

# The Churchline

A Christ-centered Family Church Growing Forward Together

St. Martin United Church of Christ - P.O. Box 1037, 3229 High Ridge Blvd. - High Ridge, MO 63049

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## Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

3-5 Shirley Miller  
3-12 Donna Goede  
3-19 Grace Self  
3-26 Fred Dishner

## Fellowship Hour

8:30-9:20

3-5 Sandy  
3-12 Ginger & Sandy  
3-19 Lynn/Bev/Jane  
3-26 Johnny & Bert  
  
4-2 Craig & Glenda  
4-9 Shirley & Donna  
4-16 Easter Breakfast  
4-23 Don & Grace  
4-30 Gary & Gerri

## ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGES

We would like to request that if you have a new mailing address, home phone number or cell phone number or email address, please let the church office know so that we might keep our records current. Your assistance in this is very much appreciated. Joan

## Greeter Schedule For Worship Service

3-5 Fred Dishner  
3-12 Dee St. Clair  
3-19 Sandy Neralich  
3-26 Don Self

## USHER 9:30 AM SCHEDULE

3-5 Dale Rose Fred Dishner  
3-12 Marie Gates  
3-19 Jim Bauer Clardean Schmieder  
3-26 Gary Malone Shirley Ogden  
Richard Small Nancy Huck

**MARCH Bring-A-Meal**  
**2 Chicken Noodle Soup,**  
**Peanut Butter**  
**Grape Jelly, Crackers, Dish**  
**Soap (Joy, Dawn, etc)**

# MARCH Anniversaries

07 Don & Bette Ford  
14-Wes & Brenda Phye  
24-Allen & Diana Ross

Thanks to the people who fold the Churchline in February. They are: Frankie, Dick and Joan C.

**Our Church Mission:**  
To be responsible and caring in reaching out to all people so that everyone may experience the unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

## Aluminum Cans

Please continue to bring your empty cans to the church-rinsed hopefully! Every little bit helps! Don't forget also to bring your newspapers, junk mail and magazines. Please do not add aluminum pie tins or foil to the cans since the center does not accept them, Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring cans to the container in the Fellowship Hall.



06 Tim Washington  
10 Jessica Huck  
15 Frankie Small  
20 Theresa Jeffries  
22 Glinda Vaughn  
23 Lynn Hinrichs  
25 Wanda Schulte  
28 Richard Small  
29 David Osterhage  
31 Bev Marcin



## WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

We held our first meeting of the year February 2. Burr! It was a cold evening and our attendance was down a little. We still had a good meeting, an interesting devotion and wonderful refreshments.

The Lenten Brunch will be held this year at St. Mark's UCC in Arnold. It will be on Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. Hope we will have a good turnout representing St. Martin. More details will be announced later. Mark your calendars now.

Hope to see you at our March 2 meeting which will start at 7 p.m. Linda Peterson and Frankie Small will be the hostesses and Grace Self will be leading the devotions.

# **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The men of the church meets the first Saturday of the month. We have projects to be worked on around the church. When weather permits; the concrete sidewalk in front of the church will be placed. The men will be starting the painting in the church soon. Big thanks to John and Dale for the new hot water heater installation. God Bless You. Fred

## ***Please Remember These People in Prayer:***

Virginia Ahlvers, Mary Ann Potthoff, Sheila Zagari, Judy Cope, Rita Watterson, Della Lang, Diana Ross and Ruth Hart.

If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the church office.

## **LENTEN SERVICE**

Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup> and we will kick off the Lenten season with a Loaded Potato Bar supper at 5:45 PM. Our first Lenten service will start at 7PM.

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or call Ginger at 636-671-8081 so that we know how much food to prepare for the meal.

# **M**emorials

***The following individuals donated to  
the St. Martin United Church of Christ***

### ***In Memory of Maxine Hoyne Memorial Fund***

Beverly Dautenhahn  
Erwin & Clara Nickels

### ***In Memory of Karen Boemler Sign Fund***

John & Joan Cavagna  
Harry & Clare Grupe

### ***In Memory of Karen Boemler Memorial Fund***

Esther McNamee

### ***In Honor of Virginia Ahlvers 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Memorial Fund***

Esther, Pam and Patty

## **THANK YOU**

I sincerely want to thank all of my church family/friends for the cards, well wishes, calls, support and prayers, during my recent surgery. I am on the road to recovery and will be able to return to work on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again and may God bless you all as well.  
Karen Schaefer

## COUNCIL NEWS

At the February meeting of the Church Council several important items were discussed.

1. Date for Vacation Bible School was set for July
2. Items needed to pass inspections with state for preschool were discussed and the men pledged to take care of the items.
3. Search Committee was addressed and five names were approved with two more members to be asked. As soon as the people confirm their willingness to serve we will announce the committee and they will begin their work to call a settled pastor.
4. Interim Pastor Terry Minchow-Proffitt was approved.
5. Goals for 2017 were discussed and agreed upon, they are attached and we hope all in our congregation will help support the efforts to meet these goals to the benefit of our church. It takes each one to make the most progress.
6. Approved the Day Camp Adventure for the preschool and the dates in June for the activities.

