2017-2018 MINISTRIES BOOKLET

St. Martin's-in-the-Field
Episcopal Church

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Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

- Matthew 9:37-38

The words of Jesus are inspiration for all who serve in God's Kingdom. St. Martin's is blessed to serve our community, our neighborhood and our world. Our ministries help bring the light of Christ and the love of God into our world.

When serving ministries to which we feel called we are joining our gifts, skills, and talents to the needs of this place and the world. Through our service to God and in serving others in the name of Christ we will find ourselves, our very lives, transformed as we transform the world.

On the pages that follow you will find a sampling of the many ministries our parish family undertakes. This is not an exhaustive listing, and many of the ministries here are actively looking for more "laborers" to join us out in God's "harvest."

Most of all I hope that you will use this guide to help find where God may be calling you to employ the unique set of gifts and skills that God has given to you to join us in helping to bring the Kingdom of God closer here at St. Martin's-in-the-Field.

In Christ,

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ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Provides opportunities for adult parishioners to continue in their spiritual growth through a variety of means, including Bible study and reflection, education ranging from the casual to the indepth, and discussions of current events and issues affecting our church and our world. Lay leadership is fundamental to their success. Ongoing activities include The Bible Challenge (reading the entire Bible in a year), Education for Ministry (EfM), Cursillo, discussions of Contemporary Christian Writers and their works, weekly discussions between Sunday church services during the school year, Lenten programs among many others.

Continuing spiritual formation both as individuals and a community is absolutely core to our evolving journey toward better fulfilling God's call to us both as individuals and a parish community. All adult members of St. Martin's are welcome to participate and/or take on a leadership role within Adult Spiritual Formation.

Contact: Jeff Dickerson, jeff.c.dickerson@gmail.com, (410) 987-4017

ADULT FORUM

Sunday morning Adult Forums at St. Martin's cover many theological and contemporary issues and a broad range of topics. From lectionary-based Bible Study, to interactive lectures and seminars.

Contact: Jeff Dickerson, jeff.c.dickerson@gmail.com, (410) 987-4017

SHEPHERD GROUP

Group discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome.

Contact: Sylvia Marston, sizzle34@verizon.net, (410) 647-7493

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Monthly get together of the St. Martin's and St. Andrew's Cursillo community and supporters. Usually includes music and refreshments. Join us in the church at 7:00 p.m. Adults welcome.

Contact: Wamahdri Williams, wwilliams@waeus.us, (410) 431-5066

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY(EfM)

EfM is a 4 year program to prepare folks for a more effective lay ministry through in depth study, discussion, and theologic reflection. The program fosters a meaningful personal interpretation and synthesis of the Christian tradition, current culture and society norms, and ones own experience. It includes in-depth study of the Old and New Testament, Early and Contemporary Christian Theology, and the History of the Church. A seminar of 6 to 10 people each year meets from 7:00-9:30 p.m. on Monday's throughout the school year.

Contact: John Dirks, jndirks@gmail.com, (410) 224-4132 or Charlie Fitzgerald, charliefitz76@gmail.com, (410) 353-4719

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN WRITERS

Adults welcome to read and reflect upon a chosen contemporary writers' book and discuss questions that many people have about the nature of God.

Contact: Sylvia Marston, sizzle34@verizon.net, (410) 647-7493

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Our Children's Ministry is a vibrant community of children 5th grade and under. We provide Christian Education every Sunday during the program year, a special sermon during Children's Chapel, and a Nursery on Sunday mornings for the littlest among us.

If you have questions about our Children's Ministries, please contact Rev. Chandler, cwhitman@stmartinsinthefield.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., children ages 3 – 5th grade are invited to gather for age-appropriate learning. We have four different classes: PK, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th. Our three youngest classes meet in our downstairs pre-school area. Our 4th-5th grade children meet in the learning cottages. During Sunday School, children follow a lectionary-based curriculum that focuses on one of the readings from the Sunday service. Through activities, crafts, and discussions, children go deeper into their understanding of God's Word.

Serve as a teacher, helper, substitute, or extra set of hands for Sunday School.

