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St. Martin's Statement of Mission

We are the body of Christ communicating and nurturing Christian values through involvement in St. Martin's and in the community as we reach out to all and share God's love.



March 1	Bailey Lister	March 17	Harry Troutman
March 2	Jackie Garrison	March 18	Jarrod Vetzal
	Dick Strub	March 19	Bryan Johnson
March 5	Greg Champion		Scott Schnitzer
	Margaret Gilliland	March 20	Josh Kilgore
	Lexie Kyriakidis		Geoff Rodgers
March 6	Allison Bishop	March 21	Priscilla Cook
	Elisa Mech		John Harrison
	Kathryn Spencer		Ralph Maddux
March 8	Bruce Bowen	March 23	Joy Gilliland
	Jordan Jackson		Jeff Scotchie
	Jennifer O'Steen	March 24	Haven Temple
March 10	Robert Turner	March 25	Pamela Mason
March 12	John Danielson	March 26	Charlie Hammer
	Jason Kilgore	March 29	Luke Qualey
	Kyle Sewell		Ashton Spencer
March 13	David Bolus	March 30	Mike Landguth
March 14	William Cooper		Brian Quinn
March 15	Jonathan Jackson	March 31	Katherine Jackson

THE VESTRY

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Jim Clark, *Junior Warden*
Sarah Kilgore, *Clerk*
Morris Chapman
Ralph Coggin
Janie Duke
Phil Harris
Jim Hudson
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Geoff Rodgers
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*From the
Interim Rector*



The Company of Strangers

"When I opened my eyes the next morning and looked around, I said to myself, I have a new house." "I can't believe this is my old house." These are some of the remarks I have heard from folks who have received visits from the Company of Strangers. Likewise, members of the Company, after a one-day work day, have made remarks like, "It was an awesome experience," and "I've never had an experience like this before...it was great!"

Who and what is the Company of Strangers? The Company of Strangers is a group of individuals who engage in a work project with the assistance of several support groups. Over the past twenty years I have led Company of Strangers events in the dioceses of Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama, and now we are in the process of organizing the first Company of Strangers event in the Diocese of East Tennessee here at St. Martin, together with the Reverend Hugh Jones, Interim Rector at St. Thaddeus and a small contingent from that church. The event requires careful planning and normally involves a considerable number of parishioners as workers, supervisors, fundraisers, transportation persons, a refreshment team, three teams of cooks, and at least one or two clergy. Most of the events I have led have been one day events. The project involves remaking or renewing a house that has fallen into disrepair, a house that is owned by the occupant who does not have the financial resources to make the necessary repairs. The event is normally considered a youth event because the bulk of the workforce is made up of youth, with the backup and support of adults. This all-day event is more than just repairing and fixing up a house. The entire day is a spiritual event because, after sharing a hearty breakfast together, the day begins with the first part of the Holy Eucharist, that is, the Ministry of the Word done by the youth themselves, after which the clergy explains that the work on the house is their offering for the day, and that the day will end with Holy Communion. After the Ministry of the Word, we drive to the work site where we meet the occupants of the house that we will be working on. The name Company of Strangers comes from the fact that although we arrive on site as strangers, we will leave as friends. Work begins once the supervisors assign

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the tasks to their teams. Refreshments will be available throughout the morning and afternoon. Work goes on until noon when the Lunch Team arrives with a hearty lunch to eat on site, and then continues on until the work is done, at which time we return to the church where a hearty supper awaits us. During supper everyone has an opportunity to share with each other their experiences of the day, and what the day meant to them personally. After desert, the workday concludes with an informal Holy Communion led by the clergy. The next day is Sunday and during the services members of the Company have the opportunity to share their experience with the congregation. It is always a blessed and memorable event for all who participate.

