

# THE PARISH POST

Dear Friends:

I am constantly astounded when folks tell me that they can't live up to the *high standards* of our biblical forefathers and mothers. Are they possibly thinking of Cain killing his brother Abel? Or Noah getting drunk on wine after the flood? Or King David's affair with Bath Sheba? Maybe Judith cutting off the head of Holofernes? (*All right I know that one's in the Apocrypha, but I didn't want the men of the parish to think I was picking on them.*)

Holy Scripture gives us many stories about people who fell far short of what some people mistakenly believe are "*traditional biblical standards*". Their stories suggest to me that not only is God patient with us, (*Thank God*) but that a loving God forgives us of our sins and continues to care for us through the ups and downs of human life. Better yet (*this is the good news part*), our God is able to accomplish His purpose even when we are reluctant to hear His call or mistakenly feel that we are not worthy.

I am sure that we have many reasons for not listening to God's call. There are carpools to drive, deadlines at work, and anxiety about our health and finances. Maybe we feel overwhelmed by the poverty and suffering of our fallen world. There are times in my life, when I am tempted to think the task is hopeless, or even impossible.

I believe these "*dark night of the soul*" moments are a place where God can start to work in our lives. None of us can truly do it alone. *We need this St. Martin's community*, we need each other, and we need to reclaim our reliance on God alone. Jesus came into this world to heal the sick, to give comfort to the suffering, and to give us an example to emulate in our own Christian lives. *In our call to be Christians, God does not ask us to be perfect, but God asks us to be faithful.* And we are always worthy of this call.

As we work together this fall building up our community of faith, I want to invite you to heed God's call in your own life; for all of us at St. Martin's to come to worship this fall, putting aside our feelings of reluctance and unworthiness, to gladly serve the world in Jesus' name. See you at Church.


In Christ,



Fr. John

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*To Follow Christ and  
Lead Others to Him.*

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## Deadlines for Upcoming Editions of The Parish Post

Do you have announcements, editorials, or photographs to submit for *The Parish Post*? Please submit them to Jason Clay at [jjclay@stmartins.org](mailto:jjclay@stmartins.org)

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

October Issue ..... Sept. 7  
November Issue ..... Oct. 12

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS FOR ADULTS - SUNDAYS AT 10:10 A.M.

*Why the Episcopal Church?* meets weekly. Come to this class if you wish to learn more about the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer and the History and Worship of the Episcopal Church. This course provides adults in our church with membership information including preparation for the sacraments of baptism and confirmation.

*Led by Father Newell Graham in the Burgreen Room (Library)*

*Experiencing God:* This popular scripture study, developed by Henry and Richard Blackaby, will be held this fall. This study seeks to awaken Christian believers to a radically God centered way of life and invites participants to come to know God in their lives, to recognize God's voice, and to understand God's will in their lives. No prior knowledge of the Bible is assumed, and all members of the parish are invited to take part in this new and exciting course.

*Led by Father John McCard and Lisa McFarlin in Claiborne 226*

*The Rise and Fall of Nearly Everything* meets weekly. This class is for adults who have "the gift of wonder", who have more questions than answers.

*Led by Charles Fulghum and Sid Oakley in Claiborne 225*

**First Day  
of Sunday  
School:  
Sept. 11**

## KEY DATES FOR CHILDREN AT ST. MARTIN'S

Watch your weekly emails for details!

- Sept. 11 First Day of Sunday School
- Oct. 1 Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 5 First Communion Class (with Pizza)
- Oct. 30 Halloween costume contest & more
- Nov. 5 Family Fun Walk/Run
- Nov. 27 Advent Fair
- Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Apr. 1 Palm Sunday Procession at 9:00
- Apr. 7 Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Brunch
- May 20 Children's Choir Concert and Party for Everyone
- June 13-17 Vacation Bible School



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL BOATRIGHT!

Michael David Boatright, son of Liz and Bill Boatright graduated from the University of Georgia, attaining a Ph.D. with honors in English Education. While working on his degree, Michael taught ESOL in Gwinnett County. Dr. Boatright is now teaching at Colorado State in Fort Collins, Colorado.

## BEHIND THE SCREEN

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By Ingrid Siegert

Our Parish Administrator, Jacki Kirsch, introduced me to a book that I have been enjoying. (I've been enjoying it so much she is probably wondering if I will ever return it to her). It is called *The Episcopal Handbook*, and it is full of Episcopal trivia, Frequently Asked Questions, and lots of useful information.

One chapter, under the heading of "Church Stuff" is called How to Sing a Hymn (and Why You Might Want To).

Here are some helpful tips from the chapter:

- Locate the hymns in advance. Consult the Sunday worship bulletin or Hymn Board and bookmark the pages with an offering envelope or bulletin insert.
- Familiarize yourself with the hymns. Examine the composer credits, and whether the tune has a different name than the hymn itself. Note how the hymn is categorized in the hymnal. The Hymnal 1982 groups

the hymns into categories, such as "Holy Eucharist", "Christmas", "Christian Responsibility" and "Praise to God."

- Assist nearby visitors and children. If your neighbor seems disoriented, help them find the correct pages, or let them read from your book.
- Adopt a posture for best vocal performance. Hold the hymnal away from your body at chest level. Place one hand under the spine of the binding, leaving the other hand free to turn the pages. Keep your chin up so your voice projects outwards!
- Focus on the hymn's content. The texts of the hymns selected at St. Martin's usually connect with a scripture reading of the day.

*Next month...Ten Famous Hymns Written by Episcopalians or Anglicans.*

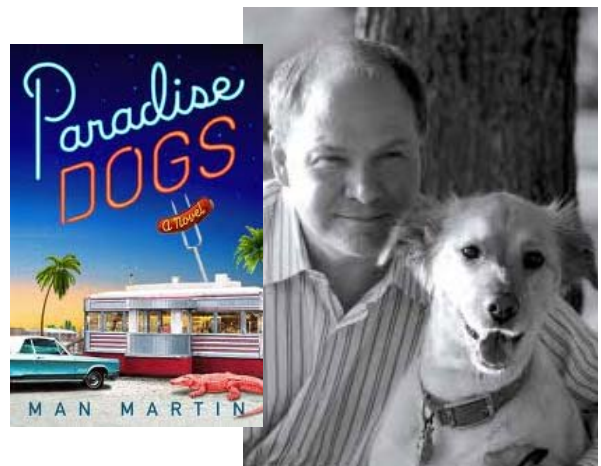
## BROWN BAG THEOLOGY - MONTHLY IN THE LIBRARY AT NOON

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Join us once a month at noon in the Burgreen Room for a book discussion group with our Rector. These are the books we will be reading this year. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar.