Contact Rev. Chandler, cwhitman@stmartinsinthefield.org

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

An opportunity for children 5th grade and younger to hear a sermon gauged directly to them. After the Gospel is read, children will be invited to follow a leader from the Church to our library located below the Church, where they will hear a story to help them go deeper into God's Holy Scripture. Children return to their families during the Peace.

Share your gift of storytelling with our children or help as a set of hands to assist our storyteller about once a month.

Contact Rev. Chandler, cwhitman@stmartinsinthefield.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

This volunteer-led summertime program features a week's worth of activities for children ages 4-10 to enjoy. Activities include storytelling, reading scriptures, physical activity, music, crafts and more.

Each year, teen and adult volunteers, are needed for various tasks. If you are crafty and/or handy, please consider being on our design and create team. This team is responsible for building the sets and other items that go along with the program theme to be used during VBS week. If you prefer to work with children, sing along and have fun then consider being a camp leader.

Contact: Monica Schultz, schultmo@verizon.net

NURSERY

Available to the youngest among us (3 and younger), our Nursery is open 9:00 a.m. through the end of the 10:00 a.m. service. Located in our downstairs PK area, the Nursery is led by Ms. Reita, a licensed professional who provides a safe environment for our children to pray and have snack. We must always have two adults in the Nursery. Volunteers would serve once a month or every other month.

Contact: Christine Gilliland gilliland.chrissy@gmail.com

If you are interested in our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, please see the Music section on page

HOSPITALITY & PARISH LIFE

This is a ministry of fellowship and community. Those involved help coordinate Parish Potluck Lucheons, Sunday Coffee, Receptions, Summer Lemonade, Parish Picnics and Cookouts, just to name a few. Our purpose is to bring the people of St. Martin's together for conversation and friendly association.

Being a part of this ministry is a wonderful way to meet new people. There is always need for volunteers to help plan, set up, clean up or bring items. Sign up today to be on a rotating list of volunteers.

Contact: Ann Bacot Edwards, edwardspartyof5@verizon.net, (443) 871-2830

SUNDAY COFFEE

We need weekly volunteers help to continue the tradition of glazed donuts and coffee after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service in the Parish Hall.

For details and to volunteer visit www.stmartinsinthefield.org, click About Us, Parishioner Services, Coffee Hour.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

The Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, parishioners gather to assemble and create Advent wreaths as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Additionally, we set up a taco bar for lunch. Consider lending a hand to help this event run smoothly.

Contact: Sodergreen family, sodergreen@aol.com or Rott family, cmrott@aol.com

WELCOME

St. Martin's has an open door for all people. With new welcome cards in all of the pews and an enthusiastic Welcome Committee in place, our hope is for assimilation into our church family to be easy.

Contact: Ann Minor Kurtz, akurtz@jjhaines.com

NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE

A chance for those who have become new members to meet others— longtime or new, ask questions and learn about who we are as a parish. Current parish members are asked to foster a new member and help them feel at home at St. Martin's.

Contact: Ann Minor Kurtz, akurtz@jjhaines.com

GREETERS

Greeters are the first face of St. Martin's for newcomers and visitors. The goal of St. Martin's Greeters is for both new and old members to feel welcomed. The Greeting team needs additional members to help invite our guests into the St. Martin's-in-the-Field community.

If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please contact the Greeting coordinator.

Contact: Jane O'Donnell, odonnell@cablespeed.com, (410) 647-8269

OUTREACH & MISSION

Mission and Outreach seeks to serve those less fortunate members of our local and international communities. We actively support the local community: Arundel House of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, Holiday Sharing, Paul's Place, SPAN, Winter Shelter, and the Severna Park Community Center. We also provide our facilities to Boy Scout's of America, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Mother's of Multiples, and the Aspergers Support Group.

All are invited to join the Mission & Outreach Commission with both their time and talent to fulfill our greater mission "to serve." We welcome your help in the work of the commission to assist those who need our support.

Contact: Michele Cummings, michele@tcsix.com, (410) 215-4290

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Gathers, packs and delivers weekend food to AA County students in need each Friday. Currently working with three local schools. This ministry allows these students to have healthy foods at home and be ready and able to learn. We believe it helps ease the financial burden for these families as well. St. Martin's members make, donate, buy, sort, pack food each week. The fellowship is priceless. All ages can participate.