Fr. David



We continue to have a great year in Christian Education. Attendance is great, and the children are enjoying learning very much! We will be offering a Children's Program as part of the

Lenten Program on Wednesday nights immediately following dinner. This will begin on February 24 and end on March 17. Please plan to come and bring your children so that they may learn more about this season as we all look forward to Easter and springtime.

The children's choir will be performing during the 10:30 service on Sunday March 21, so be sure to bring your children every Sunday for practice. Mrs. George will also send each family an email with the words to the songs so that your child can practice at home. If you do not get the email, please let Mrs. George or me know. It is always such a treat to see our children singing in church. Many thanks to Mrs. George for making this possible!

On March 14, we will begin a 3-week rotation which will help prepare the children for Easter. Please remember we will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We will begin a new rotation on Sunday, April 11. We would love to have volunteers to help teach this rotation. Please contact me at geoffbrett@comcast if you would like to help!

Debbie Puryear



Instead of starting a new book we have decided to attend Fr. Gordon's study of the Catechism during Lent.

Join us in the library for what promises to be an interesting class.

Ralph Maddux

Holy Week and Easter

Lent will soon be giving way to Holy Week and Easter, as we head on from there into the flowering of Spring. The 8:00 a.m. Passion/Palm Sunday service will begin by gathering in the atrium, and we will process into the church from there. The 10:00 service will begin, as is our tradition, in the front parking area, and we will process in from there. During Holy Week there will be a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m., a Stations of the Cross service at noon on Friday, and a Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter, commonly called the Easter Vigil, will be held again this year at 6:00 a.m. Easter morning. This service, in several ways, is the most meaningful service of the year. Those who didn't attend last year, come and see. The traditional Easter Eucharist will be a 10:00 a.m. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service.

Fr. David

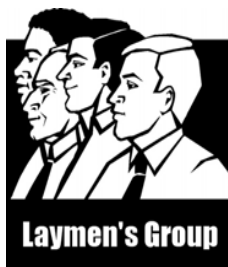


ECW

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30. We will once again try our hands with flower arranging, but this time with a twist. Why not look around your house, find some type of container or old vase, stop by the store and grab a bundle of flowers and come to our meeting. Let's see what we can come up with! Please RSVP for this evening by sending me an email or there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Last month our hand-made Valentine cards were delivered to St. Barnabas. The director was so appreciative and in awe that we made them! They looked great! Thank you for your help.

Lora Finley



Laymen's Group

Because of the services on Wednesday evenings during Lent we will not meet again until April 14. We will continue to provide breakfast between services in the Atrium each Sunday morning, except for Easter Sunday.

Ralph Maddux

March 2010

Sunday Schedule
8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. — Choral Eucharist and Children's Chapel
11:10 a.m. — Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Preschool Registration for 2010-2011 School Year 12:00 noon	2 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	3 Lenten Program 6:00 p.m.	4 Chime Choir 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.	5	6
7 EYC Bowling after Sunday School	8	9 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. EFM 6:30 p.m. <i>ECW Meeting</i> 6:30 p.m.	10 Lenten Program 6:00 p.m.	11 Chime Choir 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.	16 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. EFM 6:30 p.m.	17 Lenten Program 6:00 p.m.	18 Chime Choir 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. EFM 6:30 p.m.	24 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	25 Chime Choir 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Community Kitchen 6:30 a.m. EYE preparing for Easter Egg Hunt	29	30 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. EFM 6:30 p.m.	31			

