healing and this conference
will highlight that power. Dr. Kogan and Dr. Henning
will meld the healing aspects of psychotherapy and music.

STAFF SINGER CONCERT

*Friday, November 14, 7 p.m.
The Church*

Our annual Staff Singer Concert has become a popular
event featuring our own staff singers from the
St. Martin's Parish Choir. Selections will be from
the classical art song and opera aria repertoire.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

*Sunday, December 7, 11:15 a.m.
The Church*

Our annual Lessons and Carols Service is a wonderful
testament to the season celebrating the birth of our Lord.

HOUSTON CIVIC SYMPHONY CONCERT

*Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m.
The Church*



The Houston Civic Symphony
returns for their third appearance at
St. Martin's. This year's concert with
Brian Runnels, Music Director, and
Dr. David Henning, Organ Soloist,
will highlight Symphony No. 1 by
Alexandre Guilmant featuring the
Symphony and St. Martin's *Gloria Dei*
Organ. This
symphony was the first piece played on the *Gloria Dei*
Organ at its dedication 10 years ago.



GLORIA DEI ORGAN 10th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT FEATURING PROFESSOR THOMAS MURRAY

*Friday, October 3, 7 p.m.
The Church*

Professor Murray returns
to play a concert as we celebrate the 10-year
anniversary of the *Gloria Dei* Organ. He is the
University Organist and Senior Professor of
Organ at Yale School of Music. Professor Murray
is known the world over for his sensitive and
technically flawless playing. Professor Murray
was the featured artist when St. Martin's *Gloria
Dei* Organ was dedicated
and we are proud to
present him 10 years to
the day of the original
dedication concert!



THE
GLORIA DEI
ORGAN

TRE VOCI CONCERT



Friday, February 27, 7 p.m.

The Church

Tre Voci is a Houston-based ensemble with Rodica Gonzalez playing violin, Jeffrey Butler playing cello and Ilgin Aka playing piano. Tre Voci will perform selections from the wonderful trio repertoire that comprises some of the most sublime classical music.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB IN CONCERT

Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.

The Church



We welcome back the Women's Glee Club, which will present a concert representing a broad range of choral music. Popular music, classical and patriotic selections will round out this program that will delight the audience!

GOOD FRIDAY – A REQUIEM

Friday, April 3, 6 p.m.

The Church

We will observe Good Friday by singing a Requiem, one of the oldest forms of church music. It is St. Martin's tradition to present a Requiem on Good Friday.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR FROM ST. PAUL'S, LONDON

Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.

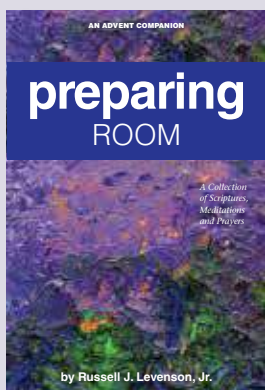
The Church

After an absence of many years, St. Paul's Cathedral Choir will again tour the United States. This wonderful choir, featured at many British state events televised internationally, will sing music from the British Cathedral repertoire. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available beginning March 2015 at stmartinsepiscopal.org, keyword "London," in St. Martin's Music Office and at the door if available.

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson at 713-985-8838 or jjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Child care during these events may be provided for newborns – pre-K with advance registration of at least three days before the concerts. Contact Justin Jacobson at 713-985-3838 or jjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org to make a child care reservation.

Unless otherwise noted, all concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted. For more information about these events, please contact the Music Office at 713-985-3838.



PREPARING ROOM – A COMPILATION OF SCRIPTURES, MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS

Available for
purchase in
St. Martin's Bookstore
& Gift Shoppe

"Advent is the season where we turn once again to the beginning of the Christian story as it centers on Jesus. The pieces of this story come together not from one set of hands, but many – and they are not of one texture, but many. In these pages, I hope to offer several gifts: Scriptures key to telling the story, a brief meditation, and avenue for "preparing room" and a prayer. This compilation is designed to carry one through the season of Advent."

From the Introduction of Preparing Room



Organ Concert with Dr. David Henning

Friday, May 1, 7 p.m.

The Church

Dr. David Henning will play a varied and interesting program of organ music highlighting the capabilities of our *Gloria Dei* Organ and continuing the celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the installation of the *Gloria Dei* Organ in St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Drew and Ellie in Concert

Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m.

The Island



Nashville-based recording artists Drew and Ellie Holcomb are known for their unique acoustic sound. They have had their songs featured on television shows

"How I Met Your Mother" and "House M.D.", and were prominently featured in a commercial preview of the National Basketball Association's 2011 – 2012 season. Join us for an amazing night of music! This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available beginning March 2015 at stmartinsepiscopal.org, keywords "Drew" or "Ellie," at The Island and at the door if available.

For more information, contact Madeline Ligon at 713-985-8843 or mligon@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Beethoven's Mass in C with St. Martin's and St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Choirs

Sunday, May 3, 6 p.m.

The Church

Beethoven's Mass in C is a dramatic and moving work that will be sung by the St. Martin's Parish Choir and joined by the St. Thomas Parish Choir. The Mass will be accompanied by an orchestra made up of members of the Houston Symphony.

ST. MARTIN'S CHOIR

Thursdays rehearsals, 7 – 9:15 p.m.

Choir Hall

St. Martin's Choir is a rewarding place of service to the Lord and our congregation. Singing for the 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. services, the Choir enjoys being accompanied by our wonderful *Gloria Dei* Organ. A variety of classical music, renewal songs and traditional hymns give members opportunities to learn and appreciate the many different styles of sacred music composed for Christians and the Church. Part singing is a standard practice. New members find strong support from seasoned singers in the Choir who provide encouragement and support.

Try us out! We're welcoming and pleased to see new faces.

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson at 713-985-3838 or jjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Youth Choir

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Payne Education Center, Room 207/209

The Youth Choir is for 6th – 12th graders with unchanged voices. The St. Martin's Youth Choir rehearses from 10:15 – 11 a.m. each week, and then takes part in the 11:15 a.m. worship service procession and sings with the Parish Choir. The mission of the Youth Choir is to challenge older singers with more difficult music while preparing them to become active, contributing members of our Parish. This young choir focuses on developing youths' voices and musicianship through preparation of challenging, sacred repertoire, and also collaborates with the Choristers on a monthly basis.

For more information, contact Kellen Gray at kgray@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



CHORISTERS

Sundays, 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

*Payne Education Center,
Room 207/209*

The St. Martin's Choristers for children K – 5th grade rehearse and attend worship at the *Family*

Table service on a weekly basis. They also perform anthems in both the 9:15 a.m. *Family Table* service and 9:00 a.m. worship service on a monthly basis. The Choristers' mission is to make joyful, beautiful music while teaching children that they hold a very special place in the worship service at St. Martin's. For more information, contact Kellen Gray at kgray@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Adult CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, August 24, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Ministry Fair

Bagby Parish Hall

Get ready for an inspiring and exciting year at St. Martin's Fall Kick-off Sunday and Ministry Fair! Learn more about all the upcoming fall classes while getting better acquainted – or reacquainted – with Clergy and staff members. This is the perfect time to find out about the many outreach, mentoring and educational opportunities at St. Martin's.

Parent Summit

The Island

This meeting is for parents of children K – 12th grade. Come hear from Children's and Student Ministries leaders about the upcoming school year, including all programs, trips and retreats. Last year more than 200 were in attendance and we hope to see you there!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Fall Classes

Begin Sunday, October 19, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Activity Center, Upper Hall West

Fall Confirmation

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m.

With the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Spring Classes

Begin Sunday, March 15, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Activity Center, Upper Hall West

Spring Confirmation

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

With the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Join the Rev. Chad Martin and the Rev. R-J Heijmen to learn how the Episcopal Church is like other Christian churches and what makes our Anglican heritage unique. Time will be spent discussing *The Book of Common Prayer*, the Sacraments, and the Church's history and polity. Adults have the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church by attending confirmation class.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



BASIC BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Adult Sunday School at St. Martin's features great teaching and great fellowship. In keeping with our Basic Bible Study tradition of scripture-based instruction, our theme for this year will be the Old Testament. We will alternate monthly between gathering together as one large group to hear from a fantastic speaker, and gathering as peer groups for more great teaching from volunteer leaders, with a bit more time for fellowship. Read on to explore all that we have planned!

For more information about Adult Christian Education, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



September

Led by the Rev. R-J Heijmen
Senior Associate Rector for
Christian Education, Stewardship
and Student Ministries



November

David Lumpkins
Executive Chairman and
Co-founder of PetroLogistics LP



January – February

The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
Rector of St. Martin's
Episcopal Church



March

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.
Senior Pastor (retired),
Chapelwood Methodist
Church



May

Dr. David A. Peterson
Senior Pastor (retired),
Memorial Drive Presbyterian
Church



PEER GROUPS

Sundays, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Peer groups provide an opportunity for fellowship with other people of your age, and get some great teaching from fellow parishioners and our Clergy. Peer groups will meet in October, December, February and April, with the exception of Seekers and Christian Book Study, which will continue to meet every week.

20s and 30s (formerly known as Community Blend and Young Families)

Activity Center, Family Room

*Clergy Liaisons: The Rev. Alex Large, the Rev. Chad Martin
and the Rev. Sarah Condon*

This group is geared toward both young adults and young families. We are excited to study scripture and get to know one another better.

40s and 50s (formerly known as Foundations)

Activity Center, Game Room

*Clergy Liaisons: The Rev. R-J Heijmen,
the Rev. Sarah Condon and Suse McBay*

This group is looking forward to a great year. We hope that you will join us for wonderful times of teaching, discussion and fellowship.

60+ (a new group)

Activity Center, Upper Hall East

*Clergy Liaisons: The Rev. Marty Bastian and the
Rev. Mary Wilson*

This is a new and exciting class for those 60 and above who are eager to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ. In-depth Bible and book studies promise to be both engaging and challenging as we apply what we learn to our everyday life. It will be a time of learning coupled with an opportunity for great fellowship and spiritual support. Check us out!

Seekers

(60s, 70s and up)

Activity Center, Aerobics Room

*Clergy Liaisons: The Rev. Nick Dyke
and the Rev. Robert Wareing*

Seekers is a great place for couples and singles to meet and study the Gospel and other readings, and then branch off into Church history, liturgy, sacraments and other related areas. We just have fun learning! Please come and join our group.

Christian Book Study

Sundays, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Vestry Conference Room

Our Sunday School classes emphasize Christian education and fellowship while reading various Christian books, and provide a community in which you can develop your Christian understanding, a sense of belonging and lasting friendships.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS WILL NOT BE OFFERED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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August 24	Fall Kick-off Ministry Fair
August 31	Labor Day weekend
November 30	Thanksgiving
December 28	Christmas
January 4	New Years
January 25	Annual Parish Meeting
March 8	Outreach Sunday
April 5	Easter Day
May 24	Memorial Day weekend
July 5	Fourth of July weekend



**SPECIAL SERIES****the arts of
spiritual conversations**

*Sundays, September 7 – October 19, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall*

The Rev. Alex Large and the Rev. Chad Martin will facilitate this new seven-week class designed to help you practice everyday activities that open a gateway for talking about God naturally with anyone, including those who have a different faith perspective. These practices reflect the way that Jesus interacted with people around him. Getting started is as simple as noticing, praying and listening.

September 7	Introduction to the Arts
September 14	The Art of Noticing
September 21	The Art of Praying
September 28	The Art of Listening
October 5	The Art of Asking Questions
October 12	The Art of Loving
October 19	The Art of Welcoming



MOCKINGBIRD CONFERENCE



Friday October 17, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

\$60 per person

(includes lunch, dinner and concert)

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

4900 Jackwood

(across from the Meyerland Shopping Center)

Mockingbird is a ministry that seeks to connect the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life in fresh and down-to-earth ways. It does this primarily, but not exclusively, via publications, conferences and online resources. The Rev. R-J Heijmen serves on the Mockingbird Board, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. and the Rev. Alex Large have contributed to its various publications, and the Rev. Sarah Condon is also involved with the ministry.

For more information about the Mockingbird Conference or to register, visit conference.mbird.com.



Keynote Speakers



William Graham Tullian Tchividjian is the Pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, a visiting Professor of theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, and grandson of Billy and Ruth Graham. He is the author

of multiple books, including *Surprised by Grace: God's Relentless Pursuit of Rebels*, *Jesus + Nothing = Everything*, *Glorious Ruin: How Suffering Sets You Free* and *One Way Love*. Tullian is also a contributing editor to *Leadership Journal*, speaks at conferences throughout the United States and his sermons are broadcast daily on the radio program "Godward Living." Tullian, his wife, Kim, and their three children live in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



David Zahl is the Founder and Director of Mockingbird Ministries, and Editor-in-chief of the Mockingbird blog. Born in New York City to an Episcopal priest and raised all over, David graduated from Georgetown

University in 2001 and then served as an itinerant youth minister with FOCUS (Fellowship Of Christians in Universities and Schools) in their New England Boarding Schools region. David and his wife, Cate, currently reside in Charlottesville, Virginia, with their two boys, Charlie and Cabell.

Special Concert by Slaid Cleaves



Slaid Cleaves spins stories with a novelist's eye and poet's heart. Twenty years into his career, the celebrated songwriter's "Still Fighting the War" spotlights an artist in peak form. Cleaves' seamless

new collection delivers vivid snapshots as wildly cinematic as they are carefully chiseled. Slaid lives with his wife, Karen, in the Hill Country outside Austin.