Contact: Michele Cummings, michele@tcsix.com, (410) 215-4290

WINTER SHELTER

We shelter 25-30 homeless men as part of Winter Relief. We provide hospitality, meals, laundry, and safety for one winter week: March 18-25. We are offering shelter to men who are often marginalized. We join together with over 70 congregations to each take a week as we work together to alleviate some of the suffering these men face. This is a multi-faceted ministry that involves people of all ages including children and youth.

Contact: Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net, (410) 570-9716

PAUL'S PLACE

Parishioners give time and material support to programs at Paul's Place, providing food, clothing, job and educational opportunities to residents of a southwest Baltimore neighborhood. This ministry is important as it provides for those in need and creates a bridge between communities, building understanding and brotherly love. Every member of the congregation is invited to participate regardless of age.

Contact: Kris Chappell, chappell251@gmail.com (301) 367-9837

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

Come and be the hands, feet, hammers and circular saws of Christ alive in the world. We will work together, have fun together, worship together, and help transform the lives of those we will serve by making their home warmer, safer and drier. Open to youth 14-18 years old and adult mentors; no previous rehab or construction experience necessary.

Contact: Matthew Hanisian, (410) 647-6248, mhanisian@stmartinsinthefield.org

OUTREACH & MISSION CONTINUED

SPAN
(SEVERNA PARK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

Provides help to people in a critical or emergency situation such as utility turn-offs, court-ordered evictions, prescription/medical needs, and food. Anyone can participate through monetary donations, food donations, holding and supporting fundraisers, and volunteering at SPAN directly.

Contact: Kathy Berge, helpingotherstowin@gmail.com (401) 353-9262

PAUL'S PLACE - SERVING LUNCH

Volunteers visit Paul's Place the first Tuesday of each month to participate in a prayer meeting and serve guests lunch. This long standing ministry enables us to see the face of God in everyone. Paul's Place runs on volunteers and we on the work we do there. All are welcome. Youth under the age of 15 need to be with a parent.

Contact: Michele Cummings, michele@tcsix.com, (410) 215-4290

MUSIC

The Music Program at St. Martin's-in-the-Field supports the active liturgical life of this congregation and consists of the St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Children's Choir, the Parish Choir, the Handbell Choir and St. Martin's Ensemble—a group of instrumentalists. Providing diverse sonorities extends the depth of the service and also presents a different way to express our faith.

Making music is joyful and rewarding, we welcome all those who wish to share God's love through music.

Contact: HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries, music@stmartinsinthefield.org

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist from the Sunday after Labor Day through Trinity Sunday. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All interested singers, 9th grade through adult, are welcome.

Contact: HyeSung Hwang, music@stmartinsinthefield.org

HANDBELLS

We perform on the fourth week of each month and have rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Music reading is helpful, but not required. Ringers age 13 and older are welcome.

Contact: HyeSung Hwang, music@stmartinsinthefield.org

ST. CECILIA AND ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The St. Cecilia Choir (for girls) and the St. Nicholas Choir (for boys) are for children in grades 3 through 8. They serve together on the third Sunday of the month at the 10:00 a.m. service. Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. during the school year. Children are the future of our church and music is a great way to train them as faithful Episcopalians and praise God amongst a group of friends.

Contact: HyeSung Hwang, music@stmartinsinthefield.org

WORSHIP

Support our clergy with seasonal worship preparation. The incredible effort and faithfulness of these volunteers on the various worship and music teams help us all to better serve God here in our holy space at St. Martin's, and everywhere we go as the people of Christ. All parishioners are welcome to serve this ministry.

Contact: Wamahdri Williams, wwilliams@waeus.us, (410) 431-5066

ALTAR GUILD

Prepare Sanctuary for worship and Holy Eucharist. Work in teams every 3 to 4 weeks, devoting 1 or 2 hours on Saturday and Sunday. Keeping worship services as smooth and seamless as possible for the clergy and congregation. Members of the congregation who have the time and interest.

Contact: Kay Nelson, kbnelson5@gmail.com (410) 647-8890

USHERS

Assist the congregation before, during and after worship. Ushers maintain the worship space and collect the statistical data about attendance at each service. They are amoung the people who greet those attending our services and set a welcoming tone for all. Additionally responsible for collecting the offering and providing direction and order during Holy Communion. Volunteers to this ministry serve every 6-8 weeks. We welcome new faces of all ages, including responsible youth.

