

2016 Annual Parish Meeting

January 29, 2017



St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church & School

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VISION

St. Martin-in-the-Fields is an open & accepting community where the love of Jesus lives & transforms through worship, education, fellowship & service in our church & in the world.

MISSION

Our mission is to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith.

ELECTIONS

Vestry

- Term: 3 years

Delegate to Diocesan Convention

- Term: 1 year

Current Vestry

Retiring Jan 2018

- Jack Bolerjack
- Charles Busey
- Courtney Mullaney
- Ike Ogbue

Retiring Jan 2019

- Linda Snow
- Joel Walker
- Nancy Wieden
- Kathy Wilkinson

Outgoing Vestry

- Gil Kleinwechter
- Elizabeth Mason
- Cyndy Sulots
- Jim Bedell (eligible for reelection)

Treasurer & Clerk

Treasurer: D.J. Mitchell

Clerk: Glenda Morehead

2016 Convention

Delegates

- MaryBeth Butler
- Susan Kleinwechter
- Becky Snell
- Linda Snow
- Nancy Wieden
- Joel Walker

2017 Convention Delegates

Nov. 10-11, Cleburne

Delegates

Alternates

- MaryBeth Butler
- Susan Kleinwechter
- Becky Snell
- Linda Snow
- Joel Walker
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Nominees for Voting

Vestry

- James Bedell
- MaryBeth Butler
- Adam Jarrett
- _____

Delegate

- MaryBeth Butler
- Susan Kleinwechter
- Becky Snell
- Linda Snow
- Joel Walker
- _____

RECTOR'S REPORT

Sacraments & Services

Attendance

Statistics by Year

Sunday Services by Year

Rector's Diocesan Commitments

Sacraments & Services

2015	2016	
152	160	Sun. & Sat. Eve. Eucharists
48	84	Weekday Eucharists
67	119	Private Eucharists (Sick or Shut-in)
8	51	Daily Offices
2	4	Marriages
5	11	Burials

Necrology - 2016

- Shirley Jean Timmons
- Jeff Brian Shortridge
- Oneita Elizabeth Faris
- Robert Wayne Spears
- Rev. Lauren Gough
- Barbara A. Stevens

Necrology – 2016 con't

- Charles E. “Chuck” Dorman
- Helen Elizabeth Simpson
- Kathie Ann Schuman Foster
- Steven Edward Anderson
- Michelle West Fox

Sacraments & Services

2015	2016	Baptism, Confirmation, & Reception
2	3	Baptisms – age 16+
15	12	Baptisms – under 16
11	7	Confirmation & Reception – age 16 +
4	8	Confirmation – under 16

Attendance

2015	2016	
224	239	Average Sunday Attendance
454	471	Easter Sunday Attendance

Attendance

2015	2016	Education/Formation
120	81	Sunday School students
98	87	Adults in education programs
218	168	Total

Statistics By Year

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16
Holy Eucharist	198	153	165	203	166	166	200	244
Sick/Shut-in Communion	181	60	58	43	9	9	67	119
Burial	4	4	8	7	4	4	5	11
Marriage	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	4
Confirmation	1	1	2	1	3	3	12	19
Receptions	16	23	9	2	16	16	3	7
Baptism	11	11	15	13	11	11	17	15

Statistics By Year- cont'd

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16
Children's Chapel	9	9	9	57	12	12	11	9
School Chapel	NA	NA	NA	NA	29	29	74	41

Sunday Services By Year

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16
Sunday Holy Eucharists	159	148	158	156	148	154	152	160
Total Sunday Attendance	11236	11634	11564	11158	10394	9271	11418	11958
Average Sunday Attendance	212	237	218	215	212	182	224	239

Diocesan Commitments

- Executive Council (quarterly)
- Disciplinary Board (as needed)
- Monthly Rector's Meetings
- Monthly Clergy Meetings

WARDENS' & ASSISTANT'S & DEACON'S REPORTS

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Assisting Priest

Deacon

Senior Warden's Report

Gil Kleinwechter

2016 was active & exciting!

