

Messages

August 2008

from *St. Martin's Episcopal Church*



Search Committee outlines its work

The Search Committee, co-led by Heidi Gioia and Erv Heyde, has begun meeting regularly and has taken the first steps in a process which will result in the calling by the Vestry of a new seminary trained full time rector for St. Martin's. The Rev. Dan Smith, Diocesan Canon to The Ordinary and Deployment Officer, will work closely with the committee as a consultant and advisor. The process is expected to take from nine months to a year to complete. The Committee's final task will be the presentation of three suitable candidates to the Vestry with help from the Offices of the Bishop. The Vestry will make a final selection.

At the initial Committee meeting on July 2, Rev. Smith explained the "Interim Process in the Diocese of Missouri," an action plan developed by the Diocesan Deployment Office in 2006. He stressed that St. Martin's is calling, not hiring, "God's person to be a spiritual leader." The Search

Committee budget is \$15,000. The budget contains \$7,000 coming from the 2008 budget. The compensation package for new leadership will be consistent with the current compensation package and/or the Diocesan

Standard Clergy Compensation.

Phase I

Phase I of the search process involves development of a Parish Profile which will include a self-study to answer the questions:

- Who are we in this congregation as part of the Body of Christ?
- What are our mission and ministry?
- What do the answers to these questions tell us about the clergy leadership God may be talking to us about?

Kurt Greenbaum, Heidi Gioia, Bob Huheey, Diana Hauser and John Lange have volunteered to serve on the Self-study/Profile Development subcommittee.

Following the completion of Phase I, the Deployment

Office, using the National Church database, will compare the St. Martin's Parish

Profile with the personal profiles of thousands of clergy in The Episcopal Church and find a group of potential matches. In addition, the Deployment Office will list the Parish Profile in its "Positions Open

Bulletin." All computer matches and volunteer applications will come to the Offices of the Bishop. It is also acceptable to call candidates who have not applied for a position.

Phase II

Phase II of the process directs the Search Committee to utilize the material from the self-study to prepare a brochure describing the parish and its present and future vision. This communications piece can take the form of a professional publication, a home office color printer version, a CD/DVD, or an online PDF. The brochure will be sent to prospective clergy candidates to introduce them to St. Martin's and solicit their interest in further exploring becoming a candidate.

Phase III

Phase III, Search and Discernment, involves the entire Search Committee. This phase must be completed before addressing the tasks of interviewing and calling a new priest.

Meetings of the search committee will be closed in general unless the committee requests someone to be present for the purpose of reporting to the committee. Exceptions will be persons from the Offices of the Bishop related to the search process at St. Martin's and the Wardens.

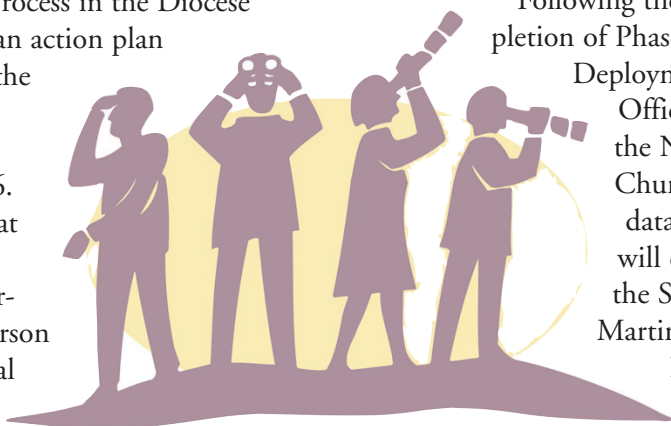


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Transitions

•BIRTHS

June 5 - **Carson Christopher Spies**, son of Scott & Christy Spies and grandson of Sharon Hedges

•BAPTISMS

May 11 - **Ramon Dicke Miraflores IV**, son of Ramon & Susan Miraflores

May 11 - **Trevor Jerome Codak**, son of Eric & Heather Codak

June 29 - **Olivia Claire Clark**, daughter of Kevin & Julie Clark

June 29 - **Lucas Gabriel Fortune**, son of Michael & Michelle Fortune

•MARRIAGES

June 21 - **Darrick James Griggs & Jessica Louise Hicks**

•DEATHS

May 14 - **Margaret "Mickey" Williams**, born Jan. 26, 1941

June 3 - **John Alexander "Jack" Walker**, born Sept. 11, 1929

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Look how far we have come in the interim journey

It is hard to believe it has been just over a year since the beginning of the intentional interim at St. Martin's. Let's look at where we've been, where we are and where we are going.

In Messages last **August**, we looked at the stages of the interim journey. We discovered there are predictable events a congregation goes through during a transitional period. Things like direction finding, self-study, search, negotiation, call, installation and new beginnings.

Early on, we acknowledged the sense of confusion and the understanding that with the departure of the rector we sometimes felt we were a ship without a captain. Of course, a parish is never without leadership. The church always has Jesus Christ as its head and cornerstone, "I will be with you always, until the end of the age (Matt. 28:20)."

At our **September** Forum, we named the sense of grief many were experiencing. We talked about the stages of grief and how a congregation is an emotional system as well as a community of faith. We labeled this atmosphere "Post Pastoral Blues," and recognized the departure of three primary leaders—the rector, the associate rector, and the music director. In December, the Christian Formation director also resigned.

In **November**, we learned about the developmental tasks of the interim—(1) coming to terms with history, (2) discovering a new identity, (3) managing shifts in leadership, both lay and ordained, (4) rethinking denominational connections, (5) making a commitment to new leadership.

We also learned about the life cycles of a congregation and The Rev. Canon Dan Smith of the Bishop's Office walked us through the latest information from congregational development experts. Two phases dominate the life cycle—growth and decline, and we learned a congregation can take responsibility for its own growth and be responsive to the work of the Holy Spirit in moving it toward wholeness. To quote Martin F. Saarinen, "A congregation in

decline can become sensitized to the forces of life, which are inherent in its history, heritage and place. Displacing the sense of despair by the recovery of memory and hope, the congregation can experience a birth to a new sense of mission and purpose."

The Wednesday Forum in **February** was a night devoted to storytelling and re-creating the history of St. Martin's. We looked at developments of the last 50 years and marked them on a time-line, recognizing our successes and failures and acknowledging that the harder we work at this task of coming to terms with history, the more likely we will be able to free our-

selves and go on to building new future. As Loren Meade says examining history helps us get perspective and power over weaknesses, which enable us to choose better an appropriate new rector.