Special Guest

PREACHERS, SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



HOPE AND HEALING SUNDAY

*Sunday, October 19
8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.
The Church*

We welcome back **Tullian Tchividjian** to St. Martin's as our special guest speaker on this inspirational day.

For more information about Tullian Tchividjian, see page 15.

ST. MARTIN'S DAY

Sunday, November 16

You are invited to join us in celebrating the more than 60 years of our existence as a Parish and help us remember all those who have gone before us as laity and Clergy in this wonderful Parish. Please come and give thanks for Martin, our patron saint, and God's many blessings to our Church Family.

St. Martin's Day Special Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Michael Bruce Thompson

8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

The Church



The Rev. Dr. Michael Bruce Thompson is the Vice-Principal and Lecturer in New Testament, Ridley Hall, Cambridge. He has been a lecturer for the Cambridge Theological Federation since 1995 and occasionally lectures

for the University of Cambridge Tripos degree. Dr. Thompson has published extensively, including works in *Expository Times* and *Anglican Digest*, as well as authored numerous books. He holds a BA in History from the University of North Carolina, PhD in New Testament from the University of Cambridge, and completed pre-ordination study at Virginia Theological Seminary and ThM with high honors in New Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary.

About Our Patron Saint



St. Martin's Altarpiece (triptych) in the Patron's Chapel

This beautiful, winged altarpiece of polychromed sculptures depicts St. Martin, cozier in

hand, wearing the miter and cope of a bishop. It was created in the late fifteenth century and is believed to be from the historic state of Tyrol, a region in what is now northern Italy and western Austria.

St. Martin was born in modern-day Hungary in 316 and grew up in Pavia, Italy where his father was a tribune for the Roman army. He converted to Christianity before following in his father's footsteps and joining the Roman army when he was 15. When his faith conflicted with serving as a soldier, he resigned his post but was imprisoned as a traitor and later released. He then followed a simple life as a monk and help found the first monastery in Gaul in about 360. Martin traveled by donkey and boat to spread the news of Jesus Christ and was sought out for his healing prayers for the sick. He was appointed Bishop of Tours in 371 by the will of the people and recognized as one of the greatest evangelists of the Church. He died in November 397. In the middle ages, more churches chose St. Martin as their patron saint – naming their parishes for him – than any other saint. November 11, the day St. Martin was believed to have been buried, has been celebrated as St. Martin's Day for more than 1,600 years.



SMILE!

Parish Family picture
Sunday, November 16
10:15 a.m. Sharp
In front of The Church

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Special Guest Speakers

Sunday, November 16, 6 p.m.

The Church

St. Martin's salutes the many military men and women of our Parish who have served our country. Please join us for this special service honoring our veterans that is set within the context of Evening Prayers and patriotic music.

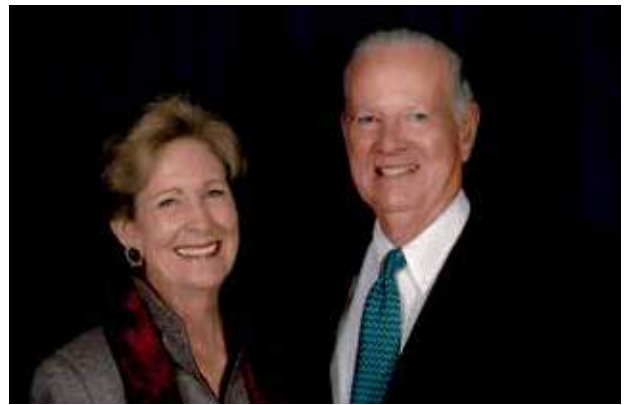
Child care is available for newborns – pre-K during this service.

United States Navy Captain Eugene A. Cernan (retired)



During 20 years as a Naval Aviator, including 13 years with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Captain Eugene A. Cernan left his mark on history with three historic missions in space as the Pilot of Gemini IX, Lunar Module Pilot of

Apollo X, and Commander of Apollo XVII. After flying to the moon not once, but twice, he also holds the distinction of being the second American to walk in space and the last man to have left his footprints on the lunar surface. Among his numerous honors, the most significant are the Navy Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Service Medal with Star, NASA Distinguished Service Medal, FAI International Gold Medal for Space, induction into the U.S. Space Hall of Fame, enshrinement into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, Naval Aviation's Hall of Honor and International Aerospace Hall of Fame. Captain Cernan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the United States Naval Post Graduate School. He authored the book *The Last Man on the Moon*, which tells about the fear, love and sacrifice demanded of the few men who dared to reach beyond the heavens for the biggest prize of all – the Moon.



The Honorable James A. Baker, III and Mrs. Susan G. Baker

James Baker has served as White House Chief of Staff, Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of State of the United States. He is the honorary chair of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. Susan Garrett Baker is a founding member of the National Alliance to End Homelessness and Parents' Music Resource Center. Among the awards she has received are the Eisenhower Institute Public Service Award, Neighborhood Center, Inc. Volunteer of the Year Award and Ima Hogg Mental Health Award. She is the author of *Passing It On*, her inspirational autobiography. They are faithful members of St. Martin's, and have eight children and 17 grandchildren.



United States Navy Vice Admiral William E. Ramsey (retired)



After completing flight training at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, Admiral Ramsey went on to become the first pilot to make a nose-tow catapult launch from a carrier, first pilot to conduct a single-engine landing aboard ship in both the F-4B and E-ZC, and first pilot to fly a turbo prop aboard ship. He became the first commanding officer of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and upon the carrier's commissioning took her to sea in October 1977. Admiral Ramsey retired with more than 35 years of active duty, including nine sea tours, 15 deployments of longer than six months each, and 138 sorties over North Vietnam.

United States Navy Captain Robert E. Stumpf (retired)



Former leader of the famed Blue Angels, Captain Stumpf is a retired Navy officer who served in four aircraft squadrons, including the Strike Fighter Squadron 83 that he commanded. Captain Stumpf was a landing signal officer and weapons instructor who logged more than 900 carrier arrested landings. He made six extended deployments that included Line of Death operations off Libya and Desert Shield/Storm. Captain Stumpf served as an exchange officer with the Royal Australian Navy both ashore and aboard the HMAS Melbourne flying A-4 Skyhawks. He was an instructor in Fighter Attack Squadron 125, the first F/A-18 Hornet squadron.

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Pertuis



Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Pertuis is the Operations Officer and a Senior Air Liaison Officer for the 147th Air Support Operations Squadron, Texas Air National Guard. Pertuis first entered service in the United States Marine Corps in 1991 and after serving 5 years of enlisted service was commissioned through Officer Training School in the United States Air Force. He spent 12 years as an Active Duty Air Force officer serving around the world before transitioning to the Guard/Reserve in 2007. He has multiple combat deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq and has commanded at the Squadron level three times. Pertuis is married and has three children.

Elizabeth L. Vallette

Director, USO Houston



Elizabeth Vallette serves as Director of USO Houston, which provides morale-boosting and family-strengthening programs to more than 60,000 troops and military family members annually in the greater Houston area and South East Texas. She grew up in Spring, Texas, and attended St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, the parish of the Rev. John R. Bentley. Elizabeth served as a logistics officer in the Army after graduating from the US Military Academy at West Point.



Lent 2015

AT ST. MARTIN'S



SHROVE TUESDAY ANNUAL FAMILY DINNER

Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

Everyone is invited to attend this traditional pancake dinner that also includes live entertainment, children's activities and prizes. This is a ticketed event.

For more information, contact Cathy Brandenburg at 713-830-4146 or cbrandenburg@stmartinseiscopal.org.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES



HOLY MOMENTS

A Study with Our Clergy

*Thursdays, February 19 and 26,
and March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 4 – 5 p.m.*
Old Church

Come hear from our Clergy about some of their closest moments to Christ, how you can identify your own, and how you can enhance and deepen your walk with Our Lord.

For more information, contact Brittney Jacobson at 713-985-3821 or bjacobson@stmartinseiscopal.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays,
February 22 – April 2, 3:30 – 5 p.m.*
The Church



Parishioners and guests are invited to make their own pilgrimage along the Via Dolorosa, or "Way of Sorrows," during Lent 2015. The Stations of the Cross depict the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus and the devotion commemorating the Passion. You are invited to "walk the stations" on your own, making your own spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, while meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or bpiana@stmartinseiscopal.org.

MAX MCLEAN

Max McLean is the founder and artistic director of Fellowship for Performing Arts (FPA), a New York City-based theatrical producer. Committed to engaging diverse audiences with theatre from a Christian

world view, FPA produced the nationwide hit "The Screwtape Letters"; C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, now on national tour; and the award-winning "Mark's Gospel". Max is an accomplished actor who played Screwtape in New York and nationally and his one-man presentation of "Mark's Gospel" earned Chicago's prestigious Jeff Award for Best Solo Performance. He also is the narrator of "The Listener's Bible."

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT LENTEN SERIES**Five-week Series on the Gospel of Mark**

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25

Dinner, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

(Café St. Martin's dinner prices are charged for the meal.)

Holy Eucharist, The Church, 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Program, Bagby Parish Hall, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. for this series of meditations and reflections on the Gospel of Mark.

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| February 25 | Mark Your Calendar |
| March 4 | Missing the Mark |
| March 11 | X Marks the Spot |
| March 18 | Making Your Mark |
| March 25 | An abbreviated performance of "Mark's Gospel" |

Join award-winning actor Max McLean for this eye-witness story of Jesus that is written as if a reporter is sending first-hand reports of Jesus' remarkable journey from rural obscurity to urban sensation to political assassination.

For more information, contact Brittney Jacobson at 713-985-3821 or bjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHILD CARE AND CHILDREN'S LENTEN PROGRAM

February 25, and March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 5 – 7:45 p.m.

Child care for newborns – pre-K

Children's Lenten Program for K – 5th grade, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Founders' Hall

We will meet in the Refectory for parent drop-off and pick-up. During the Adult program, children will enjoy age appropriate activities and fellowship.

For more information, contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

STRIPPING OF THE PALMS

Tuesday, March 24, 1 – 4 p.m.
The Island

Before crosses can be made, the palm leaves must be stripped and divided. All are invited to help with this preparation.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

PALM CROSS MAKING

Wednesday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Island

All are welcome to join the members of the Altar Guild as they make palm crosses to be distributed on Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday. This annual tradition is a fun time of fellowship and meaningful service for all in attendance. Please bring your scissors.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER

*Sunday, March 22, 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m.
The Church*

*Palm Sunday, March 29, 8 a.m.
The Church*



We welcome back **the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, Bishop of the Diocese of Bristol**, to St. Martin's as our special guest preacher during our Lenten observances. Bishop Mike (as he wishes to be known

in his everyday work) was born in Manchester, England and educated at Wilmslow County Grammar School and the North West Cheshire College of Further Education. Before ordination, he was a junior executive in the printing industry and went to Cambridge to study for the Christian ministry at Ridley Hall and Fitzwilliam College. Bishop Mike's first Curacy in the Church of England was at Addiscombe St. Mary in the Diocese of Canterbury, after which he moved to the Diocese of Oxford to take a succession of posts, including Curate of Slough St Paul's, and Priest-in-charge and Rector of Chesham Bois St. Leonard's. During this time Bishop Mike was also Rural Dean of Amersham. He was Archdeacon of Berkshire before being appointed Bishop of Buckingham. Bishop Mike and his wife, Anthea, have a son and four daughters.

LENT AT ST. MARTIN'S

Additional information about worship services, beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Day, will be published in our Lent 2015 brochure.

PALM SUNDAY

*8 a.m., Holy Eucharist with special guest preacher
the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill*

*8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist
The Church*

*9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Dramatic reading
The Church*

*9:15 a.m., Dramatic reading at Family Table
Old Church*

*11:15 a.m., The Altar
The Island*

*6 p.m., Holy Eucharist
The Church*

Join us with special guest preacher, the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, as we celebrate the start of Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday and witness Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem through a dramatic reading. Our Sunday of the Passion encourages participation for all members of the Parish Family.



PROVOKING THOUGHTS – A COMPILATION OF SCRIPTURES, MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS

Available for purchase in St. Martin's
Bookstore & Gift Shoppe

"The ache of the human heart has always been to be made whole and the thrust of the Christian hope is that it can only come to that wholeness by being connected in a personal relationship with God, through Christ."

From the Introduction of Provoking Thoughts

Middle School STUDENT MINISTRY



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PARENT SUMMIT

Sunday, August 24 (Fall)
Sunday, January 11 (Spring)
10:15 a.m.
The Island

Parents of children K – 12th grade are invited to hear from Children's Ministry and Student Ministry about the upcoming school year, and all the programs, trips and retreats that are coming up.

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SUNDAY MORNING EYC

10:15 – 11 a.m.

The Island

Let's get started with Sunday mornings! Meet downstairs for doughnuts, fun and to learn more about God through the Bible. If you are visiting or looking to check out our middle school group for the first time this would be perfect place to start!