March 2010 Schedule of Ministries

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28	April 4
8:00 a.m.					
Lay Reader(Lessons)	Cheryl Roddy	Paul Dietrich	Kay Whaley	Ralph Coggin	Bob Combs
Lay Readers(Prayers)	Bob Combs	Geoff Rodgers	Betty Whaley	Cheryl Roddy	Paul Dietrich
Chalice Bearers	Cheryl Roddy, Bob Combs	Paul Dietrich, Geoff Rodgers	Kay Whaley, Betty Whaley	Ralph Coggin, Cheryl Roddy	Bob Combs, Paul Dietrich
Element Bearers	Geoff and Marnie Rodgers	Allan and Melody Smallwood	Jim and Bunny Clark	Jon and Janet George	Ralph and Pat Coggin
Ushers	Jim Clark, John Hutton	Bob Combs, Charlie Mason	Allan Smallwood, Larry Roddy	Geoff Rodgers, Dan Johnson	Jim Clark, John Hutton
10:00 a.m.					
Lay Reader(Lessons)	Vicki Trapp	Cori Hasden	Barbara Simms	Tyler Burgess	Chris Schutz
Lay Readers(Prayers)	Chris Schutz	Ed Virgin	Susan Polcari	Lana Hamilton	Betty Stroud
Cantor	Jason Kilgore	Cheryl Roddy	Fr. Gordon Temple	Tony Duke	Gerry Bettis
Chalice Bearers	Jerry Thurston, Cindy Cohen	Phil Harris, Sandra Riddle	Gerry Bettis, Brenda Terrell	Jack Holloway, Vicki Trapp	Cindy Cohen, Cori Hasden
Element Bearers	Scott and Dana O'Steen	Mike and Susan Polcari	John and Sandra Riddle	Scott and Dawn Schnitzer	Don and Martha Sewell
Bulletin Usher	Ralph Maddux, Scott Schnitzer	John Riddle, Morris Chapman	Sarah Kilgore, Brenda Terrell	Scott O'Steen, Barney Morgan	Tyler Burgess, Jim Finley
Usher/Greeter	Tyler Burgess, Jim Finley	Cindy Cohen, Joe Veys	Phil Harris, Mark Qualey	Ed Virgin, Joe Vezel	Ralph Maddux, Scott Schnitzer
Youth Lector	Katherin Polcari	Jonathon Polcari	Taylor Qualey	Christian Lee	Joey Schutz
Server	Kyle Sewell	Taylor Qualey	Evan Qualey	Christian Cassel	Kyle Sewell
Crucifer	Taylor Qualey	Kate Westman	Christian Lee	Katherine Polcari	Rachel Hasden
Torch Bearers	Chloe Hasden, Hannah Harris	Lexie Kyriakidis, Scott Westman	Maggie Lee, Joey Schutz	Jonathon Polcari, Chloe Hasden	Hannah Harris, Scott Westman
Altar Guild	Group II (C. Cohen, H. Strub, F. Payne, B. Milstead, S. Soulen)	Group III (B. Henry, P. Mason, K. Shropshire, P. Coggin, M. Smallwood, A. Vetzal, D. Schnitzer, E. Veys)	Group IV (M. Gilliland, J. Virgin, M. Sewell, B. Tawater, J. Rodgers, H. Buell)	Group V (D. Hutton, C. Roddy, S. Harrison, M. Higgins, J. George, F. Pearce)	Group I (B. Terrell, L. Hamilton, M. Rodgers, C. Konsavage)
Children's Chapel	Anne and Christian Lee	Lora and Morgan Finley	Heather and Kate Westman	Renee and Taylor Qualey	Audra Vezel
Hospitality Cart	Margaret Blackwell	Ken and Linda Rivers	Jessica Scotchie	Jackie Garrison, Haven Temple	Easter Reception



Senior Singles
The Senior Singles met in the parish hall on February 14 for a wonderful Valentine's Day Luncheon. The decoration were gorgeous and the meal was delicious.

On Sunday, March 14, we will gather at the Macaroni Grill for our monthly luncheon. All singles 55 years old or older are welcome to join us. Simply call Barb Milstead at 499-0490 or Hedi Buell at 892-7242. Come join us for a fun time and good food.

Sue Holtkamp



EYC News
★ What a great turnout we had for the pancake supper! EYC always enjoys this event and thanks everyone who came to the supper. We also would like to give a special thank you to Martha Sewell who did a fantastic job coordinating the event and to Jimmy Tawater and his band for providing such wonderful music! Now that March is upon us, it is time for fun and Easter preparations. EYC will go bowling after church on March 7. Then at the end of the month, on March 28, we will stuff Easter eggs after church in preparation for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday.