Then came the spring and with a rekindled awareness of resurrection and our identity as an Easter People we welcomed over 110 people to a series of Cottage Meetings. At these mini-forums in **April** we reflected on our corporate identity and developed a parish image. "Chris" entered our conversations and we explored the pros and cons of this image (see the Chris narrative on page 18). Most of all we came to grips with the characteristics of St. Martin's as the body of Christ in this particular place.

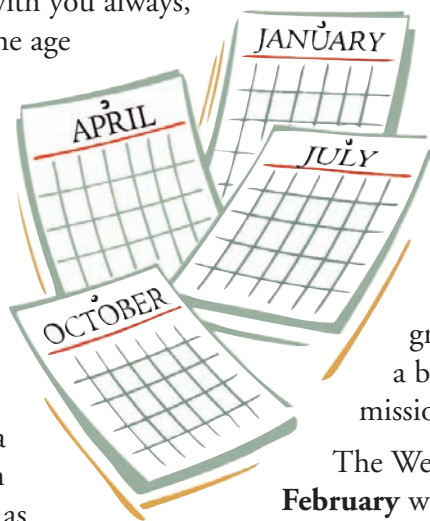
In **May**, the Rector Search Committee was formed and was trained by the Diocese in June and now it is about its work.

It has been a productive year. We have learned a lot and we have accomplished much. There is still more to do, but rest assured the interim journey will be completed. I ask you to continue to pray daily for the parish and the Search Committee.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Susan+

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Jaeggi named new Organist/Music Director

Richard D. Jaeggi has been named the new interim organist / music director. He begins his new duties Sunday, Aug. 3.

“I am delighted Ric will be joining the staff. He comes to us highly recommended by his colleagues and I’m sure we will delight in his presence among us,” said Rev. Susan Crawford, interim rector.

Jaeggi completed in June an interim at a Presbyterian Church as director of the hand bell choir, among other duties. He was one of the most accomplished musicians heard during the interview process. “I think he will be an excellent

organist and vocal director for our parish, as well as his considerable talent directing the hand bell choir,” said Crawford.

Ric has served churches from as far away as Florida and as close

as Belleville. He has experience in the Lutheran and Methodist churches, as well as a period as organist/music director at Temple Shalom in Cincinnati. In addition, he has been associated with several organ companies, most recently as national sales manager for Wicks Pipe Organ Co.

He was awarded a bachelor of music in organ performance in 1983 by the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music. He has done post graduate work at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Please plan to welcome Ric August 3.



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How far we have come

Other Developments of the Interim

- Interview process and calling of two interim organists
- Interview process and calling of new interim Christian Formation director
- Organization of parish into more de-centralized /committee structure
- Creation of Evangelism Committee
- Creation Finance Committee
- Creation MDG committee
- Adult Christian Formation Committee
- Search and installation of a new Altar Guild director
- Sale of Field Avenue houses
- Re-visioning of stewardship from budget building to joyful giving
- Creation of Worship Committee
- Vestry Retreat on Systems Theory as applied to St. Martin's
- Stewardship Festive Meal with emphasis on Biblical Tithes
- Water Walk for Lui and \$18,000 contribution for a well
- Strawberry Social and Laugh In
- Audit of financial records
- Re-design of check-issuing process requiring two signatures on every check
- Re-design and updating of parish web site
- Updating of membership records
- New pictorial parish directory
- New signage for parking lot
- “Your Are Here” maps designed and installed
- New Guest Information Desk
- Grand Coffee Hours
- Revitalization of Retirees Group
- Offered Innovative Worship Experiences, i.e. Jazz Mass, Gospel Sunday
- Trained New Lectors
- Presented Largest Confirmation Class at the Cathedral in spring
- Introduced The Great Litany in Lent
- Trained staff on Systems Theory as applied to St. Martin's
- Started new Thursday morning email *I-Messages*



That's Evangelism: *Hospitality??*

by Kurt Greenbaum

On June 30, I was working at home when the doorbell rang around mid-morning. I met a man and a woman at the door, both holding a Bible and copies of The Watchtower. I had a couple of Jehovah's Witnesses on my front porch.

Before they could speak, I thanked them for visiting and let them know I wasn't interested in their message. I explained that I was already part of a faith community and I was happy where I was. They thanked me and said their goal was to make sure people knew about the Bible and were reading it. I said another thank you and we went our separate ways.

That's the kind of encounter most people think of when they hear the word "evangelism."

If that's all you think evangelism is about, St. Martin's evangelism committee has a different message for you: Evangelism is a ministry of hospitality. That means it's a lot more than passing out tracts and preaching to strangers – and it's not something Episcopalians should fear.

It's about doing the things you'd do in your own house – inviting people in, making them feel comfortable, talking to them and learning about them. We all know how to offer hospitality in our own homes. It's really not that different in the Lord's

House. And, frankly, it's what Jesus has called us all to do as Christians.

So what are some of the things the committee has done in the name of "evangelism"?

- We've rebuilt and redesigned St. Martin's web site to make it more welcoming and more easily updated. That's evangelism because web sites are among the first contact newcomers have with a new worship community.
- We've revised wording in the weekly worship bulletin. That's evangelism because it helps newcomers understand how our service works and that they're welcome at the communion rail.
- We've made and implemented plans for St. Martin's first photo directory in more than five years. That's evangelism because it helps people get to know the people in our community.
- We're working on new signage for the parking lot that will remind them as they arrive and as they depart to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." That's evangelism because it reminds us of Christ's call to us "in the world."
- We've designed and posted "you are here" maps of St. Martin's church building. That's evangelism because it helps newcomers find their

way around our somewhat confusing building.

- We're working to upgrade and freshen up the greeters' ministry and making plans for an adult education workshop on greeting newcomers. That's evangelism because ... well, isn't it obvious? Welcoming newcomers isn't about preaching and passing out literature – but it's evangelism.

So the next time someone talks to you about evangelism, put aside the image of door-to-door preachers. That's one way of expressing evangelism – but we're not all called to express it the same way. Think of evangelism as a ministry of hospitality. And we all know how to be hospitable – and how to make our church community hospitable.



Let mutual
love continue.

