



# St. Martin's News

## EPIPHANY-WINTER, 2017

### Welcome the Dahans! A Strong Start for the Refugee Resettlement Ministry



St. Martin's Refugee Resettlement Ministry

Patience and grace filled Marnie Kerr's response to her family member's statement that, "this whole effort seems so inefficient". She replied simply, "Of course it is a bit chaotic, it is called a refugee *crisis* for a reason." Despite the hurry-up-and-wait that St. Martin's newly formed Refugee Resettlement Ministry has been through this fall, on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> the group joyfully welcomed a four-member Syrian family to their new home in Mt. Airy.

The story of how we got to this joyful Advent welcome begins this past spring when St. Martin's leadership authorized the establishment of St. Martin's Refugee Resettlement Ministry. Spurred by concern for the global refugee crisis, especially out of Syria, several parishioners gathered to begin the exploration of hosting refugee families. Energy for the ministry is abundant,

and in June the decision was made to co-sponsor a Syrian college student, Samra, who is now attending LaSalle University. Later in August, The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel and his wife, The Rev. Dr. Alison Boden, decided to answer the call to house a Syrian high school student. Mohamad joined

this bustling teenager-filled household in order to attend a local Friends school.

In September the ministry agreed to host a 13-member refugee family, coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through our partner Bethany Christian Services, a local organization authorized by the Federal Government to resettle refugees.

The call went out immediately for hands,

money, and donations. Within 24 hours a home was secured and furnished. Within 36 hours nearly everything on the donation request list was donated or signed up for. Donations of household goods, clothing, small appliances, toys, and personal care products poured into the drop-off area in the church's narthex (entryway). Just as quickly, team members picked up the items and brought them to the home.

Throughout the fall, the ministry awaited word on the final travel arrangements for the Lubandas, the Congolese family we were expecting. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party celebration for Jarrett also served as a fundraiser for the Refugee Resettlement Ministry, bringing in over \$4,360. Marnie Kerr sent out regular updates while Hal Taussig began training people in French and Swahili in order to welcome and communicate with the family. In November two educational fundraising events were held. People learned more about the Democratic Republic of the Congo,



The Dahans are welcomed at church and the Carol Sing on December 18.

## January Schedule

### January 1—New Year's Day Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 a.m. worship

### January 8—Baptism of our Lord

8:00 & 10:00 a.m. worship

11 a.m. Epiphany party in the Parish Hall

5 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

### January 15—Full Program Return

8:00, 9:00, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m. Worship

9 a.m. Children's Chapel returns during the sermon

10 a.m. Kairos, FUSE, and Parish Forum return

10:15 a.m. worship.together returns

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# Weekday Worship

Following a break for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, weekday worship will return the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MORNING PRAYER** is held Mondays through Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Mary Chapel. Begin your morning with the rhythm of the daily office. This quiet 30-minute service includes both scripture and prayer.

**WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST** at 12:15 p.m. Returns Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**COMPLINE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 7 p.m. following SUPPER Compline, "A Nightcap for the Soul," is a beautiful sung, 20-minute service to close out the day. Returns Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**HEALING PRAYERS** will continue to be available in the side chapel during Sunday morning services. In addition

to the clergy, both Laura Palmer, an oncology chaplain at CHOP and Barb Ballenger, Associate for Spiritual Formation and Care are a part of the laying-on-of-hands team.

**NEW! CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** will return to the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 15. Children are invited to go to the Mary Chapel during the sermon at 9 a.m. for a message. They join their families later in the service for the Eucharist. Thanks to everyone who gave feedback leading to the restart of this ministry.

This January we will also be looking forward to **TRAINING NEW ACOLYTES AND LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS AND MINISTERS**. Would you like to extend St. Martin's presence in the community? We bring communion and fellowship to those who for

Save the Dates for

## Monastic March

*Holy Cross Mission to St. Martin's*  
**March 10-12**  
More information TBA

*Holy Cross Retreat:*  
*Let the Silence Teach You*  
**March 24-26th**  
in Hyde Park, New York  
Led by The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

Registration is open for the Holy Cross Retreat in New York. 20 spaces are available. Deposit payment of \$50 is *required* to hold a space. Register at [StMartinEC.org](http://StMartinEC.org) under Spiritual Growth.

various reasons are homebound and cannot attend on Sundays. Team members visit on a rotating basis. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Anne Swoyer at [swoyera@yahoo.com](mailto:swoyera@yahoo.com). Please also feel free to share the names of anyone who would appreciate being a recipient of these visits.