September 8	<i>Paradise Dogs</i> by Man Martin*
October 13	<i>Emily's Ghost</i> by Denise Giardina
November 10	<i>I Shall Not Hate</i> by Izzeldin Abuelaish
December 8	<i>Jane Eyre</i> by Emily Brontë
January 12	<i>Sermons of a Psychiatrist</i> by The Rev. Dr. Charles Fulghum*
February 9	<i>Busman's Honeymoon</i> by Dorothy Sayers
March 8	<i>Water for Elephants</i> by Sara Gruen, led by special guest, Father Graham
April 4	<i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand
May 10	TBA

\*Man Martin and Father Fulghum will be with us for these discussions.



*Man Martin will join us for our discussion of his book Paradise Dogs when we read it in September.*

## BLOOD DRIVE FOLLOWUP FROM MAY 22

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As always, the members of St. Elizabeth's and the people of LifeSouth are very grateful to the parishioners of St. Martin's for their continued kindness in donating blood every time we have a drive. The following people donate to the cause every time: Phyz Lemmon, Susan Hamilton, Tim Kelly, Tom Borcharding, Ashley Fricano, Michael Mulling, Maryann Lozano, Shand Gause, Jane Jenkins, Karen Bedell, Martha Hammond, and Sandy Rose. The following people also donated on May 22: Hector Martins, Jolie Keysor, Leslie Marwitz, Lynda Mitchell, Doug Nail, John Fry, Pete Bednarzyk, Jean Hall, Jim Loyless, Michael Brooks, and Reid Tatum.

# AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING

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by Sid Oakley and Susanne Snyder

Much as outreach is the soul and mission for our Christian community at Saint Martin's, stewardship is the heart our community. Without the beating heart of stewardship, outreach and most of what we do in our community would be reduced to good intentions, right thinking and a bit of filibuster. Stewardship transforms good ideas and good intentions into reality.

Jesus left no room for misunderstanding when he spoke his commandment to us that we love God with all our hearts and all our minds. The extension of this is that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves, even as Jesus loved us. So what are we to do? We worship our God and we love his people in a demonstrable manner.

Obedying both of these commandments requires stewardship of the resources God has placed in our hands. Proper stewardship is not a burden placed on us by a demanding God. Instead it is a blessed opportunity to ensure that we are able to obey Jesus within our community.



## TRANSITIONS: JANUARY – AUGUST 2011

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### Confirmations

John H. Barton  
Robert P. Beeland  
Patrick A. Beless  
William M. Boor  
Christina E. Catchpole  
R. Schuyler Cobb  
John J. Croft V  
Emma Hollis Davenport  
Theodore H. Davis, III  
James N. Duffy  
Savanna S. Ford  
Madison W. Ford  
W. Taylor Haas  
Will Herbert  
Madison Hoff  
Anna G. Johnson  
Elizabeth Mei Kelly  
Sean T. Kelly  
Kennan Luther  
Sarah A. Magee  
Sara C. Marwitz  
Florrie Patricia McCard  
Madison Grimes Mischik  
Davis B. Price  
Tyler Voiles  
Morgan H. Trzcienski  
Adelyn Elizabeth Tyler

### Received

Pam Beaubian  
Neal Marwitz  
Beth Peale Crotty

### Baptisms

Betsy McPherson Astley  
John Ryder Clarida  
Harper Grace Cofer  
Courtney Charley Combs  
Marie-Elise Martel Fahy  
Thomas David Fife  
Grayson Robert Glahn  
Boone Parsons Heaps  
Michael Timothy Holloway  
John David Maske  
John Hagan McEwan  
Philip Harold Moss  
Macklin James Thompson  
Anna Katherine Thorpe  
Rebecca Scott Thorpe  
Conner Joseph Welsh  
Caitlyn Rebecca Whitney

### Transfers Out

Alice Alger  
Clark Alger  
Karen Domenico  
Katherine Laura Domenico  
Lawrence Domenico  
William E. Domenico  
Mary Katherine Foster  
Charles Edward Jost II  
Jarrett Taylor Jost  
Jay Christopher Jost, Jr.  
Taylor Collins Jost  
Virginian Parson Mayers  
Jacqueline Menk  
Mary Louise Menk

Paul Thomas Menk  
Paul Menk, Jr.  
Tanely McNeal Menk  
Casey James Sentell  
Christina Guidos Sentell  
Kathryn Harris Spiva  
Allen R. Thayer  
Sandra G. Thayer  
Mark Martin Vetterling

### Transfers In

Burns McCashin Crotty, III  
Ellen Dunham James  
William James  
Barbara Ann McIntosh  
Mary Delia Gaines Poynter  
Elizabeth Anne Ressler-Craig  
Jacob Gardiner Ressler-Craig  
Joshua Oliver Ressler-Craig  
Kerry Jim Ressler-Craig  
Guerry Radford Thornton, Jr.

### Funerals

Charles Bohrer  
Catherine Chasen  
Barbara "Bobbie" Crissey  
Pete Meador Ebersole  
Betty Franklin  
Monte Lee Fisher  
Alexander "Mac" Johnston  
Janet Massa Kiawu  
Garrett Davis Lawson  
Jean Maltby  
Jeanette Williams Niles



## THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOUR STEPHEN MINISTRY

1. Did you know that Stephen Ministry is a One-on-One, Caring, *Christian*, completely *Confidential* Ministry? Even though we engage in twice-monthly supervision to insure that we provide the best possible Christian care--**NO NAMES OR SPECIFIC DETAILS are ever discussed!**
2. Did you know that Stephen Ministry began at St. Martin's in 1999 with 4 Stephen Leaders who trained in Seattle? Those initial Stephen Leaders were Father Suthers, Kathy Evenson, Jim Lynn and Patsy Smith--Mother Mary is also a trained Stephen Leader and was a Stephen Minister before she became a Priest!
3. Did you know that we have approximately 60 trained Stephen Ministers and 12 Trained Stephen Leaders at St. Martin's? Of these, we currently have 12 Active Stephen Ministers and 5 Active Leaders.
4. The Stephen Ministry Program at St. Martin's currently averages between 40-50 hours of Caregiving per month. *Our Clergy members simply don't have an extra 40-50 hours to attend to all our needs, so Stephen Ministry is a tremendous help to both Clergy and the congregation. Additionally, think about how many more people we could serve if we had MORE Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders—Interested???*

How many people who cross your path today may be hurting?