8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Parent Informational Meeting

Sunday, December 14, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

The Island

Confirmation Classes

Sundays, January 11 through early May, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

The Island

Confirmation Retreat (required)

January 23 – 25

Carolina Creek

Confirmation

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

With the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

For youth Confirmation information, contact Laura Henry at 713-985-3841
or lhenry@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

In many cultures, there is a rite of passage around one's 13th birthday, a ceremony which signifies the transition from childhood to adulthood. In our Episcopal tradition, this rite is Confirmation, the moment in which a boy or girl confirms for themselves, as a man or woman, the promises that their parents made on their behalf as a child. The St. Martin's 8th grade Confirmation class runs from January to May and gives students an opportunity to learn about and think through the Christian message in a more intentional manner than ever before. Through classes, discussion, fellowship and retreat, these students will be led through the journey from childhood to adult faith.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Middle School Girls Bible Study

Mondays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The Island

Kinkaid Middle School Guys Bible Study

Alternate Thursdays, 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Whataburger, 6405 San Felipe

Spring Branch Middle School Guys Bible Study

Thursdays, 7 – 7:45 a.m.

McDonald's, 9303 Katy Freeway

Our weekly small group Bible studies are the most important pieces of our middle school ministry.

These groups offer a more in-depth study of Jesus and the Bible, a place to make new friends or grow closer to old ones, and also a safe place to be open and honest not only about the joys of life, but also its struggles and questions.

Check out theislandlive.com for all the details. If you are interested in hosting one of these groups at your home or school, contact Will Kulseth at 713-830-4148 or wkulseth@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



January 16, February 27, March 13 and 27, April 10, May 1 and 15, September 5 and 15, October 3 and 31, November 14 and December 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Island

These two hours are packed with fun, food, games, teaching and small groups – and it's a fantastic way to end your week. Bring a friend!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

October 17 – 19

Lake Livingston

If you are looking for a weekend away with your friends where you can also grow deeper in your faith then this trip is for you! All middle school students and their friends are welcome!

Check out theislandlive.com for more information, or contact Madeline Ligon at 713-985-3843 or mligon@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Friday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. Drop off

Saturday, February 7, 10 a.m. Pick up

Our middle school lock-in will be a time of games, food and a dynamic program. We will enjoy some awesome activities off campus before coming back to The Island for worship and teaching – and then end the night with a movie on The Island's huge projection screen. Friends are always welcome!

The cost is \$20.

For more information, contact Madeline Ligon at 713-985-3843 or mligon@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Choir

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Payne Education Center, Room 207/209

The Youth Choir is for 6th – 12th graders with unchanged voices. The St. Martin's Youth Choir rehearses from 10:15 – 11 a.m. each week, and then takes part in the 11:15 a.m. worship service procession and sings with the Parish Choir. The mission of the Youth Choir is to challenge older singers with more difficult music while preparing them to become active, contributing members of our Parish. This young choir focuses on developing youths' voices and musicianship through preparation of challenging, sacred repertoire, and also collaborates with the Choristers on a monthly basis.

For more information, contact Kellen Gray at 713-985-3838 or kgray@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Acolytes



All 7th – 12th grade students are welcome to acolyte. The job of the acolyte is to assist the priest in charge of a worship service and enhance the worship service to help glorify God. Responsibilities

include lighting and extinguishing the altar candles, and in assisting with the offering and other duties during the services. If you are interested, we are in need of acolytes for Sunday mornings at all services. We place students on "teams" to serve at the service of their choice. There will be several training sessions starting in the fall.

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Orona at 713-830-4110 or aorona@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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High School STUDENT MINISTRY

St. Martin's Student Ministry continually aims to go deeper in our conversations about the grace of Jesus Christ and welcome as many students as possible into those conversations. We do this in a variety of ways. From our Sunday morning classes, weekend retreats and conferences, to our annual mission trips, we strive to bring our students to a better understanding of the Gospel.



POOL PARTY KICK-OFF

*Saturday, August 23, 1 – 3 p.m.
Home of Rotan Family*

Join us as we kick-off the new school year with style! This is for all students 6th – 12th grades. Parents and friends are welcome. There will be food, and fun, fun, fun! For more information about the event and location, contact Madeline Ligon at 713-985-3843 or mligon@stmartinseiscopal.org, or visit theislandlive.com.

SUNDAY MORNING EYC

10:15 – 11 a.m.

The Island, Room 203

This high school group will enjoy some coffee and donuts before diving into a relevant and meaningful scripture study. We sincerely hope all high school students will join us for what proves to be an interesting and impactful time.

SCHOOL-BASED FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Guys Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7 – 8 p.m.

The Island

Kinkaid High School Guys Bible Study

Alternate Thursdays, 7 – 7:45 a.m.

Whataburger, 6405 San Felipe

Lamar High School Bible Study

Fridays, 7 – 7:45 a.m.

Stone Mills Bakers, 2518 Kirby Drive

Our school-based Bible studies will continue this fall. We believe meeting students where they are gives us the greatest opportunity to reach them and their communities. The times and locations of these groups will be tailored to their specific schools.

Please check theislandlive.com for all the details, and if you are interested in having one of these groups at your school, email Anthony Orona at aorona@stmartinseiscopal.org.

CAMP CHO-YEH HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

September 12 – 14

Our high school students will travel to Livingston, Texas, for our fall retreat that will be a weekend of games (who wants to paintball?!), fun, worship and dynamic teaching. Space is limited. As with all St. Martin's programs, friends are always welcome!

For more information, contact Madeline Ligon at 713-985-3843 or mligon@stmartinseiscopal.org, or visit theislandlive.com.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BEACH RETREAT

April 24 – 26

Galveston

Our high school students will take a little road trip to Galveston for our spring beach retreat where they can soak in some sun, do a little shopping, and most importantly hear some Biblical teachings and build community. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Madeline Ligon at 713-985-3843 or mligon@stmartinseiscopal.org, or visit theislandlive.com.



Student Ministry

EVENTS, GROUPS AND MISSION TRIPS



3RD ANNUAL CONSPIRE CONFERENCE

December 5 – 7

The Island

Conspire is a gathering of 6th – 12th grade students in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. The goal of the conference is for students to connect with one



conspire

another and learn who they are in Christ. This year's featured speakers are Ben Stuart, Executive Director of Breakaway (a non-denominational Bible study on the campus of Texas A&M University that serves thousands of students weekly) and Gideon Tsang, Teaching Pastor at Vox Veniae Church in Austin,



Texas. Recording artists Robbie Seay and The Robbie Seay Band will join us again to lead us in worship. In addition to workshops for middle school and high school students, there will be programming for college students, young adults and youth ministers. Last year, nearly 260 attended! We hope you'll come check out Conspire this year as we fill The Island with students and adults who love Jesus, want to tell their story and have a great time doing it!

For more information contact Anthony Orona at 713-830-4110 or aorona@stmartinsepiscopal.org, or visit conspireconference.com.

CUB SCOUT PACK 354 AND BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

Scouting with Cub Scout Pack 354 and Boy Scout Troop 354 at St. Martin's is fun and a wonderful opportunity to teach life skills – leadership, ethics and more. The three promises of the Scout oath are: Duty to God and country; Duty to other people;



and Duty to self. Based on this premise, the adult leadership works to bring the young men in the organization to independence and true self-reliance as they progress through the advancement program. This "boy-lead" concept enables young men to lead, make decisions, budget and plan for events. It is through these experiences they gain a greater understanding of themselves. More than 145 Eagle Scouts have come from Boy Scout Troop 354 since 1957. The troop meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Scout Center. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information, contact Robert Wagnon, Scout Master, at rhw@rsmc.net.



2014 was a hugely successful year for St. Martin's Student Ministry Mission trips. Nearly 70 middle and high school students served Jesus and those less fortunate while also making friends, learning about and discussing their Christian faith, and, of course, having lots of fun.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

June 14 – 18

Port Aransas, Texas

Middle school students are invited to participate in a mission trip to the Texas coast this summer to serve the community of Port Aransas.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

July 12 – 18

East coast

After going to San Francisco in 2014, our high school students are looking forward to going to the East coast in 2015 to serve in ministry helping others.

Please visit theislandlive.com for more updates about our 2015 trips.



Children's MINISTRY



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We consider ministering to your children not only a calling, but also an honor and a blessing. Our belief is based on Deuteronomy 32:2, *"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."* We don't underestimate the importance of a child's spiritual life and look forward to nurturing that all year long. Please join us, serve with us and watch the children grow in God's love with us.

For more information about Children's Ministry or to subscribe to the Children's Ministry electronic newsletter, contact Holli Kight, Lay Minister for Children's Christian Education, at 713-985-3816 or hkight@stmartinseiscopal.org.

PROGRAMS



Parent Summit

Sunday, August 24 (Fall)

Sunday, January 11 (Spring)

10:15 a.m.

The Island

Join the Children's Ministry and the Student Ministry teams as they unpack the programs being offered for children of all ages in the coming semesters. We aim to answer all your questions and relieve some of the anxiety associated with each new school season. Parents of newborns through high school students are

invited to hear our overall Sunday School approach and learn about the details of individual programs as well, including child care, preschool, grade school, middle school and high school. Join us as we partner together – parents and church ministering to kids alongside each other for another wonderful year!

CHILD CARE POLICY

Child care is available for newborns – pre-K 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. every Sunday. When using child care for the first time, please pick up a Child Care Parent Packet located at the sign-in desk in the center of Founders' Hall. Child care is available for newborns – pre-K as of 9/1/14 during all the morning worship services and some special events. Always check church communication for child care information specific to each event and contact the event coordinator with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer programs for children K – 5th grade at 10:15 a.m. in the Payne Education Building. There are special Sundays when Sunday school does not meet.

Look in the Children's Ministry e-newsletter for these special dates.



FAMILY TABLE WORSHIP

Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Old Church

T This family-friendly service offers a casual setting with contemporary worship music while using a traditional liturgy. Designed for families, the sermon connects the message of Jesus to our everyday lives, while remaining accessible to children and adults.

COMMUNION

Communion Class

NEW SCHEDULE *Sundays, October 5, 12 and 19, 10:15 a.m.
Payne Education Center*

Join us for the three-week series teaching children about the Eucharist sacraments as the basis of our Christian faith. This class is being offered earlier this year and will not be offered again until next school year. Designed for children 3rd grade and older, the sessions offer children an insight into the Lord's Supper and the act of receiving Communion each week in church. It's designed to teach children on a level they can understand and know that all baptized Christians are included at the Lord's Table.

Children's attendance during all three weeks of the series is imperative, and parents are required to attend the classes with their child and continue teaching at home as we prepare children for their Communion Recognition service. Registration is required.



CHORISTERS

Sundays, 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Payne Education Center, Room 207/209

The St. Martin's Choristers for children K – 5th grade rehearse and attend worship at the 9:15 a.m. *Family Table* service on a weekly basis. They also perform anthems in both the *Family Table* service and 9:00 a.m. worship service on a monthly basis. The Choristers' mission is to make joyful, beautiful music while teaching children that they hold a very special place in the worship service at St. Martin's. For more information, contact Kellen Gray at kgray@stmartinsepiscope.org.

Communion Recognition Service and Reception

Sunday, October 26, 9 a.m.

The Church

Children who completed the Communion class are recognized during this service and a reception will be hosted by Children's Ministry immediately after the service in Bagby Parish Hall. All participants and their families are invited to attend as we celebrate this special morning.





CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Chorister's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21, 9:15 a.m.
Old Church

Join us at the *Family Table* service as the Chorister's children's choir presents the annual Christmas program. Told through anthems and narratives, the Choristers bring the traditional Christmas story to life. Children's Ministry will host a reception in Bagby Parish Hall for all families and children immediately following the Chorister's program. We look forward to another wonderful year bringing in the Christmas season together. Children's Sunday school will not meet on this day so all can attend the special Christmas festivities.

For more information, contact Kellen Gray at kgray@stmartinseiscopal.org.

Vacation Bible School

June 8 – 11

As summer kicks off, join us for a fun-filled, action-packed week of fellowship. The Children's Ministry staff looks forward to Vacation Bible School every year

as we channel our inner child and get ready for summer in the right way – learning more about God and having a blast.

Check stmartinseiscopal.org for updates and registration information, or contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or hkight@stmartinseiscopal.org.

CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROJECTS

As part of our ongoing program, upper elementary (grades 3rd – 5th) Sunday school classes will participate in various Outreach projects benefiting a few organizations as we teach and guide kids to think about others' needs and how we can help.

Look in the Children's Ministry e-newsletter for details.

Christmas Project

Sunday, December 14, 10:15 a.m.

The Children's Ministry will collect, package and send care-boxes to the Seafarers' Center of Texas. As sailors travel through the Port of Houston during the Christmas season, they are often away from home for weeks at a time and are in need of supplies. This is a wonderful family activity.

Look in the Children's Ministry e-newsletter for details.



Programs for WOMEN

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Martin's is the fellowship of all women of the Parish. ECW is organized to enable them to serve our Lord through Service, Worship,

Education, Evangelism and Pastoral Care. The purpose of ECW is to empower women to live the life to which Christ called us by sharing His love through outreach, fellowship and spiritual growth. Please mark your calendar and join us for a year of fellowship as we reach up to God and out to others. Women of all ages are invited to come and participate.

For more information about ECW events, visit stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Fall Luncheon – A Christian Woman's Toolbox

Tuesday, September 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

Find out about The Hope and Healing Institute and what it can do for you and yours.

Diocesan Annual Retreat at Camp Allen

October 17 – 19
Navasota, Texas

This annual retreat is a renewing respite filled with worship, valuable workshops, and the serenity and beauty of Camp Allen.

