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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, Rector

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, Associate Rector and Chaplain

The Reverend Dr. John Price, Priest Associate

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries

Ms. Kathleen Schotto, Seminarian

Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God, our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.

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"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength, I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." Mother Teresa

The question we have been tasked to answer is, "What at St. Martin's grows your relationship with God?" This was difficult for me to narrow down as St. Martin's has provided me with many opportunities to do God's work and this is what feeds my soul.

When I was looking for a church, I was looking for a place that welcomed everyone without judgement and encouraged outreach, fellowship, kindness, and time with God. I have found all of this at St. Martin's as St. Martin's has given me a place to challenge myself and become closer to God in many ways.

I hear people saying, "I don't have time." This is not true if you make God a priority. Reaching out by using your talents to touch the lives of others is a way of life and a commitment to God not just something else to do. At one point in time, I had 4 children at home, was working a fulltime job, going to college, and we had a mini farm. Needless to say, we were busy and as a family we made it a priority to do God's work by collecting and clothes, toys, and food at our home and inviting friends in to help pack and distribute it when the time came. What a fantastic way to inspire your children and put God into their lives! With the outreach ministries that St. Martin's provides these opportunities are easily available.

There are so many hands-on ways to become involved to make a difference in the lives of others. Take a day and pack and deliver lunches to the homeless through the Arundel House of Hope; help so that children can eat over the weekend through Backpack Buddies; take an angel from the giving tree; volunteer for SPAN; spend time helping with the Winter Shelter and meet the wonderful men that just happen to be homeless at the time; assist in supporting those that are mentally ill; help with those that are trying to survive a natural disaster; help restore peoples' homes in Appalachia; make a prayer shawl; send cards or make phone calls to those that are shut in. These are just a few of the ways to come closer to God and make a difference in the lives of others.

I would encourage you to put your phones and computers down, turn off the television and sit in the quiet. I challenge you to listen and hear God speak to you. Be kind and open to opportunities, reflect upon your gifts, find where God is leading you and how is he touching you. How can you use your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of others? St. Martin's makes it easy to become a disciple of Jesus and this is where I am growing my relationship with God.

Being with you to share the joy of helping others,

Kathy Berge

Welcome to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and The Hymnal 1982 (H). All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God today, congregational responses are in **bold italics**.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*

Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING HYMN: *Sleepers, awake!" A voice astounds us*

H 61

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you in - wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the our ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Our **Hymns** today feature majestic words and music that focus on the world's response to the coming of Jesus, the Christ into our midst. Note the use of the word "Alleluia," the triumphant shout of all creation.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
“collects” our individual thoughts into unified prayer that we might respond to the lessons we are about to hear.

The Collects during the season of Advent have themes of repentance and preparation for our lives and souls as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.*** Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 25:1-5

BCP p. 614

1To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
4Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
5Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS

3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Nathan Erdman

One minute of silence.

*At the sound of the bell please pray for an additional minute answering the following question:
“What at St. Martin’s facilitates and grows your relationship with God?”*

NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM I

BCP p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, **“Lord, have mercy.”**

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. John's, Kingsville; Christ Church, Columbia; Christ the King, Woodlawn; for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our bishops; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; Kathleen our seminarian; and for all bishops and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joseph, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; Steuart, our county executive; and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Nicene Creed is the most ancient and important corporate confession of our faith. We are joining ourselves to the great heritage of the holy (of God) catholic (universal) and apostolic (witnessing to the resurrection) church down through the centuries.

The Prayers of the People remind us that in our worship we are connected to a larger fellowship - the Church - the Body of Christ, on whose heart lies the cares and concerns of the world.

For our St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School and Charlie, our Interim Head of School; this Severna Park, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially: Adele, Jasper, David, Brett, Jeanie, Donald, Kenny, Amanda, Cliff, and George as well as those in our parish family in need of our continued, long-term prayers as listed in our bulletin; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Patty and all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of this life; for all in our parish family who celebrate birthdays this week: Andy, Scott, Frank, Tom, and Cynthia; and for Howard and Laura Sheely; and Dan and Jen Yeager who celebrate their wedding anniversary.