Many times we encounter people dealing with pain and hurt in their lives and we feel helpless. As St. Martin's Parishioners, we are NOT helpless! Because we are a Stephen Ministry Parish, we have a valuable resource at our disposal.

*If you or someone you know could benefit from having a trained, caring Christian share a painful burden, please speak to a member of our Clergy about Stephen Ministry. Father Newell Graham is currently serving as our Clergy Liaison, but any Clergy member, Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister can speak with you about receiving care from a Stephen Minister or making a referral.*

At St. Martin's--You do not have to walk this journey alone!

Your Stephen Ministers are trained to follow Paul's instruction to "Carry each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). We are here to CARE, to LISTEN, and to help CARRY part of the burdens of those around us.

### Active Stephen Leaders

Kathy Evenson  
Susan Hamilton (also active SM)  
Nancy Runion (also active SM)  
Deborah Thompson (also active SM)  
Bill Monk

### Active Stephen Ministers

Pam Beaubian      Gay Jolley  
Phyz Lemmon      Andy Moore  
Cheryl Ponder      Herb Thompson  
Sandy Rose      Mary Floyd  
Jane Jenkins

# PARISH PROFILES: MARCIE SCHWEFLER, ECW PRESIDENT

by Melinda Mischik

*The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) is made up of all the women in our parish. If you are a woman and you attend this church then you are a member of the ECW. The ECW has a president, officers and a board made up of the presidents of all the women's guilds. But any woman who is interested is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. The two big events each year are the fall and spring dinners. These dinners are really lovely and include women of all ages. Please feel free to invite neighbors or friends as well. You can be assured of a fun evening!*

*We are very lucky this year to have Marcie Schwefler as our new ECW President. We recently asked her a few questions designed to help us get to know her a bit better.*

**Melinda Mischik:** Marcie, would you please tell me how long you have been a member of St. Martin's? And where were you before coming here?

**Marcie Schwefler:** I believe my husband, Dave and I joined St. Martin's around 1980-ish. We went to St. Patrick's before coming home to St. Martin's. We moved from Philadelphia where I was baptized at All Saints Church, Crescentville, PA.

**MM:** How about your family - where are they? Grandchildren? Ages?

**MS:** I have three children. My son, Eric and his wife, Patti have three children: Kennedy (14), Ferris (10), and Luke (5) and live in Mountain Brook, AL. My youngest son, JD and his wife, Caroline are expecting a boy on Oct. 3 and live in Marietta. My daughter, Linda and her husband, Chris have two children: Quinn (6) and Andrew (3). They live in Evanston, IL.

**MM:** I know you do a lot of work at St. Joseph's. Could you tell us about that and what other jobs, volunteer or paid, have you enjoyed?

**MS:** I am currently serving as VP of Activities at St. Joe's, and was Hospitality Chairman last year and Secretary. I started in 2009 at St. Joe's and love the hospital and people there.

I was President of St. Elizabeth's Guild this past year.

I was with Ceridian Corporation as a training coordinator for salespeople for nine years. I traveled to Minneapolis monthly for training. I worked at NASCO for five years

as a training coordinator.

**MM:** Do you have goals for the ECW this year and if so what are those goals?

**MS:** My main goal this year is to get more ladies involved in ECW chapters and let new families know what we do. ECW, along with Stephen Ministers, are going to match new visitors of our church with appropriate age group or interests and have our ECW presidents follow up with them and get them involved in their chapters.



Marcie Schwefler, ECW President

Our events this year will be geared toward all ages of women; young, old and in-between. We want everyone to attend and experience the incredible community that we belong to. Our first dinner will be on October 12th. I would also like to have a retreat in January or February. This would take place at the church, so it is convenient but also meaningful. Women need to be uplifted and have an opportunity to build relationships.

**MM:** So what can other ladies in the church do to help?

**MS:** Be supportive of one another and help me to increase our attendance at events. Come to meetings and spread the word about our great church! We are all busy with our lives, but it is so important to take time for ourselves and one another.

**MM:** Is there anything else that we might be surprised to know about you?

**MS:** As you probably can guess from my comments, my background is Meeting Planning and I have had my certification since 1997. I love to entertain, cook and coordinate and especially for large groups. The more the merrier.

Please join the clergy and staff in thanking Marcie for taking on this key role in our church. She follows an impressive list of great women who have served in this capacity and I am sure you will agree that she is more than up to the task at hand.

Thank you, Marcie Schwefler!

(If you would like to assist Marcie or communicate ideas about the ECW please send her a note at [marcia.schwefler@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.schwefler@gmail.com))

# SUTHERS CENTER: A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN REVIEW

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by Sandy Rose, Suthers Center Manager

Since we just passed the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Suthers Center for Christian Outreach on August 13, I would like to review the remarkable year we have had.

## A Year in Review

We started about 17 months ago with a broken down set of offices in front of a warehouse which we transformed into the Suthers Center for Christian Outreach. A big demolition effort was followed by the Phase 1 build-out where the facility was built with a showroom, bathrooms, dressing room, food pantry, side hallway and warehouse. We opened the thrift store on August 13, 2010. Oglethorpe's Food Pantry moved over to the Suthers Center last October. In March of this year, Phase 2 began by partitioning offices to allow St. Martin's Emergency Assistance Program to move over to the Center from the Church. This also involved reconfiguring the warehouse area with shelves. While the build-out of Phase 2 was a little complicated, we got it done and the Emergency Assistance program moved over on July 1, 2011.

Overall, the Thrift store has exceeded our expectations. For the month of July, we had \$7,250 in revenues including \$2,050 in the last week of the month. This monthly total exceeded our previous highest sales month by \$750. Total sales for the first seven months of this year were about \$35,750 which exceeded the budget by over \$7,000. Quite impressive for an all volunteer thrift store in its first year! We have also received almost \$2,850 in cash donations in 2011. With our expanded floor space and new ways to present our previously

enjoyed "treasures", the future looks even brighter. For these amazing results, we have to thank the many volunteers who have worked hard sorting, pricing, setting displays and helping our customers to buy our treasures.

We receive many great compliments regarding the quality of our treasures and the attractiveness of our store. We have often heard people say that our store does not seem like a thrift



shop. It is not just the quality of merchandise that has made us successful, but the way our inventory is displayed and the very caring people who are involved that have made a real difference.