- Outreach program grew, we found new & interesting ways to help our brothers & sisters
 - Sheep & Goats Lenten campaign
 - Stop Hunger Now
 - 4Saints Food Pantry
- Our children & youth were given education & hands-on opportunities to grow in Christ & live our mission
- Mission Trip - high school to New Orleans w/Trinity
- Mission Trip - City Week – intergenerational, local to UGM in Fort Worth
- Service Sunday – intergenerational, not just youth

Sr. Warden's Report – cont'd

2016 Growth of ministry

- Parish members
 - Lisa Neilson ordained a deacon & then a priest
 - 2 in discernment process: Ayo Omoniyi & Corrie Cables
- New adult educational opportunities
- We offered new & fun fellowship activities
 - Tap into Theology
 - Newcomer parties
 - Connect groups, just starting now
- We made our presence known in our community
 - Kellerfest
 - Festival in the Fields

Sr. Warden's Report – cont'd

Some closing thoughts - 2016 was a busy year!

- We showed that we are here to answer Christ's call to care for each other both in our parish and beyond
- I am grateful for the help of Father Scot, the vestry & so many others throughout the year
- I appreciate your wisdom, friendship & most especially patience
- Together we accomplished so much and together we will accomplish so much more

May God bless us all in this year ahead!

Junior Wardens' Report

Charles Busey

Building and grounds

- General repairs
- Various maintenance & repairs on electrical, plumbing, heat & air conditioning, sprinkler systems

Assisting Priest's Report

The Rev. Susan Slaughter

- Preached & celebrated midweek & weekends
- Visited & prayed with our people before surgery
- Took Communion to hospitals, rehab
- Monthly communion services at The Legacy at Bear Creek memory care facility
 - 3-6 volunteers help
 - Number of residents fluctuates from 3-8
 - A couple of staff members may participate in singing & sometimes ask for prayers

Assisting Priest's Report

The Rev. Susan Slaughter

- Adult education
 - Sunday Lectionary Discussion
 - Filled in & facilitated Wed. mornings (Wed. Study) & Wed. nights (Church Night)
- Co-facilitated Living With Loss grief group with Deacon Annette Mayer
- Served as chaplain to Daughters of the King; provided meditations for DOK retreat
- *Grateful for the opportunity to serve with such dedicated & loving Christians*

Deacon's Report

The Rev. Henry Penner

2016

- Continued growth in our church & outside the walls of our church, as evidenced by the ministry brochure
- A year of marked transition for me personally & as your deacon
 - I prepared for retirement from the full-time insurance business
 - I am now a consultant to my company
 - I had personal battle with immune disorders
 - 6 months to diagnose and begin proper treatment.
- Good news: regaining strength & able to recover more hours of service for St. Martin's

Deacon's Report – cont'd

2016 - continued

- Helped Corrie with some of the youth group meetings
- Visited many in the hospital
- Continued to serve diocese, like on Commission on Ministry.
- Helped host several Tap Into Theology groups that welcome new folks
- Continue to preach on the second Sunday of the month
 - Relate the Gospel message to the needs of all God's people- those with us regularly & those we seldom see

Deacon's Report – cont'd

2016 - continued

- Our support of Union Gospel Mission has continued to grow
- Major support of the new 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry
 - Grand Opening celebration:
Feb.16, 2017 10 am

Deacon's Report – cont'd

2017

- Continue as your Deacon, w/ Father Scot's blessing & Bishop Mayer's permission
- I will add a true deacon's mission:
 - Train for & work in the Baylor hospital system as a hospital chaplain
 - Part time job
 - Allows me to serve the needs of others in mission & outreach from your hearts

Thank you for all your support and prayers

RADICAL HOSPITALITY & NEWCOMER MINISTRY

Radical Hospitality

Greeters

Bread Ministry

Pew Masters

Ladies' Night Out

Radical Hospitality

Leader: Sharon Payne

Leadership: Paula Maddon > Sharon Payne

Welcome & connect people

- Send welcome emails, make connections to people & getting-involved opportunities
 - 68 welcome emails sent
- Weekly reports on guests, deliveries to Vestry & ministry leaders to encourage connections
- Name tags for new members (39 new tags)
- Newcomer parties – February & October
- Bread baking & delivering welcome bags(68)

Greeters

Leaders: Becky Snell, Gary Wilkinson, Sharon Payne

Welcome & assist people who enter our sanctuary for services

- 1 greeter at 5 pm Sat. & 8:30 am Sun., 4 at 10:30 am Sun
- Special services, up to 4 greeters
- 28 greeters served in 2017

Greeters – cont'd

Challenges

- Full schedule of greeters, esp. 10:30 service
- Consider going to 3 in 2017

Bread Ministry

Leader: Barbara Hollifield

- Bake bread & deliver welcome bag to every newcomer (68 deliveries)
- Provide bread for Union Gospel Mission on 2nd Sunday - 200 slices/month
 - Individually bagged
 - Kept supply fresh, wasted nothing
- Shared bread w/Quiet Committee

Bread Ministry – cont'd

Challenges

- Recruitment of volunteers, esp. delivery volunteers
- Recruit bread ministry facilitator
- Revise job description for bread ministry facilitator

Pew Masters

Leader: Joan Thelin

Sisters of the Spirit (SOS) continues the ministry of the Pew Master.

