



MINISTRIES BOOKLET



**St. Martin's
in-the-Field**
Episcopal Church

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CLERGY & STAFF

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, Associate Rector and School Chaplain, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org

Primarily responsible for supporting the continued growth of our vibrant Children's and Youth ministries within the church, and serves as the Chaplain for our St. Martin's Episcopal School.

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries, music@stmartinsinthefield.org

Directs the adult and children's choirs, the hand bell ensemble, as well as organizes the music programs for all weekly and special services.

Katrina Schultz, Parish Administrator & Volunteer Coordinator, parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org

Ensures the smooth running of both our office and our various programs, ministries, worship and events, including managing our parish database and church records, recruiting and scheduling the various volunteers needed for our Sunday worship, Christian Education, and major ministry events.

Amber Kaltz, Communications Coordinator, communications@stmartinsinthefield.org

Manages parish communications including, weekly E-Pistle, website, social media and local advertising. Produces worship bulletins, reports and booklets, and maintains office computers.

Jory Bender, Director of Finance, treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org

Contact for questions about pledging and contributing to St. Martin's. Works with the treasurer to manage church finances.

Mike Fridy, Facilities Manager, mfridy@stmartinsmd.org

Responsible for keeping St. Martin's Church and School buildings and grounds clean and orderly in addition to performing routine maintenance and repairs as needed.

Reita Turro, Nursery Director

Provides planning, and smooth and safe operation of the St. Martin's nursery.

VESTRY

Dan Sturgeon, Senior Warden srwarden@stmartinsinthefield.org

Aaron Carman, Junior Warden jrwarden@stmartinsinthefield.org

Sally Burton, Treasurer

Susan Griesmyer, Registrar

Class of 2027: Aaron Carman, Susan Gibbons, Chris Lucas and Guy Merritt

Class of 2026: Dan Sturgeon, Julie Reiter, Wendy Gatanas, and Mark Sabins

Class of 2025: Kathy Berge, Kris Chappell, Claudia Kirkup, and Jeannine Theoret

Permanent Committees of the Vestry

Finance: Charlie Fitzgerald, Chair

Architectural: Debbie Fitzgerald, Chair

Buildings and Grounds: Aaron Carman

Personnel: Andy Taylor, Chair

FORMATION MINISTRIES

St. Martin's Formation ministries provide opportunities for parishioners to continue in their spiritual growth through a variety of means.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Intended for children age Pre-K through Grade 5, creates many opportunities to build the foundation of our children's relationship with God.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., children from Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to gather for age-appropriate learning. Our program first has all children participate in joint games and activities before splitting into two groups by age. This format helps build a sense of community while also providing tailored lessons and activities for different age groups. Through activities, crafts, and discussions, children go deeper into their understanding of God's Word. Serve as a teacher, helper, substitute, or extra set of hands for Sunday School.

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NURSERY

Available to the youngest among us (3 and younger), our Nursery is open 8:50 a.m. through the end of the 10:00 a.m. service. Located in Parish Hall, the Nursery is led by Ms. Reita, a licensed professional who provides a safe environment for our children to play and have snack. She has a paid assistant with her each week as well.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

This volunteer-led summertime program features a week's worth of activities for kids Pre-K through 5th grade. Activities include storytelling, reading scriptures, physical activity, music, crafts and more. Each year teen and adult volunteers are needed for various tasks. If you are crafty and/or handy, consider building/creating the sets and other items needed. If you prefer to work with children, sing along and have fun then consider being a teacher or activity lead.

Contact: Tabitha Carman,
tabitha.carmanrn@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

This is an opportunity for age-appropriate fellowship and enrichment during the 10:00 a.m. church service. Before the Gospel is read, children 5th grade and younger are invited to follow a leader from the sanctuary to the music room, where they will hear a story to help them go deeper into scripture. Children return to their families during the Peace. Share your gift of storytelling with our children or help as a set of hands to assist our leader about once a month.

Contact: Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net

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YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our youth program provides formation and education opportunities for youth in grades 6-12.



EYC

(EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)

EYC is an opportunity for our young people to come together for food, fellowship, and fun on Sunday evenings. Open to youth in grades 6-12. We gather two times a month, check our website events page for dates/time.

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J2A (JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD)

The centerpiece of the J2A years is preparation to take a pilgrimage. Youth in grades 9-10, leaders, and parents work together to select a pilgrimage site, prepare, and raise funds for the journey. J2A youth also learn about the beliefs of the church and grow in faith. Classes meet Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 a.m. during the program year.