We are more than just a store to make money; we have quite extensive dollar racks to meet everyone's needs. Even more, starting in 2011, the Emergency Assistance program began giving out \$25 clothes vouchers to many of the people that they help. Through July, over \$3,000 of vouchers have been cashed. And we continue to donate excess goods to other organizations helping others.

## Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry

The move of Oglethorpe's Food Pantry to the Suthers Center has gone

well. Looking back two years before the move, they averaged serving 66 families a month. Since last October and up through June 30, we have averaged serving 65 families a month at the Suthers Center. Thus, one could say that the location transfer was successful. However, this was before the transfer of St. Martin's Emergency Assistance Program to the Center. In the first month where both programs were together, we served 126 families with food! Almost double

the previous average. It has been a challenge keeping the pantry stocked, but we have done it. We are buying more food to meet demand. However, we have been receiving significant donations of food which is deeply appreciated. We are in the process of applying to the Atlanta Community Food Bank to be able to access food at lower prices. The importance the donations of food can not be understated. Thank you all!

## St. Martin's Emergency Assistance Program

I believe that the July transfer of the Emergency Assistance Program has gone well and volunteers involved are pleased with the new space. We have had some difficulty with the phone system, but we think we have gotten this worked out. Our volunteers at the Center are serving about the same number of families they were seeing in their old location at St. Martin's Church.

Now it is time to Celebrate !!!!

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors for a remarkably successful first year of operation.

# FALL MINISTRY PREVIEW

THE GROUPS AND MINISTRIES OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH  
JOIN ONE TODAY!

## Worship Ministries

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Ingrid Siegert, Organist and Music Director

The Anglican Church has a rich heritage of music, and in appreciation of this heritage, we invite you to participate in the music program at St. Martin's Church. We offer something for all age groups and levels of interest, and hope that you will consider an active role in this important ministry.

#### Calendar of Events for Winter 2011

November 27: Advent Lessons and Carols at the 5:30 p.m. service.

December 24: Christmas Eve at St. Martin in the Fields:

- 3:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Pageant: St. Nicholas and St. Cecilia Choirs.
- 5:30 p.m. Corelli's *Christmas Concerto*, followed by a Festive Christmas Mass with Orchestra at 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra with members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.
- 8:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols with the Handbell Choir.
- 10:30 p.m. Corelli's *Christmas Concerto*, followed by Solemn Mass at 11:00 p.m. Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra with members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

#### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir welcomes parishioners from eighth grade through any adult age. Rehearsals are each Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:30. Dinner is provided each Thursday at 7:30. This choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. service.

#### Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir welcomes parishioners from eighth grade through any adult age. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening at

7:00. The choir rings at the 11:15 a.m. service on the second Sunday of the month, and at the 9:00 a.m. service on the third Sunday of the month. Martha Fowler directs our handbell choir.

#### Children's Choirs

Both choirs sing in the 9:00 Sunday services on the first and second Sundays of the month. They also present our annual Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, and a concert in the spring.

#### St. Nicholas Choir

The St. Nicholas Choir welcomes children who are age five through the first grade. Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:10 p.m.

#### St. Cecilia Choir

The St. Cecilia Choir welcomes children who are in the second through seventh grades. Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

*For more information on St. Martin's Music Ministries, contact Ingrid Siegert at 404.228.0753, or by e-mail at [isiegert@stmartins.org](mailto:isiegert@stmartins.org).*

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) are trained (and licensed by our Bishop) to read from the lectionary at services, bear the chalice at Communion, and serve the altar at smaller services, weddings, and funerals. To learn more about becoming involved with this ministry, please contact our rota scheduler Michael Kelly ([mkelly@forestinvest.com](mailto:mkelly@forestinvest.com)) 770-673-0650 or our lead verger Ruth Anne Tatum Brumley ([ratatum@mindspring.com](mailto:ratatum@mindspring.com)) 770-475-9402.

### EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Eucharistic Visitors (EVs) serve a vital role as an extension of our church family. Eucharistic Visitors are trained (and licensed by the diocese) to take Consecrated Elements of Holy Communion to homebound members and friends of our parish. Normally, EVs are sent forth on a regular schedule following our Sunday Eucharist. We ask that EVs be available at least once a month for approximately one hour. To learn more about how you might get involved with this

ministry please contact Martha-Sue Blythe ([blythems@yahoo.com](mailto:blythems@yahoo.com)), 404-431-7961.

**Eucharistic Visitor Roster for 2011-2012:** Martha-Sue Blythe, Jake Duffy, Mitchell Haas, Gay Jolley, Cheryl Josephson, Michael Kelly, Maryann Lozano, Nancy Martin, Judi Oakley, Dottie Palmer, Joe Pearson, Nancy Runion, Mike Shipley, Gene Smith, and Patsy Smith.

### USHER MINISTRY

Head Usher: Jim McKechnie

The main function of the ushers is to greet parishioners and visitors, distribute bulletins and to be a guide to everyone as they enter the church for the regular services and special services during the year such as weddings, holidays, and funerals. Over the years, additional responsibilities have evolved far beyond a "simple doorkeeper." In addition to assisting with seating, distribution of the offertory plates, recording the attendance, directing communicants to the altar, assuring the heating or air conditioning systems are operating, the usher is often the first person the parishioners see and is the last person to leave after a simple tidying up. The ushers insure the sanctuary is ready for the clergy and parishioners for each assigned service.

There are six teams of ushers for the 9:00 a.m. (and 10:00 a.m. summer) services - each team being responsible for two months during the year. There are nine teams of ushers for the 11:15 a.m. service - each being responsible for one month during the fall, winter and spring. Ideally, each team has from five to seven members and one member is designated as Captain who assigns members to various duties during the service. Many team members find that a calling to help with these services is very fulfilling. There is always room for additional ushers for both the 9:00 a.m. and especially 11:15 a.m. teams.

I would like to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to serve St. Martin's in this rewarding ministry. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Jim McKechnie

(mckechnie@comcast.net) 404-272-5000 or the Parish office 404-261-4292.

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## VERGERS

Vergers are licensed Eucharistic Ministers who assist the clergy in the conduct of public worship, especially in the marshalling of processions and the flow of any service. The Verger ensures that when something is supposed to happen it does and that the clergy can concentrate on what they have prepared to do. Have a yearning to serve? Contact lead verger/trainer/license coordinator Ruth Anne Tatum Brumley (ratatum@mindspring.com), 770-475-9402.

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## LECTORS/INTERCESSORS

Lectors/Intercessors do not have to be licensed to read scripture or Prayers of the People at services of ANY size. Interested? Contact either Michael Kelly (mkelly@forestinvest.com) 770-673-0650 or our lead verger Ruth Anne Tatum Brumley (ratatum@mindspring.com) 770-475-9402.