- Weekly check pews & children's busy bags
- Distribute hymnals & prayer books, info & activity cards, envelopes pens
- 4-6 SOS members help

Ladies' Night Out

Leader: Arlene Paul

A social dining group for women. We foster fellowship & grow friendship.

- Enjoyed 11 restaurant meals
- Annual Christmas ornament exchange at a member's home
- Welcomed several new members of the church

OUTREACH

Outreach

Refugee Ministry

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Outreach Committee

Leader: Gil Kleinwechter (interim)

Leadership changes: Joy Malmgren >
Scot McComas > Richard Seeber > Gil
Kleinwechter

Local & international outreach

- We serve people near & far

Outreach

Continued quarterly \$\$ donations to give local agencies support they can count on:

- Meals on Wheels
- Presbyterian Night Shelter
- Union Gospel Mission

Outreach

Year-round local outreach

Service Sunday – 2nd Sundays

Sack lunches for Union Gospel Mission

- **Intergenerational ministry – all ages are invited to help**
- **Youth Minister Corrie Cables drove Service Sunday outreach forward, with team of faithful volunteers**
- **200 lunches packed in 30 min.**

Outreach

Monthly giving campaigns for UGM – Spring semester 2016

- Organized by Corrie Cables, youth minister/school chaplain
- Intentional giving campaigns brought awareness of needs of people at Union Gospel Mission (UGM)
- Tied to Benedictine Children & Youth Sunday School curriculum
- Different needs each month:
 - Jan. 200 dental health items
 - Feb. 98 pairs of new underwear
219 new undershirts , 72 pairs of socks
 - Mar. 1296 water bottles for sack lunches
 - Apr. 150 canned goods/dry goods donated
 - May 304 rolls of toilet paper & 39 tissue boxes

Outreach

New: Lenten Outreach: Sheep vs Goats

- 7-week campaign - help people understand the impact that animal gifts can have on lives & economic outcomes, raise money in competition
- Flock of 28 goats given to Episcopal Relief & Development
- The adult goats we gave have had time to have babies, and those babies also approach puberty

Outreach

New: Stop Hunger Now

Meal-packing event on Sept. 24

- Idea: act locally, reach globally
- 100 people packed 10,365 meals
- Joined, supported by St. Elisabeth/Christ the King Episcopal Church

Our meals were shipped to Haiti in a container of 285,120 meals

- Hurricane Matthew slammed Haiti 2 weeks after our meal-packing event

Outreach

Stop Hunger Now – cont'd

Things like this change us

- Intergenerational ministry is full of promise
- Large community service achieved through collaboration with other groups

Sept. 30, 2017: Stop Hunger Now event

Outreach

New approach: Shoes for UGM

- \$2125 grant from the diocese
- Bought 125 pairs of shoes
- Blessed on St. Martin's day, reached UGM the next day

Outreach

Coat Drive for UGM

141 Coats for UGM

- Collected by church & school
- Delivered before cold snap in November

Outreach

New: Habitat for Humanity

- Hands-on, local outreach for ages 16+
- Team for build workday Dec. 3
- Inclement weather cancelled it

2017: Need an organizer

Outreach

Angel Tree for UGM

Gifts for 73 children

Wrapping paper, ribbons & bows

“I didn’t get a tag!”

- Your response was overwhelming

Outreach

New: 4Saints Food Pantry

17 Cents – Change Hunger – donation jar

- 17 cents can buy a pound of food
- You gave \$1069 = 3.1 tons of food
- Other churches in deanery ran with our campaign

2 from St. Martin's serve on the board

- Deacon Henry Penner, Joy Malmgren
- Looking for more board members

Bought paint supplies for pantry

Outreach

2017 – 4Saints Food Pantry

Pantry needs regular volunteers

- Thursday mornings – unload truck & stock pantry
- Fridays, midday – assist clients

Get involved in feeding people in east Fort Worth!