*Do not neglect to
show hospitality to
strangers, for by
doing that some
have entertained
angels without
knowing it.*

Hebrews 13:1-2

From the Interim Associate Rector

Whatever happened to Adult Education?

by The Rev. Susie Skinner

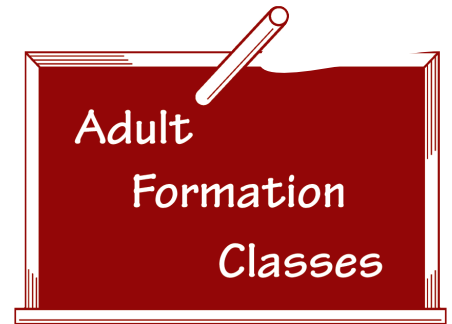
Recently I was asked, “Don’t we do Adult Education anymore?” It’s not a surprising question given that we seldom hear that term used at St. Martin’s any more. The answer is, of course, we continue that process we have known for years as “Adult Education”; we’ve simply updated the name to more aptly represent what we are about in that part of our Christian journey. What we once called “Christian Education,” for both adults and children, we now refer to as “Christian Formation.” So why the change?

We use the words “Christian Formation” because there is an important difference between education and formation. Education tends to mean things like the acquisition of information, comprehension, understanding, or what might be called “head knowledge.” Christian Formation is about our life being “formed” or shaped by

God through the community of the church.

“Christians are made, not born,” said the early church theologian Tertullian around the year 200 A. D. Tertullian’s statement is every bit as true today as it was then. We may become Christians at our Baptism, but the journey to know God and discern God’s desire for our lives and the life of the world we live in is never finished. It is a life long process that begins at birth and continues throughout all our life.

That continuous “forming” happens through a multitude of experiences and is not the same process for all of us. Sometimes it occurs in Bible study, sometimes it delves into the history and tradition of the faith, sometimes it happens when we share faith stories. At other times, it means listening to educators or theologians, but always its task is to help us faithful-



ly live into our Baptismal Covenant so that we may

- deepen our relationship with God,
- live life more fully,
- learn about the Biblical faith,
- connect with others on the journey,
- participate with God in the transformation of lives.

In the coming program year, we will offer a smorgasbord of opportunities for both adults and children in the hope of helping us all continue to be “formed” into the unique persons God has created us to be. Read about our offerings on pages 7 and 8 and watch for the coming brochure with more details.

New Altar Guild Director named

Mary Nell Brooke has been named the new director of the Altar Guild. She takes over this responsibility from Maxine Heller, who has served for many years in this important post. Thank you, Maxine.

The ministry of the Altar Guild is primarily the preparation of the altar/table for celebrations of the Eucharist. Its work includes making sure altar hangings are the right color, preparing the chalice, purificators, corporal, and burse, and then cleaning up after a service. This is the group that also always knows the best techniques for getting wine and lipstick stains out of fabric.



In addition, the Altar Guild prepares the church for weddings, funerals and other ceremonies. Its workroom is the sacristy, an ancient term used to designate the area set apart for the storage and cleaning all of things necessary for the various rites of the church day and year. No church could function without an Altar Guild.

Many thanks to Mary Nell for taking on this new ministry. Anyone interested in joining the Altar Guild may contact the new director or one of the clergy. Men are welcome, too.

Christian Formation

Look What's New This Fall!

Fall means back to school and back to our school-year routines. Now is the perfect time to make Christian formation an important part of your family's weekly routine.

Christian formation is the lifelong process by which we learn and grow in faith. We strive to provide a variety of educational programs for members of all ages to grow in spirit and community at St. Martin's.

Please be sure to regularly check this newsletter, our church website (www.stmartinchurch.org) and church bulletin boards for updated programs and events scheduled throughout the year.

Here is a sampling of what's new this fall:

Children and Youth

•**Sunday School** - Many of our Sunday school classes will be using a new curriculum this year called "Living the Good News." This is an Episcopal-based series that focuses on the weekly lectionary. That means students will learn about the same Bible readings we hear in church each week with age-appropriate lessons and activities. This will give the students a sound Bible base as well as give families a better opportunity to continue discussions at home.

Sunday School classes begin Sunday, Sept. 7 and are held weekly from 9-10 a.m. Pre-K through 8th grade classes are held in the undercroft area; Senior High classes are held in the lower laird.

•**Confirmation Class** - This year's confirmation classes will be open to all students 8th grade and older. We'll be using an Episcopal-based program for youth and adults called "I will, with God's help." To get the most out of the program, we ask that a parent or adult guardian attend the 8-week course with the students. Bishop Smith will conduct the confirmation ceremony at a date yet to be announced.

Confirmation classes begin Oct. 5 and run through Nov. 23. Classes will be held Sunday afternoons from 3:30 - 5 pm.

•**Youth Groups** - Our Senior High Youth Group will be meeting monthly for social and outreach activities. Our middle school group will be gathering for various special events throughout the year. *Both groups will kick off the new school year with a welcoming dinner in September.*

Adult Formation

•**Sunday School** - This year's Adult Formation committee has put together a wonderful selection of classes that will make you think, engage you in meaningful conversation, and deepen your spiritual knowledge.

Two classes will be offered each week:

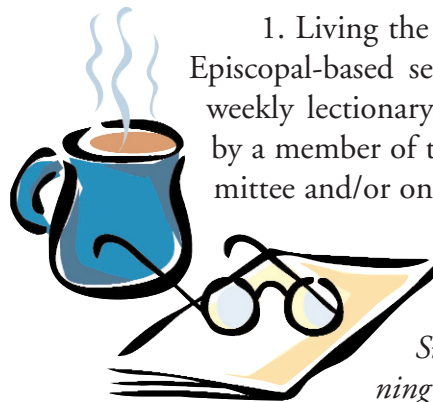
1. Living the Good News - This is an Episcopal-based series that focuses on the weekly lectionary. The classes will be led by a member of the adult education committee and/or one of our priests.

*Living the Good News classes will meet in Packwood Library every Sunday 9-10 a.m., beginning Sept. 14.**

2. Topical Classes - From Bible basics to discrimination in our society to the writings of C.S. Lewis, these classes will focus on topics planned, researched and presented by our adult ed committee. Classes will be led by one of our priests, a special guest speaker or a committee member. For a complete class schedule, please consult our monthly newsletter, the church website (www.stmartinchurch.org) or church bulletin boards.