Heather Westman



To **Bob McElroy, Barb Milstead** and other who wish to remain anonymous for their thorough cleaning of the kitchen before the Supper Club Gourmet Dinner.

To **all St. Martin's Parishioners** who attended the gourmet dinner, helped set up and clean up, and made the evening a resounding success.

To **Dick Strub** for programming the thermostats, repairing the plumbing in the ladies' bathroom, correcting some lighting problems, and other jobs too numerous to mention.

To **Christian Lee, Katherine Polcari and Jonathon Polcari** for making the All County Band in the recent tryouts.

Cheryl Roddy



Parish Life

Supper Club

Thank you to all who participated in the Gourmet Supper club on February 5. It was a great success! A special thank you goes to EYC for providing babysitters and to the Flower Guild for the beautiful arrangements.

The next supper club will be held on Friday, May 14. We need 3 additional food hosts.

Lenten Suppers and Easter Breakfast

Lenten suppers will continue until March 17.

A breakfast will be served immediately following the Great Vigil of Easter early morning service on April 4. Please sign up to bring breakfast food if you will be participating.

DeeDee Hutton

St. Martin's Outreach Ministry Lenten Food Drive

St. Martin's Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a food drive each Sunday in Lent in an effort to re-stock our Food Pantry. If every family brings just one food item a week, we will be ready to supply the needs of those who come to our church doors in search of food. St. Martin's has had a food pantry for many years. We have never had to turn away anyone seeking food because of the generosity of the members of our parish.

We are collecting the following food items that are the most requested:

- canned vegetables
- hearty soups
- mac and cheese, rice, pasta and sauce
- canned meats
- peanut butter and jelly, breakfast items
- fruit & fruit juices

Thanks so much for your support of this effort.

Pam Mason

United Thank Offering

Thank you to all who participated in the United Thank Offering Ingathering that took place this past November. We sent \$114.92 in to the Diocese. Be sure to watch for the next UTO Ingathering in the fall. Way to go!

Lora Finley

Flower Guild

As I am sure you have noticed by now, there are no altar flowers in the season of Lent. Their absence is a reminder of the spirit of this season; a spirit of penitence, fasting, prayer and self-denial. As we progress through Lent and prepare our hearts for the fullness and joy of Easter, the Flower Guild is making plans for a beautiful Easter altar that will reflect the glory of the Easter season. Envelopes for Easter flower donations are available on the tables in the narthex and outside the office, and also in the pews. Complete the information on the donation envelope and return it to the church office or place it in the collection plate. The name of the person or event you honor will appear in the bulletin for the Easter services. The Flower Guild appreciates your support and promises to create a glorious Easter altar.

Jeanie Rodgers

BI-LO BOOSTER PROGRAM

St. Martin's has received its first check from Bi-Lo from their Bi-Lo Booster program. A check for \$264 will go towards Gracious Space. If you have not already enrolled in the program, please fill out one of the enrollment forms found on the bulletin board and take it to the service desk at Bi-Lo. After you enroll, each time you use your Bi-Lo Bonus Card a portion of your purchase will go to St. Martin's. Everyone who has a Bi-Lo Bonus Card is encouraged to participate.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of sympathy in the death of Joni Murray. Whether it was through prayers, visits, food or those that helped with the celebration of her life, please know that we appreciated each one. The support of friends is what gets us through these most difficult days.

Thank you,
Leonard Murray
Melissa and Erin McKown



"Oh the places you'll go and the people you'll see . . ." said Dr. Seuss whose birthday we celebrate in March. Dr. Seuss was so wise, he knew what wonderful exciting adventures are in store for our children through the magic of books! We have been working and playing hard preparing the preschoolers for what comes next. St. Martin's PreSchool empowers the children with the confidence and skills so that they are well prepared for their future and the places they will go and the people they will see!