If you are interested in participating in any of our liturgical ministries, please contact the Rev. Anne Thatcher at [athatcher@stmartinec.org](mailto:athatcher@stmartinec.org). For more information on all our liturgical ministries please go to the Get Connected, Get Involved link on our website, [StMartinEC.org](http://StMartinEC.org).



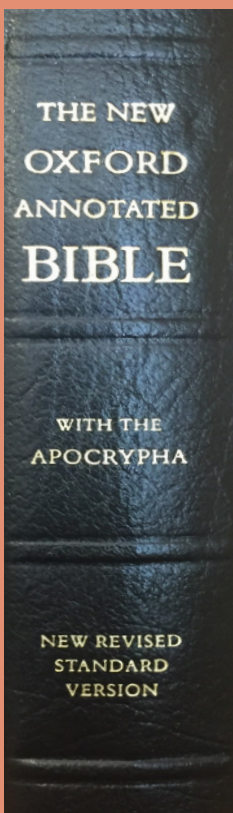
## Field Notes

Learn More and Stay Informed!

Sign up for the weekly e-Field Notes newsletter at [StMartinEC.org](http://StMartinEC.org)



## Word On! The Bishop's Bible Challenge Coming January 1, 2017



Join Bishop Gutierrez on a year-long journey through the Bible! As a diocesan family this is something we can do together to help us feel connected. It will produce results in our prayer together, in our worship together, and most certainly in our study together.

*Here's how to join:*

- **Register** to participate at our online registration site: <https://diopa.wufoo.com/forms/bishops-bible-challenge/>
- If you do not use a computer or smart phone simply call the **Offices of the Diocese** at 215.627.6434 and we will register you by phone.
- If you need a **Bible**, contact the clergy at your parish.
- A **Diocesan App** will be released in mid-December that will have everything you need to read on the go! Once you are registered, you will be notified when the App is available through the App Store.
- Right now, join our online **Facebook group: DIOPA Bishop's Bible Challenge**. This is where you can post your own testimonies on the readings in either written or picture response. Check the group page and the hashtags #wordon or #diopabbc to see what other participants are saying!

For more information or for any questions, please contact the **Diocesan Offices** at 215.627.6434.

# Music Program Sings

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.**

Technically, our Christmas Lessons & Carols service takes place during the Epiphany season, but we figured nobody would be upset if we made one final Christmas offering a little bit late. Join us for a beautiful service sung by the Treble and Chancel choirs.

## GLORIA CONSORT CONCERT

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.**

After the 7 p.m. Compline service, the Gloria Consort returns to present a free concert of baroque chamber music on a variety of instruments.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### BROADWAY FAVORITES & DESSERTS

**Sunday evening, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

A fundraiser for the UK Pilgrimage. Just in time for Valentine's Day!

## CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL OF DELAWARE

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 11:15 a.m.**

We welcome back the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware to sing the 11:15 service. This amazing choir brings children and adults from all walks of life together for the purpose of praising God and building community. <http://www.ccsde.org/>

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** return in the new year. New members are welcome! The Treble Choir (children grades 2-8) rehearses on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and sings at the 9:00 service; the Chancel Choir (adults) rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and sings at the 11:15 service; the Parish Choir (adults) does not have a weekday rehearsal and sings at the 9:00 service. For any



questions please contact Erik Meyer at [emeyer@stmartinec.org](mailto:emeyer@stmartinec.org) or x104.

## Evensongs

*First Sundays at 5:00 p.m.*

The choirs are hard at work preparing for our second choral pilgrimage. We will be the choir-in-residence at Bristol Cathedral in August 2017, and sing an Evensong at Westminster Abbey. Since many of you will be unable to join us in England, we welcome you to the following Evensongs through the spring. Come to listen to and enjoy the music that will be sung at the Cathedral and the Abbey this August.

