



SEE, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW



Annual Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and livestreamed online.

Call to Order	Darin Parkison, Senior Warden
Opening Prayer.....	The Rev. Nathan Erdman, Associate Rector and Chaplain
Approval of the May 1, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes	Darin Parkison, Senior Warden
Voting Procedures	Darin Parkison, Senior Warden
<i>(Nominees must have given permission prior to being nominated. Nominees must be members of St. Martin's. Members are all those who are 16+ years of age, attend church regularly, and are known to the treasurer. Confirmation is not a requirement for nomination, per TEC Canon Law).</i>	
Acclamation of Vestry Nominees.....	All Pledging Members of St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church
Senior Warden's Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members.....	Darin Parkison, Senior Warden
Report from the Treasurer and Finance Committee	Betsy Bannat, Chair, Finance Committee
Report from Junior Warden	Brian Clevlen
Report from Senior Warden	Darin Parkison
Closing Prayer.....	The Rev. Nathan Erdman, Associate Rector and Chaplain

Senior Warden's Report

By: Darin Parkison

I continue to be grateful for the leadership of our current vestry and their dedication to St. Martin's and to our mission to discern the will of God for the people of St. Martin's. As you have likely heard in one of our monthly updates, this year we have spent time at each meeting in discernment about various aspects of our Parish life. We feel this time will prove especially fruitful as we navigate a season of transition to an interim rector and ultimately a new rector. Vestry meetings are open to all pledging members of the congregation and are usually held the second Wednesday evening of each month.

This past year, your vestry made a focused effort to reach out quarterly to each parishioner as a "check-in" – we want to connect with you to see how you are and if there is a way we can help you become fully engaged with our parish. If you have not heard from a member of the vestry, please contact the church office at (410) 647-6248 or email parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org because this means we don't have current contact information for you.

Last June, we welcomed Tony Shaffer as St. Martin's Head of School. We are thankful for his leadership at our School as well as his contributions as we continue to build a stronger relationship between the Church and the School.



This month, we bid farewell to Matthew as he begins his new position at Christ Church in Winnetka, IL. I am grateful that as a parish we can see him off knowing we are better for his leadership and well positioned to welcome a new rector to our thriving parish. The Holy Spirit will continue to be at work in our parish and our own lives throughout this time of transition. I encourage you to be involved in our parish—either by continuing in a role you have currently, or by getting involved in something new, or by being part of the soon-to-be-formed search and profile committees who will spearhead our search process. We benefit collectively as a parish and individually when we are engaged in parish life.

I'd like to acknowledge our incredible staff. We are so excited to welcome Katrina Schultz to the role of Parish Administrator and Volunteer Coordinator – you will see Katrina around on Sunday mornings. Along with Amber and Jory, the staff does an exceptional job of managing the "business" of our parish and we are grateful.

I look forward to what the next year will bring for St. Martin's and know with God's help, we will continue to do live into our mission: **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.**

Associate Rector and School Chaplain's Report

By: The Reverend Nathan Erdman

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."
Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ~ Revelation 21:5*

Have you ever noticed that if something is new most everyone is excited? New babies, new cars (and new car smell), new restaurants, even a new coat of paint. I know that I always look forward to a new baseball or football season.

That's really a great way to think about this time in the life of St. Martin's. Yes, it's a time of change. (And unlike newness, people aren't usually as fired up about change.) But in that change will come wonderful new things that we can all look to with anticipation. In Revelation, the one seated on the throne says, "See, I am making all things new." What does that mean? What's going to be new? What's this guy in John's vision talking about?

He's talking about a new heaven and a new earth. A place with no suffering, sadness, or mourning or death. He's talking about eternal life, peace, and a full restoration of God's creation. At St. Martin's over the past year, we have seen much restoration after the pandemic. Once again, things are being made new.

In the ministries I work with as Associate and Chaplain, many things have been restored. Our EYC youth group is back up and running, the Sunday School is roaring back to life. Chapel services at the school have returned to pre-pandemic vibrancy. The Chili Cook-off and Pancake Supper came back in a big way, with wonderful participation from both church and school communities. And some things have been made new. We have many new acolytes this year. The new Parents' group continues to thrive. We continue to see new families visiting us and joining. We have embarked on a new, joyful working relationship with our Episcopal school.