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## ACOLYTE PROGRAM

One of the ways that young people are visibly involved at St. Martin's is through our acolyte program. Every Sunday at the 9 and 11:15 services, five young people vested in their white albs and cinctures perform specific duties during these services. Young people ages 11 through high school may join an acolyte team. They start out in the role of Torch, then progress through the roles of Clergy Cross and Large Cross to Team Leader. These young people are part of a team that leads and guides the congregation through our liturgical experience. They take an active role and are growing into the life of the church community. *Interested young people may contact Judi Oakley at gableoak06@comcast.net*

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Please read the featured article on Stephen Ministry on page 5.

## Youth & Children's Ministries

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our core program for youth is called Journey to Adulthood.

Rite 13 is the first phase of Journey to Adulthood, and is a two-year process of Christian formation for young people in their early teenage years. Rite 13 students typical-

ly begin the program as 6th and 7th graders. The youth meet most every Sunday morning for Christian Formation class and participate in outreach and social time together at various times throughout the year.

**J2A is the second phase** of the program, and is also a two-year process of Christian formation. It builds on top of the preceding Rite 13 years. Young people typically begin J2A as 8th or 9th graders and are asked to take on greater responsibility for their fellowship, their common worship, and their spiritual and prayerful lives.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Director of Children's Education: Melinda Mischik

### Nursery

Children are welcome in the nursery from six weeks of age through their fourth birthday. We have rooms for infants, younger toddlers, and older toddlers. *Nursery Director, Charlotte Smith, 404.228.0778*

### Worship for Children

Children's Chapel – 9 a.m. on Sunday (10 during the summer)

#### *3 Year Olds through 1st Grade*

Children are invited to attend their own worship service with or without their parents. Parents are always welcome to join their children. Children leave the church by the door at the front of the church on the left side during the processional. They return during the Peace to enjoy the Eucharist with their families.

Sacred Spaces – 9 a.m. on Sunday (10 during the summer)

#### *Rising 2nd Grade through 5th Grade*

Sacred Spaces is an opportunity for older children to experience the Gospel story and attempt to make sense of it within a framework of their contemporary world. These children are led out during the processional at the back door of the church and return during the Peace.

### Christian Education for Children

Sunday School - 10:10 – 11:00 a.m.

#### *3 Year Olds – Play & Pray Time*

As part of our nursery program children go to the big kid room across from the nursery and hear one of the main Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. They will have a brief circle time, sing a song, say a prayer and enjoy a snack. Parents are welcome to stay with their children.

### Pre-K - Let the Children Come

Children hear one of the main Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments in their own classroom downstairs across from the Children's Chapel.

### Kindergarteners and Pre-1st - Godly Play

The goal of Godly Play is to teach the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action - to help them become fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The Godly Play classroom is located next to the Pre-K classroom across from Children's Chapel.

### First through Fifth Graders – Weaving God's Promises

We use this traditional Episcopal curriculum that includes Old and New Testament stories as well as stories taken from the liturgical calendar and our rich traditions. Children are grouped by grades and their classrooms are located in the early childhood building at the school. **NEW:** Parents are able to go online and see the lessons their children are learning each week.

In addition to our Sunday morning offerings we offer many opportunities for children to gather together to learn and grow at St. Martin's.

For a list of important dates for children, see page 2.

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## Outreach Ministries

### OUTREACH OVERVIEW

In giving, we receive. That is the guiding mission of St. Martin's Outreach ministry. Our patron saint shared his cloak and we are asked to share ours as well. We invite you to joyfully participate in the opportunities St. Martin's provides to help our neighbors in need.

At the heart of our outreach efforts lies the Suthers Center for Christian Outreach (SCCO). Opened in 2010 and named for retired associate priest Father Derwent Suthers, SCCO provides a one-stop-shop for people seeking food, clothing or emergency financial assistance.

Here's a look at our Faithful Friends activity for the coming months. Beyond supporting our critical outreach ministries, Faithful Friends is an opportunity to build relationships and a greater sense of community among our Church family on the third Sunday of each month. Mark your calendars and

look for more details on each in the Church bulletin and weekly emails.

**September:** Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS)

**October:** Emmaus House

**November:** Suthers Center

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## CELEBRATION IN THE PARISH

**Chairs: Karen Boor and Ann Martin Vitti**

**SAVE THE DATES – SUN., OCT. 30 AND SAT., NOV. 5.**

This year, our parish is celebrating its 60th anniversary. We will be commemorating this milestone with a series of events. Each event is designed to provide our parish an opportunity to celebrate what makes SMEC so special – our people, our love for God and each other. We are a family in Christ; loving, caring, worshipping and celebrating together. Please plan to join our celebration!

### Celebration in the Hall

On Sunday morning, October 30th we will be celebrating in Gable Hall. This event will have something for everyone...watch for details.

### Celebration in the Streets

Please save the date to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Martin's Episcopal Church on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

We will be celebrating in the streets with a Parish Fun-Run/Walk Saturday morning, November 5th. This event is for everyone... all ages and stages! We want to see everyone in the parish - whether you are pushing a stroller or enjoying a stroll, let's celebrate the morning with our parish family and friends.

### Celebration in the Eve

A very special evening has been planned to commemorate SMEC 60th Anniversary. Please plan to join us at the Parish Dinner Dance. We hope everyone will plan to attend the celebration in the eve.

Please put these on your calendar now!

**Sunday, October 30 - Gable Hall 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, November 5 – early morning – Parish Fun Walk/Run**

**Saturday, November 5 – evening – Dinner Dance**

*All proceeds benefit the amazing outreach*

### programs at St. Martin's.

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## ST. FRANCIS PET MINISTRY

St. Francis Pet Ministry, as part of community outreach, explores the relationship between humans and their pets by offering an online prayer list to provide comfort and support during difficult times, guest speakers, education events, and fun activities.

Dog training classes for the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test, September 12 – October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Cost of the sessions is \$110. CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. Graduates of the program may visit nursing homes, schools and retirement communities to spread good cheer to residents. Classes will be taught by dog trainer, Lennox Gavin.

Dog walk at Murphy Candler Park, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

This joint venture is focused on helping Georgia Jack Russell Terrier Rescue. The walk will begin across from the baseball statue. Afterwards, participants are invited to Rita's Italian Ice and Frozen Custard located at the Cambridge shopping center on Ashford Dunwoody Road.