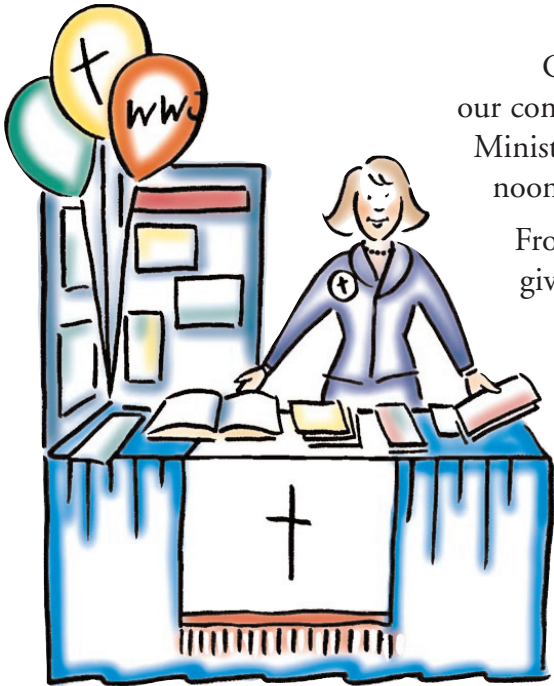
*Topical classes will meet in Upper Laird every Sunday 9-10 a.m. beginning Sept. 7.**

* No Adult Sunday School classes will be held on weeks during Grand Coffee Hours. These are generally held the last Sunday of each month. Please refer to the published monthly schedules.



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Ministries fair will spotlight opportunities at St. Martin's



Ministry Fair

Check out the many ways St. Martin's Episcopal Church is serving our community and find out how you can get involved at our Fall Ministries Fair. The event will be held Sunday, Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. till noon in Park Hall.

From acolytes and altar guild to ushers and youth groups, the fair will give you the chance to learn more about all the active ministries within our church. The event is sponsored by St. Martin's clergy and staff.

While the adults are strolling through the fair, our younger members can learn more about the church by participating in a scavenger hunt. The hunt will begin in the undercroft (Sunday School area). Prizes will be awarded for all students participating.

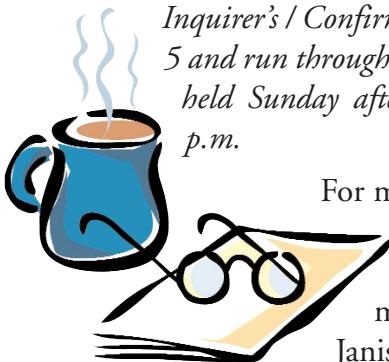
Set-up for the Ministries Fair will be Saturday, Aug. 23. Ministry leaders should bring their displays to the church between 10 a.m. and noon.

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Adult Formation

•**Inquirer's Class / Confirmation Class** – This year's confirmation class is open to adults as well as youth. We'll be using an Episcopal-based program for youth and adults called "I will, with God's help." The 8-week program will provide a basic background on the Episcopal faith and will culminate in confirmation for those who wish to become church members. Bishop Smith will conduct a confirmation ceremony at a date yet to be announced.

Inquirer's / Confirmation classes begin Oct. 5 and run through Nov. 23. Classes will be held Sunday afternoons from 3:30 - 5 p.m.



For more information about Christian Formation programming, please contact Janis Greenbaum at the church office.

Get ready for the new school year with these Christian Formation events!

Sunday School Teacher Workshop

Saturday, August 9

9 – 10:30 a.m.

Undercroft Classroom Area

Sunday School Open House and Registration

Sunday, August 17

9 – 10 a.m.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 17

(sponsored by ECW)

Immediately following

10:15 service

Park Hall



Getting to know you!

Heidi Gioia



•**Favorite Book or Movie:**

The Cairo Trilogy by Naguib Mahfouz and *Singin' in the Rain*

•**One thing people don't know about you that you would like them to know:** I'm a pretty private person.

•**Dream/Vision for St. Martin's:**

I would like to be a part of a vibrant, energetic spiritual community that is united in our worship of God, but respects a wide variety of responses to how the Holy Spirit guides our lives to serve.

•**Residence:** Chesterfield

•**Birthday:** July 17

•**Years at St. Martin's:** 6

•**Parish Involvement:**

Search Committee co-chair; Children's Worship; past involvement includes Christian Education Committee, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School

•**Religious History:** Raised in the ELCA Lutheran church and the Episcopal church.

•**Married to:** Al •**Years:** 10

•**Children:** Joseph, 7 and two step-children, Nicole, 23 and Al, 22

•**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading, cooking and working out

Joyful Giving!

Never too young to give

11-year-old Lindsey Peters has had long hair almost all her life. But this summer, Lindsey is sporting a stylish new short haircut so that other young girls can have long hair.

Lindsey donated her long ponytail to "Locks of Love," an organization based out of Florida that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

"My grandmother had cancer and both of my grandfathers died of cancer," Lindsey explains. "I knew this was something I had to do."

Lindsey decided about a year ago that she wanted to donate her hair to this charitable organization, but it wasn't quite long enough yet. She continued to let her hair grow until she had a 10-inch ponytail. Earlier this sum-

mer, her stylist cut off her long locks. Lindsey put them in a plastic bag and sent them to "Locks of Love."

Locks of Love says its mission is to return a sense of self, confidence and normalcy to children suffering from hair loss. The children receive hair prostheses free of charge or on a sliding scale, based on financial need.

Although it was a little scary to cut off her long hair, Lindsey says she really likes her short hair – and so do her friends. "You don't realize how much time you take each morning brushing and styling your hair," she says. "I did a good thing and it's so much easier now!"

So will she keep the short hair or let it grow again? Lindsey says she'll probably let it grow out again for the next few years... and then do it all again.

August Lay Participant Schedule

If you cannot serve your on an assigned date, *please get a substitute* and notify the church of the change (636-227-1484). If you have any special scheduling needs please contact: Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers: Dawn Dupler, 636-256-0063 or ddupler@charter.net; Acolytes & Children's Worship: Janis Greenbaum, 636-227-1484 or jgreenbaum@stmartinschurch.org; Greeters: Mary K. Heyde, 636-532-9345 or heydes@charter.net.

KEY: (2): 2nd Lesson - (P): Prayer Leader - (C): Chief Usher - (C): Crucifer

AUGUST 3

Vestry Person: Jeanne King - 314-323-9562

8:00 a.m.

- Lesson: Jim Crabtree
- Chalice Bearer: Daryl Norman
- Ushers: Don & Judy Harbaugh
- Greeters: Bob & Jan Waters

10:15 a.m.

- 1st Lesson: Bob Buehler
- Chalice Bearers: Judy Batch (2), Chuck Batch (P)
- Acolytes: Sarah Greenbaum (C), Ellie Ecker, Andrew Jackson
- Ushers: Lon Aylsworth (C), Deb Aylsworth, Bob McElroy, Bob Pomeroy
- Healing Minister: Mary Pomeroy
- Greeters: Jill Gould
- Children's Worship Leader: Kathy Ehrhardt
- Assistants: Gina Garbo, Ali Glazer

AUGUST 10

Vestry Person: Jack Hauser - 537-5870

8:00 a.m.