I give such thanks to Tony Shaffer the Head of School for being a partner in building our church-school relationship. Many thanks to our Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and mentors for all they have done to restore our



Christian formation ministries to new life after the pandemic.

I also give enormous thanks for our fantastic staff. Amber Kaltz continues to keep things running and alive in our office and with our communications. HyeSung Hwang is such a talented musician and bolsters our worship with wonderful music. Jory Bender, working with our treasurer, Sally Burton, has kept things in good order, and during the office staff transition has been a real team player. Speaking of newness, I am so grateful for Katrina Schultz. In just a couple of weeks as Parish Administrator and Volunteer Coordinator, she has made a real impact.

After a great year, we're now getting ready for a new season of life here at St. Martin's. This church is in great hands as we look to the future. Darin Parkison, Senior Warden and Brian Clevon, Junior Warden, love God, love St. Martin's, and are such great leaders for this church. Our vestry is fantastic, and you know things are good when there's shared stories of God's presence and joyful laughter at vestry meetings!

I give thanks for each and every one of you. Your presence in worship, your ministry and your gifts, with the help of Christ, keep St. Martin's a beacon for the Gospel in Severna Park. You are loved by God, and you will be cared for at church. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to the church office if you or someone you know are in need of pastoral care, a hospital visit or a listening ear. We're here for you at St. Martin's! May the love of God the Father, the peace of Jesus Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit surround you this Annual Meeting, and always.

As I take a step back to reflect on the year past and look to the future of St. Martin's, I see what Jesus is up to here. And I say, "See! He's making all things new!"

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

By: Susan Griesmyer, Registrar

The 2022 Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:47 on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting were provided in the Annual Report. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the 2021 minutes were accepted.

Vestry Election

- Rev. Matthew called for any additional nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed.
- A motion was made to elect candidates by acclamation. The motion passed and five vestry candidates were elected: Kris Chappell, Claudia Kirkup, Rex Myers, Jeannine Theoret. Kathy Berge will fulfill an unexpired term for one year.

Recognition of Outgoing Vestry

- Rev. Matthew thanked outgoing vestry members: Sam Burdette and Meg Stott, (present), and Taylor Boteler, Jason Copeland, Katie Collier, Bill Thomas, (not present). Apple trees will be planted in recognition of their service.

Report from Interim Head of School

- Charlie Sachs presented his report highlighting the doubling of school enrollment and the maintenance of in-person instruction despite the pandemic. He thanked Mark Zielinski, (Chair, Board of Trustees) for his support

and leading the search for a new Head of School, and Tony Shaffer and his family were introduced and welcomed. Charlie Sachs was thanked for his service.

Treasurer's Report

- Betsy Bannat, (Chair of Finance Committee) presented the Treasurer's Report in Sally Burton's absence. She highlighted the increase in giving as well as a grant which enables St. Martin's to increase the Thacker Maintenance Reserve Fund.

Reports of Wardens and Rector

- The Junior and Senior Warden presented their reports. Susan Shingledecker, outgoing Senior Warden, was thanked for her service. Darin Parkison will be the new Senior Warden.
- Rev. Matthew thanked Mark Zielinski for his work leading the search for the new Head of School. He thanked Debbie Fitzgerald for help with the renovation of the sanctuary pews and flooring. He thanked Rev. Nathan and the Children's Ministries team for their work in maintaining in-person Sunday School. He highlighted increased parishioner giving and the new board structure that has been put in place. He also thanked Parker and Tiffany Carlisle for their work in Outreach and the staff for their continued service.

Closing Prayer

- Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Finance Report

By: Sally Burton, Treasurer

The church's financial situation at the end of 2022 was good and all 2022 operating and commission expenses were met. Pledge payments were 91 percent of our operating income, underscoring the criticality of pledge income to the financial health of our church.

