

Rector's Note

9.17.26

It is exciting to be at the start of a new year of programming at St Martin's. The Children's Choir sang at the 9:00 service this past Sunday and will be joining that service monthly going forward. Their clear and joyful voices singing out the hymns and service music added so much to our worship together!

Our Capital Campaign Team and Vestry are working on finding a consultant to lead the campaign into its next active phase. And the less glamorous but no-less-essential work of addressing the various causes of water in the Parish House basement continue. This week we are being visited by our roofer and a drain person, to get estimates for work that should make things much better.

I am so thankful for the way this St Martin's community showed up for Nate Pierce's celebration of life last weekend. To the ambassadors, ushers, flower and altar guilds, musicians, all who contributed to the reception, all who spiffed up the buildings and grounds, to the staff and to everyone who attended, thank you. The care and love you showed Diane and her family through these acts was beautiful.

We only have a short time left to be with Luke, to wish them well, and to thank them for all they have done with and for St Martin's. If you wish to contribute food to their last Sunday celebrations on September 27, please get in touch with Carol Duncan. To contribute to a cash goodbye gift for Luke, please see the link in the announcement below.

New beginnings, transitions, life passages, these are all part of life together as the Body of Christ. Whether in sadness or joy, or a mix of both, it is wonderful to see how we show up for each other.

Now for a seasonal public service announcement: The fake emails and texts from "me" are showing up again. I have changed my passwords, but it's not clear how much that really helps, since the messages do not come from my account. If you ever get a strange message from me, check the number or email address. If it does not come from the number/address below, block and report it. I will never send vague messages asking for help, and will never ask you to buy gift cards. I apologize for the inconvenience and upset to anyone who has been subjected to these messages recently!

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