Refugee Ministry

Leader: MaryBeth Butler

Work to help families sponsored by Refugee Services of Texas in Fort Worth

2016 activities

- 30+ members have indicated interest in being part of this ministry!
- Moved forward in 2 areas:
 - **Welcome Team:** furnish & setup apartments
 - **Individual volunteers:** 1-on-1 help with transportation, child care, cultural adaptation
- Supported RST with video interviews “Why I give” for North Texas Giving Day

Refugee Ministry – cont'd

Get involved!

Welcome Teams (contact MaryBeth Butler)

- Gather everything on the list
- Welcome a family by:
 - Furnishing apartment
 - Transport from airport to apartment
 - First meal in their apartment – culturally-familiar

Individual Volunteers (contact Jeanne Stilwell-Bullard) - volunteer now!

Refugee Ministry – cont'd

2017

- Held Volunteer Orientation on Jan. 8; 13 members attended
- **Challenges**
 - Best way to solicit donations, keep inventory, gather items; large list of items
 - Storing items

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Leader: James Bedell

Make Christ known through many little-known, overlooked activities to support the parish

- Setup & takedown for meetings, receptions
- Church Night potluck setup, cleanup; class participation
- Helped facilitate Festival in the Fields
- Cleaning church sanctuary in Advent
- **In 2017:** animal bedding drive for Operation Kindness

PASTORAL CARE

Quiet Committee

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Email Prayer Ministry

Order of the Daughters of the King®

Al-Anon

Hope Group of Narcotics Anonymous

Quiet Committee

Leader: Kathy Watson

- Provided ~30 meals to church members in need.
- Added new members to each team
- Provided food to assist with funeral receptions

2017 goals

- Continue to serve families, add new members

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Leader: Kathy Wilkinson

Knit & crochet prayer shawls,
lapghans, chemo caps

- Gave 25 shawls & 30 chemo caps
- Increased membership by 5
- Shared joy & fellowship while hands were busy

Prayer Shawl Ministry- cont'd

- **Goals for 2017**
 - Offer lessons on knitting & crocheting
 - Grow membership
 - Nurture relationship w/ John Peter Smith Cancer Center
- Meet Thursdays in the chapel from 1-2:30pm; join & share love & laughter

Email Prayer Ministry

Leader: Flo Lowrey

Send prayer requests via email

2016:

- Sent approx. 1000 prayer requests
- 200 email recipients who pray

2017 goal: make this ministry known to newer members

Daughters of the King

President: Linda Snow

- Continue to send birthday cards to every person in the parish
- Hosted Lenten Quiet Day in March
- Hosted the diocesan DOK meeting w/speaker on human trafficking
- Continue to meet 4th Sunday in the church library
- Started meeting 2nd Saturday in member's homes; great community feeling
- Chaplain: the Rev. Susan Slaughter

2017: plan to have a class for new members

Al-Anon

Contact: Evie Larimore

- 4 pm Sunday meetings in the chapel
 - Welcome anyone who has a family member or friend affected by alcoholism or addiction
- Usually between 4 and 16 people
- A topic is chosen for each meeting & many times we read from our Al-Anon approved literature

Hope Group of NA

- Meets Sunday - Friday at 7 pm in the chapel
- 6 days a week!

CHILDREN – THRU GRADE 5

Sunday School for children

VBS

Night in Bethlehem

preYC for tweens

Sunday School for Children

Children's Minister: Amy Pirk

- Theme: Love God + Serve Others = Change the World
 - Consistent Growth, welcomed many new families:
 - Average 30 children, 8-10 volunteers each week
- Heavily supported by parents & terrific team of leaders

Vacation Bible School

Children's Minister: Amy Pirk

- Cave Quest, June 20-24
- Highly successful, delighted all: 98 participants, 35 volunteers
- Outreach project for Stepping Stones Foundation
 - Helped at-risk youth in our community
 - New socks & underwear
 - Outreach committee gave \$500
- Closing event was enjoyed by 160 people
- 2017: **VBS will be June 12-16! Volunteer!**