Your Church Council is a group of dedicated members of our church, we want to do what is best for the congregation, anytime you have questions, or concerns please let any member of the council know and we will do our best to address the issue. We hope all will keep our church family, many who have had injuries, surgery, loss and illness in your daily prayers.

God Bless, Donna Goede Church Council  
President

## CHRISTIAN ED

Thank you to everyone that donated blankets for Feed My People. Total donation was 21 blankets! They were very appreciative. SSK and St. Martin youth's Easter Basket project will be quickly approaching. We will be collecting items to fill Easter baskets that we will deliver to Feed My People. Deadline for submission is Sunday, April 2. Suggested items, Easter baskets, clear plastic basket wrap, mini Bibles, stickers, trinkets, candy, etc. We like to share the Love of Jesus in these baskets, so whatever is on your heart to share will be a blessing!



## Bible Readings *for the Month*

3-5	Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Ps 32	Rom 5:12-19 Matt 4:1-11
3-12	Gen 12:1-4a Ps 121	Rom 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matt 17:1-9
3-19	Ex 17:1-7 PS 95	Rom 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
3-26	1 Sam 16:1-13 PS 23	Eph 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

## NEW INTERIM PASTOR

Introducing our NEW Interim Pastor  
On Tuesday, February 14 the Church Council voted to hire Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt as our Interim Pastor. Many were at church in early February as Rev. Terry led our services and we heard many positive comments. Rev. Terry is originally from Arkansas and studied at Arkansas State University. He went on to do Graduate Study at Princeton University and then received his Master's Degree in Theology from Princeton University. He was ordained in 1982. His wife, Sandy is a physician and they are celebrating 35 years together. They have two children who live out of the area and one grandson. The Rev. has published two books. One is on the final words of Christ and the other a wonderful collection of poetry about the Mississippi Delta area. The Minchow-Proffitts live in Kirkwood and the Rev. enjoys his chickens there! Rev. Terry will begin with our church on Feb.26 and has great ideas for Lenten Prayer Service on Wednesday during Lent. He is excited to help lead our church family through this transitional time and towards calling a settled Pastor. We hope all will welcome him and his wife to our congregation.

## **ST. MARTIN PRESCHOOL**

We are disappointed that we have not been able to register children for the Tuesday/Thursday Preschool PRE K class but feel that those in our community who wanted their children in a program probably made this decision in the fall as schools started. We will begin enrolling for the fall classes in time with the Northwest School District's registration of fall Kindergarten. We have decided for the spring to focus on our Wednesday Play Dates and Parent Day out. We charge only \$25 for a full day of fun while parents can take care of appointments or other business. Please spread the word! We accept 3-5 year olds, but the children need to be potty trained and bring a sack lunch with them!

We are very close to completing all the necessary inspections. We are waiting on re-inspections from the Health Department and the State Fire Marshal, both due to minor things that needed to be addressed. All should be completed by March !! What a process!

We are very excited to announce a Summer Adventure Day Camp for preschoolers during the month of June. Each camp will run one week and parents may sign up for one week, two or all three. Each will be themed and include all kinds of camp activities. Most Day Camps require children to have completed kindergarten so we are excited to offer this to our community to 3-5 year olds! Flyers and information is available so just ask, and tell all you know!

Donna and Denise

If you take pictures of events at St Martin please send them to the St Martin email so they can be shared.



## **HOMEBOUND NEWS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Ahlvers celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday! Eight members of the Women's Fellowship visited her, bringing balloons, gifts and cards. Her son, Joe and his wife, Lisa were also there. After listening to a short worship service, the group gathered around Virginia and sang "Happy Birthday" and there she blew out her cake candles. Everyone in the room enjoyed the special cake and cupcakes. Lisa then opened all her cards and read them to Virginia. Clare Grupe gave her a stuffed animal holding a Happy Birthday balloon and Joan Cavagna presented her with a vase of flowers. It was a special occasion for the "One of a kind" person! We hope she enjoyed it.



(You may place this form in the offering plate with payment or mail to St .Martin UCC, P.O. Box 1037, High Ridge, MO 63049)



**Easter will be here before we know it. This year it will fall on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking orders for the Easter lily's starting March 12th. Order forms will be put in the bulletins. Deadline to order is April 2nd. Cost will again be \$10.00 per Lily and may be taken home after the Easter Sunday services.**

**To Order:**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Lilies Ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honor or Memory: (circle one)**

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**Honor or Memory (circle one)**

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**Honor or Memory (Circle One)**

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You are encouraged to take your lily home after the Easter Service.

# MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Ash Wednesday Potato Bar - 5:45PM Lenten Service 7PM	2 Women's Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	3	4 9am Men's Fellowship
5 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	13 Stewardship Mtg. 7:00 PM	14 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	20 Churchline Articles are due	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	27	28 7pm Worship Mtg	29 9:00 AM Fold Churchline	30	31	

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## MARCH CHURCHLINE 2017



POSTMASTER: TIME-VALUED  
MATERIAL - PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY.  
THANK YOU!\*

St. Martin United Church of Christ  
Worship Time and Children's Church:  
9:30 AM Sunday Morning  
Website: <http://stmartin-ucc-hr.50webs.com>  
Email: [stmartinucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmartinucc@sbcglobal.net)

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