RITE 13

Throughout the year youth in grades 6 to 8 explore their faith and begin to make it their own. Youth, with their Rite-13 leaders, participate in a variety of activities, group discussion and relationship building. A high point of the program is the Rite-13 liturgy and celebration for young people the year they turn 13. Classes meet Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 a.m. during the program year.

YAC (YOUTH ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH)

High school youth grades 11-12, prepare to make their confirmation decision. YAC includes a mentoring program where young people meet with faithful parishioners to discuss their questions and potential doubts in an informal atmosphere. Classes meet Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 a.m. during the program year.

FORMATION CONTINUED

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Our hope is that conversation with your fellow travelers along the path to faith will move you closer to God.



PARENTS' GROUP

Each week we explore different aspects of faith-based parenting and join in fellowship. This group is geared for parents/guardians, but is open to all who wish to attend. Meets Sundays in Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. during the program year.

Contact Chris and Liz Lucas,
stmartinsparentsgroup@gmail.com.

SHEPHERD GROUP

Group discussion on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. of the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome. For zoom link and details contact Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

BIBLE CHALLENGE BOOK STUDY

Weekly study of the Bible and Gospels in a casual setting. Anyone is welcome to join at anytime. Meets Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in St. Martin's House.

Contact: Cindy Neseth, cincysue1@aol.com.

ADVENT/LENT PROGRAMS

During the weeks of Advent and Lent we offer a variety of opportunities for formation including adult only and intergenerational programs with in-person and zoom options. Join us and gather for a simple dinner and an intergenerational program or check out our virtual adult book discussion.

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OUTREACH & MISSION



St. Martin's Outreach mission seeks to serve all those in need. All are invited to join us by giving both time and talent to fulfill our greater mission "to serve." We welcome your help in the work of the commission to assist those who need our support.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Gathers, packs and delivers weekend food to Anne Arundel County students in need each Friday. This ministry allows these students to have healthy foods at home and be ready and able to learn. St. Martin's members make, donate, buy, sort, and pack food each week. All ages can participate.

Contact: Patti Zielinski, patti.zielinski@verizon.net

WINTER SHELTER

St. Martin's partners with the Arundel House of Hope to provide a warm place to stay, meals, and hospitality for 15-30 homeless men. This is a time where parishioners rally to cook, serve meals, socialize with our guests, purchase snacks, do laundry and transform Heck Hall. It is a great time to share your time and talents to serve God and help others. This is a multi-faceted ministry that involves people of all ages.

Contact: Kathy Berge, helpingotherstowin@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY SHARING

Every year St. Martin's brightens the holidays for our neighbors who are having a financially difficult time. As a parish we are able to provide a Thanksgiving feast, Christmas dinner and Christmas gifts for families and seniors in need. We partner with SPAN to obtain a list of people who need our support and often help more than 50 each year. We are seeking a chair to lead this important ministry. If you are looking for a way to use your organizational skills please contact *Katrina Schultz*, (410) 647-6248, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org.

LIGHT HOUSE SHELTER

St. Martin's sponsors a pizza and Bingo night at Lighthouse Homeless Prevention Center on the first Friday of every month. This is a great opportunity to be with our neighbors by sharing a good meal, and playing a few rounds of Bingo with them. Children must be at least 11 to volunteer.

Contact: Rachel Erdman, rachieryan@hotmail.com.

OUTREACH & MISSION CONTINUED

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

The oldest and largest of our church's mission is our Episcopal School founded in 1958. Today our school continues to impact the lives of preschool through middle school aged students fulfilling the church's commitment to spirited Episcopal education. We're proud that families choose the school for its nurturing setting, its dedicated and talented teachers, and its focus on fostering students of confidence, compassion, and character.

In keeping with the Episcopal tradition, our Episcopal school is welcoming to all and our students come from many different zip codes. Tuition is affordable, financial aid is available, and the school offers a Parishioner Grant to active, pledging parishioners of St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church.

The church supports our school empowering it to fulfill and advance its educational mission and to positively impact the lives of children and families.

Contact: Director of Admissions, Kira Dickson,
(410) 647-7055 x4044, kdickson@stmartinsmd.org.



SEVERNA PARK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SPAN)

Provides help to people in a critical or emergency situation such as utility turn-offs, court-ordered evictions, prescription/medical needs, and food. Anyone can participate through monetary donations, food donations, holding and supporting fundraisers, and volunteering at SPAN directly.