Children's Ministry- cont'd

Night in Bethlehem – Sat., Dec. 3

- 2-hour event after 5 pm worship
- Offered dinner, several multisensory stations for families to visit
- Brought together 130 people from church, school families, staff, and the greater outside community
- If continued in 2017, will tweak & may make it an independent daytime program
- Huge success, great feedback

preYC – grades 2-5

Children's Minister: Amy Pirk

Leader: Liza Goodner

On-campus and off-campus fellowship events

- **Examples: bowling, movies, games, pool parties, putt-putt golf**
- **Enjoy fellowship while growing in faith**

Consistent attendance of 5 - 7

2017

- **Grow attendance**
- **Expect group size to grow as youngsters move up from lower grades**

YOUTH – GRADES 6-12

Sunday School for teens

Youth Confirmation

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Service Sunday Outreach

Mission Trips

Episcopal Youth Event #EYE17

Sunday School for teens

Youth Minister: Corrie Cables

Sunday School for grades 6-12

- Consistent, strong attendance & participation
- Some teens drive themselves - they don't want to miss church!
- Average Sunday attendance: 20 teens
- Adult Sunday School volunteers: 12
- New teen class added in 2016, original curriculum
 - 2016: Benedictine curriculum with monthly giving campaigns, activities + a call to live a life of purpose
 - 2017: A year of confirmation

Youth Confirmation

Youth Minister: Corrie Cables

11 confirmed in 2016

- Doubled from 5 in 2015

2017: Spring Confirmation Retreat

- March 24 & 25 at Trinity Fort Worth
- Register by March 19

EYC – grades 6-12

Youth Minister: Corrie Cables

- Largest active youth group in our diocese
- ~30 active youth participants in a variety of events, worship, service
- Weekly Wed. night meetings: Avg. 15
- Monthly Sunday Funday: Avg. 20

Service Sunday - Outreach

Youth Minister: Corrie Cables

Sack Lunches for Union Gospel Mission

Intergenerational program

- **Exceeded 2016 goal: 200 lunches**
 - 2447 lunches delivered in 2016
- **Super Service Sunday – Dec. 2016**
 - Make gingerbread houses w/families at UGM
 - Over 30 volunteers, all ages
 - Invited Trinity Fort Worth; they joined with 15 youth & adult volunteers

Mission Trips

Youth Minister: Corrie Cables

- High School Mission Trip to New Orleans
- City Week Mission Trip to UGM
- Mission draw us into something much deeper

High School Mission Trip New Orleans, June 12-18

Youth Minister: Corrie Cables

- 26 teens & adult mentors from St. Martin's & Trinity Fort Worth went
- Stayed at Camp Restore, a community partner that linked our group to serve local schools, food pantries & public gardens
- Cooked & packaged over 500 meals in two hours at Giving Hope, a non-profit that delivers hot meals to seniors
- The group was transformed through daily prayer & worship, community service
- Explored the French Quarter!

City Week Mission Trip to UGM

July 25-29

Youth Minister: Corrie Cables

Teens & adults as 1 mission community

- Prepared/cooked over 1000 meals & served over 300 guests each day
- Outdoor beautification projects
- Sorting books & clothes in warehouse
- Leading chapel services
- 32 participants in 2016; 27 in 2015

Episcopal Youth Event

July 10-14, 2017



High School Youth Event – Edmund, OK

- Happens every 3 years
- Teens experience the diversity of the Church
- Workshops, worship, passion, leadership
- Teens & adult chaperones apply to go; dioceses sends a team
- Deadline Jan. 31!

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



Mission: To provide quality early education in a nurturing Christian environment giving children a positive start to their educational journey.

St. Martin's Episcopal School

Director: Serin Stanford



- Staff of 12: Director plus
 - 1 Toddler teacher
 - 1 Two's teacher
 - 1 Three's teacher
 - 2 Pre-K teachers
 - 1 Transitional Kindergarten teacher
 - 4 Assistant teachers (2 full time, 2 part time)
 - 1 Assistant director

St. Martin's Episcopal School

2016-2017



- New director
 - 13 years as preschool director
 - 19 years teaching 1 year – 3rd grade
- Transitional kindergarten – 14 children
- Music class
- Computer lab
- Spanish
- Chapel 3 times a week

St. Martin's Episcopal School

School Chaplain: Corrie Cables



- Chapel 3 times a week
- Average daily Chapel attendance: 68 (up from 30 in 2014, 62 in 2015)
- 40 Chapel services September 2016 - January 2017
- 2017: Students learn a new Bible verse each month

St. Martin's Episcopal School

Enrollment



2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017
Beginning of May 2014: 24	Beginning of May 2015: 28	Beginning of June 2016: 68
End of school, May 2015: 44	January 2016: 75 End of school, May 2016: 68	Current, January 2017: 73
		7.4% growth
28 Reenrolled for 2015 - 2016		2017 – 2018 enrollment packets to be distributed Feb. 1

St. Martin's Episcopal School

School Board – 12 members



April 30, 2016 school fundraiser

- Raised \$9,887
- Learning carts, laminator, educational materials

April 29, 2017 school fundraiser

- Bingo!

