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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.

THE VESTRY

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EPIPHANY:

Celebration of Ministry Sunday, February 19

Wellness, wholeness, and holiness of life are the three blessings of Christian formation – together an almost contemporary vision of the experience of God.

One of the most formative of all activities we do so well at St. Martin of Tours is ministry. In conversation with a parishioner a few months ago about Outreach I first became aware that we do ministry in this parish at a mature level. For example, the spirit of Outreach is expressed through almost every individual ministry. We do not have just a few folks with a heart for Outreach. Nor do we do Outreach solely off the budget. Instead, we use a hands-on- approach. This means that through almost everything we do, we look beyond our selves and “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as our self” (BCP, 305 – paraphrased).

Seeking, serving, and loving Christ, we also shape an organization like our church in either of two ways. We can enter it looking for problems. Not surprisingly, problems will be found. We can solve these problems, whether the organization wants to be fixed or not. Then, no matter what, we will say we've accomplished the fix if only because we've worked so hard at it, and it makes us feel better to say that.

Or, we can act differently. We enter respectfully. Instead of problems, we ask questions: What's going good here? And, we celebrate that. Instead of problems, we focus on strengths – seeking a vision from God that will hold us together in our present and excite us about our future. And, guess what? If we look for strengths, we'll find them. We will be blessed with an exciting future, too. Why, because it is axiomatic that we tend to get what we focus on in life. Get excited about your kids, your family, your opportunity, your parish church, and you will have exciting kids, rich family, meaningful opportunity, and faithful church.

We do ministry good at St. Martin. That is a fact. So, let us celebrate it. To initiate 2012 and its stewardship emphasis, we will begin by continuing to emphasize the many ministry opportunities offered through our parish, continuing throughout the season of Epiphany what we began in Advent.

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**On the Last Sunday of Epiphany, February 19,
we will conclude with *Celebration of Ministry Sunday*.**

Stay tuned, and please mark the date. More will be forthcoming about our ministries, their formative effect, and the blessings of wellness, wholeness, and the holiness of life.

Happy New Year, one and all!

Jim+



As I begin a term as your Senior Warden, I must look back and at the same time look forward to what is in store for St Martins Parish.

In looking back, we should be forever grateful for the foundations that have been laid for our parish and to the people who have worked diligently over the years to get us to where we are. I don't think we can thank John Rodgers enough for his time and his undying efforts in getting our parish through some uncharted waters. John's love and work for St. Martins is readily apparent to all our parishioners. After all, John served as Senior Warden for an extended time frame. We should also be grateful to Janie Duke and Chris Schutz for their time and service to St. Martins. As you know, they served not only in Vestry functions, but also on the search committee that has brought us Father Jim. Please express your appreciation to these people for their untiring efforts for St. Martins.

Paraphrasing Jeremiah 1:6-8, "If God gives you a job to do, he will provide all you need to do it."

Thanks be to God for merging St. Martins and Father Jim. I know, and many others can attest, that Father Jim has been working hard in his new charge. As we progress in to the New Year, we will be met with many opportunities to spread the Good News.

Perhaps you have not been aware of all that is going on in our parish. During the past four Sundays we have heard from Parishioners who are passionate about their involvement in the work of the church and for the community. Recall we have learned about the Clothes Closet, Flower Guild, Choir, Bell Choir, Parish Life, our EYC and a mission trip to Haiti. All of these presentations have been well received and have enlightened all of us with regard to what this parish is doing. And, we have three more groups to be represented in January. These are only a few of the activities that our parishioners are working on. There are many other groups and organizations within St. Martins in which we can participate that could use your time and your talents. Prayerfully, you will be inclined to be involved in a St. Martin's activity to serve God and his community.

I would also encourage everyone to get to know the Vestry that represents you in our Parish. Should you have concerns and suggestions, please feel free to convey those items to the Vestry and or Father Jim.

God's Blessing for 2012,

Ralph Coggin

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	6	7
8	9	10 <i>ECW Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	11 Chime Choir 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.	12 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	13	14
15 <i>Senior Singles Lunch and Planning Meeting 11:45 a.m. in parish hall</i>	16	17 Laymen's Meeting 6:00 p.m.	18 Parish Life Meeting 5:00 p.m. Chime Choir 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir	19 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Finance Meeting 5:30 p.m.	20	21
22 Community Kitchen 6:30 a.m. <i>Annual Parish Meeting after the 10:00 service</i>	23 Vestry Meeting 6:00 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 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	27	28
29	30	31				