### FEBRUARY 5 - Epiphany Season Evensong\*

Our first Evensong of 2017!

### MARCH 5 - Lenten Evensong\*

Begin your Lenten observance with the beautiful sung prayers of this service.

### APRIL 2 - Passiontide Evensong\*

Choral meditations on the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

### MAY 7 - Eastertide Evensong and Auction

Celebrate Christ's resurrection with us; afterwards, join us for a splendid auction which benefits our singers going on our pilgrimage!

### JUNE 4 - Evensong for the Day of Pentecost

Our last Evensong before we depart, followed by a much-loved tailgating party in the parking lot.

\*RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.

*WHAT a lovely, lovely Christmassy evening....I loved Evensong! St Martin's is such a lovely church and your choir amazing...quiet, peaceful - special. Easy to forget at this time of year what it's all meant to be about...but this program with lessons and beautiful carols brought everything front and center. And please congratulate your choir! Your lead soprano has THE most beautiful voice - so strong and pure.*

*~ Non-Parishioner Attendee at Advent Procession*

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# WELLSPRING

AT ST. MARTIN'S

*Wellspring is St. Martin's ministry for soul-discovery, spiritual growth, and healing.*

## Winter Programming

### MINDFUL LIVING

*Tuesdays, 6 to 7:15 p.m.*

*beginning Dec. 13*

Facilitator: Deborah Cooper

This ongoing class consists of both silent and led meditation, a brief presentation and time for discussion. The class is built around "The Places that Scare You" by Pema Chodron. Participants will be encouraged to take some of the concepts and work with them during the week. Drop-ins welcome. Cost: \$20 per class

### SPIRITUALITY OF AGING

*1st Wednesdays, 3 to 4:30 p.m.*

*Next Session Jan. 4*

Convener: Karen Rowley

All are invited to learn where God may be and how God is acting as we move in the second half of life.

*No registration required.*

### AN INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

*Saturday, Jan. 7*

*9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Location: Springboard Meditation Sangha*

This day-long program offered by Deborah Cooper provides an introduction to Mindfulness Meditation. No previous experience is necessary. Please bring your lunch as well as a yoga mat if you have one.

**Registration is required.** Fee: \$50

### WOMEN CONNECTING

*Saturday, Jan. 14; 9 to 11:30 a.m.*

Women Connecting is a seasonal gathering of women. Through the gifts of silent reflection and deep listening, we share and receive each other in the stories that we tell. As we listen and experience being heard, we come to a deeper knowledge of both ourselves and the community to which we belong. *No registration required.* **DATES FOR 2017 ARE:** January 14, March 4, April 29, and June 3

### MINDFULNESS AND WHITE PRIVILEGE:

#### AN ANTI-RACISM SEMINAR FOR WHITE PEOPLE

*Sundays: Jan. 15 and 29, Feb. 12 and 26, March 5 and 19 from 3 pm to 5:30.*

*Concludes with a day-long retreat Saturday, April 8 from 10 am to 4 pm.*

This seven-week anti-racism program will blend mindfulness meditation practices with an exploration of white privilege. Open to a multi-faith audience, the seminar aims to engage white people in both a spiritually and historically informed practice of addressing racism to foster the personal insight and understanding that is essential for interracial work right now.

**Facilitators:** Pamela Freeman and Deborah Cooper

**Registration is required.** Fee: \$320; scholarships available.

### LISTENING LESSONS:

#### NO FIXING, NO SAVING

*Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 7:30 to 9 pm*

Led by Joanne Conway, this program will explore how the techniques for active listening used in St. Martin's Women Connecting program can be a model for all listening, following Parker Palmer's advice of "no fixing, no saving, no setting each other straight."

**Registration Required.** Suggested: \$15

#### HOW TO BE HAPPIER

*Saturdays: Jan. 21 and 28, and Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25; 10 to 11 a.m.*

Learn ways to ways to increase happiness and life satisfaction in this six-week series. The classes are based on the new field of positive psychology, which, instead of treating illness, looks at ways to promote happiness, life satisfaction, and resilience. Dr. Sarah Whitman is a psychiatrist practicing in the Philadelphia area. Her practice focuses on chronic physical pain.