REFUGEE SUPPORT

Providing support to multiple Afghan refugee families in such areas as clothing and household items, employment, language training, medical and dental care. Are you willing and able to provide transportation and delivery of large items and pro-bono care. If so, please contact Kathy Berge, helpingotherstowin@gmail.com.

SCOUTING

St. Martin's is proud to have sponsored Cub and Boy Scout Troop 855 for over 50 years. Parishioners are invited. The scouts enjoy a variety of activities including camping, crafting, pinewood derby race cars, helping in the community, hands-on learning and so much more. Scout meetings held on campus.

Contact: info@pack855.org or
scoutmastertroop855@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY LIFE



Bringing the people of St. Martin's together for conversation and fellowship. These ministries provide wonderful ways to connect with the parish community.

FOYERS GROUP

Adults are invited to join in these social gatherings that strengthen relationships so that friendships can grow. Gatherings center around food, fun, and fellowship and take place through a variety of means such as trivia nights, picnics, etc. – the options are endless. Groups form in the fall, but new members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

Contact: Judy Bonanno, jbon626@verizon.net.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Want to help keep our college students connected to St. Martin's? There are two ways you can help:

VOLUNTEER: Participate in our College Connections ministry by writing notes and/or picking up items for care packages which will be sent throughout the year to remind students we are praying for them and supporting them during this pivotal time in their lives.

SIGN UP YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT: If you are a parent of a college student, sign your child up for the College Connections program. It's easy, just email us your student's name, address, and the college they attend.

Contact: Rachel Erdman, rachieryan@hotmail.com.

WELCOME

Help welcome visitors to St. Martin's, ensuring that they are greeted and connected with clergy. It is always wonderful to see parishioners go out of their way to greet visitors.

Contact: Katrina Schultz, (410) 647-6248, associate@stmartinsinthe field.org

HOSPITALITY

St. Martin's has a glorious tradition of gathering to eat cake. Help make this tasty tradition possible by joining the hospitality team. Volunteers need to help organize special receptions like youth confirmations or special events.

Contact: Ann Bacot Edwards, edwardspartyof5@verizon.net.

SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY

Every February everyone is invited to the St. Martin's Super Bowl party. Main course provided, please bring a side dish to share and any beverage you want to drink. This is a fun way cheer on your team with your St. Martin's family.

Contact: John Theune, jatheune@gmail.com.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

This group shares communion directly from the Sunday altar with members of our parish family who are unable to be in church. Do you feel called to be a Eucharistic Visitor?

Contact: Don Nicholson, mbndbn@msn.com.

COMMUNITY LIFE CONTINUED

HELPING HANDS

This ministry helps to provide meals and/or transportation to those in critical need. Its goal is to ease the burden when parishioners have been hospitalized, ill, or in need of meals and driving. Helping Hands is in need of people to help out other parishioners and want to be aware of parishioners who need our services.

Contact: Lori Skalitzky, (410) 451-0991 threezky@verizon.net.

SUMMER MEET & EATS

Wednesday evening during the summer we gather for food and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve and clean up. This ministry is about more than just a cookout. It's an opportunity to make new friends by sharing and receiving God's love through fellowship. Everyone is welcome and invited.

Contact: John Theune, jatheune@gmail.com.

MUSIC

The Music Program at St. Martin's-in-the-Field supports the active liturgical life of our parish family.



PARISH CHOIR

The primary responsibilities of the choir are: to support and enhance the song of the congregation; engages in the sung dialogues of the worship service; and enrich the liturgical season. Join us in lifting our voices to God. The Parish Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist from September to early June. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All interested singers, 9th grade through adult, are welcome. We are actively looking for more adult choir members.

Contact: Dr. HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries, music@stmartinsinthefield.org

HANDBELL CHOIR

The handbell is an instrument that produces a unique and mystical sound. Each member of the handbell choir rings two or more handbells which are tuned to precise pitches. When the handbell choir plays as a group, the glorious music reverberates throughout the sanctuary. Rehearsals are held on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service, during which we work on musicianship and collaboration. Music reading is helpful, but not required. Ringers, 4th grade and older are welcome.

COMMUNITY LIFE CONTINUED

WORSHIP SUPPORT

This ministry helps support our clergy with worship. The incredible effort and faithfulness of these volunteers help us all to better serve God here in our holy space at St. Martin's, and everywhere we go as the people of Christ.



ACOLYTES

Youth, grades 3 and older, and adults, are invited to help serve and assist in our worship. Two roles for acolytes are: Crucifer and torch bearer. The crucifer carries the cross leading our procession into and out of church. Crucifers also assist with the distribution and collection of our weekly offering. Torch bearers carry the two processional torches. Acolytes serve approximately once a month and we are always looking for additional acolytes for this vital and holy ministry.