In the communion of blessed Martin and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

Give your offering electronically or using the plates at the back of the church, as we are unable to pass collection plates. You may text [Give2STM to 73256](#) to give via text messaging, or you may choose to give online via our secure online system by clicking here:

<https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/>

In our parish family long term prayers are requested for:

Matt, Tina, Eileen, Chris, Lois, Kyle, Stephen, Alison, Dwayne and Katherine.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree*

arr. Simon Andrews

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sanctus, which begins, "Holy, holy, holy..." is a hymn of remembrance, consecration and praise where our voices echo the voices of the angels who eternally praise God with these words. Our worship also includes the Benedictus, "Blessed is he..." a Christological acclamation of the coming of Christ into the world, taken from Matthew's gospel.

FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Martin's. Please come forward to the standing station in the middle of the center aisle, following the instructions of the ushers. Tape marks on the main aisle indicate 6' of social distance.
In the Anglican Tradition, consuming either the Bread or Wine is the same as consuming both elements.
Families may come forward together as a group.
Gluten-Free wafers are available, please let your need be known to the Celebrant.

THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN THE SINGING OF THE COMMUNION HYMNS

COMMUNION HYMN: *Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise*

H 345

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise;
*2 *Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;
with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;
peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,
that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: Now the silence Now the peace

H 333

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful
cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs
Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's
vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Dismissal
 asserts the relationship
 between worship
 and living.
 It is a call to
 mission, a
 call to live the
 baptismal and
 Eucharistic life
 in the world.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Gloucestershire Wassail Tune

Richard Shephard

*The congregation is invited to sit and listen to the postlude,
 remaining in the sanctuary until the online broadcast concludes.*

*The members of our Choir are fully vaccinated and per the diocesan guidelines can sing
 while maintaining social distancing guidelines.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

CHECK OUT THESE EYC EVENTS

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is an opportunity for our young people, in grades 6-12, to come together. Friends are most welcome and invited to attend.

> **NOODLE HOCKEY: Sunday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)**
Join us for Noodle Hockey (like regular hockey but instead of sticks we'll play with pool noodles).

> **THE GREAT GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILD-OFF: Sunday, December 19, 5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)**
Lots of great creations, but only one can be the 2021 winner!
Join us for creative, tasty friendly competition.

ADVENT-IN-A-BOX

Sundays, November 28-December 19, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Share the wonder of Advent with your St. Martin's family, and your family both here and all across the country with our Advent-in-a-Box.

Even if you missed the deadline to order your box it's not to late to participate. All are welcome to join us via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday in Advent. We will gather virtually to learn about the season of preparation that is Advent.

Email our parish office to obtain a list of materials needed. Email parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org.



ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Saturday, December 4, 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)

The Right Rev. Robert W. Ihloff, Assisting Bishop of Maryland, will ordain our seminarian, Kathleen Marie Schotto, to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Your virtual prayers and presence are requested for this special occasion. The service will be streamed live from the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore. Visit <http://bit.ly/edomlive>.

CITRUS SALES FOR LOCAL LIONS

Order online by Friday, December 3

The Severn River Lions Club, is holding their annual fruit sale. Place your order before Friday, December 3 and pick up your citrus right here at St. Martin's on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Choose from: Florida Navel Oranges, Ruby Red Grapefruit and Mandarin Oranges. Order online at www.severnriverlions.org. Funds raised will help the Lions support those in need within the surrounding community.

PARENTS' GROUP CLOTHING DRIVE

Sunday, December 12 (Final day of Collection)

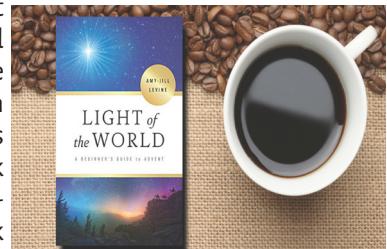
Our Parents' Group is collecting new and gently used clothing: jackets, hats, gloves, scarves to be given to those in need in our community and beyond through our partners in ministry: Orphan Grain Train, Light House. New and gently used childrens books are also being collected. Please drop off all items in the box located in the Narthex by Sunday, December 12. Thank you for helping keep our neighbors in need warm this Christmas season.



ADVENT ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Tuesdays, November 30-December 21, 7:30-8:15 p.m. (Zoom)

We know all about Christmas, right? But what about the season of Advent? So often we get so excited about the coming of Christmas that we forget the preparation required for such an incredible event. Join Kathleen Schotto, our seminarian, as we talk through the book "Light of the World" by Amy-Jill Levine. Our 4-week series will begin Tuesday, November 30 via Zoom. Please RSVP by emailing Kathleen at seminarian@stmartinsinthefield.org.