- Lesson: Ed Hamm
- Chalice Bearer: Lou Voit, Sr.
- Ushers: Rich & Honor Hebenstreit
- Greeters: Ken & Jeanne King

10:15 a.m.

- 1st Lesson: Bob Elsperman
- Chalice Bearers: D'Arcy Elsperman (2), Kurt Greenbaum (P)
- Acolytes: Breanne Fencil (C), Evan Fencil, Sarah Greenbaum
- Ushers: Jean DuPont (C), Larry Cornelius, Clayton Lee, Mark Edwards
- Healing Minister: Darla Lee
- Greeters: Erv & Mary K. Heyde
- Children's Worship Leader: Poppy Parker
- Assistants: Mary Richardson, Matthew Greenbaum
- Eucharistic Visitors: John Lange, Leslie Pattengill

AUGUST 17

Vestry Person: Mike Luebbers - 256-0063

8:00 a.m.

- Lesson: Daryl Norman
- Chalice Bearer: Daryl Norman
- Ushers: Bob & Jan Waters
- Greeters: Bob & Jan Waters

10:15 a.m.

- 1st Lesson: Sarah Greenbaum
- Chalice Bearers: Maxine Heller (2), John Lange (P)
- Acolytes: Ryan Lockhart (C), Andrew Bonney, Lindsey Peters
- Ushers: Sarah Aleman (C), Rich Brown, Bob Huheey, Linda Huheey
- Healing Minister: Leanne Lyle
- Greeters: Beth Buehler
- Children's Worship Leader: Cat Larsen
- Assistants: Michael Peters, Gina Garbo

AUGUST 24

Vestry Person: Deb Aylsworth - 458-6978

8:00 a.m.

- Lesson: Jim Crabtree
- Chalice Bearer: Jim Crabtree
- Ushers: Don & Judy Harbaugh
- Greeters: Ken & Jeanne King

10:15 a.m.

- 1st Lesson: David Pearson
- Chalice Bearers: Margaret Eidson (2), Kurt Greenbaum (P)
- Acolytes: Austin Lockhart (C), Evan Fencil, Andrew Bonney
- Ushers: Rich Luebcke (C), Theresa Luebcke, Bob Elsperman, Rich Eidson
- Healing Minister: Bev Weaver
- Greeters: Carole Clary, Carole Gerretsen
- Children's Worship Leader: Heidi Gioia
- Assistants: Ali Glazer, Mary Richardson
- Eucharistic Visitors: Mary K. Heyde, Mary Richardson

AUGUST 31

Vestry Person: John Lange - 273-6476

8:00 a.m.

- Lesson: Ed Hamm
- Chalice Bearer: Daryl Norman
- Ushers: Rich & Honor Hebenstreit
- Greeters: Bob & Jan Waters

10:15 a.m.

- 1st Lesson: Rina Chittooran
- Chalice Bearers: Jack Hauser (2), Mary K. Heyde (P)
- Acolytes: Sarah Greenbaum (C), Lindsey Peters, Ellie Ecker
- Ushers: Mary Jane Drake (C), Erv Heyde, Lon Aylsworth, Deb Aylsworth
- Healing Minister: Diana Hauser
- Greeters: Jack & Mopsi Hanley
- Children's Worship Leader: Kathy Erhardt
- Assistants: Matthew Greenbaum, Michael Peters

August 2008

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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					Office Closed	9 - Men's Group Breakfast, PH
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 - Worship, Rite I 9 - Adult Formation Cmt., UL 10:15 - Worship, Rite II	1 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Bell Choir 6:30 - Children's Worship Leaders Dinner, UL	Election Day	9:30 - Holy Eucharist/Healing,		Office Closed	9 - Sunday School Teacher Training, UC
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Food Pantry Sunday 8 - Worship, Rite I 10:15 - Worship, Rite II	1 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Bell Choir		9:30 - Holy Eucharist/Healing,		Office Closed	9-12 - Safeguarding God's Children, St. Michael & St. George
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8 - Worship, Rite I 9 - SS Open House 10:15 - Worship, Rite II 11:30 - Ice Cream Social 	1 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Bell Choir		9:30 - Holy Eucharist/Healing,		Office Closed	10 - Chalice Training, P 10-12 - Ministry Fair Set-up, PH
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8 - Worship, Rite I 9 - Ministries Fair, PH 9 - Scavenger Hunt 10:15 - Worship, Rite II 11:30 - Ministries Fair, PH	1 - Staff Meeting		9:30 - Holy Eucharist/Healing,	11:30 - Lunch Bunch	Office Closed	
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8 - Worship, Rite I 10:15 - Worship, Rite II	6 - Vestry 6:30 - Bell Choir		7 - Search Committee			

Need Prayers????

by The Rev. Virginia Noel

The St. Martin's Prayer Chain exists for emergency prayer requests. Anytime there is an urgent need for prayers, the women and men of St. Martin's Prayer Chain will pray for parishioners, relatives, and friends. That urgent need may be sudden illness, emergency surgery, an accident, an emotional crisis, or any life-threatening situation.

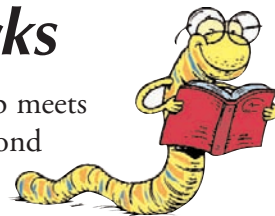
For an urgent prayer request, call a Prayer Chain member any time (daytime, evening, weekends). Some members are: The Rev. Virginia Noel (636-779-2807), Anne Gravatte (636-394-1775), Bob & Mary Jane McElroy (636-527-0951), Shannon Jackson (636-240-0985).

For non-urgent prayer requests, please call the church office (636-227-1484) for inclusion in the St. Martin's Prayer List for the Sunday and Wednesday Eucharists.



Book Club Picks

The St. Martin's Book Club meets from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in Packwood Library. Obtain a copy of a book the group has chosen and come join in the discussion.



August 12 - **The Last Spymaster** by Gayle Lynde

This classic espionage thriller from bestseller Lynds (The Coil) strikes a perfect balance between the private lives of her characters and the blood and betrayal of their professional adventures. Jay Tice, the last spymaster of the title, sold out the CIA store to the Russians during the Cold War and is now serving a life sentence in a federal prison from which no one has ever escaped. When Tice does slip away, a gifted CIA hunter, Elaine Cunningham, tries to find out how and why. As Cunningham follows an intricate trail of death and deception, Lynds brings to vivid life parts of the Eastern U.S. (like North Carolina's Great Dismal Swamp) and a huge cast of supporting players. The liaison between Tice and a top female agent from the former East Germany points to the passion sadly missing from many of today's spy thrillers: "Tice and Raina had had a fiery but covert Cold War affair. That was the way people lived then. When sex, lust, love erupted between East and West, it was always forbidden and usually volcanic."