Annual Christmas Coffee

Monday, December 8, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Home of Kelly Montgomery

Join us in celebrating the season of giving by bringing a toy to donate to a needy child this Christmas.

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. – noon
Activity Center and Gym

Jesus' birthday celebration is filled with the joys of the season for children and grandchildren up to 10 years old. Enjoy refreshments, holiday crafts and entertainment.



24TH ANNUAL JOY OF GIVING MARKET

Early Bird Shopping Night (\$15 admission)

Tuesday, October 21, 6 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall and Activity Center

Mission Catering, a ministry of Open Door Mission, will serve hors d'oeuvres and desserts throughout the evening. Make plans to bring a friend and attend this fun and festive party! Tickets available for purchase in St. Martin's Bookstore & Gift Shoppe in mid September.



Joy of Giving Market (free admission)

Wednesday and Thursday, October 22 and 23
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall and Activity Center

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season by being among the first to shop more than 80 high-end merchants at the Joy of Giving Market. There will be gifts for everyone on your Christmas list, such as stylish clothing, one-of-a-kind accessories, unique home décor items, daily silent auctions, and frozen entrées from the ECW Pantry. This event is the primary fundraiser for ECW's outreach grants, which benefit organizations in the community whose primary focus is serving the needs of women and children.

**“Gratitude Attitude” Luncheon –
Ann Claypool Beard and Myron Beard**



*Wednesday, January 28
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall*

Join the Beards as they share their stories of our loving God and his gift of good new days after tragedy

as they discuss **“Can the God of the Good Old Days Be Trusted for Good New Days?”**

February Lenten Service Project

ECW’s mission is to help others to know Christ. This is the perfect opportunity to make new friends and grow spiritually in service to others.

February Ladies’ Evening Social

Date, time and location are to be determined.

Share a fun evening with your ECW friends – and make new ones!

Children’s Easter Party

*Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. – noon
The Island and Soccer Field*

There will be fun festivities for the kids starting with The Easter Story reading, followed by an Easter egg hunt, crafts, bounce houses and more.

Spring Style Show and Luncheon

*Tuesday, April 14, 11 a.m. -- 1 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall*

This is a wonderful way to celebrate faith, friends and fashion! It is a not-to-be-missed event hosted by the beautiful trio of Marilyn Ligon, Heather Crosswell and Leah Crosswell.

Franco Fontali Returns!



The style show will feature some of the latest in leather outerwear by David2Leather.



United Thank Offering

Sunday, April 26

This is a special chance for each of us to say “thank you” for all of the gifts poured into our lives, enabling us to reach out to others in His love.

YOUR ECW LEADERSHIP

Christine Williams, *President*
Ann Cochran, *President-elect*
Nancy Troxel, *Parliamentarian*
Nancy Bynon, *Corresponding Secretary*
April McGee, *Recording Secretary*
June Cowan, *Treasurer*
Janet Schaumburg, *Treasurer-elect*



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



*First Saturday of the month
September through May
(Second Saturday in January and April)
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Payne Education Center,
Room 210/212*

Please join us, a group of women of all ages, on our spiritual journey as we learn to live out the things Jesus has taught concerning prayer, service and evangelism. We will offer training beginning in February for those who would like to become a member of Daughters of the King. Come at 9:45 a.m. so we will have a chance to welcome you.

For questions or additional information, please contact Janie Putman at 713-782-3077 or DOK@stmartinsepiscopal.org, or the Rev. Sarah Condon at 713-985-3815 or scondon@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY STROLLERS



Holy Strollers is an active group of expectant mothers and moms of children ranging in age from newborn to five years old who gather both on and off campus for fellowship, encouragement and study. Through this group,

playdates, moms' nights out and family picnics, Holy Strollers supports moms and moms-to-be in a fun, casual environment.

For more information about Holy Strollers, check out our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/HolyStrollers](https://www.facebook.com/HolyStrollers) or contact us at holystrollers@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Kick-Off Party

*Thursday, August 28, 7 p.m.
Home of Suzanne Coppola*

Come and meet the 2014 Holy Strollers leadership team and fellow St. Martin's mommies. Light bites will be served.

Bubble Party

*Monday, September 15, 2:30 p.m.
St. Martin's Playground*

Bubbles, bubbles everywhere! Kids will have lots of fun with bubble machines, bubble wands and bubble theme treats – everything bubbles to play with right after school.

Mommy Mingle

*Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.
Location to be determined*



Fall Festival



*Saturday, October 25
St. Martin's Playground*

Boo! There will be lots of treats for all the kiddos when they come dressed up in their favorite Halloween costumes. A photographer will be there to take pictures too.

Playdate for Princes and Princesses

Tuesday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.

St. Martin's Playground

We will have do-it-yourself crafts and playground fun with snacks fit for royalty.

Christmas Party for Parents

Thursday, December 4

Location and time to be determined

Parents can have fun at this couples' cocktail reception to celebrate the Christmas season.

CARING MINISTRIES FOR WOMEN



Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.
Activity Center*

The purpose of this caring ministry is to knit God's love, care and warmth into our shawls, and have them blessed before giving them away.

If you don't knit, we will help you learn how or encourage you to start knitting again.

For more information, contact Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Activity Center

The Blanket Ladies make cotton flannel receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. It is estimated that more than 45,000 blankets have been made by these hard-working, wonderful ladies. Come join this group and share some fun, fellowship and love.

For more information, contact Cyd Gillette at 713-830-4128 or cgillette@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY – A BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN



*Thursdays, September 11 – May 7
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 – 8 p.m.*

If you are ready for a change in your life, come join us and see what God can do! Come for a refreshing time with others who are seeking a deeper relationship

with Christ and the fellowship of new Christian friends. This study offers women of every age the opportunity to study the Bible in a comfortable and unintimidating atmosphere. Beginning students are encouraged to join us. The format includes home study, small group discussions and relevant teaching. The class remains open to visitors and/or new members throughout the year. Class brochures are available in the church information display racks.

Child care for ages 6 weeks to three years and our nurturing Godly Play program for ages three to five years are offered and recommended. Godly Play is a sensory motor program that introduces preschoolers to the wonder of God. Children and grandchildren of those attending the class are very welcome.

For more information, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinseiscopal.org.

THE MOMS' GROUP



*Wednesdays, starting September 3
9:15 a.m.*

Bride's Room

Join The Moms' Group as we discuss together the joys and struggles of

raising young kids. Mothers of young children ranging in age from infants to early elementary will meet for a time of fellowship, teaching, prayer and support. The group is led by Emily Large.

For more information, contact the Rev. Alex Large at alarge@stmartinseiscopal.org.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

*Second and fourth Mondays, 1 – 3 p.m.
Bride's Room*

This group concentrates on meditation, Bible reading, book study and prayer to listen for God's spiritual direction.

For more information, contact Ophelia Pujol at 713-812-1722 or opujol@aol.com, or Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinseiscopal.org.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

*Wednesdays, 7:50 – 8:30 a.m.
Welcome Center*

Please join us as we pray weekly for St. Martin's – our Rector, the Clergy and staff – and the wonderful programs that benefit us within our Church, as well as those that reach out into our community. We pray for healing for those who are sick and hurting in our Parish, and also include specific needs for our own families and friends. Your prayer requests are welcomed.

For more information, contact Janie Putman at 713-782-3077 or janieputman@mac.com, or the Rev. Sarah Condon at 713-985-3815 or scondon@stmartinseiscopal.org.

GLOBAL PRAYER GROUP

*Mondays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
The Hope and Healing Center, Room 204*

Current events can leave us overwhelmed and full of questions. We have found that when we gather each week to pray, we are participating in the plan that God has for our world rather than worrying about things out of our control. Although we will continue to focus on our soldiers overseas, we have felt the need to pray for many of the suffering and forgotten people all over the world.

For more information, contact Janie Putman at 713-782-3077 or janieputman@mac.com, or the Rev. Sarah Condon at 713-985-3815 or scondon@stmartinseiscopal.org.

CHANGE OF HEART



*Tuesdays, January 20 – March 10
1 – 2:30 p.m.*

The Island, Room 201/202

Women are invited to this eight-week study group on the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationship. If yours is difficult, we can offer hope; if yours is

great, we can learn from you. The class book *A Change of Heart* is available for purchase in St. Martin's Bookstore & Gift Shoppe. (Course instructions are listed on page 75.) Session one should be completed for the first meeting.

To sign up or for more information, contact Janie Putman at 713-782-3077 or janieputman@mac.com, or Andy Evans at 713-667-9043 or evans2@flash.net.

Men of ST. MARTIN'S



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This group is open to all men of the Parish of all ages, and any male guests and visitors. We gather each Thursday morning September through May for a brief Bible reflection and then break into groups for discussion, fellowship and mutual support, along with a monthly special guest speaker. Breakfast is available for a \$5 donation. Reservations are not required.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY FALL SCHEDULE 2014

September 11 – December 11, 7 – 8 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Study of James by N.T. Wright

The book is available for preorder or purchase
in St. Martin's Bookstore & Gift Shoppe.

September 11	Chapter 1 – James 1:1-8, The Challenge of Faith
September 18	Chapter 2 – James 1:9-18, The Snares of the World and the Gift of God

September 25 – Granville “Fella” Knight



Granville Knight retired from corporate life after having a successful 40-year career in insurance. He has served on the boards of numerous civic organizations, as an advisory director for two major banks, and as a guest lecturer for the University of Houston. Granville has addressed more than 1,500 prisoners and probationers in state prisons and local jails where his program Second Chance has been widely acclaimed. His book dealing with anxiety and depression, *The Mountains of Our Lives*, has sold more than 20,000 copies.

October 2	Chapter 3 – James 1:19-27, The Word That Goes to Work
October 9	Chapter 4 – James 2:1-13, No Favorites
October 16	Chapter 5 – James 2:14-26, Faith and Works

October 23 – Dr. Dave Peterson



Dr. Peterson was ordained in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and has been active both in the denomination and local communities in which he has lived and served. He has served on university and seminary boards, as well as those of many non-profits and renewal groups. Dave has authored magazine articles, and been featured on radio and television devotional messages. His first book, *Receiving and Giving, Unleashing the Blessing Challenge in Your Life*, was published in 2012.

October 30	Chapter 6 – James 3:1-18, Taming the Tongue
November 6	Chapter 7 – James 4:1-17, Humility and Faith
November 13	Chapter 8 – James 5:1-12, The Rich and the Suffering

November 20 – The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas



Charles Andrew (Andy) Doyle was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas in 2008 and consecrated at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. He was seated as the ninth Bishop of Texas in 2009 at Christ Church Cathedral following the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly. Bishop Doyle is a gifted and experienced teacher and preacher, and has a particular interest in reaching younger generations in order to partner with older and experienced church members to share wisdom across generations, invigorating growth and membership.

November 27	No class meeting for Thanksgiving break
December 4	Chapter 9 – James 5:13-20, Praying in Faith

December 11 – Ralph Borde, Chief Executive Officer of As Our Own



As Our Own is a Christ-based organization working in India to rescue vulnerable children from certain enslavement and exploitation, caring for them as their own children – for life. As the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, Ralph provides vision and leadership to a team of more than 100 staff members in both the United States and India. Together, they are working to redefine the level of orphan care in India by investing in vulnerable children at the highest level possible. Before founding As Our Own, Ralph worked with Motorola in Chicago.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY SPRING SCHEDULE 2015

January 8 – May 14, 7 – 8 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

January 22 – The Honorable Ed Emmett



Before becoming Harris County Judge, Edward M. Emmett was a member of the Texas House of Representatives and nominated by President George H.W. Bush to serve as Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Among his many other activities, Judge Emmett is Director of Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Chairman of the HGAC Transportation Policy Council and Harris County Juvenile Board. He attended Bellaire High School, and graduated from Rice University with a BA in Economics and The University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Public Affairs degree.

February 19 – Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.



Rev. Dr. Jackson recently retired after serving 20 years as Senior Pastor at Chapelwood United Methodist Church. Before that position, he served numerous churches in Georgia and Texas while his professional activities ranged from being a delegate, adjunct professor, chair, trustee, director, coach, platform speaker, keynote speaker, church

consultant, and even frequent guest on radio and television talk shows. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Valdosta State University, Master of Divinity from Emory University, and Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

March 19 No class meeting for spring break

March 26 – The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill



The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill is the Bishop of the Diocese of Bristol. He previously served as Archdeacon of Berkshire before being appointed Bishop of Buckingham. Read about Bishop Mike on page 21.

April 23 – Scott McLean, President of Zions Bancorporation and Chairman of Amegy Bank of Texas



Scott McLean is President of Zions Bancorporation, one of the nation's premier financial services companies that consists of a collection of banks in select western U.S. markets. He has served in various civic leadership roles and is actively involved in the Houston community, including numerous positions for the United Way as well as Director of CenterPoint Energy, compensation committee chairman for Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, Greater Houston Partnership Board of Directors, and Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees. Scott received his BBA from Southern Methodist University and MBA from Northwestern University J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

May 14 – The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.



Read about the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. on page 56.



SUMMER TIMES – A COMPILATION OF SCRIPTURES, MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS

Available for purchase
in St. Martin's Bookstore
& Gift Shoppe



MEN'S OUTREACH



Kids' Meals Program

*Fourth Tuesday of the month, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Activity Center,
Fellowship Room*

Join the Men of St. Martin's to make sandwiches for hungry children. The group makes approximately

10,000 sandwiches annually that are delivered for lunch to preschool children living in poverty.