Blessing of the Animals, October 1, 2011 at 10 a.m.

Join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals. Bring your family pets and stuffed animals. Watch the *Weekly Welcome*, our bulletin insert, for details. City Dog Market will be providing treats for our pets. St. Martin's Church will provide lemonade and donuts for our human participants.

### *Pets have a special place at St. Martin's!*

*If you would like to learn more about our Pet Ministry, contact Ingrid Siegert at 404.228.0753 or by e-mail at [isiegert@smartins.org](mailto:isiegert@smartins.org)*

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## UNI HEALTH MINISTRY (FORMERLY ASHTON WOODS MINISTRY)

Every Wednesday morning for more than 30 years, St. Martin's has provided Holy Communion for the residents of a nearby nursing home/ rehab center. Volunteers are needed for 1 hour, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. to gather the residents in the cafeteria (this primarily involves pushing a wheelchair) and to assist the priest with the service.

This is a great opportunity for musicians looking to volunteer their skills in singing or playing the piano or other instrument. It is also a volunteer ministry that easily fits into any schedule, requiring only one hour's time on Wednesday, either on a regular or occasional basis.

You'll see how a warm touch, a smile, and songs from childhood awaken even those thought to be asleep. And you'll be helping to bring Our Lord's most precious gifts to those often forgotten. Contact St. Elizabeth's Chapter or Susie Hall at [brucesusiehall@mind-spring.com](mailto:brucesusiehall@mind-spring.com).

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## Parish Life

### SM-ALL GROUPS (CHRIST-CARE)

St. Martin's "SM-all" Group ministry is a place where all interested parishioners can explore their faith and build their community through an integrated approach of book study, fellowship, prayer, and outreach. The groups of 5-12 people meet regularly and follow the established ChristCare model designed by Stephen Ministry. The groups are led by trained ChristCare Leaders who facilitate dialogue related to inspirational books that the members mutually select, much like a book club. If you seek a more meaningful and deeper faith experience, there is no better place to do it than in the midst of a small group of faithful people who are helping each other make progress on their spiritual journey. For more information contact Caroline Duffy. ([cnduffy@jacksonspalding.com](mailto:cnduffy@jacksonspalding.com), 404.724-2515) or Barbara Adler ([bfadler@comcast.net](mailto:bfadler@comcast.net), or 770.993-3721)

### Available Groups

1. Vince Vitti and Jake Duffy are forming a men's group(s) to meet on Sundays during the Sunday School hour. Book study will be determined once group forms. Open for men of all ages. Contact Vince: [vvitti@at.bodes.com](mailto:vvitti@at.bodes.com)
2. Belinda Wedgwood is forming a new women's group that will meet two Saturdays per month in the late afternoon. Study will be determined once the group forms. Contact Belinda: [bwedgwood@gmail.com](mailto:bwedgwood@gmail.com)
3. Lucy Mauterer is forming a new women's

group in the Brookhaven area and is hoping to attract other hands-on grandmothers like herself. Study and meeting time will be determined once the group forms. Actively looking for members!  
*Contact Lucy: lucy444@aol.com*

4. **Caroline Duffy's** group of singles and married couples meets the first and third Sundays of each month from 4:30-6 p.m. They are taking on a new book this fall. Open for one or two new members.  
*Contact Caroline: cnduffy@jacksonspalding.com*

5. **Sally Nail's** women's group meets once a week (currently on Wednesdays) from 10-11:30 a.m. They will begin the fall study on September 7. New members welcome! They are considering book studies with women's themes.  
*Contact Sally: sdnail@att.net*

6. **Patsy Smith's** women's group meets twice monthly on Mondays at 11 a.m. and is geared to women in the Roswell/Norcross/John's Creek/Alpharetta areas. New members welcome!  
*Contact Patsy: gnpsmith@live.com*

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## PAIRS & SPARES

Pairs & Spares is the longest continuing social group at St. Martin's. We meet the first or second Saturday evening of the month, though we do not gather in November, January, or July. Our annual Christmas Banquet in December is the highlight of our year. Meetings are a social hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by a pot luck supper and a program. Programs are varied and often include musicians, comics, slide shows and presentations on many subjects, big band sounds, and professional storytellers. We welcome all adults at St. Martin's. Please come and bring a friend or neighbor with you and get to know us and each other. *For information, please phone 770-234-9176 or 770-457-4986.*

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## FOYER DINNER GROUPS

The Foyer group is a rotational dinner party group and was formed because we believe that participation in small groups, welcoming people into your homes, is the single best way to form personal bonds with fellow Christians. It worked for the disciples, didn't it?

We are a purely social group that gets together to share food, fun, and fellowship. Here's how it works. Dinner groups are formed with 8 to 12 people, singles, couples,

young people, retirees, people with school-aged children, empty nesters, etc. In other words, a cross-section of the parish. Each dinner group rotates having a meal at each group member's home. The first dinner is at the host's home. The host provides the main course (meat and side/starch). The other group members each bring an appetizer, a salad, a dessert, or beer/wine. Don't forget the beer and wine, we are Episcopalians after all. The Foyer season typically ranges from November through May.

We kicked off the season last year with, what else? A party!! We had a rockin' good time with excellent edibles. Four dinner groups formed with 19 singles and couples participating. Rick and I are thankful for all of the friendships made and delicious food shared. Everyone's life is busy with work, kids, parents, volunteer work, and fill-in-the-blank. Think about taking some time out of the hustle and bustle...think about making some time for yourself...think Foyer. *To learn more contact Rick and Toni Cobb at castleinspector@comcast.net or 770-698-9791.*

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Open to anyone who likes to crochet or knit or would like to learn, this ministry provides love and support to those in any sort of pastoral need, whether members of our parish or others made known to the group, in the form of soft, warm shawls and lap robes. We also provide shawls to St. Joseph's Palliative Care section and knit helmet liners and scarves for soldiers in Afghanistan. The shawls are made in a prayerful atmosphere. We begin or end the session with prayer and a devotion, and many of our group use the Trinity stitch, where each stitch represents a prayer. The group meets every Monday at 3:45 in the parlor. *For more information, contact Edith Woodling at 404-228-0723 or at ewoodling@stmartinschool.org.*

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

The ECW is comprised of every woman communicant of St. Martin in the Fields Church, regardless of whether that woman chooses to participate formally in any of the five chapters organized at St. Martin's. To facilitate coordination and communication, the Altar Guild, Flower Guild and Daughters of the King also participate in ECW-sponsored activities.