September 9 - **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak

August Birthdays

Aug. 1 - Phyllis Duff
John Calhoun
Judy Bonney
Aug. 2 - Cat Larsen
Aug. 3 - Logan Bailey
Aug. 4 - Tyler DuPont
Aug. 5 - Jim McLaughlin
Rich Luebcke
Michael Montgomery
Aug. 6 - Michael Moranz
John King
Aug. 9 - Pamela Baumann
Mackenzie Morrison
Aug. 11 - Betty Timko
Bette Crabtree
Aug. 12 - Peggy Dougald
Aug. 13 - Tina Reinhardt

Aug. 15 - Missi Moon
Aug. 16 - Marjorie Schuchat
Alex Baumann
Aug. 17 - Daryl Norman
Katie Richardson
Aug. 18 - Teresa Reeves
Carolyn Ebeling
Aug. 19 - Tom Shepperd
Mark Phillips
Lauren Willis
Lauren Gillies
Aug. 20 - Helen Dewey
Loretta Irwin
Christian Schmoker
Aug. 21 - Bob Marchetto
Doug Edmonson
Emma Bollinger
Aug. 22 - Mary K. Heyde

Aug. 23 - Carol Kennedy-Radmer
Todd DuPont
Caitlin Cogan
Aug. 24 - Darla Lee
Cindy Warren
Aug. 25 - Ann Krelo
Aug. 26 - Greg Marx
Aug. 27 - Wayne Peters
Errington Brown
Barbara Hamm
Erv Heyde
Aug. 28 - Sandy Laney
Aug. 29 - Deb Aylsworth
Mollie Ebeling
Aug. 30 - Winnie Peebles
John Lange
Shannon Jackson
Elise Yuhas
Nathan Parker
Aug. 31 - Steve Brunkhorst

Children's Chapel needs some props

by Teresa Reeves

We are in search of some props for use with 4 – 7 year olds in our Children's Chapel program. If you have any of these items and would be willing to donate them to the Children's Chapel, we would greatly appreciate it. Please label them "Children's Chapel" and place them on a shelf in the coat closet.

Thanks so much for your help!

- St. Louis Cardinals' stuff for accenting baseball bulletin board (cap, pennant, etc.)
- Fish netting (approximately 3' x 5')
- Walking cane
- Kid's bow (don't need arrows)
- 3 Figures of Wise Men
- Large plush fish
- Lord's Prayer (plaque/ banner/ etc.)
- Mustard Seed (actual seeds or a piece of jewelry with one inside)
- Several packets of seeds
- Any children's books that tell a wonderful Christian story.
- Picture of St. Martin of Tours
- Rainbow (picture/ banner, etc.)
- Slingshot
- Plastic food: loaves of bread or rolls
- Fish stuffed toys
- Green silk leaves to use on a bulletin board



Put these words of mine in your heart and soul
Teach them to your children

Deuteronomy 10:18, 19, NRSV



Do you like to see new faces in our congregation? Do you want to make sure they feel wel-

comed when they come through our doors? If you

have answered yes to these questions, you can make a major contribution to our church.

It is extremely important for people to feel they are wanted when they come to our church. The Greeter Ministry focuses on making sure new people are recognized when they attend. It is very important to greet newcomers and it is fun to meet new people who are interested in our church.

Please consider joining us in welcoming everyone who comes through our doors. Contact Mary K. Heyde (heydes@charter.net) or Nancy Young (nancbear@hotmail.com) if you would like to help.

Planning Tips for a St. Martin's Activity/Event

In order to prevent space conflicts and to allow as many people as possible to participate, please keep the following in mind:

- To get your event on the calendar or check tentative dates against the master calendar, email Janet at jtheiss@stmartinschurch.org or call the office 227-1484.
- If your activity will be taking place at St. Martin's and will require set up, please fill out a pink Event Form as soon as possible so that plans can be made to accommodate your needs.
- To let your fellow parishioners know about your event, write a short article containing all of the pertinent details: who, what, where, why, and when and email to Janet or Ruby at rdowns@stmartinschurch.org. Your activity will then be posted on the website calendar and included in announcements and *Messages* as appropriate.
- Remember that all fundraising events need to be approved by the Vestry.
- Also, remember to take digital photos at the event and e-mail them to the office for our website.

News from Diocesan Council

Highlights from June 7, 2008 meeting

by D'Arcy Elsperman, Member, Diocesan Council

A Discipleship/Visioning workshop is being developed for use in all congregations and organizations of the diocese. The workshop uses scripture verses primarily from the Gospel of Matthew to guide participants through a series of questions about individual discipleship and how our relationship with God leads us toward mission in our community. It will teach us to be disciples of Jesus by Calling of Disciples, Forming of Disciples and Sending of Disciples to consider, convert and commit others to follow Jesus.

The financial reports indicated a positive cash flow which may be an indicator of the work undertaken to have a bal-

anced budget. A draft of the 2009 operating budget was presented to the Council. Income from congregations was based on the 12.5% minimum assessment approved by Convention. It was recommended that the diocese increase its giving to the national church by 1% to 18.4%.

The Church Assistance Endowment Fund subcommittee reviewed requests from churches. Since the requests were within the total funds available they recommended that all requests be completely funded. The grants were approved as submitted. Congregations receiving funds are St. Barnabas, Florissant; Grace, Jefferson City; Transfiguration,

Lake St. Louis; St. Luke's, Manchester; St. Mark's, Portland; St. Paul's, St. Louis; and Trinity, St. Louis.

A subcommittee is studying the effectiveness of Convocations which are meetings that are held from 4 to 6 times a year with representation of several churches in a similar area attending. Following a survey that was sent out, a meeting was held in May. Those in attendance agreed that they like the concept of convocations, but hope to make the meetings more beneficial. The committee will continue to work to help to improve and renew the purpose of convocations.

The Bishop will be absent from the diocese for most of the summer due to the trial of a Bishop in Philadelphia, vacation, a pre-Lambeth conference with Bishops from Sudan, Lambeth, and the New Orleans mission trip.



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Episcopal City Mission's Moment-in-Time V Gala, Sept. 10

Come celebrate the ministry of the Episcopal City Mission at its 5th annual Moment-in-Time Gala in the Starlight Room of the Chase Park Plaza Hotel on the evening of September 10. Gerald Early, Ph.D., a noted author, essayist, and Director of the Center for Humanities at the Washington University, will provide words of inspiration. Of course, you can count on terrific fellowship, fine music, select auction items and great food and libations. Tickets are available from the Klieves, by calling ECM at 314-436-3545, or at www.ecitymission.org.