DADS' BIBLE STUDY



*Wednesdays, starting September 3
7 – 8 a.m.*

Bride's Room

Join other dads of young children for Bible study as we go through the Sermon

on the Mount and seek to connect Jesus' teaching to our lives today. The Rev. Alex Large leads the group with fellowship, teaching and coffee.

For more information, contact the Rev. Alex Large at alarge@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

USHERS



St. Martin's ushers are often the first people to greet and assist visitors at the Church. They are integral to making sure visitors feel welcome and that all aspects of our worship services flow smoothly. Our ushers serve on rotating

teams, according to their schedule and service time preference. Older teens and young adults are welcome to serve. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at 713-985-3848 or bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

LAZARUS GUILD

The Lazarus Guild consists of a group of men who are ushers for funerals and memorial services at St. Martin's. There are three teams of Guild members who serve for one month in each quarter of the year. Their duties include escorting family members from the Parlor to their seats in the Church, assisting those who need help opening the doors and entering the Church, serving as ushers, helping with any other assigned duties, and cleaning the pews and straightening the pew racks at the conclusion of the service.

For more information about becoming a Lazarus Guild member, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Programs for ALL ADULTS

CURSILLO

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning “short course.” A Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christian living that offers great experience in “how” to live guided daily by Christ’s love. More than 9,000 Episcopalians in the Diocese of Texas have found the weekend at Camp Allen to be a joy-filled experience, while learning the Cursillo method and meeting people from across the Diocese. You will return to join the Cursillo community at St. Martin’s, now totaling more than 100 parishioners, and meet regularly with members in a reunion group the first Sunday of every month in Bagby Parish Hall.

For information and/or an application, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP



*Sundays,
September 7 – October 12
4 – 6 p.m.
Payne Education Center,
Room 210/212*

September 7	The One Become Two: Unraveling a Marriage
September 14	Good Grief: Understanding the Cycle of Loss and Acceptance
September 21	Active Healing: Making Room for Growth
September 28	Standing on My Own Two Feet: The Power of Being Separated and Connected
October 5	Putting the Past in the Past: Learning New Patterns
October 12	Growing Forward: Creating a New Life

Divorce Recovery is a six-week series of seminars designed to help those who are divorced, going through a divorce or even contemplating one. The classes are led by Dr. Yael Avivi of Weinberger, Black & Associates and the Rev. Mary Wilson. The series is not therapy and cannot replace the need for individual counseling, but is intended to provide helpful guidance and support for those dealing with the

emotional struggles at the end of a marriage.

While integrating the Christian perspective on life, death and resurrection, presentations include how to “suffer well” through the stages of grief, how to embrace the new reality of being “unattached,” and how to avoid repeating destructive patterns in a new relationship. All lectures are followed by small-group discussions. The cost is \$30 per person.

For more information, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Tuesdays, August 26 through May 19

Class 1 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Parlor

Class 2 – 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Payne Education Center, Room 207/209

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program of theological education at St. Martin’s that has been developed and administered throughout the Episcopal Church by the University of the South School of Theology. Participants are guided by trained mentors through the study and discussion of scripture, church history, liturgy and theology. No more than 12 students can be enrolled in the program at one time. Tuition is \$350 per year. Tuition assistance is available.

For more information, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

FAITH IN LITERATURE

Day Group

Second Wednesday of the month,

September 10 – June 10, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

The Island, Room 207

September 10 *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

October 8 *Evensong* by Gail Godwin

November 12 *A Long Way From Chicago* by Richard Peck

December 10 *Longbourn* by Jo Baker

January 14 *The Little Way of Ruthie Leming: A Southern Girl, a Small Town, and the Secret of a Good Life* by Rod Dreher

FAITH IN LITERATURE

Evening Group

*Third Tuesday of the month,
September 16 – June 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

Parlor

September 16	<i>The Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd
October 21	<i>The Valley of Light</i> by Terry Kay
November 18	<i>Wild</i> by Cheryl Strayed (non-fiction)
December 16	<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> by John Green
January 20	<i>The Eternal Wonder</i> by Pearl S. Buck
February 17	<i>Mom and Me</i> by Maya Angelou (non-fiction)
March 17	<i>The Sun Also Rises</i> by Ernest Hemingway
April 21	<i>Orphan Train</i> by Christina Baker Klein
May 19	<i>Boys in the Boat</i> by Daniel James Brown (non-fiction)
June 16	<i>Age of Innocence</i> by Edith Wharton

The Faith in Literature groups explore, discuss and make relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

For more information, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscope.org, or the Rev. R-J Heijmen at 713-985-3839 or rheijmen@stmartinsepiscope.org.

THE GATHERING

*One Monday each month
10 – 11 a.m.*

Bagby Parish Hall



The Gathering endeavors to use its time and gifts to serve Church members and others in our community who suffer with memory loss. The program provides a safe and loving

environment filled with creative and stimulating activities for care partners, and allows their care givers respite from the day-to-day care and often difficult support required by care partners. The Gathering's activities are centered around the timeless connection of music – singing favorite songs together, enjoying

the camaraderie of games, reminiscing with friends who can relate to their experiences, making new friends while participating in fun craft projects and sharing the fellowship of a good meal.

For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-621-6485 or kattellepsen@me.com, or Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinsepiscope.org.

LYDIA'S GUILD



Volunteers are invited to join Lydia's Guild to help straighten and organize the pew racks in The Church and Chapel. It takes only a few hours once every four weeks and we work on a rotation basis.

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson at 713-985-3838 or jjacobson@stmartinsepiscope.org.

O.P.U.S. (OLDER/OUTSTANDING PEOPLE UP TO SOMETHING)

O.P.U.S. is a thriving group of senior citizens who meet weekly for Bible study and lunch. They have an active program of travel to special events and locations throughout the year. The group is led by the Rev. Nick Dyke and the Rev. Robert Wareing.

For more information, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscope.org.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN



*Wednesdays, September through
May, 5 – 6 p.m.
Payne Education Center,
Room 207/209*

The St. Martin's chapter of the Order of St. Luke (OSL) the Physician is part of an international organization

that is dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. The group studies Holy Scriptures with the purpose of being equipped for the ministry of healing. OSL invites those interested in knowing more about Jesus' healing today to "come and see" the Wednesday class. To learn about the OSL Healing Prayer Service, see page 3.

For more information, email osl@stmartinsepiscope.org, or contact Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinsepiscope.org.

SAINTLY STITCHERS



*Mondays, 10 a.m.
Activity Center,
Upper Hall East*

The men and women of Saintly Stitchers are filling St. Martin's with beautiful

needlepointed pew kneelers, prie-dieu cushion for the Patron's Chapel, and acolyte pew kneelers. Many kneelers are complete and more are in progress. Each pew kneeler bears a quotation from scripture taken from the stained glass windows. Our needlepoint is funded only by donations. Kneeler sponsors choose an honoree whose initials are stitched on the back edge of the kneeler. Sponsor a kneeler or join us to stitch, whether expert or novice.

For more information, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

SPIRITUALITY SATURDAY

*Third Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. – noon
Vestry Conference Room*

Spirituality Saturday is a group spiritual direction experience designed to help one find the Holy not only in the extraordinary moments of life but also in ordinary, mundane, everyday chores, work, community, church and family life. Our intent is to provide an opportunity to grow in the Spirit through Christ to the Father. Scripture and prayer are central to the discussion.

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ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



*Wednesdays
Noon – 3 p.m.
Fourth Sunday of the month
1 – 4 p.m.
Activity Center,
Upper Hall East*

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild has undertaken an ambitious project for the Chancel area that is designed as a lasting gift of seat cushions and kneelers for clergy, lay Eucharist ministers, chalice bearers and lay readers to enjoy during services. Inspired by the stained glass windows in our church, there are a total

of 63 canvases in the project that include 24 seat cushion tops, 24 boxing strips to border the cushions and 15 kneelers. The Guild welcomes stitchers of any skill level and teaches needlepoint from basic stitches to detailed and advanced work.

For more information, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org, email stclaresguild@stmartinsepiscopal.org, or visit [Facebook.com/StClaresGuildStMartinsEpiscopalChurchHoustonTx](https://www.facebook.com/StClaresGuildStMartinsEpiscopalChurchHoustonTx).

ST. MARTIN'S BELL CHOIR

*Thursday rehearsals, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Founders' Hall*

St. Martin's Bell Choir is welcoming new ringers. The ability to read music is encouraged. The love and enthusiasm for music is strongly nurtured in this group. We celebrate this age-old tradition of handbell ringing that is an outgrowth of the ancient art of change ringing in English cathedrals.

For more information, contact David Henning at 713-985-3820 or dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



ST. MARTIN'S CHOIR

*Thursdays rehearsals, 7 – 9:15 p.m.
Choir Hall*

St. Martin's Choir is a rewarding place of service to the Lord and our congregation. Singing for the 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. services, the Choir enjoys being accompanied by our wonderful *Gloria Dei* Organ. A variety of classical music, renewal songs and traditional hymns give members opportunities to learn and appreciate the many different styles of sacred music composed for Christians and the Church. Part singing is a standard practice. New members find strong support from seasoned singers in the Choir who provide encouragement and support. Try us out! We're welcoming and pleased to see new faces.

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson at 713-985-3838 or jjacobson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s



The Rev. Alex Large, Senior Associate
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The 20s & 30s ministry is a fellowship group for singles and couples at St. Martin's. We meet together regularly for social events, Bible studies and speakers. For more information, contact the Rev. Alex Large at alarge@stmartinsepiscopal.org or check out our Facebook group of more than 155 members at Facebook.com, search for St. Martin's 20s & 30s.

KICK-OFF PARTY

*Sunday, September 14, 3 – 5 p.m.
Home of David and Kelly Leonard*

CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Thursday, December 18, 7 p.m.
Home of Jackson Gillette*

MARDI GRAS PARTY

*Sunday, February 15, 3 – 5 p.m.
Home of the Rev. Alex and Emily Large*

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

*Sunday, May 3, 7 – 9 p.m.
Cyclone Anaya's
5761 Woodway*



WEDNESDAY EVENING SPEAKERS

7 p.m.

October 8 – The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. became the fourth Rector of St. Martin's in the fall of 2007. He is the author of several articles in various magazines and religious journals and three devotional books.

November 12 – Sim Lake



Simeon Timothy "Sim" Lake III has served on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas since 1988. Among other important decisions rendered, Sim presided over the trials of the chief executive officer and chairman of Enron. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1971 as a Judge Advocate General's Corps prosecutor in Vietnam before joining Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP.

January 14 – The Rev. Canon John Newton



John Wharton Newton IV is the Canon For Lifelong Christian Formation with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas after serving for almost three years as The University of Texas Campus Missioner. He graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA and was ordained to the priesthood after graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary. John recently authored the book *New Clothes: Putting on Christ, and finding ourselves*.

April 8 – Bert Smith



Bert Smith has been the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP) since 2010. In the 1980s Bert served as Director, General Counsel, and Head of Corporate Development for a family-owned engineering company that built and operated independent power plants. After the sale of that company, he founded and led a group that developed proprietary alternative fuel and energy generation technologies.



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2015 FAITH ALIVE



2015
Faith Alive

Dear St. Martin's Members,

I confess, I have never participated in a Faith Alive Weekend. But I have heard about it for years and so look forward to our opportunity to participate this year! What I have heard from our members, and from two of our former rectors – Bishop Payne and Dr. Gipson – is that the two previous Faith Alive weekends in 1994 and again in 2005 changed parishioners' lives – and the life of St. Martin's – as they grew more deeply in their personal faith and more closely to their other Church family members. Well, 10 years have passed since the last Faith Alive Weekend. We have done much together in the last seven years, and I look forward to what has been described to me again and again as a moving, powerful and rich opportunity to deepen my walk with Christ and my relationship with each of you. I am so grateful to all of our volunteers who are working so hard – and in particular, our Chairs, Cyd and John Gillette. I commend your participation and hope you will join Laura and me in our Faith Alive 2015 Weekend!

The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
Rector

FAITH ALIVE 2015 – A SPIRITUAL EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Thursday, February 19

Come pray with us for Faith Alive 2015!

4 – 5 p.m.	God Moments with our Clergy
5 – 7 p.m.	Prayer vigil and prayer walk throughout our campus

Friday, February 20

5:45 – 8:30 p.m.	All Parish dinner, kick-off and program
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Saturday, February 21

10 – 2 p.m.	Separate programs for adults, Student Ministries and Children's Ministry
5:45 – 8:30 p.m.	All Parish dessert buffet and program

Sunday, February 22

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.	Faith Alive worship services
10:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Faith Alive worship follow up
12:30 p.m.	Faith Alive follow up and lunch

Steering Committee

Prayer	Lisa and George Francisco and Sally and Norman Reynolds
Clergy Liaisons	the Rev. Chad Martin and the Rev. Robert Wareing
Registration and Facilities	Kathy and Alex Johnson and Tanya and Jon Clarkson
Food and Decoration	Megan and Will Holstien
Publicity	Anya and Kevin McInnis
Housing and Transportation	Sandra and Adams McHenry, Dana and Bob Parkey and Casey and Will Hedges
Neighborhood Gatherings	Carol and Frank Gruen and Rebecca and Joe Lopez
Music	Jennifer and Will Neuhaus and Jeremy McCasland
Youth	Sharyn and Joe Short and Courtney and Tim Kearns
Children	Holli and Allen Kight and Holly and Breen Haire
Follow-up	Nancy and Jim Troxel

Dear St. Martin's Church Family,

We are blessed and honored to be your leaders for Faith Alive 2015! Please plan for your entire family to be a part of the weekend, February 20 – 22, 2015. The weekend promises to be an event of spiritual significance for all of us. We are excited for our Church to have this opportunity of renewal of God's Holy Spirit.