A woman may join one or more Chapters or Guilds, and she may shift Chapters or

Guilds, depending on her particular interests and available time. A woman also may be an inactive member of a Chapter if circumstances prevent her from active participation. For reference, the following information summarizes the special areas of service adopted by each Chapter and Guild. Women not affiliated with any Chapter, or who are considering a change, are invited to visit Chapter and Guild meetings. Each Chapter contributes \$5.00 for each member to the ECW.

President (Marcie Schwefler, (marcia.schwefler@gmail.com), Home:770-396-296, Mobile:678-591-8627

Carol Rubinson, Treasurer (chrubin57@gmail.com), 678-395-3180

UTO Chair, Melinda Mischik (mmischik@stmartins.org), 770-337-9854

**The ECW fall dinner will be Oct. 12th.**

*If interested in our chapters or for more information, please contact Marcie Schwefler, 770-396-6296.*

The following is a list of guild chapters within the ECW.

- **St. Elizabeth's Chapter**

St. Elizabeth's is an outreach ministry that focuses on a number of activities throughout the year. These include the St. Martin's Emergency Assistance fund, which helps people with immediate needs for food, clothing and shelter; four blood drives each year in coordination with Life South; four meals a year for the parishioners of Holy Comforter Church; providing music and assisting the Priest during Holy Communion for the patients at Ashton Woods/Unihealth Nursing Home; participating in the needs of IOH (Interfaith Outreach House); in December members share a communion service and Christmas brunch at a member's home, as well as providing holiday gift cards for Emmaus House; the "Deck the Halls" fundraiser is administered by St. Elizabeth's at this time also; each May the Chapter gives a tea for the Senior Citizens' Centers, and at our first meeting in September, we prepare a large quantity of sandwiches for Emmaus House.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, beginning with fellowship and refreshments. So that we do not forget our Christian mission, we devote a portion of time for bible study from inspirational books of faith.

As St. Elizabeth continues to refine and redefine its focus, we invite you to join us and participate in this vital ministry.  
*Betty Boone Etheridge, 404-237-8166, betty\_boone@att.net*

• **St. Margaret's Chapter**

Primary focus is the support of the church nursery and parish in-reach for young children. Community outreach and the spiritual development of women and mothers are also focal points. Meets on second Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided).  
*Sherri Robertson, 678-570-7023.*

• **St. Martha's Chapter**

We serve the parish and our community in many capacities including through the Outreach ministry, inreach efforts, and fellowship activities, including greeters, the Annual Parish Picnic and the quarterly food drive for the Suthers Center Food Pantry. Meetings are held in the evenings to enable both working and non-working women to attend.

• **St. Mary Magdalene's Chapter**

We are open to any woman who is interested in mission work both within and outside of the U.S. Our annual benefit bridge luncheon is our main fundraiser, held the Thursday prior to Ash Wednesday. From the funds raised, we provide support to a variety of local and national organizations. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 for fellowship and refreshments. The meeting follows the healing service, at about 10:30.  
*For more information, please contact Joy Simms, 770-457-4986, rbsimms@bellsouth.net or Gay Jolley, 770-457-1063, gjolley@bellsouth.net.*

• **St. Monica's Chapter**

Attention Moms of School Age Children: Do you want to become more involved in our Church community? Are you interested in exploring a deeper understanding of what happiness means to you – and how you can enrich your life journey, and that of your elementary, middle, and high school age children, through fellowship with like-minded women? If so, join us on the Third Wednesday of the month. Our meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

This year each monthly meeting is centered on the Mind, Body and Spirit. Our chapter focuses on family outreach and enrichment with an emphasis on involving our children. Our chapter flourishes in an environment where we share both with

one another. We seek to gain and grow a deeper understanding, appreciation and knowledge of happiness, openness and thankfulness for ourselves as well as those around us. Our regular meetings involve selected readings, discussions and other exchanges that allow us to benefit from each others' experiences and perspectives. In addition to our monthly meetings we have fun filled outings and two seasonal parties.

*Lisa Smith, 404-272-1288, lisa.martin.smith@gmail.com.*

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## **ALTAR GUILD - DIRECTRESS: BETH HOLLAND**

The Altar Guild performs care of and preparation for all brass, silver and linens used for the celebration of Holy Eucharist services each week. Members are divided into four teams and prepare the altar on a weekly basis. Schedules are flexible and the time commitment is approximately four hours, once a month. Please consider joining us in doing this rewarding and fulfilling ministry.

*If you would like to speak with Beth, please contact her by phone or e-mail. Home: (770) 451-7045, Work: (770) 447-1166 x 222, or Cell: (770) 235-5712, or e-mail: ebolland01@bellsouth.net.*

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## **FLOWER GUILD, CO-PRESIDENTS: ANN MARTIN VITTI AND JEAN HALL**

The Flower Guild orders and arranges altar, font and columbarium flowers. *Ann Martin Vitti, Mobile: 678-849-6742, Home: 770-395-6196,*

*E-mail: v.vitti@comcast.net. Jean Hall, Home: 404-845-0719,*

*Mobile: 404-964-0229, E-mail: jlcball65@comcast.net.*

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## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Daughters of the King is a worldwide order of the Episcopal Church. Our chapter is the St. Clare chapter of the DOK. We are a group of Christian women striving to fulfill the promises of our Baptismal Covenant through the adoption of a Rule of Life. We are a group of women living a Rule of Prayer and Service to our neighbors. We seek to walk with God as our guide. Prayer is the foundation from which our service grows. "Prayer without work is empty words, service without prayer is labor lost." We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30

a.m. in the church parlor. The St. Clare chapter of the DOK serves the church at the request of the Rector, including funeral services, receptions and special events. This year we plan to read *Sermons of a Psychiatrist*, by our own, Charles Fulghum. All women are invited to come check us out.

*For information, please contact: Belinda Wedgwood at bwedgwood@gmail.com or 770-455-0861.*

### **Help Us to PRAY**

*Almighty God, help us to pray so faithfully that we may draw near to you and learn your will.*

*Help us to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide us each day, that all we think, do, or say may be acceptable to you. We ask all for the sake of Him whose cross we wear, our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*AMEN.*

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## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

There are two women's Bible studies regularly held at St. Martin's.

On the second and fourth Thursday mornings from 10:30-12:00, from September to May, parishioners gather in the Burgreen Room (library) to study selected books of the Holy Bible. All are welcome.

On the second Thursday evening of each month from September to May, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., there is a small group Bible study in Gable Hall. This fall we will be focusing on religious practices and ethics based on selected biblical passages.

