

ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

WADULT EDUCATION 9:45 a.m.W August 3, 2008

Date	Adult Forum Fellowship Room A
August 3	<u>Summer Survey of the Bible</u> Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
August 10	<u>Summer Survey of the Bible</u> Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi

Our Stewardship Message...

For, as I can testify, they [Macedonian Christians] voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints.

—2 Corinthians 8:3-4

We offer with joy and thanksgiving...

+ The undesignated offerings for the week of July 27 were \$10,077.00. The weekly average needed to meet our 2008 budget is \$15,055.00.

+ **Organ Appeal...**As of Sunday, July 20, 81 people have responded to our Organ Appeal for a total of \$24,395.00 towards our goal of \$29,000. Thank you for keeping this in your prayers.

We serve and share at St. Martin's...

+ **The Flying Quilters...** are looking for supplies for their September start-up. Please bring your gently used sheets (any size) or any large

fabric pieces to the church office. We had a banner year last season thanks to your generous donations.

+ **Also, Flying Quilters...**we will meet on Monday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m. for a "Sorting Day." If you would like to have more information about this Ministry, please join us.

+ **Select a Hymn for Sunday Hymn Sing...**August 24! Write your suggestion and either give it to an usher, place in the offering plate or leave in the church office.

+ **Tanzania Wells...**The "well" is once again in the narthex for you to deposit change (and bills) to help with the well-building project in Tanzania. Contributions can be made by church envelope marked for "Tanzania Wells."

+ **Meals On Wheels Volunteers Needed.** . . .Please contact Nancy Shults at 410-849-3430 or Audrey Gilbert at 410-841-6073.

+ **Shelter needs...**remember that the Light House Shelter's pantry has year-round needs. You can drop off groceries anytime in the narthex for delivery to the shelter.

+ **Prayer Chain...**There is always someone who will pray for you or for a loved one. The members of our Prayer Chain are committed to doing this. Requests for prayers may be made by placing a request card from the pew rack in the offering plate, by speaking to the pastors, Nancy Shults 410-849-3430, or by calling the church office, 410-263-4723 email church@stmartinonline.org.

+ **The Back to School...**program is underway. Once again, St. Martin's has an opportunity to participate in a county-wide program that benefits needy school children. Thanks to all who selected a child's name from the bulletin board. Those who did not get a student's name for the book bag program can still participate. As you prepare your children for school, you could purchase a few extra items and bring them to the church office for distribution to those less fortunate. Supplies should be brought to the church office before Aug. 17. For further information, please call Audrey Gilbert 410-841-6073. Please keep this ministry opportunity in your prayers.

+ **Stewardship...**A new and special way to honor our Lord and Savior, and to support the Ministry of the Church. St. Martin's now is able to accept stock and securities as donations. Equities can be transferred to our reserve account and be converted to cash for use in our Ministry. Many members have found this to be a convenient way to contribute to our Church. For more information, please call Mark Sindt, Finance Committee Chairman at 410-897-1091 or Kent Damschroder, Treasurer at 410-643-0083. You will receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

We meet for worship and study. . .

+ **Next Contemporary Praise and Worship Service...** August 24 at 9:45 a.m. will be held in the gym. Band rehearsal, Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.*

+ **Hope Circle...** invites the women of St. Martin's to join them on August 7 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. to "Come to the Waters" a Bible Study that will guide us through the rich images and meanings of baptism and how that sacrament shapes our lives and vocations. A continental breakfast will be served. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. For information call Nora Garman 410-923-0766.

+ **Retirees' Group...**is having a "Pot Luck" on Tuesday, August 5 at 12 noon. All members and friends over 50 years of age are invited to join us. Please sign-up on the sheet on the Retirees' Bulletin Board near the church office.

Dedications. . . .

+ **Our 2008 dedication sheets** are on the bulletin board across from the church office; \$40 for one flower arrangement—\$15 for bulletin dedication—\$12 for candle dedication. Please submit your dedication envelope(s) by taking an envelope, filling it out and placing it in the mail slot in the hallway by the window. Please DO NOT sign up on the sheets themselves; we will write your name on the sheets. Thank you!