Our time together will begin Thursday, February 19 with our prayer time, February 20 with a parish-wide dinner in Bagby Parish Hall, continuing with a full day of events on Saturday, February 21 and culminating with two options for Faith Alive worship services on and follow-up meetings on Sunday, February 22. Each day's events are designed to bring all of us together and have separate activities for adults, teens and children. Each gathering will focus on spiritual reawakening and renewal.

We have assembled a faithful team of St. Martin's volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee to help organize and guide us through the weekend. The weekend program will be led by visiting team members, Faith Alive volunteers, mostly Episcopalians from across the United States who are giving of their time and expense to lead our discussion groups and talk about what God means to them in their daily lives. While our Clergy will actively participate, Faith Alive is a lay-led weekend with our clergy participating in the weekend.

St. Martin's held their first Faith Alive in 1994, led by Pam and John Barineau. The event had a strong impact on all of the 750 parishioners who attended. In 2005, Clayton and Ginya Trier led Faith Alive with more than 1,000 parishioners attending. We are grateful for the kinship and leadership the Barineaus and Triers are providing us and grateful for their faithful example of walking in faith. Please plan to be a part of Faith Alive 2015! We promise your time will have many rewards!

Cyd and John Gillette

Gratefully,
Cyd and John Gillette



FAITH ALIVE 2015 CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 1, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Join us for a boot-stomping good time and sing-a-long with the **Kingdom Pickers**, and enjoy delicious barbeque with all the fixings.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT FAITH ALIVE

Ginya and Clayton Trier



"The last Faith Alive weekend in 2005 was inspirational, and a time of renewal and spiritual growth for us. The Holy Spirit was present in every teaching and fellowship gathering that we attended. Our participation in that Faith Alive event brought us closer to Him and to our fellow parishioners, and blessed us immensely. Give yourself a gift and plan to participate in this very powerful weekend."

Beth Ollenburger with her mother and children



"I loved everything about the last Faith Alive weekend and I am looking forward to my whole family participating with me this time!"

Bill Chiles



"Wendy and I are so excited to experience Faith Alive 2015 in February and also to support the effort with accommodations, events at our home and fellowship."

Anthony Orona



"Faith Alive is going to be an amazing opportunity for our students and families to deepen their relationships with Christ and St. Martin's. Kate and I are thrilled to be a part of the weekend.

We look forward to seeing you there!"

Outreach AND MISSIONS

Whether you are reaching out to help others less fortunate here in Houston or another country, doing so “makes the heart happy!” St. Martin’s partners with more than 50 agencies in Houston and abroad. Each week there is an organized effort to serve others and share in fellowship with other parishioners.

For more information about St. Martin’s volunteer opportunities, contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Advocates for Others – Be A Mentor!

Sunday, August 24, 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Would you be a mentor for a child or man in need? One of St. Martin’s largest Outreach Ministry groups is our mentoring or advocacy groups for young children, adolescent boys and men. More than 100 of our men and women serve with Yellowstone Academy, Open Door Mission, reVision, Prison Fellowship, Prison Entrepreneurship or Yellowstone Academy Scouting programs. Come meet our mentoring groups as they share their stories of how serving others has enriched their lives.

Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) Food Drive

Sundays, September 14 and 21

This is our annual parish-wide food drive to stock CCSC’s food pantry and help our neighbors in need. Bring your filled grocery sack!

Outreach Sunday

Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8

7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

These are two “work” days for St. Martin’s parishioners to express our faith in Christ by serving in our community. For 2014, St. Martin’s had nearly 540 parishioners working in partnership with 22 agencies. For 2015, projects are planned around the city and at our Church on both days. We will serve breakfast to our friends at Lord of the Streets (LOTS),

GIVING 2014	(Estimated)
Endowment grants to outreach	\$115,000
Episcopal Church Women grants to Outreach	\$75,000
Vestry missions grants	\$245,000
Seminary 1% grants to various seminaries and theological projects	\$101,000
Diocesan assessments to support diocesan ministries	\$994,261
reVision**	\$155,702
International ministries	\$40,000
Various restricted funds to support Outreach initiatives	\$343,295
TOTAL	\$2,069,258

* Including Thursday Nights at The Island and other charitable distributions

serve lunch at The Beacon, Open Door Mission and The Covenant House, make homeless “survival kits,” sew merit badges on our Yellowstone Academy Scouts’ uniforms and many other worthwhile projects.

LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Amazing Place Turkey Trot

Tuesday, November 25

Amazing Place provide a safe, spiritual and nurturing program for older adults with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s or similar dementia, while offering respite, education and support to their caregivers and families. St. Martin’s hosts a Thanksgiving party each year for the clients.

The Beacon Day Center

September 18, October 11 and 16, November 20, and December 13 and 18

The Beacon is a day shelter in downtown Houston that provides the homeless with a meal, laundry services, shower facilities and assistance.

Visit stmartinsepiscopal.org for upcoming work days.

Bo's Place Holiday Dinners

Mondays, November 3 and February 9

Bo's Place is a non-profit, free-of-charge bereavement center offering multiple grief support services for children, families and adults in their grief journey, and provides education and resources for those who assist people in grief. St. Martin's volunteers serve dinner to these families twice a year.

Child Advocates Christmas Stockings

Sunday, September 28

Tuesday, November 4

Saturday – Tuesday, December 6 – 9

This organization advocates for abused and neglected children through the court, and child protective and educational systems to make certain these children are living in safe, permanent homes and receiving rehabilitative services. Volunteers decorate and fill Christmas stockings.

Christian Community Service Center

Work days: Saturdays, September 27, October 25, November 22, January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, and August 22 and 29

Food drive: Sundays, September 14 and 21

CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children. They also offer emergency assistance for needy families, job training, and school vision screening. Church volunteers organize and distribute food and clothing at emergency services, and hold a food drive in September.

Church Under The Bridge

Church Under the Bridge ministers to the homeless in downtown Houston by serving a meal, serving as prayer partners and providing praise music for the worship service once a month.

Visit stmartinseiscopal.org for upcoming ministry days.

Covenant House Cook-Out and Bingo

Sunday, March 8

Covenant House provides services and shelter to homeless, runaway, "throwaway" and at-risk youth under the age of 21.



Depelchin Children's Center's Angel Tree Christmas Gift Program

Sundays, November 16, 23 and 30

Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7

This center is committed to meeting the needs of children as one of the largest providers of mental health, foster care and adoption services in Texas. Through St. Martin's Angel Tree Project, volunteers sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for these children.

The Furniture Bank Used Furniture Drive

Saturday, March 7

This organization collects donations of household furnishings and provides them at no cost to those in need. St. Martin's hosts a used furniture and household items drive each year.



The Gathering

Fourth Monday of the month

The Gathering serves Church members and others in our community who suffer with memory loss. The program provides a safe and loving environment filled with creative and stimulating activities allowing their care givers respite from the day-to-day care and often difficult support required.



St. Martin's Houston Food Bank/San Mateo Episcopal Church Food and Vision Fairs

Saturdays, October 4, November 15, January 17 and April 18

St. Martin's coordinates quarterly food distribution to hundreds of families in the underserved San Mateo community located in southwest Houston. St. Martin's volunteers also lead Vision Fairs at San Mateo.

Kids' Meals

First Tuesday of the month, 4 – 5 p.m.

(except April 2015 which will meet April 14)

Activity Center, Community Room

Kids' Meals provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry preschool children throughout Houston. Men of St. Martin's also hosts a Kids' Meal program the fourth Tuesday of the month. See page 37 for more information.

Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church Breakfast

Lord of the Streets (LOTS) ministers to individuals living in the Houston area who are homeless and disadvantaged, or in transition. St. Martin's cooks and serves breakfast, and gathers clothing donations.

Open Door Mission Mentoring Program

Open Door Mission provides shelter, food, clothing and encouragement for homeless, addicted and

disabled men. The Mission is in need of mentors for the residents in the DoorWay Recovery and Educational and Job Training Programs. An invaluable part of defeating chronic homelessness is for our men to find strong Christian mentors to help them find their way. St. Martin's currently has 16 Open Door Mission mentors.

Prison Ministry Mentoring Program

These volunteers partner with local churches in reaching out to prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families at the Carol Vance Unit in Sugar Land. Volunteers also participate in a Christmas party at the Carol Vance Unit.

reVision HOUSTON



Community Nights

Thursdays, 6:45 – 9 p.m.

The Island

Volunteer Orientation

First Thursday of the month, 6 – 7 p.m.

The Island

Softball Games

First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

Spring Spirit, 8526 Pitner Road

Play or cheer! No experience is necessary.

reVision works to transform the lives of at-risk and gang-affected youth by connecting them to positive adult role models, building a new community around strong, affirming peer groups, and preparing the youth for promising futures through education and jobs. reVision pairs adult mentors with youth, many of whom are incarcerated at the time mentors meet them. These volunteer mentors offer friendship and encouragement to youth during a difficult period of their lives, and commit to helping them move toward a more positive future. St. Martin's currently has 23 reVision mentors.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Island

Cost is \$25 per person.

Call 713-985-3811 or email register@houstonrevision.org to make your reservation and pay at the door.

Seafarers' Centers Christmas Boxes

Sundays, December 14 and March 9

These centers serve seafarers visiting the Port of Houston by providing a safe and welcoming recreational and spiritual environment on land for those who have chosen the sea as their livelihood. St. Martin's volunteers assemble and wrap Christmas boxes for this ministry.

Westside Homeless Partnership Dinners

Tuesdays, June 9, 16 and 23

This program is designed to empower families with children to achieve financial self-sufficiency and permanent housing through personal effort, education and growth. Volunteers serve dinners to these families.

Yellowstone Academy Mentoring Program

Yellowstone Academy mentors help children understand, through clear teaching and affectionate sharing, that reading enriches their lives. Volunteers also help with the Yellowstone Scouting program. St. Martin's currently has 31 Yellowstone Academy mentors. Change a child's life forever!

Visit St. Martin's Mission Partners' websites for more information about these organizations.

Amazing Place	amazingplacehouston.org
Bo's Place	bosplace.org
CCSC	ccschouston.com
Child Advocates	childadvocates.org
Covenant House	covenanthousetx.org
Depelchin Children's Center	depelchin.org
Kids' Meals	kidsmealshouston.org
Lord of the Streets	lordofthestreets.org
Open Door Mission	opendoorhouston.org
reVision Houston	houstonrevision.org
Seafarers' Centers	houstonseafarers.com
The Beacon	chomhouston.org
The Furniture Bank	fb-houston.org
Westside Homeless	westsidehomeless.org
Yellowstone Academy	yellowstoneacademy.org



MISSIONS

Mission is about the building up of relationships for the Kingdom of God. The World Missions Committee invites you to consider how you will be involved in building these mutually transformative and long-lasting relationships focused on friendship, faith sharing, knowledge, experiences, resources and prayer. All of these offerings reflect a deep commitment in long-term ministry that will afford our communities many years to together “proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.” All mission teams are selected through an application process.

For more information, contact Eric Moen at 713-985-3819
or emoen@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Mission to San Jose, Costa Rica

June 13 – 20 (tentative)

This family-friendly mission (minimum age 12) is part of a recently established companion relationship between the Diocese of Costa Rica and Diocese of



Texas. Volunteers will be able to participate in projects ranging from church construction and Vacation Bible School, to playing with kids at the two diocesan schools. St. Martin's hosted Bishop Héctor Monterroso in February 2014 and will host groups from Costa Rica in the future. Group size: 30



Mission to Cochabamba, Bolivia

July 5 – 15 (tentative)

This is a deeply relational mission to work and play alongside the children of the family-centered Amistad Mission orphanage. The highlight for all attendees will be facilitating the annual Olympic Games for children from Amistad and neighboring orphanages. The trip also will include an overnight visit to the mountain village of Arimasi. This is a great trip for families with older students (minimum age 15) and individuals. Group size: 12



Mission to Honduras

July 30 – August 6 (tentative)

In partnership with the Texas Water Mission of the Diocese of West Texas and the Diocese of Honduras, volunteers (minimum age 16) will coordinate with communities in need of clean water. Volunteers will work on a tightly knit team in the midst of deep poverty assisting with health and hygiene education, and final installation of the well pump. Group size: 8



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Stewardship AT ST. MARTIN'S



Growing up in a church home, the idea of a "tithe" or "giving" was never optional. As a young boy, my parents were diligent in their instruction. "Giving back to God through the church is one of the most important responsibilities we have. It is a

form of worship," my mother would say and, "it pleases God." Giving back to God what is already His is a discipline I've kept up to this day. Not because I have to, but because I want to. I remember the green "Children's Offering Envelope" I would take out on Saturday night. I was so excited to put money into the envelope and even more excited when I placed it in the offering basket the next day. It was the most important part of church to me because it not only gave me a sense of "pleasing God," but it also gave me a sense of "belonging" and "ownership." It made me feel that whatever I gave really "mattered" to God. Planting the seeds of stewardship in my heart at an early age was one of the most important lessons my parents taught me. What is so ironic is that the feeling of "joy" I had in giving as a child has only

become stronger as an adult. As a priest in the church I've learned what matters to God matters to me – stewardship matters and it all begins with prayer.