Contact: Pam Ward, pamward1@gmail.com

WEDDING GUILD

Assists the wedding party at the rehearsal and coordinates the wedding day preparation at the church and after the ceremony. Help ensure the smooth flow of the marriage service and shows St. Martin's spirit of hospitality and welcome to all who attend the service. Anyone age 21 and above who enjoys participating in the coordination of a happy wedding day.

Contact: Pam Ward, pamward1@gmail.com, (410) 729-5626

SERVER

Carry the Gospel Book during the opening and closing of the service, hold the book while the Gospel is read, serving the wine during Holy Communion. It shows another way for Lay involvement within the Church Worship Service. Anyone from 9th grade on can volunteer and will receive training.

Contact: Matthew Hanisian, (410) 647-6248, mhanisian@stmartinsinthefield.org

FLOWER GUILD

Fill memorials for people and make sure there are flowers in the sanctuary every Sunday; come and join us it is fun. Brings the beauty of nature into our church. Anybody that likes flowers.

Contact: Marge Acree, margeacree1@gmail.com, (410) 647-4054

WORSHIP CONTINUED

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

Serve the communion wine during the service(s) as assigned. It allows individuals attending that service to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Anyone over the age of 16 who is interested in volunteering and is then trained by Fr. Matthew, and licensed by the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.

Contact: Matthew Hanisian, (410) 647-6248, mhanisian@stmartinsinthefield.org

LECTORS (READERS)

The proclamation of God's Word during our worship services is a truly holy and vital ministry. Lectors can be of any age, although, usually not younger than 4th grade. We would especially enjoy having additional youth (grades 6-12) be trained as lectors to ensure a wide range of voices are heard during our worship services. Training is required and sessions are ongoing.

Contact: Matthew Hanisian, (410) 647-6248, mhanisian@stmartinsinthefield.org

ACOLYTES

Youth, grades 5 and older, and adults are invited to help serve and assist in our worship. Two main roles for acolytes are: Crucifer and torch bearer. The crucifer leads our procession into and out of church, carrying the cross. Crucifers also assist with the distribution and collection of our weekly offering. Torch bearers carry the two processional torches. Acolytes serve approximately once a month and we are always looking for additional acolytes for this vital and holy ministry.

Contact: Fred Blair, detail@theoriginalcarguys.com

STEWARDSHIP

The goal of our Stewardship Ministry is to help the people of St. Martin's grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

We provide people ways (through time, talent, and treasure) to respond to all of God's blessings. The natural consequence of abundance is generosity. By our generous response, we draw closer to Christ and change our city and world.

Contact: Darin Parkison, darinparkison@verizon.net, (804) 239-8945

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our youth program provides formation and education opportunities for youth in grades 6-12. We have a robust group of young people who are looking to be feed and nurtured by this community. Our program includes Christian Education on Sunday mornings throughout the program year, EYC on Sunday afternoons, and a number of diocesan offerings.

Commissioner Contact: Anna Rinick, rinick2005@gmail.com
Clergy Contact: Rev. Chandler, cwhitman@stmartinsinthefield.org

EYC
(EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)

EYC is open to youth in grades 6-12 and is a new to us ministry this year! EYC is an opportunity for our young people to come together for fellowship, fun, prayer and dinner on Sunday evenings.

Middle School EYC for youth in grades 6-8 begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

Contact: Anna Rinick, rinick2005@gmail.com

High School EYC for youth in grades 9-12 begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.

Contact: Cindy Rott, cmrott@verizon.net

Dinner and worship happens from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for all ages. If you would like to provide dinner for our youth one Sunday, please contact Anna, Cindy or Rev. Chandler.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Maryland offers a number of events for the formation of our young people. Kate Riley is our Youth Missioner who organizes these efforts to provide opportunities for our young people to gather with youth from across the diocese.

More information about these events can be found on the website: http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/.

For questions about Diocesan Youth Ministries, contact Kate Riley, kriley@episcopalmaryland.org.

Youth are especially invited to help lead worship on Sunday mornings. Please see the section on Worship, particularly Acolytes, on pages 10 & 11.