Contact: Rev. Nathan, (410) 647-6248,
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CHALICE BEARERS

Serve the communion wine during the service(s) as assigned. Being a Eucharistic Minister allows individuals to help serve the sacrament of Holy Communion. Volunteers need to be 16 years or older.

Contact: Katrina Schultz,
parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org

SERVER

Servers are an integral part of our worship and provide another way for Lay involvement within our worship service. Servers carry the Gospel Book during the opening of the service, and hold the book while the Gospel is read, and serve at the Altar during Holy Communion. Anyone from 9th grade on can volunteer and will receive training.

Contact: Katrina Schultz,
parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org

FOSSORS

Tends to the care and maintenance of St. Martin's Memorial Garden. Duties include mapping out and digging grave sites as needed. This is an important and meaningful ministry. Fossors need to be able to work at 48 hours notice to locate a grave site, prepare the grave, attend the service (upon request), and secure the grave after the service. Training is provided.

Contact: Mark Kellogg, mwksail@msn.com

ALTAR GUILD

Prepare Sanctuary for worship and Holy Eucharist. Work in teams every 3 to 4 weeks, devoting 1 or 2 hours on Saturday and Sunday. Keeping worship services as smooth and seamless as possible for the clergy and congregation. New members welcome.

Contact: Adele Greenis, agreenis123@gmail.com
(443) 597-8170

USHERS

Ushers assist the congregation, maintain the worship space and collect the attendance at each service. They are among the people who greet parishioners and set a welcoming tone for all. Responsible for collecting the offering and providing direction during Holy Communion. We are actively seeking new faces of all ages, including responsible youth.

Contact: Katrina Schultz,
parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org

COMMUNITY LIFE CONTINUED

LECTORS (READERS)

The proclamation of God's Word during our worship services is a truly holy and vital ministry. Lectors can be of any age, although, usually not younger than 4th grade. We would especially enjoy having additional youth (grades 6-12) be trained as lectors to ensure a wide range of voices are heard during our worship services.

*Contact: Katrina Schultz,
parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org*

FLOWER GUILD

Each week the Flower Guild displays beautiful flowers to give Glory to God and bring focus to the cross during our services. We encourage anybody that likes flowers to join in on the fun.

*Contact: Sandy Blair, muzzibl@yahoo.com,
(410) 432-2933*

A/V MINISTRY

Help spread the word of God and to serve the community by providing livestreamed services from St. Martin's. We are looking for volunteers serve on our team. Each Sunday we have two team members livestream the 10:00 a.m. service, one volunteer to manage the camera while the other monitors and controls sound. Training and shadowing available.

*Contact: Amber Kaltz,
akaltz@stmartinsinthefield.org.*

STEWARDSHIP



Through parish and Diocesan leadership we help to discern God's will for our church and Diocese.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This ministry helps our congregation identify ways to deepen our faith in God using the gifts, skills, talents and treasures from God. This committee is also responsible for planning and implementing our Annual Response giving back to God a portion of our income as a sign of our thanksgiving for the many ways God has blessed us.

Contact: Dan Sturgeon, Sr. Warden
srwarden@stmartinsinthe field.org

VESTRY

The ministry of the Vestry is to discern the will of God for St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church. The Vestry also has fiduciary responsibility for our parish and helps to enact the vision and mission of the congregation. Members are elected for three-year terms and reflect the diversity of our congregation as its elected representatives.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Oversees the preparation of the annual budget, reviews and makes recommended proposals for capital expenses that are approved by the Vestry, and to ensure the parish's financial interests are safeguarded. The committee meets monthly to review and audit monthly and year-to-date financials.

Contact: Charlie Fitzgerald, Charliefitz76@gmail.com
(410) 353-4719

COUNTERS

Responsible for counting Sunday mornings offerings and pledges, including separating and logging all money and checks. Volunteers welcome to assist in managing these offerings of thanks given to the working of the church.

Contact: Jory Bender, (410) 647-6248,
treasurer@stmartinsinthe field.org

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is a Standing Committee of the Vestry and is a sounding board of advice for the Rector in the areas of staff management and compensation.

Contact: Andy Taylor, andyandmarcia@juno.com,
(410) 544-3440

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A joint committee of the Church and School, that meets monthly to discuss and address all maintenance concerns and proposed projects and setting priorities for their care.

Contact: Aaron Carman, aaron.w.carman@gmail.com
(443) 915-2923