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

**FOLLOWING THE
10:00 SERVICE**

January 2012 Schedule of Ministries

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
8:00 a.m.					
Lay Readers (Lessons)		Will Sutton	Paul Dietrich	Ralph Coggin	Jimmy Tawater
Lay Readers (Prayers)	No 8:00 a.m. Service	Bob Combs	Kay Whaley	Cheryl Roddy	Geoff Rodgers
Chalice Bearers		Will Sutton, Bob Combs	Paul Dietrich, Kay Whaley	Ralph Coggin, Cheryl Roddy	Jimmy Tawater, Geoff Rodgers
Element Bearers		Geoff and Marnie Rodgers	John and Jeanie Rodgers	Allan and Melody Smallwood	Jim and Bunny Clark
Ushers		Larry Roddy, Jim Clark	Bob Combs, Allan Smallwood	Charlie Mason, Dan Johnson	John Hutton, Ralph Coggin
10:00 a.m.					
Lay Readers (Lessons)	Lana Hamilton	Vicki Trapp	Cindy Cohen	Phil Harris	Chris Schultz
Lay Readers (Prayers)	Ralph Coggin	Chris Schultz	Ed Virgin	Sandra Riddle	Jack Holloway
Chalice Bearers	Brenda Terrell	Jack Holloway, Susan Polcari	Cori Hasden, Jerry Thurston	Lana Hamilton, Vicki Trapp	Vicki Trapp, Brenda Terrell
Element Bearers		Hugh and Pam Failing	Ron and Anne Lee	Daniel and Lenore Hamaty	John and Sandra Riddle
Bulletin Usher		Ralph Maddux, Joe Vezel	Brenda Terrell, Jim Finley	Mark Qualey, Ed Virgin	Scott Schnitzer, Ralph Maddux
Usher/Greeter		Joe Veys, Scott Schnitzer	Morris Chapman, Barney Morgan	John Riddle, Joe Vezel	Joe Veys, Morris Chapman
Youth Lector		Hannah Harris	Jonathon Polcari	Scott Westman	Taylor Qualey
Server		Christian Lee	Katherine Polcari	Kate Westman	Lexie Kyriakidis
Crucifer		Joey Schultz	Rachel Hasden	Kyle Sewell	Christian Lee
Torch Bearers		Scott Westman, Sophie Veys	Jarrod Vezel, Maggie Lee	Luke Qualey, Hunter Taliaferro	Austin Rogers, Sophie Veys
Altar Guild	Group II (C. Cohen, H. Strub, F. Payne, B. Milstead, S. Soulen, M. Higgins)	Group III (B. Henry, P. Mason, K. Shropshire, P. Coggin, M. Smallwood, A. Vezel, M. Fox)	Group IV (M. Gilliland, J. Virgin, M. Sewell, B. Tawater, J. Rodgers, H. Buell)	Group V (D. Hutton, C. Roddy, S. Harrison, J. George, F. Pearce, C. Bartoes)	Group I (B. Terrell, L. Hamilton, M. Rodgers, C. Striebel, D. Schnitzer, E. Veys)
Flower Guild	C. Roddy, S. Soulen, M. Combs	S. McIntosh, B. Milstead	B. Clark, P. Mason	J. Rodgers, M. Fox	



ECW

Happy New Year! I hope you all will be able to join the ECW for some of our events this year. We would love to get to know you! In

January, we will have craft night! Join us on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Susan Polcari will lead us in making all occasion cards, similar to the ones we have made for St. Barnabas. There will be a small materials fee, probably \$10 or less. For this event, we request that you RSVP so that we will have enough materials. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Lora Finley at JLMFinley@aol.com or 309-9189. Thank you!

Lora Finley



Senior Singles

The Senior Singles will meet Sunday, January 15 at 11:45 in the Parish Hall for lunch and our annual planning meeting. Join us and share your ideas for the coming year.

Barbara Milstead



Laymen's Group

Due to conflicts in schedules for most members, the Laymen's Group did not meet in December but will meet at the Church on January 17, 6:00 p.m.

Happy New Year to all!

Jeff Taliaferro



Parish Life

Thank you to Jerry and Emily Thurston for opening their beautiful home for our December Supper Club. Thank you also to our food hosts, Larry and Cheryl Roddy, Sam and Cindy Cohen, Jim and Bunny Clark and Jim and Nancy Hudson.

Thank you to those who participated in the Christmas lunch, and especially to Cheryl Roddy who chaired the event.

The next Parish Life meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome.

DeeDee Hutton



EYC News

Many thanks to the Veys and the Veziel's for hosting our progressive dinner in their lovely homes. The gift exchange was particularly entertaining this year. If you were not able to make it, be sure to ask Fr. Jim about his Justin Bieber ornament.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to start planning for the new year. We will be scheduling a planning meeting soon. Please watch the announcements for this.

Heather Westman



Saint Martin's to give support to Hungry Children

Saint Martin's will be working with two other churches in our area to sponsor a "Sack Pack" program. The goal of this program is to provide food to the neediest children at East Brainerd elementary school, just down the street from our parish. These children are on the school free lunch program during the week, but, on the weekend, there might not be enough food at home. The sack packs will bridge the gap between lunch on Friday and breakfast on Monday. We will be sharing the work with New Hope Presbyterian on Shallowford Road and Brainerd Presbyterian on Jenkins Road. Each church will take a month or two beginning in January to provide the sack packs. St. Martin's has been assigned the month of February to provide sacks for about 50 children each week. The teachers at East Brainerd elementary determine those most in need. The sacks are discretely placed in the children's backpacks while they are in class, so no one is aware who receives one.