St. Martin's Episcopal School

2016-2017 changes



- No full-time kindergarten
- New director
- More teacher assistants to aid teachers let Assistant Director Elizabeth Highsmith be in the office
- Computer lab
- Increase of \$5 - \$10 supply fees & tuition
- New student/school software: Child Care manager

ADULT EDUCATION

Lectionary Discussion - Sundays

Sisters of the Spirit (SOS) – Monday

Band of Moms – 1st & 3rd Mondays

Wednesday Study - mornings

Church Night – Wednesdays

Spiritual Awareness – Thursdays

Education for Ministry (EfM)-Thursdays

Episcopal 101 – Mondays

Class in Lent – Sundays at 12:30

Lectioary Discussion

Leader: the Rev. Susan Slaughter

Adult Sunday School 9:30 – 10:15 am

- Usually 5-6 participants
- Discuss Bible readings for the day

Sisters of the Spirit (SOS)

Leader: Paula Maddon

Women's book discussion group

- Faith-based books, best-sellers chosen by group
- 2016: new book about every 6 weeks, read in sections
- Optional 11:30 lunch at a restaurant
- Share prayer requests with SOS members via weekly email
- 12-15 members, we welcome more!

Band of Moms

Leader: Children's Minister Amy Pirk

Because momin' ain't easy - support moms of children of all ages

- Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6-7:30 in the small west parish hall
- Started as a once a month, now meets twice a month due to demand & interest
- Potluck dinner, fellowship, book discussion; childcare provided

Wednesday Study

Leader: the Rev. Scot McComas

Meets 10-11:30 am

Topics:

- *The Jesus Driven Life*
- BBC series *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*
- Forgiveness, Healing & Reconciliation

Wednesday Study-con't

Topics – cont'd:

- *Our Religious Brains*
- *Falling Upward*
- Nutrition

Church Night - Wednesdays

Leader: the Rev. Scot McComas

**6 pm Holy Eucharist, 6:30 pm Potluck,
7 – 8 pm Adult Class**

Topics:

- The New Testament
- Forgiveness, Healing & Reconciliation
- Discernment: Ignatian Spirituality
- Heresies of the Early Church

Church Night - Wednesdays

Cont'd

Topics – cont'd:

- *The Episcopal Handbook*
- BBC series *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*
- Nutrition

Spiritual Awareness

Leader: Flo Lowrey

Meet 10 am Thursdays; share how we see God working in our lives.

- Members enjoys a high degree of trust & confidentiality

2017 goals

- Continue spiritual growth of members
- Welcome spiritual seekers

Education for Ministry

Leader: the Rev. Judy Upham

A University of the South lay ministry education program

- 4 year program:
OT, NT, History, Theology
- 6 participants:
Year 1: 1 Year 3: 2
Year 2: 1 Year 4: 2
- New program starts in the fall



Adult Confirmation Class

Leader: the Rev. Scot McComas

**Episcopal 101 – 8 weeks Monday
evenings in Spring 2016, begin Feb. 6**

Topics: Theology

Liturgy

History

The Sacraments

The Prayer Book

Sundays in Lent, 12:30 pm

Leader: the Rev. Scot McComas

The Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) Class

Topic: Growing a Rule of Life



In 2017:

Topic: 5 Marks of Love



WORSHIP SUPPORT

Choir

Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Worship
Leaders

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Ushers

Choir

Leader: Christi Hardy

Lead the church in worship & praise

- 15-17 members (all the choir loft will hold)
- Choir faithfully & willingly sang at funerals, weddings, Advent, Christmas, Lent, & Easter services
- Marianna Folger on piano accompanied choir each Sunday for choral anthem
- Talented youth shared their gifts, esp. in First Sunday Family Worship

Choir – cont'd

2017

- Choir director/organist retired
- Christi served Sept. 2008 – January 2017
- Search committee formed, first meeting was Jan. 28

Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Worship Leaders

Leader: Jim Bedell

- Lectors read the Scriptures
- Chalice bearers offer wine
- Worship leaders do those + ready the table
- Flex to different types of services
 - Independence Day, Blessing of the Animals, All Saints' Day, Night in Bethlehem, etc.
- Come & grow!