ECM is thankful for your support of this vital ministry.



Supper Club - Returning to our "Old Way"

The majority has spoken and we are happy to advise everyone that we will return to our "old" way of organization. Groups will remain the same for the entire season – no split halfway through.

So get ready for some fun this year, getting to know everyone in your group better, meeting in each other's home and tasting some wonderful food.



For those of you that are new to supper club, try it! You will like it!!! Each month someone hosts a brunch or dinner and decides what the main

course will be. The rest of the group brings something to share. The next month someone else hosts the get together. Date and time are flexible with each group. The food is always good and there's no fancy cooking unless that is your passion.

Look for the sign up sheet in Park Hall or send an e-mail to one of us and we will put your name on the list.

Questions give one of us a call or e-mail us.

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Betty Crabtree - coinco1995@sbcglobal.net - 636-536-0528

Jan Waters - jwaters@cbgundaker.com - 636-579-9812

Because you are important . . .

Ever wonder how Stephen Ministry was started?

Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when the Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, trained nine laypersons at his congregation in St. Louis to be Stephen Ministers. They assisted him in providing distinctively Christian care to members of their congregation and community. These trained caregivers were so enthused about their ministry, they encouraged Dr. Haugk to offer Stephen Ministry to more congregations.

The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6).

Today, more than 10,000 congregations are enrolled in the Stephen Series, which is still based in St. Louis. These congregations represent more than 150 different Christian denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 21 other countries. It is estimated there are over 450,000 laypersons trained to be Stephen Ministers,

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Stephen Ministries St. Louis is a not-for-profit, inter-denominational, religious and educational organization. The St. Louis-based staff of 45 includes five pastors. Dr. Haugk, who is also a mental health professional, serves as the executive director.

Helen Ludbrook and Barb McCann began Stephen Ministry at St. Martin's in 1989. Over the past 19 years, Stephen Ministers from St. Martin's have provided Christian Care to over 200 people. If you would like to learn how you can become a Stephen Minister, or if you feel you can benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact any of the Stephen Leaders listed below.

. . . because we care

Stephen Ministry is confidential ministry. To talk with someone, please contact one of the Leaders: Leanne Lyle (636-532-0794), Barbara McCann (636-536-2738), Mary Pomeroy (636-532-9183), Beverly Weaver (636-230-3348).

Mark Your Calendars for these 2 Events!!

Gospel Sunday & Dinner on the Grounds Sunday, September 14

St. Martin's will host the St. Louis Community Gospel Choir for a concert at 1:00 p.m. Sept. 14. In addition, Cecelia Stearman, choir director, will be a guest soloist at our 10:15 Holy Eucharist.

After the late service, a potluck



Special Music

lunch will be served in Park Hall followed by the Gospel Concert in the nave at 1:00 o'clock. The church will provide the main dish of fried chicken and parishioners are asked to bring all the "trimmings" for a down-home luncheon and celebration of the good news of God in Christ.

The St. Louis Community Gospel Choir was formed last summer under the direction of Stearman and has grown to more than 70 members, performing about six concerts yearly. All volunteer, the choir seeks to build bridges and model community and reconciliation through the rich tradition of African American spirituals and the energy of gospel music.

It often brings audiences to their feet during its performances.

As founder and director of the choir, Stearman is a native of Mississippi and taught voice there before pursuing her career in Europe, living for a time in Paris and Frankfurt. She is an outstanding mezzo-soprano and will grace us with an offering of her musical talent at the 10:15 service. In addition, she founded and directed the 85-voice Emmanuel Gospel Choir of Rueil-Malmaison (France), for which she received the *medaille de ville* of that historic city.

The concert is a benefit to support the work of the St. Martin's Millennium Development Goals Committee.

Community Health Fair and Wellness Fair at St. Martin's

Saturday, November 8th from 9 - 1!!

- Mammograms
- Acupuncture
- Pathways Hospice
- Wellness Community
- Flu Shots
- Massage
- Outreach
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Cholesterol Checks
- Financial Health
- St. John's Mercy
- Seminars by Medical Experts

And MUCH MUCH MORE!!!!



Until I met Shirley

Donna Erickson, an experienced Mission Trip leader and member of Emmanuel, Webster Groves, reflects on what she witnessed in New Orleans. From Reaching Out, Emmanuel Episcopal Church's Missions Committee newsletter.

I suspect most people who know me would agree that I'm a "tough cookie" – at least on days when they're being kind that's the phrase they would use!

Both personal and professional experiences have revealed human brokenness to me in strange, disturbing, and profoundly beautiful ways. Urban settings and situations are not foreign to me as I was raised outside of NYC in New Jersey and have worked for nearly 3 decades in St. Louis, a city once dubbed "the most dangerous in the country." It is against this backdrop that I ask you to believe that **nothing** in my experience could have prepared me for the devastation I witnessed on our recent Mission trip to New Orleans; devastation that is truly of biblical proportion.

I, along with most of the country and certainly many of you, watched in horror as the dramatic events of August 2005 unfolded. The human misery, futility and desperation escalating as whole communities in the Southeast were swept away; communities of ordinary men and women who lost places to live and work, family members, beloved pets, ways of life, points of reference, familiar landmarks, and any semblance of normalcy.

A combination of denial, personal bias and media misinformation allowed me to believe that the flood and its aftermath, especially in New Orleans, happened "to them" – people significantly different from me by every measurable marker: economic, racial, cultural and geographic.

I continued to believe that ... until I met Shirley.

On Wednesday morning of Mission week, I was asked to accompany "The Finisher" to a work site. While the nickname seems to come straight from the World Wrestling

Federation, it actually belongs to a young woman named Liz who is employed by the Office of Disaster Relief/Episcopal Diocese of LA. Liz specializes in putting finishing touches on homes that have been restored by the program and her appearance means that owner reoccupancy is imminent.

A day had been planned for the two of us to install one final section of molding, and then caulking and doing final paint touch ups in the home of one of the program's clients. (A client, incidentally, who contacted the program after an unscrupulous contractor had taken her state "Road Home" money, started repairs – and then vanished. Apparently not an uncommon scenario in New Orleans these days.)

As we pulled up to the house, the homeowner, Shirley, came out of her FEMA trailer to welcome us. There was an immediate sense of familiarity; an impression that was reinforced throughout the day as we shared work, lunch and exchanged stories and insights about our lives. We later acknowledged that we each recognized our "sisterhood" within 5 minutes of being introduced.