**Registration Required.** Fee: \$60

#### PRAYING FROM THE SILENT CENTER

*Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.*

According to Basil Pennington, Centering Prayer is "but a simple way to open the door wide all the way to let God in Christ come in." The Rev. Sharline Fulton will lead an

introduction to this prayer form that allows one to discover God in contemplative silence.

**Registration Required.** Suggested: \$15

Wellspring also makes space at Hilary House available for **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**. If you are seeking spiritual direction, or are a spiritual director looking for a place to practice, contact Barb Ballenger, Associate for Spiritual Formation & Care at [bballenger@stmartinec.org](mailto:bballenger@stmartinec.org).

Help support Wellspring and attend programs for free by being a **SPRING TENDER**. These volunteers handle the logistics of a Wellspring program such as welcoming and signing in participants, introducing the presenter, and handing out and collecting evaluations. To learn more, contact Barb Ballenger.

**FOR NEWS ON NEW AND UNFOLDING PROGRAMS**, as well as registration information, go to [StMartinEC.org](http://StMartinEC.org) and click on the Wellspring link or join the Wellspring email list on the homepage by clicking "Join our List" and selecting your interests.

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# In Case You Missed It...



**Left to Right from Top:** The Rev. Betsy Ivey preached at the Oct. 2 Evensong; Kids dressed up for a fun afternoon at *Owls, Ogres and an Organist* on Oct. 30; Jarrett and his wife Alison dancing at his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration Oct. 7; Parents Play Date Oct. 15; Altar Guild polishing on Nov. 12 ahead of St. Martin's Day; All Saints' Day Lear altar Nov. 6; a family engaged in The Rev. Jarrett's sermon in October; Ned McConaghy's St. Martin's Comic in the Dec. 1 Chestnut Hill Local; *What's Opera Doc* Choir fundraiser from Oct. 16; The Rev. Anne accepts St. Martin's Chestnut Hill Architectural Hall of Fame award from the Chestnut Hill Historical Society at the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Gala; Bishop Daniel Gutierrez visits St. Martin's on Dec. 1; St. Francis Day Pet Blessing Oct. 9.

Follow St. Martin's on Facebook and watch for updates in your e-Field Notes for more event photos.

# Planned Giving: A Perpetual Gift

When you do your estate planning and you consider leaving a planned gift to support future ministry at St. Martin's, think about making a perpetual pledge!

In other words, make a gift to the endowment that will generate your annual giving for as long as the church exists past your lifetime. As a rule of thumb, make a gift to the endowment 20 times your annual gift and you will achieve the perpetual pledge level. So, if you give \$2,000 per year to St. Martin's consider an estate plan gift of \$40,000 to St. Martin's endowment.

We believe in Planned Giving and growing the endowment at St. Martin's because both open doors for ministry! Our land and building were a gift of the Houston family. These and other gifts have kept our ministry thriving and expanding. The endowment makes it possible for people of many different income levels to enjoy St. Martin's without the pressure of making large annual gifts.

*Here are some ideas of ministries that you could fund in perpetuity:*

- A \$80,000 gift would support a paid section leader position in our choir.
- A \$100,000 gift would support our grounds maintenance costs.
- A \$500,000 gift would support our Youth Ministry position.

If you'd like more information about planned giving, please speak to the Rev. Jarrett Kerbel or Patricia Stranahan from the Planned Giving Committee.



# Care Captains

## A new ministry of congregational care at St. Martin's

"Build on our strengths" is the Rector's congregational development guide star. "In giving and receiving care, we encounter Christ" is a core value at St. Martin's. The root of our new "Care Captains" ministry is our congregation's wonderful ability to rally around families experiencing a crisis or a life-event that requires extra support and resources. In conversation with members of the congregation who have naturally ministered in this way, the staff are working to create a "Care Captains" group who will make themselves available to coordinate basic forms of care for families who ask for assistance. For example: If you give birth to octuplets and your family could use help with

meals and changing diapers, etc. You would call any staff member and we would then ask a Care Captain to organize the congregation's response to your situation. We envision a ministry focused on the basics of meals, transportation, respite, friendly visits, and prayer. The ministry will supplement the work of Stephen Ministry and round out our core value: "In giving and receiving care, we encounter Christ." Look for an opportunity to learn more in February 2017. If you have a personal interest in exploring the role of Care Captain please talk to the Rev. Jarrett Kerbel at [jkerbel@stmartinec.org](mailto:jkerbel@stmartinec.org). The Care Captains will be coordinated through the hospitality committee.