2022 Income:

- Pledge Payments: \$763,117
 - Other Giving: \$55,206
 - Other Income: \$18,554
 - Commission income: \$42,683
- Total Income for 2022: \$879,560

2022 Expenses:

- Clergy & Staff: \$489,020
- Diocese Assessment: \$106,928
- Maintenance: \$70,728
- Utilities: \$40,085



- Administrative: \$27,777
 - Business: \$28,070
 - Commission expenses: \$109,945
- Total expenses for 2022: \$872,553

Financial activity for the first quarter of 2023 is in line with projections. Parishioners are encouraged to keep current with pledges payments and to consider participating in the automatic ACH payment withdrawal of their monthly pledge amount. You may sign up for this service any time – just send an email to treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org to request an ACH form.

Thank you for financially supporting our wonderful church as we do God's work in our community and beyond.

St. Martin's Episcopal School

By: Tony Shaffer, Head of School

As Interim Head of School Charlie Sachs noted in this space a year ago, St. Martin's Episcopal School is in a period of transition. It is a delight to be a part of that and to reflect now on the 22-23 school year.

The Head of School role was not the only one to be in transition this year. With the departure of long-time Director of Academics Kim Carson, Mr. Sachs, and the Board of Trustees accurately determined that when folks said that Kim, "does the work of three people," that was an accurate appraisal and *not* a figure of speech. Consequently, the School established three Division Coordinator roles, two of which are full time this year, and all of which will be full time in the 23-24 school year. Laura O'Connor, Heather Bosanko, and Michelle Kuemper have brought their significant gifts to these roles this year, and our students and staff have benefited from this new organizational structure.

A significant priority for the School was the completion of our decennial reaccreditation visit, a key component of the reaccreditation process for the Association of Independent Maryland and D.C. Schools (AIMS). The reaccreditation process requires that the School meet standards set by AIMS and provide documentation of adherence to those standards. The School must also engage in a meaningful process of self-evaluation and write a forward-looking report that identifies priorities for future growth and improvement.

Shepherded by Director of Finance & Operations and Re-Accreditation Chair Janet Mosher, whose tireless efforts kept the process on track and moving forward, the School completed its documentation and written report and hosted a successful AIMS visit in February. AIMS will provide a formal response over the summer, and the School will have a year to formulate an action plan based on our own self-evaluation, the Visiting Team's recommendations, and our upcoming strategic



planning process.

This year has also seen our community events return to campus. Families have been invited to join us in person for a number of celebrations, performances, curriculum nights, and other events. The marquee event, our annual Field Party, was held in person for the first time since 2019. Led by the indefatigable Christine Hickey, Director of Marketing and Development—supported by an enthusiastic corps of volunteers from the PA and across the School community—this months-long planning and organizing effort led to such a well-prepared event that even a last-minute, weather-driven move to Parish Hall did not faze the team. On the contrary, not

only was the Field Party a fundraising success, but it was also a wonderful community celebration that our School and Church community and their guests greatly enjoyed.

On the topic of coming to campus, new families are doing so in order to get to know us and explore a St. Martin's education. Families are discovering that a small, welcoming independent school with a compelling mission has a great deal to offer their children. Director of Admissions Kira Dickson has done a marvelous job of working with Admissions Committees across campus and helping families to get to know St. Martin's. As we graduate the largest Eighth Grade class in School history and have no double section next year in the middle grades, we will budget for 260 students next year, as opposed to last year's 265. This is a normal variation in the life of a school, and it also means that we must, as always, be mindful and disciplined stewards of the School's resources.

Those resources, as is typical at any quality independent school, are largely devoted to compensating our staff. We are in the middle of a multi-year process aimed at increasing salaries to the median of AIMS schools that

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Community Life

By: Susan Shingledecker, Vestry Liaison

HOSPITALITY AND PARISH LIFE: Parish Picnic, Reception Coordinator, Summer Cookout, Coffee and Donuts

PASTORAL CARE: Card Ministry, Eucharistic Visitors, Helping Hands, College Connection

WELCOME: Welcome Team, Greeters

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Acolytes, Altar Guild, A/V Team, Choirs & Instruments, Flower Guild, Memorial Garden, Ushers, Wedding Guild, Lectors, Intercessors, Chalice Bearers

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HOSPITALITY AND PARISH LIFE

It has been wonderful to see the fellowship and gatherings resume after such a long period of social distancing and safety precautions. We have joyfully resumed regular events like coffee and donuts as well as many celebratory gatherings and occasions including receptions, a Super Bowl party, Rite 13 and the Bishop's visit celebrations. Many thanks to all the hands who make this work possible. Hospitality is always in need of more volunteers in the coming year. Contact Ann Bacot Edwards, edwardspartyof5@verizon.net.