+ **Flower Dedications...**There are a few openings for August dedications. Please see the Flower Chart outside of the church office for open dates.

We Thank our volunteers. . . .

+ **Thank you to our Altar Guild Chair** who is responsible for setting up weekly communion and preparing the chancel for worship: The chair for August 3 is Carola Grubbs and Judy White.

+ **The Children in the Nursery...**thank you for volunteering. Your help is appreciated. We still have some open dates for help in the nursery. Remember it is just once or twice a year!

+ **Summer Voice Class...** Donna Ervin will have her last voice class on Tuesday, August 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. Included will be tips on breathing, tone production, sight reading and diction. Bring a song you've always wanted to sing!

+ **Flower Delivery Help Requested...** Currently, Altar Guild monthly chairs are responsible for delivering the altar flowers that have been designated to go to the ill or homebound. With the rising gas prices, we are hoping that some members of the congregation will volunteer to help the guild by delivering flowers to members or to local nursing homes. If you are able to pick up flowers after the 11:00 a.m. service or on Monday mornings for occasional delivery, please call the church office and leave your name, the area in which you live, and your phone number or email. Another option would be for those who donate flowers to fill out their dedication forms, indicating they will TAKE the flowers themselves. You could then deliver your special dedication flowers to a family member, friend, or neighbor who would appreciate them. Questions, suggestions or comments? Contact Donna Hole or Judy White, Guild Co-chairs.

+ **The Grounds at St. Martin's need some TLC...**we are looking for a few people who will make a commitment to weed or water a small area of the grounds during the summer. Our thanks to Barbara & Tom Freeman, John & Betty Knupp, Audrey Gilbert, Janet & Bob Downy and Paul Jorgensen who have agreed to help, but we still need you! Please call Betty or John Knupp 410-956-4881.

Other Notes. . . .

+ **Calling All Middle School & High School Kids...** Sign up now for "Totally Tubular Thursday" on August 7 we're going to Harpers. PDF created with pdfFactory trial version www.pdffactory.com

Bring a friend, fill out a Permission Slip...Sign-up sheet on Youth Board.

+ **St. Martin's Spirit...** softball team finished with a record of 10-1. Monday, July 28, St. Martin's (with help from St. Paul's) beat St. Margaret's 22-13, and our final game was cancelled due to lack of players from both teams! Many thanks to the 22 players who made this a successful season and to all the additional members who came out to cheer us on. See you next season!

+ **Church Family Picnic...** Save the date Sunday, September 21. Watch for details in September Tabletalk.

+ **Sunday School...** Teachers are needed for Kindergarten, 4th grade and 5th grade for co-teaching positions. Please contact Peg Kamp 410-571-2070 no later than August 6. **Please register your child for Sunday School now... registration table will be in the narthex every Sunday through September 7.**

From the church office. . . .

A reminder that all bulletin announcements are due to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m. to noon
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Church e-mail: church@stmartinsonline.org
Web site: www.StMartinsOnline.org

Please remember that if you leave phone messages outside of office hours, including Saturdays or Sundays, we will respond the next day that the office is open.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sun, Aug 3	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Communion Adult Forum (A)
Mon., Aug 4	11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship Memorial Committee (L) Annapolis Quilt Guild (G) Insurance/Benefits Meeting (L) Finance Committee (CF) Retirees' Pot Luck (B) Worship & Music Committee (L)
Tues., Aug 5	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Church Staff Meeting (CF) Contemporary Band Rehearsal (M)
Wed., Aug 6	1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Harper's Ferry Tubing, MHY & SHY Hope Circle (A)
Thurs., Aug 7	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pr. Kenan's Bible Study (L) Habitat for Humanity (A) LISG (C)
Fri, Aug 8		
Sat., Aug 9		
Sun. Aug 10	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Adult Forum (A) Worship with Communion

*Come early on August 24, @ 9:30 a.m. (in the gym) — Our Senior High Youth will be sharing their experiences and pictures from Workcamp this past summer!

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