#ADVENTWORD: GLOBAL VISUAL PRAYER PRACTICE

#AdventWord is a visual, global, online Advent calendar. During the 24 days of Advent, deepen your understanding of Advent through the practices of meditation and prayer using the #AdventWord of the day. Simply share a photo of what the daily word means to you on social media, such as Instagram or Facebook. **Be sure to tag your post with: #stmartinsinthefield, #adventword2021 and the word of the day** (ex: #shine). Join this international community of prayer as we explore the mystery and wonder of Advent. For details and to sign up to receive the 2021 word list visit <https://adventword.org/en/home/>

St. Martin's-in-the-Field MINISTRY AND REMINDERS

NOVEMBER OUTREACH

Our two-fold outreach focus for November is on **The Way Homes** in Pasadena. This 501C3 non-profit organization which provides a healthy drug and alcohol-free environment for individuals who have committed to a 12-step program with Jesus Christ as their higher power. The Way Homes is a village of 6 houses, supporting up to 37 residents.

We are collecting much needed comforter sets and bath towels/wash cloths. All items must be NEW, but do not have to be expensive. Please sign up by visiting our sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444afa92ba2f49-bedding>. Bring your items to the church and put them in the bin in the narthex. Items should be dropped off **before November 30**. For details contact Larry Sells, larry.sells@verizon.net.

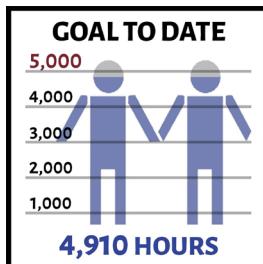


GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT J2A

Our J2A Youth Group is selling gift cards for their pilgrimage. Even though we are not selling at church, you can still buy gift cards, which make wonderful gifts for the holidays. To place an order or to set up an account and order online contact Meg Stott, mcstott65@yahoo.com.

ONLY 90 HOURS FROM OUR 5K GOAL

Hey St. Martin's we are **only 90 hours from our goal** to give our community 5,000 hours of service. There are a lot of our wonderful outreach volunteers doing great deeds for the community, but we can't add those hours, if they aren't recorded. So take a few minutes and tally your time. If everyone submits their hours we will be at (and passed) our goal in no time. **Log your time today**, visit <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/ministries/servicetoservice10k/>.



MILES4MIGRANTS

Thousands of Afghan evacuees are temporarily living in military bases, while awaiting reunions with family members and transportation to their final destinations — but they need our help to get there. Your extra airline miles can fill this urgent need. Learn how to pledge your miles to the Billion Mile Challenge at welcome.us/miles.



WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

ADULT FORMATION FOR PARENTS

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. (Parish Hall)

We meet every Sunday for fellowship, conversation, education, and hands-on projects that benefit St. Martin's and our community. Contact Rev. Matthew at rector@stmartinsinthefield.org.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE WORKBENCH

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

Explore the Scripture readings from our Sunday Eucharists and discuss how these spiritual themes shape our lives as Christians. Sign up at <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/events/>.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School (K-Grade 5): The back picnic tables, with the church or parish hall being utilized as a rain location.

Rite-13 (Grade 6-7): SMES Middle School Classrooms

J2A (Grade 8-9): Lower Heck Hall

Confirmation Class/YAC (Grade 10-11): SMES Middle School Classrooms

Senior YAC (Grade 12): SMES Teacher Workroom.

If you haven't already, be sure to register online at: <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/ministries/>.

SHEPHERD GROUP **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Group discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome. For zoom link and details contact Susan Griesmyer at sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL - BIBLE CHALLENGE

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Martin's House)

A 12 week study on the Book of Daniel. To order the Book of Daniel study guide online visit <http://lamplightersusa.org>. Contact Cindy Neseth at cincysue1@aol.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Thomas Merton-Mystic and Messenger will be a five-part series where we will explore the writings of this 20th century Trappist monk who, although he lived most of his life in a monastery in Kentucky was a prolific and influential writer. We will explore his words on Mysticism and Spirituality, Prayer and Contemplation, Love and Life's Purpose, and "Christ Consciousness." No prior familiarity with Merton's work is necessary. To sign up contact Bill Thomas, willyumsp@yahoo.com.