Foyers Group

Traditionally, Foyers are groups of up to eight parishioners who meet in one another's homes monthly to share a simple meal and join in fellowship. However, at St. Martin's, we have had dinners, picnics, boating outings, bowling, movies, How to Host a Murder, etc.; the possibilities are endless. This is a great way for adults (any age, singles or couples)—especially those new to St. Martin's—to make strong and lasting connections with other parishioners. Groups are forming now—please contact Judy Bonanno, (410) 991-3562, jbon626@verizon.net.

WELCOME

Charlie Fitzgerald has served as point person on welcoming new visitors to St. Martin's, and ensuring that they are greeted and connected with clergy. But the work of welcoming goes beyond the official duties. It is always wonderful to see parishioners go out of their way to greet visitors or hand a family with small children an activity bag. Our welcome activities expanded this year with the addition of the Bread Ministry led by Linda Hess, where parishioners bake and deliver bread to new visitors to share the love of Christ and open up a conversation about St. Martin's.



PASTORAL CARE

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 Skaltzky, (410) 451-0991 threezky@verizon.net.

College Connection

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. Volunteers are needed to write notes and/or pick 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 a parent of a college student, sign your child up for the College Connections program. It's easy, just email us your child(ren)'s name, address, and the college they attend. If you sent this information last year, please send an update to confirm you wish to keep your child enrolled.

If you are interested in volunteering or signing up your student, contact Rachel Erdman, rachieryan@hotmail.com.

Eucharistic Visitors

This group shares communion directly from the Sunday altar with members of our parish family who are unable to be in church. If you feel called to a to be a Eucharistic Visitor, contact Don Nicholson, mbndbn@msn.com.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Acolytes

All children and youth in Grades 4 through 12 are invited to serve. God in worship as acolytes. St. Martin's acolytes carry the cross, candles, and more on Sunday mornings. If your child or young person would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Rev. Nathan, naerdman@stmartinsinthe field.org.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the Altar for all worship services, including weddings, funerals, and special services. The responsibilities include caring for the priests' vestments, silver, linens, candles, and hymn board and ordering supplies such as wine and wafers. The Altar Guild prepares Home Communion Kits for our Lay Eucharistic Visitors who visit parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday services. There were five baptisms during Bishop Sutton's visit in April and more are scheduled for Pentecost. It is a privilege and an honor to serve the priests and the congregation of St. Martin's-in-the-Field. If you may be called to this wonderful and spiritually fulfilling ministry preparing the Lord's table, please contact Kay Nelson, kbnelson5@gmail.com.

Flower Guild

Between Thursdays and Saturdays each week, 6 members of the Flower Guild have continued to beautify the altar at St. Martin's with lovely arrangements. The flower guild affords a great way to volunteer in a meaningful way without tying you to a tight schedule. We're on the lookout for more great people to serve on Flower Guild. This may be the ministry for you. We will provide training to all those interested in bringing the beauty of God's creation into our worship on Sunday mornings, and for funerals and weddings. Contact Sandi Blair, (908) 391-6747, muzzibl@yahoo.com.

A/V Ministry

Whether worshipping in church or virtually, everyone can hear the Word of God with clarity thanks to the new audio system. The new system gives the A/V team control over all sound aspects of our worship services. This means we now have more spots open for you to serve on our team, as



now we now need one volunteer to manage the camera while the other monitors and controls sound. Each Sunday we have two team members livestream the service. Training and shadowing are available. Many more events for the church and school could be streamed with more volunteers on hand. Contact Amber Kaltz, akaltz@stmartinsinthe field.org.

Memorial Garden:

We currently have a team of four Fossors (grave diggers). Only two are available at any one time. This important and meaningful ministry needs two more Fossors, 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. Other needs include developing a new central system for recording locations of 50 years of interments and implementing plans to beautify the garden. To volunteer contact Mark Kellogg, mwksail@msn.com.