# Snow Angels

Eric Borgstrom and Jarrett Kerbel would like you to sign up to be a St. Martin's Snow Angel! When we get a big snow James Kent - our beloved custodian - cannot get here. We often

need help to clear sidewalks and walk ways for weekday and weekend activities. Send an email to Jarrett Kerbel at [jkerbel@stmartinec.org](mailto:jkerbel@stmartinec.org) if you would like to be a snow angel.



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the culture, the people, the customs, and the reasons that people are leaving. Over \$1,000 more was raised or pledged for the ministry between the two events.

In early December, a call came from Bethany Christian Services that the Lubandas, were no longer on the resettlement list and would no longer need hosting. Instead they offered the opportunity to host a Syrian family expected on December 14<sup>th</sup> and the Refugee Resettlement Ministry kicked into action adjusting its arrangements to accommodate this new family.

This brings us back to our welcome of the Dahans. Arriving were Sameer: age 40, who has worked as a tailor and in a sweet shop; Sameer's wife, Majidah: age 26; their son Ayman, age 7, and one-year-old daughter Iman. Joining the ministry representatives at the welcome was Samra, who helped greatly with translation. Ministry members settled the Dahans into their home the same evening that many enjoyed a *Messiah* Sing-Along at the church, at which we raised another \$720 for the ministry.

The depth of need is the undercurrent to the success of this ministry so far. Thousands of Syrians, like members of the Dahan family, flee their country every day. They often decide to escape after seeing their neighborhoods bombed or family members killed. The risks on the journey to the border can be as high as staying: families

## What happened to the Lubandas?

Here is the context that determines their circumstances: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated by its Statute and the UN General Assembly Resolutions to undertake resettlement as one of the three durable solutions. Of the 14.4 million refugees of concern to UNHCR around the world, less than one percent is submitted for resettlement.

In 2015, UNHCR submitted the files of over 134,000 refugees for consideration by resettlement countries. Bethany Christian Services and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (our partners) are authorized by the federal government to resettle refugees. However, they do not have access to the UNHCR refugee files nor are they privy to how many refugees the UNHCR is attempting to resettle in the US at any given time. Therefore when the Lubandas were moved off the UNHCR resettlement list, we were not given any information as to why they were moved, where they are or how long the wait will be until they are once again back on the list for travel. This is why we decided to go ahead say yes to another family on the list. We are still praying for the Lubandas, that they may have the opportunity they have been waiting and hoping for.

Visit the UNHCR website at <http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/resettlement.html> to learn more.

## SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

### Children Caught in War



More than 50% of Syrian refugees are children who've lost everything.



walk for miles through the night to avoid being shot at by snipers or being kidnap young men to fight for their cause. According to the U.N., about 11 million Syrians have been displaced from their homes - enough people to fill roughly 200 Yankee Stadiums. This includes about 4.8 million refugees who have been forced to seek safety in neighboring countries.

Your ongoing support of this ministry and for refugees around the world is greatly appreciated.

### Help and Learn More

Visit [StMartinEC.org](http://StMartinEC.org) for links

- Find a team and volunteer
- Donate Supplies
- Make a Financial Gift - Please indicate Refugee Resettlement Ministry in the memo on checks or comments online.

### SEEKING ARABIC SPEAKERS

The Dahan family speaks only Arabic and are supported by a generous group of 10 Arabic translators, proving that this project takes a village. If you or someone you know speaks Arabic, please email Hal Taussig at [hal@haltaussig.org](mailto:hal@haltaussig.org). We are gathering an additional list of people can communicate with them initially while they learn English.

### SEEKING TRANSPORTATION

Would you be willing to be available to transport the family at times, e.g., for medical appointments or to buy groceries? If so, please email Susan Cole at [cole.susan07@gmail.com](mailto:cole.susan07@gmail.com). We are building a list of potential drivers. Of course, it will up to you to say yes or no to specific transportation needs.