If you have questions about making a pledge, or increasing it in your journey toward the tithe, please contact me at 713-985-3831 or ahawkins@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Rev. Martin J. Bastian



Vice-Rector



Giving to SAINT MARTIN'S ENDOWMENT



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ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT

Saint Martin's Endowment was incorporated in 1996 as a nonprofit corporation operated for religious, charitable and educational purposes. In 2011, the St. Martin's Foundation was merged with the Endowment. The mission of this corporation is to provide a means by which parishioners may financially support the Church now and in the future to meet needs that cannot be met by the operating budget and provide additional support to the many outreach projects this Parish undertakes.

GIVING TO THE ENDOWMENT

A gift to Saint Martin's Endowment is a special way to remember or honor your loved ones on special occasions or holidays. Those honored and the families of those remembered will be notified of your gift.

In order to appear in *The Star* church newsletter on a particular special occasion or holiday, please submit your requests about eight weeks in advance. Send your check to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056 with a note that indicates the names of those being "honored" or "remembered." Please include your name, address, telephone number and information on others to be notified.

For information, contact Lynda Eyberse at 713-985-3833 or leyberse@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

LEGACY OF FAITH PARTNERS

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that it is our duty as Christians to have a will and provide for the

well-being of our families, our Church and other charitable organizations. Careful estate planning will convey your final wishes for the distribution of your assets. Take the opportunity to plan your legacy. There are various opportunities to be a Legacy of Faith Partner at St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Bequest in a will
- Structure an annual gift through trusts and gift annuities
- Gift of real estate
- Transfer existing IRA and/or life insurance proceeds
- Gifts of stocks, bonds and personal property

For more information about Legacy of Faith Partners, call the Rev. Bastian or visit stmartinsepiscopal.org > Giving.

APPRECIATED SECURITIES

For information about how to make a gift of appreciated securities, contact Debbie Hutchinson at 713-985-3803 or dhutchinson@stmartinsepiscopal.org, or visit stmartinsepiscopal.org > Giving.



Our Church CAMPUS



THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

The Wayside Chapel was envisioned by the Rev. Tom Bagby, founding Rector of St. Martin's, to provide a place where anyone could go to pray in those moments of dark despair or of special happiness when they wanted to "be with God" to share their joy, or their pain. With donations from scores of parishioners, the project was fully paid for, including a trust fund to insure that it would never be a financial burden to St. Martin's Episcopal Church. The dedication of the Chapel was the principal commemoration of St. Martin's 25th Anniversary celebration, and Dr. Bagby's dream came true on that special occasion – September 1, 1977. Anyone may come, at any time. The building cannot be locked – nor can it be reserved – for any occasion.

THE SERENITY GARDEN

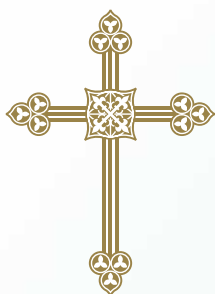
The Serenity Garden provides a tranquil setting for prayer and reflection away from a stressful world. The meandering path is lined with varied plants and the calming sound of water flows from the fountain inscribed with the timeless Serenity Prayer. The most Rev. and Rt. Honorable Dr. George L. Carey, 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, officiated at the blessing and dedication of the Garden, which is located just south of The Hope and Healing Center. The Garden was given to the Glory of God and in memory of Evelyn "Nan" Luckett Williams.



THE CLOISTER GARDEN

The Cloister Garden was inspired by the cathedral ground plans of the Middle Ages, where a garth or courtyard, open to the sky, was enclosed by the walls of the church and covered arcaded walkways of the cathedral's monastic residential buildings. The quadrangle was designed as a place where monks could ambulate, pray and meditate while enjoying fresh air without leaving the monastery. The plan of the garden is typically medieval. A fountain is set at the center of crossed paths that divide the garden into quadrants, each with a grass lawn and boxwood parterres or divided ornamental flower beds. The arcade of pointed gothic arches continues the medieval spirit of the church. This garden is adjacent to The Church and Bagby Parish Hall, and is a frequent gathering place for prayer and fellowship.





ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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| 1. The Church | 12. The Island Outdoor Worship Area | 21. Payne Education Center/Children's Christian Education/Preschool |
| 2. Wayside Chapel | 13. Bagby Parish Hall | 22. Garden of the Holy Cross |
| 3a. Garden of the Holy Cross – Riverway | 14. St. Elisabeth's Refectory/Café | 23. Brides Room |
| 3b. Garden of the Holy Cross – Riverway | 15. The Activity Center | 24. Old Church |
| 4. Communications/Support Services | 16. The Community Room | 25. Choir Hall |
| 5. Maintenance | 17. Bookstore & Gift Shoppe, Welcome Center and Library | 26. Founders' Hall, Nurseries and Preschool |
| 6. 5005 Woodway | 18. Cloister Garden | 27. Playground |
| 7. The Island | 19. Chapel/Parlor | |
| 8. The Scout Center | 20. Reception/Administration | |
| 9. The Hope and Healing Center | | |
| 10. The Serenity Garden | | |
| 11. Sports Field | | |

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ST. MARTIN'S BOOKSTORE & GIFT SHOPPE

Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

St. Martin's Bookstore & Gift Shoppe offers many unique and lovely gifts along with Bibles and inspirational books. All proceeds benefit St. Martin's community outreach activities. Major credit cards, cash and checks are accepted, and gift certificates are available.

For more information, call 713-985-3840 or visit stmartinsepiscopal.org.

- Baptism and confirmation gifts
- Bibles and prayer books
- Devotionals and other faith-based books
- Sermons on CDs
- Decorative items
- Holding crosses
- Religious jewelry
- Greeting cards
- St. Martin's commemorative items

CAFÉ ST. MARTIN'S

Enjoy food and fellowship with friends both old and new at Café St. Martin's. Many employees from nearby

offices make the short walk to St. Elizabeth's Refectory where Café St. Martin's is located to order a delicious lunch Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. On Sundays, hot breakfast is served 7:15 – 9:15 a.m. (\$5 for adults/\$2 for children under 10) and hot lunch along with a soup and salad bar is served noon – 1:15 p.m. (\$10 for adults/\$4 for children under 10).

For more information, call 713-985-3847 or visit stmartinsepiscopal.org. To receive weekly menus and schedules, send an email to Roger.Swanson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

THE LIBRARY

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Our wonderful Library is located between The Church and Bagby Parish Hall, and is connected to both the Welcome Center and Bookstore & Gift Shoppe. A variety of books are available, including devotionals, fiction, non-fiction, large print, reference, mysteries, theology, biographies, commentaries, best-sellers, Bibles and more. Books may be checked out during library hours.

For more information, call 713-830-4118 or visit stmartinsepiscopal.org.



THE ACTIVITY CENTER AT ST. MARTIN'S

Birthday parties, exercise classes, Tai Chi, low impact aerobics, Jazzercise, supervised bridge play or piano lessons – The Activity Center at St. Martin's has it all and more. The Activity Center lives up to its name and is a beehive of activity in this very busy Parish. Did you know we have classes after school for young children, classes for adults, a weight room, and locker rooms for men and women? Our goal is to provide educational and physical activity classes for adults and children in a calm, relaxing atmosphere where people can feel the presence of God while taking a class or just sitting in our lobby. We are blessed to be a sanctuary for our own Parishioners and those who may not have a church home. We want you to feel blessed when you walk through our doors, feel the power of the Holy Spirit calm you and take you through the rest of your day.

We publicize upcoming programs through St. Martin's website, posters around campus and in four booklets that are printed in the fall, around Thanksgiving/Christmas, spring and summer. These booklets are mailed to those who have taken our classes in the

past, but it is very easy to get on our mailing list. We are here for Parishioners and the community – everyone is welcome to attend our programs. Many of our instructors have been teaching at St. Martin's for a number of years and they have established quite a following. New programs and instructors are constantly being added, and they all agree to adhere to our Activity Center mission:

The Activity Center provides Christian fellowship and ministry to the Parish family and the greater community through educational programs and health activities that focus on strengthening the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of both children and adults in a fun and caring atmosphere.

The Activity Center offers a wide variety of programs for everyone.

For more information or to view our current events, call 713-621-8625, email acdesk@stmartinsepiscopal.org, or visit stmartinsepiscopal.org.



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The Rev. Dr. Russell Jones Levenson, Jr. was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He and Laura, his wife of 30 years, have three children, Jones, Luke, and Evelyn who is married to Jake Vidrine and their daughter,

Genevieve Vidrine. Dr. Levenson received his Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* from Birmingham-Southern College in 1984 where he was recognized with the college's top presidential honor, the "President's Student Service Award." He received a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in 1992. While in seminary, he served at historic Christ Church in Olde Town, Alexandria, Virginia.

Following his graduation from VTS, he served as Assistant Chaplain at The University of the South, Sewanee until he was called to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham where he served under the Rev. Dr. John Claypool for four years. He completed his Doctor of Ministry at Beeson Divinity School in 1997. He was called to be the Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1997. In 2002, Dr. Levenson was called as the fifteenth Rector of historic Christ Church Parish in Pensacola, Florida. In the fall of 2007, Dr. Levenson became the fourth Rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

In 2011, he was awarded Beeson Divinity School's "Distinguished Alumnus" honor and in the fall of 2012, he accepted the "Dean's Cross" from VTS. Dr. Levenson is the author of several articles in various magazines and religious journals, and three devotional books, *Provoking Thoughts*, *Preparing Room* and the recently released *Summer Times*.

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The Rev. Bastian served as head of the Pastoral Care department before being named Vice-Rector at St. Martin's. In this role, he supports the Rector and oversees day-to-day operations of the Parish.

Marty has an undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Kansas. Following graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C. where he had a career in publishing and served as a lay leader in youth ministry. Marty later graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1996 with a Master of Divinity degree and began his ordained ministry at St. Martin's following ordination to the diaconate in the Diocese of Virginia.

He then spent a decade as Senior Chaplain of Episcopal High School (EHS). As the head of EHS's "Religion Pillar," Marty served as educator, administrator and spiritual leader while also assisting the head of school in the day-to-day operations of the school. As Senior Chaplain, he also established a non-profit national organization called "NPN" or "The National Parenting Network" to assist parents in the understanding and rearing of their teenage children. Marty has spoken across the country in churches and schools alike with the message of "enlightening, educating and empowering" parents in their calling. He approaches his work with a solid biblical starting point coupled with a realistic and raw view of his own humanity and the humanity of others.



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The Rev. Wilson recently shifted from overseeing the Christian Education Ministries of the Parish to supervising Pastoral Care Ministries. In working with other Clergy and staff, she helps assign all pastoral, home bound, hospital and retirement community visits, baptisms, funerals, weddings, support groups and volunteers associated with these groups. Mary received a Bachelor of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. She was ordained to the Diaconate in 1997 and ordained to the priesthood the following year. Mary has served as Assistant to the Rector at Christ Church in Tyler, and Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Silsbee and St. Richard's Episcopal Church in Round Rock. She also served on the Diocese of Texas Executive Board as well as the Finance committee. Mary has two adult children and three grandchildren.

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THE REV. ALEX R. LARGE

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The Rev. Large is the primary clergy person responsible for working with the Children's Christian Education staff in implementing that program. He works as the lead Clergy Liaison for Outreach and Discipleship,

Young Professionals (20s and 30s) and Young Adult Ministry groups, as well as with the *Family Table* service where he plays a leadership role in its planning and implementation. Alex attended Washington and Lee University in Virginia and went to Trinity School for Ministry near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He served his first parish as Curate at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Vail, Colorado. Alex is passionate about connecting the Gospel to everyday life and is involved with Mockingbird Ministries (mbird.com). Prior to coming to St. Martin's, Alex was the Assistant Rector at All Saints Church in Maryland. Alex and his wife, Emily, have three daughters, Eloise, Cordelia and Phoebe.

THE REV. CHAD T. MARTIN

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In addition to taking a greater leadership role in Evangelism and Worship, the Rev. Martin is one of two primary Clergy Liaisons in Evangelism planning the Faith Alive weekend for Lent 2015. Chad also

serves as the chief clergy person responsible for Men of St. Martin's Thursday morning Bible Study and New Member Ministry and Incorporation, which includes following up with visitors, those who join via Membership 101 and the Adult Confirmation process. He grew up in central Texas and his wife, Cinnamon, is from New Mexico. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary and received his Master of Divinity in 2009.

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Sarah joins St. Martin's clergy in the fall of 2014 after serving on the chaplaincy staff at St. Luke's Hospital. Previously, she also was a contributor to Mockingbird Ministries. Sarah is a native of Mississippi and studied at the Center for Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi. She received her Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 2013. Sarah and her husband, Josh, have two young children, Neil and Annie.