Choirs and Instruments

All music at St. Martin's is offered in glory to God. Please see the report on page 10.

Worship Team Leaders:

Lay Eucharistic Ministers- Assist in administering the chalice during Holy Communion.

Ushers- Greet and assist parishioners before our worship, take the collection, assist with Holy Communion, help ensure a safe and clean worship space.

Lectors- Read Bible lessons and lead the Psalm.

Intercessors- Lead the Prayers of the People.

Servers- Process the Gospel Book, assist with administering the chalice, serve at the Altar.

Chalists- Assist with administering the chalice during communion.

Volunteer today, please contact Katrina Schultz, parishadmin@stmartinsinthe field.org.

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Formation Report

By: Jeff Dickerson and Jeannine Mogavero Theoret, Vestry Liaisons

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Baptism Class, Bible Challenge, Bible Workbench, Cursillo, EfM, Shepherd Group, Intergenerational Advent/Lent, Parents' Group

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Advent Wreath Making, Children's Chapel, Sunday School, Nursery

YOUTH MINISTRIES: Rite 13, J2A, YAC, Seniors, EYC

Children's Ministries

Children's Sunday School gathers children from Pre-K to 5th grade every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. for joint games and activities before splitting into two groups by age. This format, adopted this year, has helped build a sense of community across the age range while also providing more tailored lessons and activities for different age groups. The curriculum this past year was focused on the lectionary but will be shifting to a story-based one next year. Children's Chapel provides an opportunity for age-appropriate fellowship and enrichment during the 10:30 a.m. church service. For infants and toddlers, the nursery is available from 9:15 a.m. through the 10:30 a.m. service.

Youth Ministries

St. Martin's youth ministries continue to provide a range of activities for our youth to grow in their faith. On Sunday mornings, we have three different offerings based on year in school. For 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, Rite-13 combines some formal lessons with fun activities to engage youth as they progress past elementary school. Journey To Adulthood (J2A) consists of 9th and 10th graders who spent much of the past year preparing for their July pilgrimage to England. As part of their fundraising efforts, J2A hosted the perennially favorite Chili Cook-Off with tremendous results. It was a truly awesome evening of fellowship and food. Young Adults in Church (YAC) consists of 11th and 12th graders who spent the past year preparing for Confirmation after their pilgrimage to Italy last summer. That preparation culminated in Confirmation for many of them during Bishop Sutton's Visitation on April 23. All three programs are preparing to shift from a



lesson-based curriculum to an activity-based one in the upcoming year. In addition to these Sunday morning offerings, the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) (grades 6-12) meet twice a month on Sunday evenings for fun activities such as bowling, progressive junk food dinners and noodle hockey.

Adult Spiritual Formation

St. Martin's provided a wide range of adult spiritual formation activities over the past year. The recently inaugurated Parents' Group has continued every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. with participant-led outreach, learning, and fellowship activities each week. Our new Bread Ministry has evolved from this group and is baking and delivering bread to our newest parish members. A four-week Sunday morning program on the power of story and its role in faith and life brought together adults across St. Martin's and we look

to bring similar programs to Sunday mornings over the coming program year.

In addition to Sunday morning activities, our strong Shepherd's group meets on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom for fellowship and lectionary-focused discussions. The Bible Challenge Book Study continues to meet in person on Tuesdays at St. Martin's House for interdenominational study and discussion on a number of Bible-focused topics/subjects.

Each ministry is looking for additional participants. No prior experience is necessary. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer please contact Jeff Dickerson, jeff.c.dickerson@gmail.com, Jeannine Mogavero Theoret, jmotheo@gmail.com or Rev. Nathan, naerdman@stmartinsinthe field.org.

Outreach Report

By: Parker Carlisle, Commissioner; Kathy Berge, Vestry Liaison

OUTREACH: Appalachian Service Project (ASP), Arundel House of Hope, Backpack Buddies, Paul's Place, Scouts, SPAN

MISSION: Winter Shelter, First Fruits Farm Trip, Holiday Sharing

Under the energetic and focused leadership of co-chairs Parker and Tiffany Carlisle, the Outreach Commission has flourished in the last year. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall at 7 PM and we invite you to join this vital and exciting ministry. As you read about the exciting and meaningful activities described below, please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to help lead this ministry, since Parker and Tiffany will very soon be closing out their term of leadership.