On the evening of February 16, we will have a FAMILY NIGHT, PRESCHOOLERS' ART AND PORTRAIT GAL- LERY AND SALE. Dinner will be the PreSchool's unique Macaroni Bar, salad, bread, drinks and dessert. We are looking to the luck of the Irish and the help of Parish Life, the Flower Guild, and generous PreSchool families to help us raise money for scholarships and the playground. Art centers will be open and amazing preschoolers' art will decorate the walls!

March brings with it the preschoolers fascination with the magic of those elusive leprechauns. Dr. Seuss visits us again with 'Sam I Am' serving green eggs but not green ham (it looks too gross to even consider)!

On February 1, the PreSchool application process for the 2010-2011 school year began. We had a great response from parishioners, current students and siblings some of whom came the day before and spent the night to secure their class preference. On March 1 we open our door to the public and will also have a group of dedicated parents who want great educational opportunities for their children and know that it can begin at St. Martin's PreSchool! If this year is as all previous years, parents will be 'camping out' in cars, in the Parish Hall, etc. for many hours before we accept applications at 11:00 a.m. We have worked very hard for 25 years for the great reputation that we have and are honored that parents want so much for their children to come to preschool here. We love bringing in these new families to our St. Martin's community and to our beautiful preschool facility. If you would like more information about the PreSchool, please call me at 855-1011.

Jennie Virgin
Director

Blankets and Phones to Help Community

The Outreach Ministry of St. Martin's wants to thank all of you who contributed to the blanket and used cell phone collections in January and February. Our goal is to continue to work to increase St. Martin's activities in support of those in need in our community.

We received about 30 blankets which were taken to the Community Kitchen for their distribution to the many homeless people who needed them in this very cold winter.

The cell phones collected were given to the Partnership for Children, Families and Adults. They sell these donated phones and use the money to help with the shelter they provide for battered women. We were able to give them about 40 phones.

Pam Mason

Budget Information as of 2/21/2010	
Monthly Pledged/Budget Requirements	\$24,925
Pledged receipts month to date	\$10,745
Year to Date receipts	\$39,229
Over/Under	-\$2,952
Gracious Space	
Monthly Requirements	\$18,284
Gracious Space receipts month to date	\$4,925

We at St. Martin's extend our sympathy to the family of John Terrell, brother of Chuck Terrell and to the family of Jim Cox.
"Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon him."



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Cindy and Kylie Farnum, Fran Allison, Carol Woodeson, Corina Carroll, Katherine Mansfield, Walter, John Danielson, Debbie Puryear, Gretchen Burgess, Henry Tipton, Anne Prettyman, Bobbie Gilliland, Fr. Jim and Emmy Marquis, Jimmie Holloway, Jeff,

Bryan, Jim Whipple, Debbie Hampton, Greg Hammer, Karyn Danielson, Nick Strub, Barry, Ana Ban, Stapleton and Jane Long, Sam Hudson, Fred Hudson, Emerson Crane, Michael Lee, Jonathan George, Mary Maddux, Holly Smith, Edith Levine, Ziggy Kozlowski, Jill Cavan, Betty Failing, Tanner Coggin, Wilma Yates, Betty Walls, Rachael Neale, Joshua Rice, Cynthia Tripp, John Davis, Madison Hight, Ryan Temple, Charles Setliffe, John Gaines, Waymon, Richard, Daisy, Archie Ledford, Gail Bozio, Riley Fowler, Lindy Murdock, Lollie Blackwood, Shirley Gerhardt, Susan Longley, Shelley, Vamela, Grace and James, Bailee, Reggie LeGros, Bea Graham, Luke Sherwood, Geoffrey Lewis, Pat Randolph, Don Mull, John Basel, Shannon Clinton, Sam Basta, Lanelle Carlton

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