The similarities of our lives were uncanny. Both of us were single working mothers, (me in social work for 33 yrs., Shirley as a middle school teacher for 32 yrs.); each with two sons the exact same ages and our sons had lost their fathers to death in the exact same year; each of us have an elderly mother, now in assisted living, yet still dependent on us for support and daily routine appointments/management. Shirley just painted her restored master bedroom the same shade of purple I had chosen in the fall for my sunroom. Shirley finished paying off her home and retired from her job three months before Katrina struck and, while that day is still a few years off for me, as she spoke of the retirement she had

planned, filled with walks with friends, church work, book groups and gardening. I recognized, and heard, my own hopes for a future free from job demands. With tears in her eyes, Shirley acknowledged that her planned for life and all those dreams have been irretrievably lost.

She spoke honestly about the difficulty in reaching out for help especially after being "swindled," the reluctance to accept assistance "because folks like you and me don't take help, we take care of others; we soldier on; single moms take a breath, pick ourselves up and do what has to be done." She spoke of hopelessness and the reality that papers in New Orleans have stopped publishing cause of death in the obituaries "because the number of suicides is so staggeringly high it would depress those of us trying desperately to hang on."

Shirley now walks the neighborhood everyday, alone with her memories, assessing physical damage, calling former neighbors now relocated throughout the South, telling them about their properties, encouraging them to return, discussing local politics/happenings, trying to stay connected; in essence, assessing emotional damage as well. She will be one of the first on her block to stop living in a trailer and return to living inside her home. (One of the first – 2 1/2 years after the flood!)

So far, the only furniture she has accumulated is a table for her bedroom and a bed. Upon the table is a Celtic cross, a candle and a resin figurine of a black preacher holding a small child by her hand. Shirley said that "with a place to rest my head, a cross to remind me of Jesus and the church to help lead me home, I know everything else will fall into place."

At the end of the day, as we

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A church profile: *My name is Chris*

(Editor's Note: This is a narrative summarizing the April Cottage Meetings and the Wednesday Forum held May 14. This parish identity serves as a tool not only for the Rector Search Committee, but also for the congregation as it looks toward renewing and redefining itself. This profile is the creative work of Linda Bennett and Beth Buehler.)

My name is Chris. I'm a well-educated professional in my mid-50's and recently divorced. It's been hard for me but I believe I'm beginning to heal from the pain.

Recently, I've been thinking about going out again, but feel wary and distrusting.

A new relationship scares me!

Friends tell me I look OK. But let's face it, 'OK' and 'come hither' just aren't the same. Maybe if I looked better, I'd feel better. Maybe that would help me make new friends. The kind of friends I want to make and keep would probably look beyond my façade. Truthfully, I could use more exercise: physical, emotional and spiritual!

Right now I'm pretty comfortable with my routine. You know oatmeal for breakfast everyday. When it comes to making my life better, I have good intentions, but the projects I start, I have trouble completing. I guess I'm easily distracted. In some ways I'm on automatic pilot, just going through the motions. At this point, I don't really feel ignited or excited about my direction. I drink coffee to keep my energy and drive going.

I have a lot of friends and would say I'm well-liked. Waiting for an invitation to socialize is more comfortable for me. Initiating new relationships is a challenge for me.

It always has been. Most of my friends would be considered old friends.

Finances are an ongoing issue in my life. Whenever I do have extra cash, I try to take care of old projects, but just can't get them completed. I consider myself a Christ-centered person and believe if my spiritual core were really in order, the finance issues would take care of themselves. I know I have a spiritual core but I don't tend to talk about it. It's hard to show others what I feel inside. My passion and faith are hard to share. I feel it on the inside but fear it doesn't show on the outside.

As far as the future goes, I feel that I am at a crossroads. I recognize that I have an opportunity to change. How do I start? I could take the safe route and continue as I am, but I'd like to take some risks and grow as an individual and begin to feel joy again. I would like to feel like I am 35-40 years old again. I want to re-ignite my spiritual center. A career change would be welcome, but I want to find something that would benefit from the experience and tools I have developed over the years. I want to honor my past while using what I have learned to move in a new direction. Finding a Christ-centered, service-oriented profession would be ideal. I want to be open-minded, initiate new ideas while maintaining a spiritual/mental/ physical balance. I would like to have young adults and children in my every day work. I want my life to illuminate God's word in this community. May this community join me in doing God's work in the world. That is my vision. Together, we can define and refine our mission.

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Mission Trip

embraced and exchanged phone numbers, addresses and promises of staying in touch, she held my shoulders and said, "Donna, when that tornado rips through St. Louis and takes out your house, you call me; I'll get friends from church together and we'll be there to help **you** rebuild."

I was finally able to grasp, on a wrenching, take-your-breath-away gut level, that this tragedy did not happen "to them"; it happened to people **exactly** like me. It happened to brothers – and sisters – in Christ who are exactly as beloved by God the Father as we are.

Our lives had been parallel in SO many ways and yet her faith and courage brought me up short. I found myself wondering how I would be 2 1/2 years after losing *everything* familiar and beloved through forces over which I had absolutely NO control. Would I be able to begin again, to keep on keeping on? (Would you?)

I knew then precisely what a gift it had been that I was chosen to accompany "The Finisher" to Shirley's house. It may have been a blessing for her, she kept saying it was; if that was the case, it was just another way we were exactly alike because it was a blessing for me as well. It was a powerful moment of grace; a chance for me

to be reminded that I was not just there with "The Finisher" but, more importantly, I was there with the God of all new life—the God of beginnings.

"But forget all that – it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do a brand new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?" Isaiah 43: 18-19.

There were MANY moments of grace on this trip. None of these experiences would have been possible without the ongoing support of Emmanuel parish. We (Lou Clauss, Mary Ann Cook, and Richard Byrnes and I) are very grateful.

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Dear friends:

Based on the amount raised, it appears that St. Martin's first Walk-A-Thon was a huge success! Please know that your donation of \$18,000 will go a long way in providing clean water for our friends in the Diocese of Lui. I thank you for remembering them - I thank you for your commitment to them - I thank you for making a significant difference in their lives.

And on behalf of Bishop Bullen and the people of the Diocese of Lui, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Ever faithfully, in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Wayne Smith".

The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith
Bishop of Missouri



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Worship Schedule

Sunday AM

8:00 - Holy Eucharist I

10:15 - Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday AM

9:30 - Eucharist & Healing