A particularly productive highlight of the past year was the off-site Outreach Commission retreat on January 14, 2023. Held off-site at Bon Secours Retreat Center, the major outcome of the day-long retreat was to create a structure for narrowing and deepening the focus of the Outreach Commission's activities to allow more meaningful impact in the following four areas: Food Insecurity, Homelessness, Mental Health, and Refugees.

Food Insecurity

Neighborhood Food Drives, kicked off in March by the Carlisle family. Monthly SPAN collections and weekly "Backpack Buddies" continue.



Homelessness

Regular Pizza Nights at Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis. Winter Shelter – next year's date already established for March 2024.

Mental Health

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) – monthly meetings at St. Martin's, an upcoming fundraising walk is being planned. To help build our St. Martin's team or for details contact please contact Donna Maguire, kdmaguire2@gmail.com.

Refugees

Ongoing work by Kathy Berge and Dawn Major and their teams to provide support to multiple Afghan refugee families in such areas as clothing and household items, employment, language training, medical and dental care. Other organizations we have supported in the past are now the focus of our "Second

Offering" initiative. An important focus is on service-oriented giving, in addition to monetary disbursements to nourish a culture of multi-generational service-orientation at St. Martin's, which has its roots in such beloved activities as Holiday Sharing. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Dawn at dawnsmajor@gmail.com and/or Kathy at helpingotherstown@gmail.com.

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ST. MARTIN'S IN THE FIELD EPISCOPAL SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES (SMES BOT)

The SMES Board of Trustees has seen a great year with excellent engagement and leadership from Mark Zilenski and Eileen Hartzel. Susan Shingledecker served as the vestry liaison to the school board this year, attending all school board meetings.

The relationship between the vestry, the governing

body of the church and the Board of Trustees, the governing body of the school is very strong. New Head of School Tony Schaffer has had an excellent first year and led the board in a discussion on enrollment models and will be initiating a strategic planning process in the coming months.

Music Ministries

By: Dr. HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries

Following a couple of years of uncertainty and suffering, we have been blessed to resume our "normal" tasks at full capacity. Both the adult and handbell choirs have actively led our Sunday services covering various repertoire and their singing and ringing skills have continued to improve. We have also invited guest musicians to enrich our music program for special services.

One of the most notable accomplishments that the music ministries achieved in 2022 was presenting a fundraising concert, *Songful Prayer*, for those suffering in Ukraine. It was our first full choir concert since I was appointed as the Director of Music Ministries at St. Martin's-in-the-Field in 2017, and it was a great success. Sharing God's love through music is the fundamental goal of our ministries and we were delighted to benefit the Ukrainian community by raising \$3,775. The theme for the concert was God's love, comfort, mercy and peace, and the program included a diverse repertoire with many of our favorite sacred songs, including, "Prayer for Ukraine," and "Peace Prayer" by St. Francis sung in Korean by guest tenor, James Kil.

Another successful achievement was holding an evensong service last October. Evensong is a unique and



original service form performed in the Episcopal tradition which shows the highest eloquence of sacred music. During this service, we hosted the installation of officers of the Annapolis chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Many music leaders from the local community attended the service and gave us positive feedback regarding the magnificent music and our kind hospitality.

We appreciate your thoughtful support to our music ministries. Last year, we were fortunate to have received generous donations from many individuals, allowing us to purchase new choir robes, 25 copies of Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnals, as well as new video and

audio equipment.

A special thanks to Bambi Sturgeon who volunteered her time and effort to reorganize our extensive music library. We have more than 1000 pieces of choral music which are now fully updated in our library server. Most recently, many non-choir members participated in singing a choral blessing for Rev. Matthew's final Sunday. It was certainly touching and beautiful to hear many new voices in the choir. We will continue to look for creative and effective ways to serve our God and connect with our local community through glorious music.

