

**Rector's Note**  
**August 14, 2025**

This week I've been noticing and appreciating all the ways we show up for each other at St Martin's. Phone calls and emails to check in, ask for or offer prayers. A ride to church or to a medical appointment. Mysterious and delicious baked goods dropped off for Tea under the Tent. A caring, sensitive response to a phone call to the church from someone in distress.

We show up for our neighbors as well. I attended the NW Refugee and Immigrant Network meeting at Chestnut Hill Friends, and of course, found three other St Martin's members there. Luke and I also attend a monthly NW Interfaith Clergy group. Several St Martin's members attended the recent rally in support of a Germantown man who is being held in detention.

Everywhere we show up, we are noticed and known -- Oh, St Martin's! You folks do so much! St Martin's, you guys are always here!

It makes me grateful and proud to be a part of such a community. Inside and outside our walls, we take our bodies here and there, we show up for each other and the world as the Body of Christ. In doing these things, we are making resurrection real and present, for ourselves and for each other.

We do not agree on every issue. We don't always know the right thing to say or do. And we cannot do everything. But our small and not-so-small actions are significant. They are helping us to heal and grow. And they are adding some much-needed care and love to the world.

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