The sack packs can contain granola bars, toaster pastries, pop-top beans/soup/pasta, fruit cups, raisins, cheese and crackers, juice drinks, shelf-stable milk, and sometimes a treat.

There are several ways you can help with this effort: bring food items listed above to the church pantry, volunteer to help bag the food items or make a donation for the purchase in bulk of some of the items. It might be rewarding for children in your family to maybe "adopt" a child for whom they would bring food each of the four weeks.

Please volunteer in some way with this much needed outreach program for our church. To volunteer, please contact Pam Mason (490-0303 or pcmason@comcast.net) or bring food to church during the month of January. Thanks so much of your consideration of this request.

Pam Mason

Happy 2012! We are half-way through the school year and the PreSchoolers have really made leaps and bounds in their academic and social development and we are now refining those skills and looking to the preschooler's needs for the coming year. We always have fun while we are learning especially when we put it to music like alphabet aerobics or in a game like BINGO with candy markers. Ms. Schnitzer always has math, reading and writing centers open for our morning fun! The process of art is also important to learning whether it is the 'baby day' children gluing with Ms. Kathy and Ms. Allison (and they do love glue!) or the 4's designing and producing intricate projects with Ms. Owensby. Following directions, completing tasks, using your imagination, are all so vital to learning and so much fun in art! Music is very, very important to reading as rhythm; repetition and rhyme are keys to learning and reading. Plus, it is such fun with Ms. George teaching. We know that if school is fun and rewarding from the very 'Beginnings' it will continue in the future!

Our favorite chilly weather unit for 3's and 4's will be 'Pajamas and Pancakes'. We will all come dressed in pajamas and slippers. We will bring a stuffed animal and a blanket and snuggle up to read bedtime stories. For snack, we will eat warm pancakes dipped in syrup. If we can't go outside, we might just stay in our pj's all day!

PRESCHOOL FALL APPLICATION TIME IS HERE!

We will *begin* accepting applications from our current students, Church members, and siblings on Wednesday, **February 1 for the 2012-2013 school year**. We have classes for children ages 12 months through 4 years, meeting from one to five days per week depending on the age. If you are interested or need more information, please call me at 855-1011 for an application. Classes begin filling quickly on February 1 and if you wait, your class preference choices will be slim! We will begin accepting applications from the public on March 1.

Jennie Virgin

Put in February Messenger

We at St. Martin's extend our sympathy to the family of Clark Hutton, father of John Hutton "Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon him."



Cindy and Kylie Farnum, Fran Allison, Corina Carroll, Walter and Martha Weaver, Katherine Mansfield, John Danielson, Anne Prettyman, Fr. Jim and Emmy Marquis, Mary Ann Bailey, James Payne, Dana O'Steen, Howard Higgins, Betty Whaley, Sue Holtkamp, Bryan, Karyn Danielson, Ana Ban, Sam Hudson, Mary Maddux, Betty Walls, Joshua Rice, Cynthia Tripp, John Gaines, Richard, Riley Fowler, Shirley Gerhardt, Pat Randolph, Gary McKinney, Jane Long, Betty Jo Kawaja, Patricia, Mary, Terry, Tommy Bohn, Kevin, Charles Hagood, Martha Jones, Carolyn Thompson, Paul and Roxie Johnson, Emerson, Leon Sutherland, Mike Shields, Daphne Veys, Ian Mitchell, Charles Hudson, Annie Blanks, Jillian Vardon, Tom Baird, Jeff Ligon, Mary McEwen, Jill Bennett, Tripp McNeil, Amy Coggin, Claudia Jones, Courtney Briton, Lottie, Clark Hutton, Julie Westrom

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Ethan Dechant, USMC
Staff Sgt. Justin Virgin, USA
Sgt Matthew Caras, USNG



January 1	Tony Duke
January 3	Ashley Landguth
January 4	Elizabeth Ferrera
January 5	Alice Beck
January 6	Bob Allison
	Lana Hamilton
January 8	Martha Higgins
	Ed McManus
January 9	Martha Weaver
January 10	Ken Rivers
January 12	Sean Brown
January 14	Doug Trice
January 15	Matthew Zwick
January 17	Chris Schutz
January 18	Kelli Fischer
	Richard Simms
January 19	Evan Qualey
January 23	Alex Duke
	Linda Rivers
January 24	Art Brock
	Nancy Brock
	Christian Cassel
January 27	Marla Combs
	Joe Greenwell
January 28	Joe Jenkins
January 31	Reid Adams
	Perry Konsavage