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are similar to ours in size and mission. That process is on track, and we will always need to be mindful of the work and focus required to ensure that we are able to offer the compensation needed to attract and retain the excellent teachers who deliver on St. Martin's Mission every day, in the classroom, in performance spaces, and on the fields and courts. This is another area that will be addressed in our strategic planning process.

The Board of Trustees will coordinate the strategic planning process in concert with the School's leadership team, and it could not be in better hands. Small boards and small schools often struggle to function at a high level, but that is not the case at St. Martin's. Board Chair Mark Zielinski, Vice Chair Eileen Hartzell, and Treasurer

Tonya Hill, in particular, are exceptionally effective as an Executive Committee and have been a tremendous support during this time of transition.

Rev. Matthew has been a strong supporter of our School as the fourth member of that Executive Committee, and we will miss him greatly. That said, because of all the work put in by the St. Martin's Church and School community in recent years, this opportunity will no doubt be an attractive one for many prospective candidates as the St. Martin's-in-the-Field searches for its next Rector.

It is an honor to serve as your Head of School, and I am proud to report that the School staff, students, PA, and friends across the community are advancing the Mission of our St. Martin's Episcopal School.

Stewardship

By: Clay Patty, Vestry Liaison

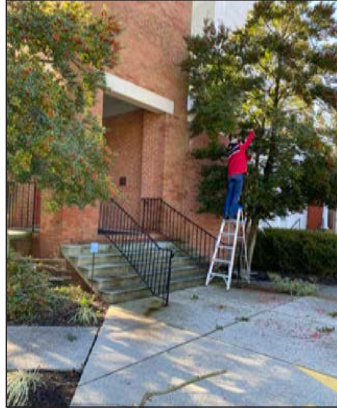
STEWARDSHIP: Annual Campaign, Counters

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, ARCHITECTURE, BUILDING AND GROUNDS, IT, VOLUNTEER CULTIVATION

Buildings and Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is a joint committee of the Church and School, and includes staff from each, as well as Vestry representatives. In the past, there were both church and school maintenance personnel that interacted to care for our campus. This year, these positions were combined under the school, resulting in great efficiencies and upgrading to two full-time maintenance employees. Because most areas of the campus are jointly used to a considerable extent, it is essential that there be clear and frequent discussions and understanding between both groups about all maintenance concerns and proposed projects and setting priorities for their care. The committee meets monthly and is co-chaired by Ardath Cade and Brian Clevon.

After deliberation and approval, projects are forwarded to the Finance Committee for their consideration. Projects completed in the last year include: new flooring in the parish hall, Narthex, and music room and replacement of the sanctuary speakers. A grant paid for new, brighter lighting at the church entrance and installing two new light poles for the rear parking lot. On-going maintenance has included repainting much of the campus interior, repairing fences, and eliminating a great liability by repointing the Heck Hall front steps. Several on-going grounds and maintenance contracts were reviewed and bid. Upcoming projects include leveling and sodding the athletic field and adding a sprinkler system and replacement of the narthex HVAC system, which will result in reconfiguring the Flower Guild/Altar Guild sacristy and the narthex closet.



Personnel Committee

Our committee met with Rev. Matthew to develop a job description for a newly created position in the church office- Parish Administrator & Volunteer Coordinator. The new position includes the basic responsibilities of overseeing various office functions and has a new component which addresses the need for a level of coordination between the rector and various church leaders and volunteers. This new component will be carried out primarily on Sunday mornings with those members of the congregation who assist in the organization and leadership of several Sunday morning duties -eg. Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders, Welcome Team members and other functions. These functions require this person to be present on Sunday mornings, in addition to normal church office hours. St. Martin's was able to recruit Ms. Katrina Schultz, recent University of Toronto graduate, who began work on May 1, 2023. Katrina, who has been involved with St. Martin's since childhood, will serve through the upcoming interim rector's time with the possibility of extended service following the new rector's arrival. If you are interested in being on this committee contact David Mallery, dgmallery@verizon.net.



Thank you ...

*To everyone for the great send off for
Rev. Matthew and Katie Glover.*

*We wish them well on their calling to
Christ Church Winnetka, Illinois.*



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