

March 13, 2011

The First Sunday in Lent

Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Christian Formation Programs

11:30am Newcomers Lunch

4:00 pm Confirmation Class

10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, March 14

10:30AM Bible Study

1:15PM Staff Meeting

7:00pm Outreach Committee

(Thursday, continued)

10:00AM Beginners Bible Study

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm ECW

7:00pm Facilities Committee

Tuesday, March 15

9:30AM ECW Book Club

10:00AM Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Hospitality Committee

Friday, March 18

Office Closed

Wednesday, March 16

*Newsletter deadline

12:00PM Holy Eucharist

6:00pm Lenten Series

(dinner & program for all ages)

Saturday, March 19

(no events)

Sunday, March 20

Priest's Discretionary Fund Sunday

8:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00am Christian Formation Hour

10:15AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

4:00pm Confirmation Class

7:00pm Youth Group

Thursday, March 17

6:30AM Men's Bible Study

9:00AM Morning Prayer, Hall residence

Finances

Last Sunday's Total Income: \$10,077 — Budgeted Income: \$9,706

Total Income for Year: \$95,356 — Budgeted for Year: \$77,979

Furnace & Air Conditioner Replacement Fund: \$23,460

From January, 2010 Financial Report to the Vestry, approved at March 7, 2011 Vestry Meeting:

Year to date income has exceeded expenses by \$11,941.

[YTD actual income \$61,641 - YTD actual expenses \$49,700 = a surplus of \$11,941]

The year-to-date Budget projected that expenses would exceed income by \$17,120.

[Budget Income \$35,541 - Budgeted Expenses \$52,661 = a deficit of \$17,120]

Income for the year has exceeded projections by \$26,100 and expenses were less than projected by \$2,962.

Prayer List: Bill, Errington, Tina, Mark, Rosemarie, Nancy, Leanne, Arnold, Arlene, Elle, Sandy, Janet, Betty.

Birthday Prayers: Renee Jerry, Caroline Johnson, Alyssa Erhardt, Ella Codak, Lincoln Drake, Mary Richardson, Mark Beardsell

Welcome to St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Begins March 16

6 - 8 p.m.



Join us each Wednesday in Lent
for faith and fellowship for all ages.

We begin with a family pot-luck dinner in Park Hall,
then separate into break-away sessions:

Adults: Embracing an Adult Faith

Theologian and author Marcus Borg helps us take on questions about
God, Jesus, Salvation, Practice and Community

Youth: Exploring Spiritual Practices

Middle & High School students explore a labyrinth, practice forms of praying
and learn other simple practices to bring you in a closer relationship to God.

Children: Animated Stories from the New Testament

Elementary students watch stories about Jesus' life and ministries,
take interactive quizzes and have fun with puzzles and games.

(The nursery will be open for kids under 4)

Please help us plan by signing up in Park Hall.



Newcomers' Luncheon

TODAY!

Sunday, March 13

In Park Hall, following the 10:15 Service

If you are new to St. Martin's,
please join us for a special lunch
hosted by the Evangelism Committee.



St. Martin's Sunday School
Special Event: Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday
TODAY! 9 till 10 a.m.

Children in pre-K through high school are invited to join us as we mark the importance of mission in our lives.

We'll participate in a special art exchange with the children of Lui, Africa and learn about our church's work helping others around the world.

Classes meet in the undercroft – down the stairs near the coat closet. *All are welcome!*



Vacation Bible School

June 13 - 17

Kids in pre-school through 5th grade are invited to join us for an *Inside Out and Upside Down* week of faithful fun!

- ◆ Check out the program and register at: www.vacationbibleschool.com/stmartinschurch
- ◆ For more information, contact Colleen Hall or Michelle Magee at stmartinsvbs2011@gmail.com or 636-273-3996

Vacation Bible School Meeting

Thursday, March 31
6:30 p.m.
Upper Laird

Interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year? Join us as we discuss the various duties and find out who can help with what areas.

If you can't make the meeting but would still like to help, or have an interest in helping with a certain area, please contact Colleen Hall or Michelle Magee.



Newsletter Deadline:
Wednesday, March 16

Send all articles, announcements and pictures for the April Newsletter to janis@igreenbaum.com no later than this Wednesday.



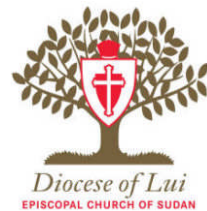
SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

Join us each Sunday from 9 till 10 a.m. in Packwood Library

Sunday, March 13: CENTER FOR THE EUCHARIST
 Special Guest Speaker The Rev. Ralph McMichael discusses the vision Jesus bestows on all of us through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sunday, March 20: FACEBOOK 101
 Resident social networker Kurt Greenbaum takes the fear out of Facebook and shows us how the network can benefit our church.

Sunday, March 27: EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION
 Diocesan ECM Liaison Barbi Click updates us on the work being done through this unique ministry for kids in detention.



Children of Lui
Art Exhibit

St. Martin's is fortunate to have an exhibit of very special artwork in Park Hall. This is a traveling exhibit created by children in the Diocese of Lui.

The children participating in this project range in ages from 4 to 19 years old.

Children in the U.S. have crayons, colored pencils and various art supplies available from the time they are toddlers. The children of Lui had never held supplies like this in their hands. For these children, this was a first chance to express themselves through art. Please take a look at their work to gain a perspective of their world.

Notecards printed with some of the artwork are available for a donation. All proceeds from the purchase of these cards will be donated for education and healthcare projects in Lui.

For the people of Lui, the request is often simple: "Don't forget us—tell our story." Please be a storyteller for them.

Women of St. Martin's Church...

Thursday March 17 at 7:00 pm
is the next ECW meeting.

All are welcome to plan and discuss the ECW upcoming events and ministries. Remember, if you are a woman attending St. Martin's you are a member of ECW. Please share your time, talent and treasure: dues / donation for 2011 of \$10 is now due.

Youth Group News

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series for Youth:
Trying on Spiritual Disciplines for Size
Begins March 13

6 - 8 p.m.

Join us for some fun, hands-on sessions to help us see God's presence in our everyday lives.

Youth Group Gathering

Sunday, March 20th
7 - 8:30pm

It's Spring Break and if you're not going away, come on over to church! Join Mike & Ashleigh for spring break-themed evening of fun. Friends are always welcomed!

Mini-Mission Trip

June 24 - 26

Informational Meeting for Parents: March 20 at 7 p.m.
 Engaging in mission is a powerful way for teenagers to act out their faith. St. Martin's is planning a Mini-Mission experience this summer for middle schoolers and high schoolers! Parents are encouraged to attend our March 20 meeting to learn more about this trip.

Lenten Devotional Booklets

Copies Now Available in the Narthex



Take home a copy of this year's Lenten Devotional Booklet. You will find a reading for each day of this Lenten season, all based on the daily lectionary and all written by members of our church