### PRAY UNCEASINGLY

We also appreciate your prayers for this ministry. Please keep the Dahans, the Lubandas, Samra, Mohamad, our partners at Bethany Christian Services, and all the members of St. Martin's Refugee Resettlement Committee in your prayers.

### St. Martin's Refugee Resettlement Committee

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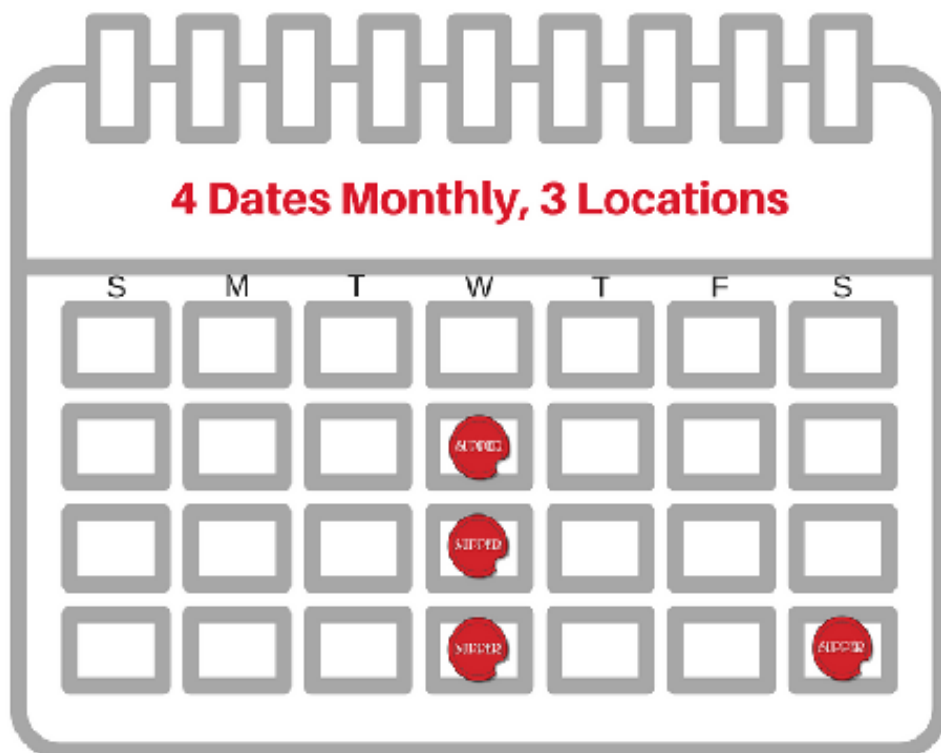


*In January, SUPPER returns in full. Among St. Martin's, Grace Epiphany, and Christ Church & St. Michael's, there is a SUPPER nearby nearly every week!*

**ST. MARTIN'S**  
Chestnut Hill  
8000 St. Martin's Lane  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ 6PM

**GRACE EPIPHANY**  
Mt. Airy  
224 East Gowen Avenue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @ 6PM

**CHRIST CHURCH & ST. MICHAEL'S**  
Germantown  
29 W. Tulpehocken Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays @ 3PM



## BOOKS AND BANTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays  
7:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
in the Houston Room

\*Get the full reading list and more information on [St-MartinEC.org](http://St-MartinEC.org) under Spiritual Growth

**January 9**  
*Howards End*

**February 13**  
*One Book,  
One Philadelphia\**

**March 13**  
*The Nightingale*

**April 10**  
*A Tale of Two Cities*

**May 8**  
*The Bird Skinner*

**June 12**  
*Leaving Berlin*



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108 on Thursdays



# Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team at St. Martin's helps the parish develop a greener practice and awareness through educational activities, spiritual programs, and advocacy opportunities. It also supports the local work of Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light, a state-wide climate justice group of which St. Martin's is a congregational member.

In the new year, the Climate Action

Team will sponsor a **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE EVENT AT BUTTERCUP COTTAGE ON JAN. 16, FROM 9 AM TO NOON.** The remains of this cottage on Cresheim Valley Drive in Fairmount Park has special meaning to St. Martin's, which provided pastoral outreach to women who once lived there. For the last few years the Climate Action Team has sponsored invasive plant removal at the site. To

get involved with the day of service at the site contact Susan MacQueen, [suemacqueen55@gmail.com](mailto:suemacqueen55@gmail.com).