YOUTH MINISTRIES CONTINUED

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Meeting every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45 a.m., our youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of our Journey to Adulthood curriculum. This program is a 6 year program divided into 2 year sections: Rite 13, J2A, and YAC. Youth become a class when they are in 6th and 7th grade and journey through this thematic curriculum as a cohort for all six years.

RITE 13

For youth in grades 6 and 7, Rite 13 begins the study of self, society, sexuality and spirituality. Rite 13 is named for the rite of passage that happens during this time, becoming a teenager and turning 13. Suring their time in this class, each youth has the opportunity to participate in a special ceremony, A Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood.

Teachers: Lisa Radike, lradike@msn.com, (410) 647-1721 or Alana Underwood, alana.underwood@gmail.com, (410) 863-7251

J2A

For youth in grades 8 and 9, J2A (Journey to Adulthood) continues the study of self, society, sexuality and spirituality. During these years, the young people go deeper into these thematic areas as the learn more about themselves and the world around them. Each youth is invited to participate in a Pilgrimage at the end of these two years. Youth, with the help of leaders, decide where they want to go on pilgrimage and are responsible for preparation and fundraising. The pilgrimage is funded in thirds: the Church pays a third, the families pay a third and the youth fundraise a third. The next pilgrimage will be Summer 2019.

Teachers: Roy Wallace, royw0130@aol.com; Dave Eagleson, dave.eagleson@gmail.com; Kate Cleven, kmarston@hotmail.com.

YAC

For youth in grades 10 and 11, YAC (Youth Active in the Church) is a two year program with the first year focused on Confirmation. Youth follow the Confirm not Conform curriculum that guides each young person, with the help of a mentor, in discerning if he or she would like to be confirmed in the Spring. Confirmation is a sacramental rite where the Bishop lays hands on a person who is making a mature affirmation of his or her faith.

Teachers: Katie Glover, kathryn.a.glover@gmail.com; Alex Major, lx.major@verizon.net; Dennis Underwood, dennis.underwood@cybercrucible.com, Rev. Chandler, cwhitman@stmartinsinthefield.org

SENIORS

Due to the nature of our curriculum, each year we have a set of six graders or seniors who receive a bonus year! This year our seniors will have opportunity to go deeper in their faith through facilitated conversations. At the end of this year, our seniors will have the opportunity to preach during one of our Sunday services.

Teachers: Andy and Wendy Catanas, wgatanas@yahoo.com

PASTORAL CARE

Through our Cards and Notes, Eucharistic Visitors, Helping Hands and Prayer Shawl subministries, we provide spiritual, emotional and physical support to our Parish family members.

When a parishioner receives a card of sympathy or congratulation, shares in the Eucharist when homebound or hospitalized, is provided a meal or transportation to the doctor or enjoys the warmth and comfort of a shawl, the parishioner will know that he or she is part of our Parish family.

If you feel called to be a helping person for your fellow parishioners, this is the ministry for you.

Contact: Chris Werth, crw_40@hotmail.com

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

On Sunday, members of the Prayer Team ministry are present at St. Mary's altar to pray with individuals who may require an extra set of prayers for healing for themselves or others. It is an opportunity to express God's love and concern for those in need of prayer(s). Any adult who has an interest in praying with those in need are encourage to join us.

If you are interested in chairing this ministry or just wish to become a Prayer Team member, contact Rev. Matthew, mhanisian@stmartinsinthefield.org

PRAYER SHAWLS

This group knits and/or crochets shawls to wrap parishioners in God's love. We are seeking knitters for this creative and supportive ministry.

Contact: Mary Sinnott, croftonsinnotts@cs.com and Lolly Bieri, lollybfl@gmail.com, (443) 670-7126

HELPING HANDS

Volunteer assist those in need by delivering meals and suppling rides to appointments on an occasional basis.

Any active parishioner who can drive is welcome to join us, especially if you have some extra time on your hands.

Contact: Lori Skalitzky, threezky@verizon.net, (410) 451-0991

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

This group shares communion directly from the Sunday altar with those who are unable to be in church. Contact the parish office if you would like to have communion brought to you.

If you wish to participate in the office and join the Eucharistic Visitors team we will train you.

Contact: Don Nicholson, mbndbn@msn.com, (410) 987-0782