THE REV. NICOLAS (NICK) R. D. DYKE

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The Rev. Dyke was born in London, England and attended Texas A&M University, North Texas State University and South Texas College of Law. After several years as owner of his own building supply company in Austin and San Antonio, he attended the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. After being ordained, he was the



Deacon-in-Charge and then Rector of Holy Comforter Mission in Spring before becoming Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bryan and Vicar of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Hearne. Nick has helped serve the Seminary Alumni Association and San Jacinto Convocation. He retired in February 2004 and has served as Interim Rector at seven churches since then. Nick and his wife, Kathleen, have five children and nine grandchildren.

THE REV. ROBERT E. WAREING

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The Rev. Wareing is a native Texan who was born in Corsicana, raised in Lufkin and graduated from Texas A&M University. After graduation, he worked for Texas Foundry for eight years before attending

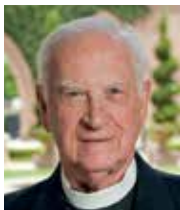
Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1981, Robert was ordained to the diaconate and served as a Curate at St. Matthews in Austin before founding Christ Church in Cedar Park. In 1991, he became the Rector of Good Shepherd in Friendswood and then later was the "restart" Vicar for All Saints in Stafford. He retired in 2008, but continued to serve as a Sunday supply priest throughout the diocese. Robert and his wife, Pat, have two adult children and three grandchildren.

THE REV. JAMES E. CUNNINGHAM

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The Rev. Cunningham was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and spent seven years in the United States Air Force (USAF) as a pilot. Upon leaving the USAF, he earned his BS in Electrical Engineering from

The University of Texas at Austin and MS in Engineering Administration from Southern Methodist University. After retirement, Jim spent seven years with the Community of Hope Central Office in Houston. He attended The Iona School for Ministry and returned to St. Martin's following his ordination as a Deacon in 2007. Jim is a widow with three grown children.

The Soon to be Rev. SUSE MCBAY

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Suse comes to St. Martin's after several years of intensive study to gain a PhD. A native of Oxford, England, Suse completed her PhD in Apocalyptic Literature at the

well known St. John's, Nottingham, United Kingdom. After arriving at St. Martin's, she is expected to be ordained, first a Deacon and then a priest. Until that time, she serves under the supervision of her Bishop in England and the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Suse started working part-time while she completes her thesis and should move to full-time after the first of the year. Suse is married to Stephen, a Houston native.

Special Guest Clergy

These clergy members will be offering their teaching gifts at St. Martin's from time to time and during special occasions. Both are frequent teachers/speakers at the Church.

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.



Rev. Dr. Jackson recently retired after serving 20 years as Senior Pastor at Chapelwood United Methodist Church. He served numerous churches in Texas and Georgia, as well as a

wide range of professional activities. Read about Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr. on page 36.

Dr. David A. Peterson



Dr. Peterson was ordained in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and has been active both in the denomination and local communities in

which he has lived and served. Read about Dr. Peterson on page 35.



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Hope&Healing

The mission of The Hope and Healing Center is to provide a comprehensive organization for families and individuals that reinforces healthy family systems; provides support for all family members in achieving emotional, physical and spiritual health; and serves the full cycle of life. The Hope and Healing Institute, which is the research and teaching partner of The Hope and Healing Center, fulfills the mission of both institutions of "Building and Restoring Lives to Health and Wellness" and will focus on developing "best practices" for helping families learn to live healthy and productive lives.

Please visit hopeandhealingcenter.org or call 713-871-1004 for more information about The Hope and Healing Center & Institute or any of our programs. You're also invited to come by for a tour at your convenience. All classes, seminars and special events are presented free of charge unless otherwise noted. Reservations are requested. Activities are held in The Hope and Healing Center & Institute building that is located on the eastern side of the St. Martin's Episcopal Church campus. We look forward to seeing you!

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT GATHERING



*Wednesdays, August 27 – October 8,
10 – 11:30 a.m.*

Parents raising children with special needs face unique challenges. This gathering for parents helps them connect with each other and discuss

how God walks with families with special needs while also engaging in seven practices to strengthen parents for the journey ahead. Topics to be covered include God and special needs, chronic grief, guilt, patience, self-care, building healthy relationships and hope. The group will be led by **Rev. Dr. Lorna Bradley**, an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church and parent of a 23-year-old son on the autism

spectrum. Lorna serves as a Fellow at The Hope and Healing Institute, developing a program to help equip churches in welcoming families with special needs.

For more information, contact Lorna at 281-871-1004 ext. 207 or lbradley@hopeandhealingcenter.org.

VIDEO GAMES: ARE THEY HURTING MY KIDS?



*Wednesday, September 10,
6:30 – 8 p.m.*

Can someone really be addicted to technology? **Crystal Collier, PhD, LPC-S**, Director of the Behavioral Health Institute and The Council on

Alcohol and Drugs Houston, will discuss the addictive nature of gaming, effects on the brain and if your child spends too much time playing video games. She can help you set healthy limits at all ages of a child's life, know when to say "enough" and understand why it's so critically important to do so. Additionally, Crystal will share information on the available treatment options for kids, teens and young adults.

HAND OVER THE CHOCOLATE AND NO ONE GETS HURT: THE NEW SCIENCE OF FOOD AND ADDICTION



Thursday, September 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

If you've ever felt as though you're "hooked" on specific foods – the main culprits are the sugary/fatty/salty combos – and need help freeing yourself from these

addictive-like eating behaviors, there is hope. **Pam Peeke, MD, MPH, FACP**, Senior Science Advisor to Elements Behavioral Health family of treatment centers, WebMD's Chief Lifestyle Expert, and *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Hunger Fix: The Three Stage Plan for Overeating and Food Addiction*, will share exciting new science that explains the relationship between food and addiction, and present a science-based plan anyone can implement to reclaim your brain and achieve optimal health and wellness.

ADDICTION & THE BRAIN: NEUROCHEMISTRY OF CHRONIC PAIN, PERSONALITY DISORDER, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FOOD AND ADDICTION IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

Friday, September 12, 8 a.m. – noon

Addiction treatment in the classic sense has been limited to the traditional 12-step philosophy for alcohol and drug use disorders. Many addiction specialists view chronic pain and addictive-like eating behaviors as symptoms of the primary chemical dependence. However, it is imperative to look at the chemistry of chronic pain, personality traits, and the use of food to soothe and reward separately and independently from each other to help understand how these behaviors interact with each other, prescription meds and the reward center of the brain.

Speakers

Michael Baron, MD, Psychiatrist, Addictionologist and Chronic Pain Specialist, The Ranch – Tennessee

Pam Peeke, MD, MPH, FACP, Senior Science Advisor of Elements Behavioral Health

Panel Members

Jason Powers, MD, The Right Step

Scott Basinger, PhD, Founding Executive Director of The Hope and Healing Center & Institute

YOUNGER NEXT YEAR

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Chris Crowley is one of the most in-demand speakers in the country, and his topic – turning back your biological clock and becoming functionally younger – is about as important as anything in your life. His talk, much like his breakthrough book, is as much fun to hear as it is persuasive. *Younger Next Year* and his new book *Thinner This Year* draw on the latest science and research on aging to show how men and women 40 or older can become functionally younger for a stretch of years, and continue to live younger until they are 80 and beyond. Chris demonstrates how you can put off 70 percent of normal aging until close to the end of life, as well as eliminate 50 percent of all major accidents and illnesses completely. The cost to attend this event is \$25 per person.

FRIENDS OF UT LUNCH – CURRENT & FUTURE THERAPIES IN ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES AND METABOLISM

Monday, November 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Medical School seek to bring to the Houston “Orange Blood” community and their friends the latest cutting edge medical information from The University of Texas Medical School at Houston and its Texas Medical Center affiliates. Program attendees will have input into the topics covered in future programs.





BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER AND VALIDATION THERAPY

Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Join **Karyn Hall, PhD**, to learn about why people with borderline personality disorder (BPD) have difficulty with dysregulation in several different areas: emotions, cognitions, behavior, sense of self and relationships. Another characteristic of individuals with BPD is having unstable, chaotic and intense relationships.

GRIEF AND LOSS

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Join **Ted Wiard, LPC, MDiv**, Owner and Founder of Golden Willow Retreat, for a presentation on how grief and loss figure in addiction, mental health disorders, and recovery, healing and transformation. This program is for anyone who has experienced grief and loss.

JOURNEY OF THE HEART

Friday – Sunday, November 14 – 16

In collaboration with Umbrella Ministries, this weekend conference is designed for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child – to help uplift them physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. The speakers and workshops provide the tools with which to cope. Mothers meet new friends walking on the same road and journey toward healing, and they can begin to share insights on grief and bring hope back into each other's lives. It is a special time of sharing, caring, bonding and the beginning of lifetime friendships. Throughout the weekend, mothers

experience music, workshops, testimonies from other moms, “circle of love” groups, keynote addresses, craft and meditation workshops, and a balloon release celebrating and remembering their children.

AN OVERVIEW ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND CAREGIVING: WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS?

Tuesday, January 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This event is presented in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association. Learn everything you need to know about Alzheimer's disease from the latest medical news to resources available, to the newly diagnosed and those who care for them.

MONTHLY SERIES IN COLLABORATION WITH HOUSTON HOSPICE

Creative Memories: Sharing Our Stories

Thursday, January 15, 1 – 3 p.m.

Participants can review how events in their lives can be a wonderful gift for their families and friends – helping them understand the things that helped mold us into who we are today. Learn how preserving and sharing memories can have a healthy emotional and practical impact on loving relationships.

Listening: A Skill You Can Learn

Thursday, February 19, 1 – 3 p.m.

Most of us are at a loss as to how to comfort someone we love who has a terminal illness. Learn what to say and, just as importantly, what not to say. Develop listening skills that can serve you in supporting an ailing loved one as well as enriching relationships in other parts your life.



Caregivers: A Stress Release Program

Thursday, March 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

Take care of yourself when times are stressful. Discover simple strategies to help you reduce the stress of everyday living – a resource for the caregiver.

How to Talk to Your Doctor

Thursday, April 16, 1 – 3 p.m.

Learn what you can do to maximize the benefits of face time with your physician. We also consider how you can help your physician and family members understand your wishes regarding medical care – curative and/or palliative. Clear communication can help you maintain control of your care.

Myth Busting: Medical Directives

Thursday, May 14, 1 – 3 p.m.

Wonderfully open and candid discussions tackle common misconceptions about advance health care directives, such as Living Wills, Durable Power of Attorney, Do Not Resuscitate orders, and more, as well as end-of-life hospice care services, including: Do hospice patients have to move to a hospice facility? Is hospice care consistent with my religious beliefs? We will help you sort fact from fiction.

LUNCH AND LEARN

*Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month
Noon – 1 p.m.*

Join us for the “Lunch and Learn” series that promises stimulating presentations and conversations on topics dealing with healthy lifestyles. Bring your lunch and we will provide drinks. Please check the website at hopeandhealingcenter.org for speakers and topics.

MOVIE NIGHT

Fridays, September 19, October 17, November 21,
December 12, January 23, February 27,
March 27 and May 8
7 – 9 p.m.

Check the website at hopeandhealingcenter.org for movie titles.

**MONTHLY PARENTING SERIES IN COLLABORATION
WITH CHILDBUILDERS**



Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Presentations will be made on a variety of topics of interest to parents by **Amanda Siroosian, MPH** and Program Director of ChildBuilders.

Tuesday, September 23 – Internet Safety

Our innovative presentation utilizes the latest statistics, online resources, videos, and expert tips to educate, engage and empower parents to help their children to be safer on- and off-line.

**Tuesday, October 28 – Stand Up for Yourself –
Assertive Behavior**

By practicing different scenarios, participants will learn about different types of communication: passive, aggressive and assertive; body language, voice and words associated with each type of communication; and assertive skills.

Tuesday, November 11 – Positive Discipline Techniques

Participants will learn at least four methods of positive discipline techniques, as well as the impact parenting practices have on a child’s development and future success.

Tuesday, January 27 – Healthy Relationships

Learn to identify healthy and unhealthy relationships, and gain knowledge about signs of abusive behaviors. Useful tools such as communications skills and non-violent conflict resolution will be modeled for effective use in teaching children.


Tuesday, February 24 – Love and Logic

Participants will learn to use empathy to help children spend more time in “thinking mode” than in “fighting mode,” and to apply the consequence approach and maintain positive family connection.

Tuesday, April 28 – Building Resilience

Learn to recognize the relationship between self-esteem, resilience and mental health, as well as increase understanding of how to promote positive self-worth in children and adolescents, enabling them to live healthy and productive lives and resist threats in today’s society.



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St. Martin's EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL



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St. Martin's Episcopal Preschool's mission is to offer a Christian based early childhood program for families of all races, creeds and ethnic backgrounds. We provide a developmentally appropriate learning environment that meets the needs of the "whole child" spiritually, cognitively, socially, emotionally and physically. We conduct our program with this mission clearly in the forefront of our daily services, efforts and ethics.

All classes implement "center-based learning." This practice allows children to interact with their teachers and peers while learning basic concepts of

literacy, math, science and art. Learning that takes place through social interaction allows children the opportunity to strengthen their social relationships while learning and sharing with others. Play is encouraged and integrated into all aspects of learning.

The preschool offers families a full-day program, accredited by the Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools, for children 15 months to 5 years of age. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the option of attending two, three or five days. Ancillary programs offered at the preschool include chapel, music, character education, motor skills, simple science and library. Registration for the following school year (August – May) begins in February.

For more information about St. Martin's Episcopal Preschool, call 713-621-2944 or visit stmartinsepiscopalpreschool.org.





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