Team members meet on the **THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM** at St. Martin's to plan activities. To be added to the email list for Climate Action Team meetings and events, contact Barb Ballenger at [bballenger@stmartinec.org](mailto:bballenger@stmartinec.org).

## Welcome to the Episcopal Church

### An afternoon class for curious newcomers

Join the Rector for a freewheeling exploration of the Episcopal branch of Christianity on **JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.** in the Library. Childcare will be provided in the Houston Room and we encourage families to attend, with or without kids.

Your questions will guide the class as we discuss the way we worship, sources of teaching authority in the church, commonly held teaching and social ethics in the church, as well as how we organize ourselves and how one might get involved in

a meaningful way. This new format is an experiment to see if we can make this orientation available to a greater variety of newcomers to our community. We will end our day with pizza for the kids and homemade soup and bread for the adults.

### Parents' Play Date

Saturday, February 11  
4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

The holiday season is over, is it finally time to relax? How about a fireside dinner and conversation with other parents while your children enjoy supervised play? Sounds like a date!

Join us at St. Martin's for our next **PARENTS' PLAY DATE** on Saturday, February 11<sup>st</sup> from 4-6:30 p.m. We'll organize food and care for your children in one room, while you enjoy a meal and fellowship in another room. We'll make sure everyone is home for bedtime!

Cost is \$15 per adult; please bring a beverage or dessert to share. For information please contact Natalee Hill at 215.247.7466 x106 or [nhill@stmartinec.org](mailto:nhill@stmartinec.org).



### good.clean.fun

Just like it sounds, we offer opportunities for people of all ages to engage in good, clean fun! These events are free and open to the public.

**SING ALONG: THE MUPPET MOVIE**

**Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

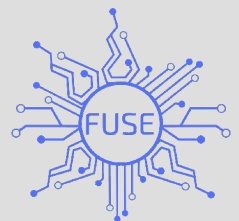
Brighten your February by movin' right along to the Rainbow Connection. Can you picture that? Come all lovers & dreamers, and frogs.

Costumes and puppets welcome; popcorn will be available.

**KAIROS**, our Christian Education for K-5th grade, and **FUSE YOUTH MINISTRY**



for grades 6-12 both meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. In addition there are regular special events coordinated by Ellen Doster ([edoster@stmartinec.org](mailto:edoster@stmartinec.org)). Parents watch your email for weekly Kairos and FUSE updates, sent on Fridays.



Miss the sermon? Don't forget about:



# Parish Forum Winter 2017

**January 15**

## **JUST LISTENING**

Sharon Browning, founder of JUST Listening, will help us learn to communicate for the common good without judgment and ego.

**January 22**

## **BEING IN COMMUNION**

Rector Jarrett Kerbel leads us in a reflection on how faith and sacrament empowers a diverse faith community to be in communion with one another and with God.

**January 29**

## **THE POWER OF A BROKEN HEART: ADDRESSING INJUSTICE IN PAINFUL TIMES.**

The Rev. Chaz Howard, University Chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania, helps us find energy and meaning in doing the ongoing spiritual work of justice.

**February 5**

## **ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING**

Come hear about how your financial contributions are being put towards

# Biblical Studies

## *Reading and Discussing Scripture in Small, Lay-Led Groups*

St. Martin's continues its long history of biblical studies by offering several opportunities to meet weekly with a group to read the scriptures together. All reading and discussion is contained within the sessions, and by design there is no homework. Bringing the Word to life through thoughtful conversation provides unlimited possibilities for discovery.

### **READING TOGETHER THE UNFOLDING TEXTS OF THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

*Mondays 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Hilary House  
(restarts Jan. 9)*

A great introduction to all Biblical studies, this new class explores the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (the Synoptic Gospels) in parallel to each other.

Facilitator: Helen White (hlwhite@comcast.net)

ministry here and around the world!

This is our yearly update on the close of the prior fiscal year and the budget for the current fiscal year.