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Leader: Ron Hitchcock

Take Holy Communion to members who cannot attend church.

- Took Communion 43-44 weeks, usually 2-3 people receive
- 4 teams; people serve once a month
 - Teams of 2-3 people, extra team for 5th Sunday of the month
 - 2 brand new LEVs!
- Goal: 8 teams, serve once every 2 mo.

Ushers

Leaders: Kerry & Rex Angle

Serve at all services, including special services (weddings, funerals, ordinations, non-weekend services such as Ash Wednesday & Good Friday)

- Make our services welcoming & run smoothly
- 25 active ushers - join us! We welcome new members.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Committee
Church Historians & Archives

Communications Committee

- Investigated better sermon recording & livestreaming
 - Infrastructure: Lighting, camera, audio, internet bandwidth, music licensing
- Explored hands-on pieces: invitation cards, bumper stickers, magnets, coasters
- Envisioned roadside banner for general invitation

Communications Committee

Cont'd

- Discussed photo directory
- Recommended consideration of VOIP instead of landline phone
- Envisioned new website

2017 goals: new website, photo directory

Communications Committee

History & Archives: Linda Snow

Gathered & organized church history for 50th anniversary

- Put collection in chronological order

In 2017:

- Start to interview & gather stories from our members
- Looking for more members to help gather stories & add info to our history timeline

FACILITIES & GROUNDS

Memorial Garden Committee

Labyrinth Committee

Memorial Garden Committee

Leader: Cathy Tolliver

A final resting place under the shade of the live oaks. Established in the 1990's.

- Completed annual garden cleanup, 9 volunteers
- Completed phase 2 of new plantings in 2 garden plots previously not done
- Started program: volunteers select to weed & maintain 1 area of garden

Memorial Garden Committee

cont'd

2017 goals

- Completed landscaping of garden plots with spring planting
- Mulch entire garden for moisture retention & weed control
- Expand volunteer maintenance program

Labyrinth Committee

Leader: Ron Hitchcock

2016 was disheartening

- Plans proposed to vestry were impossible to build per City of Southlake
- Different plan; have not secured contractor with enough knowledge to build labyrinth
- Memorial bricks arrived; stored in memorial garden near pathway

2017

- Please pray for the labyrinth program

COMMUNITY

Festival in the Fields

Tap into Theology – Third Thursdays

Connect Groups

Art at St. Martin

Festival in the Fields

Leader: Kathy Wilkinson

Months of planning led to festival on Oct. 15

- Blessed with a beautiful sunny day!
- Volunteers from church, Fever United & Boy Scouts all worked together

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Church & school & community enjoyed:

- Pumpkin painting
- Face painting
- Bounce houses
- Pet adoptions
- Food
- Vendors
- Book sale
- Chili cook-off
- Cookie walk
- Raffles
- Music
- Soccer
- Fire truck

2017: something new - Church Picnic

Tap into Theology

Leader: Jim Bedell

Monthly tavern gatherings

- Was Third Tuesdays,
moved to Third Thursdays
- Fellowship, food & beverages
- The Bible shows great discussions
can happen in such gatherings!

Connect Groups

Contact: any staff member

Started with....

...Is there interest in small groups?

Did a survey.

Connect Groups

Survey responses from those who were interested:

- Good interest across broad demographic age/gender/stage of life
- Respondents wanted
 - To get to know folks better
 - A bit of both social & spiritual

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Diocesan Convention: Encouraged to try experiments in faith

Signups promoted Advent/Christmas

2017: Launch last week of January,
assess after May

Art at St. Martin's

Quarterly, 2nd Saturdays, 6 pm

Feature the work of local artists at a reception with beverages & nibbles

- Unlock the creative side of our brains
- Gather in fellowship
- September – Rhonda Ackley
- December – Shawn Rees
- March 11, 2017 – Linda Seeber

MISSION

Our mission is to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith.

Thank you!

May God bless you in your ministries this year!



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