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## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

This year, in addition to our regular study of Holy Scripture, we will be using two additional study guides. The first study focuses on the figure of King David. It is geared especially for a men's group and is titled, *A Man After God's Own Heart*. This study guide will be available in the church office beginning September 1.

Our second study will focus on a recent book, *The Questions of Jesus*, written by John Dear. While Jesus is often portrayed as "the man with all the answers", this writer spends time reflecting on the various questions that Jesus asked those he encountered.

Men's Bible Study meets in the church parlor on Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. and is open to all men in our parish and school community. *Our first meeting of 2011 will be Thursday, September 1.*

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Third Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

From September to May, Father John invites all members of the parish to join him for informal chats on various topics at Elwood's Pizza (3883 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30319-3388). The gatherings start at 6 p.m.

*For more information on this monthly gathering contact Fr. John at [jfmccard@stmartins.org](mailto:jfmccard@stmartins.org).*

The Schedule for 2011-2012 is as follows:

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

January 12 (please note this is the *second*

Thursday of the month)

February 16

March 15

April 19

May 17

## Pastoral Emergency Telephone Numbers

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(404) 228-0777

Susan Breunig  
(404) 228-0756

## THE NEW HORIZONS BAND OF SANDY SPRINGS - OCT. 1

Mark your calendars for Saturday Oct 1 to enjoy

THE NEW HORIZONS BAND OF SANDY SPRINGS

(25 members Directed by Fritz Siler)

Everyone is invited to hear the music featuring  
a variety of popular show tunes at 7:30 P.M.

Wine and cheese served 6:15-6:45. Meet and greet.

Join us for dinner at 6:45 P.M.

Bring a covered dish to share and \$2.00

RSVP for dinner only or Band only at 7:30. \$2.00 admission

Call 770 457 4986 or 770 234 9176



# September 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

4 7:45a, HE: Rite I 9a, HE: Rite II 11:15a, HE: Rite II 12:30p, Outreach Meeting 5:30p, HE: Rite I 5:30p, Boy Scouts	5 Church Office Closed 3:45p, Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 9:30a, Staff Meeting	7 10a, Healing Service 10:30a, St. Mary Magdalene's 7p, St. Martha's	8 7:30a, Men's Bible Study 10:30a, Women's Bible Study 12p, Brown Bag Theology w/ Man Martin 6:30p, EFM 7p, Women's Bible Study 7p, Gamblers Anonymous	9	10 9:30a, DOK 1p, Wedding 5p, Pairs and Spares 5:30p, HE: Rite I
11 FIRST DAY OF SUN. SCH. 7:45a, HE: Rite I 9a, HE: Rite II 10:10a, Christian Formation 11a, Jr. DOK 11:15a, HE: Rite II 12:30p, Outreach Meeting 5:30p, HE: Rite I 5:30p, Boy Scouts	12 3:45p, Prayer Shawl Ministry 7p, Pet Ministry	13 9a, St. Elizabeth's Outreach 9:30a, Staff Meeting 10:30a, St. Elizabeth's 12:30p, ECV Meeting 7p, Stephen Ministry	14 9:30a, St. Margaret's 10a, Healing Service	15 7:30a, Men's Bible Study 10:30a, Clergy Group 11a, Caregiver's Group 6p, Theology on Tap 6:30p, EFM 7p, Gamblers Anonymous	16	17 10a, Pet Ministry Dog Walk 5:30p, HE: Rite I
18 Outreach Sunday - AMIS 7:45a, HE: Rite I 9a, HE: Rite II 10:10a, Christian Formation 11:15a, HE: Rite II 12:30p, Service Planning Committee Meeting 4p, Girl Scouts 5:30p, HE: Rite I 5:30p, Boy Scouts	19 3:45p, Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p, Vestry Meeting 7p, Pet Ministry	20 9:30a, Staff Meeting 12p, Interfaith Dinner	21 9:30a, St. Monica's 10a, Healing Service	22 7:30a, Men's Bible Study 10:30a, Women's Bible Study 10:30a, Clergy Group 6:30p, EFM 7p, Gamblers Anonymous	23	24 SMES PTO Fun Run 4p, Cotillon 5:30p, HE: Rite I
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Sandy Rose, III  
Kenneth Starling  
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Chaz Duffy  
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# Celebration in the Parish

SAVE THE DATES! PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Sunday October 30 - Gable Hall 10:00am

Saturday November 5 - early morning - Parish Fun Walk/Run

Saturday November 5 - evening - Dinner Dance

*All proceeds go to benefit the amazing outreach programs at St. Martin's.*

**For more information, see page 10 of this newsletter**

## HEARD IN THE PARISH

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By The Reverend Noel C. Burtenshaw

*Borders* is gone. It seemed I looked around one morning and the great old place of book treasures was no more.

You could go to *Borders*, not buy anything, and leave feeling like you were informed. Most of their stores had comfy couches to dissolve into. Not only could you leaf through a little history, but a ten-minute nap was often dispensed along with some startling mystery-reading.

At the beginning of the summer, I picked up Erik Larson's book (in paper), "Thunderstruck," in *Borders*. Larson is such a nifty wordsmith. He mixes fiction along with historical fact in such an attractive way. In "Thunderstruck," he combines the wonderful story of Marconi along with the great turn-of-the-century (last) murder trial of Dr. Crippen with wonderful craft. Pick up a copy to see how he does it.

Going to the beach, I, again, went to *Borders* and got Larson's latest book (30% off), "In the Valley of the Beasts." A page-turner. It was a well-documented account of the coming of the Nazi's to Germany in the thirties. Again, he

does it through fact and fiction. Superb. By the way, I have both of these books, if you would like to borrow them. I'll trade you, if you like.

My last find at *Borders* was a gem. It is called "Wench." It is the first book written by a young African American writer, Dolan Perkins-Valdez. This book is a fabulous, alarming and thoughtful look at slavery. It is fiction, but based upon a historical fact which the writer carefully researched. It was a great find and I'm waiting for her next book. You can get "Wench" in paper. I am not lending my copy. I'll want to read it again, I know

I must say, I have enjoyed my summer reading. I have not invested in the Kindle yet. I still got some good reading at the library. I don't want to surrender that, besides books make great friends.

I guess my affair with *Borders* is over, but what the heck, *Barnes and Noble* is beginning to look better and better. They have good couches, too!!

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*If you are interested in joining this tenacious volunteer crew, please call me at 404.228.0777.*

*-Jason Clay, Administrator of Communications*