**February 12**

### **OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE ROMP**

Biblical Studies leader Helen White engages us in a tour of the Hebrew Scriptures in this energetic introduction to the Old Testament.

**February 19**

### **NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE ROMP**

The Scripture tour with Helen White continues as we engage in the New Testament.

**February 26**

### **IMAGINING A FEMININE GOD**

The Rev. Anne Thatcher will help us explore the ways that Scripture reveals feminine qualities of the Divine.

*Parish Forum takes place  
weekly on Sunday mornings at  
10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.*

### **THE PSALMS**

*Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the  
Houston Room (restarts Jan. 3)*

Ongoing study. New participants are welcome at any time.

Facilitators: Carol Duncan (carol.duncan8031@gmail.com) and Cathy Glazer (cathyglazer@verizon.net).

### **TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED**

*Thursdays 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. in the Houston  
Room (restarts Jan. 5)*

New participants are welcome at any time.

Facilitator: Charlie Day (cday3416@verizon.net)

### **BEGINNING THE LETTERS OF PAUL WITH FIRST THESSALONIANS**

*Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
in Hilary House (restarts Jan. 5)*

Ongoing study. New participants are welcome at any time.

Facilitator: Helen White (hlwhite@comcast.net)

# Reading with the Rector

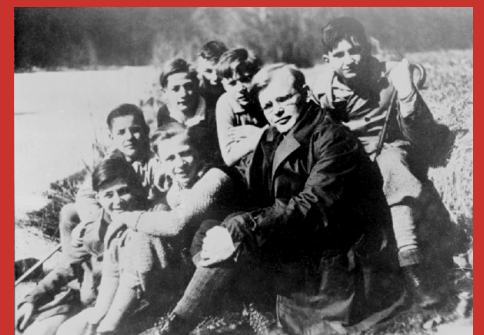
*"After Ten Years: A Reckoning  
made at New Year 1943" by  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Start the New Year exploring the wisdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his reflection on the ten years leading up to 1943 and their meaning for him and for the church. Originally a Christmas letter shared between Bonhoeffer and friends in the German resistance movement, these 15 pages serve as the prologue to *Letters and Papers From Prison*, a collection of the German pastor's writings. In "After 10 Years," Bonhoeffer examines his own conscience and writes:

"Only the one for whom the final standard is not his reason, his principles, his conscience, his freedom, his virtue, but who is ready to sacrifice all these, when in faith and sole allegiance to God he is called to obedient and responsible action: the responsible person, whose life will be nothing but an answer to God's question and call."

Challenging reflection ahead for all who wish to follow God. You can either take a free photocopy of the chapter from the folder in the Parish House foyer or you can buy the book *Letters and Papers from Prison*.

**The class will be at 7:30 p.m. on  
January 18 and 25 in the Houston  
Room at St. Martin's.**



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

RETURNING JANUARY 15

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — *Traditional service with no music*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — *Contemporary service with music*
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour — *Parish Forum, Kairos, and FUSE*
- 10:15 a.m. worship.together — *Holy Eucharist for families with young children*
- 11:15 a.m. Traditional Choral Eucharist  
*Healing is offered during each morning worship service, at communion.*
- 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong — *First Sunday of the month, October - June*

### SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

RETURNING JUNE 11

- 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. with Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:00 a.m.

### HOLIDAYS AS ANNOUNCED

Please visit the website, call the office, or watch email and social media for schedule updates and additions.

### WEEKDAY WORSHIP

RETURNING JANUARY 9

#### Morning Prayer

7:30 a.m. Mon.-Thurs.

#### Morning Meditation

8:15 a.m. Weekdays

#### Mid-Week Eucharist

12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays

#### Compline

7:00 p.m. on 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays after SUPPER

## Our Mission

Welcome all seekers;  
Worship God in liturgy, music and prayer;  
Equip all baptized persons for ministry; and  
Engage as agents of Christ's love in the world.

## Our Core Values

Learning Leads to God;  
In giving and receiving care we encounter Christ;  
Life in the Holy Spirit is beautiful.

## Our Aspirational Values

Community engagement and social justice;  
Unconditional welcome and inclusion;  
A community that calls forth the gifts of its entire people;  
Becoming a racism-free and diverse community that reflects the city where we worship.

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