

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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I'm grateful and honored to begin our journey together. The past few weeks of supply preaching, then, beginning as your Interim Pastor on March 1, have been a delightful time of becoming better acquainted. This is my first time to serve as an Interim Pastor, though I've been a minister since my ordination in 1982. I'll leave you to do the math! I've served as pastor churches in Utah, Maryland, and Missouri. I've also been a campus minister in Utah, New Jersey, and Mississippi.

My call here is to be a "temporary shepherd." Basically, this means that I'm called to companion and guide you through this time between pastors, the interim time. Put bluntly, I'll be successful in my calling when I work myself out of a job! The biggest part of my job will be to help support your leadership, provide pastoral care, lead worship, and teach classes as necessary. Another essential aspect will be to support the Search and Call process by providing input to the Pastoral Search Committee and Douglas Anders as asked.

In addition to Sunday, I'm here, either in High Ridge or at St. Martin, on Tuesdays and Fridays. I'm also available on other days depending on committee meetings and services. You can reach me by cell phone: (314) 304-6818; or by email: thechickentrain@gmail.com; or by calling the church office and leaving a message.

Again, I'm grateful and honored to be here with you. My hopeful prayer is that we will move forward together into the future God has in store for St. Martin. I trust that God holds us all with great and gracious hands. And I entrust myself to you and to the Christ who holds us close and shares us with a world in need.

Christ's light,
Rev. Terry

ST. MARTIN EASTER BOOK STUDY

Streams of Living Water:

Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith By Richard Foster

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Led by Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt

Weekly Schedule and Topics

In this classic, author Richard Foster explores the great traditions of the Christian faith, each of them a "stream" of spiritual life. Each church, as well as each person, embodies these different dimensions of the spiritual life in varied ways. Come join us as we learn more about how these streams flow through our church and our lives, each flowing into the great ocean of God's love.

Streams of Living Water may be purchased through Amazon or your local bookstore, but it is not necessary to do the reading to participate in the study.

April 19	The Contemplative Tradition: Discovering the Prayer-Filled Life
April 26	The Holiness Tradition: Discovering the Virtuous Life
May 3	The Charismatic Tradition: Discovering the Spirit-Empowered Life
May 10	The Social Justice Tradition: Discovering the Compassionate Life
May 17	The Evangelical Tradition: Discovering the Word-Centered Life
May 24	The Incarnational Tradition: Discovering the Sacramental Life

USHERS

- 4-2 Dale Rose Fred Dishner
- 4-9 Marie Gates
- 4-16 Jim Bauer Clardean Schmieder
- 4-23 Gary Malone Shirley Ogden
Richard Small Nancy Huck
- 4-30 Don Self



**Fellowship Hour
8:30-9:20**

- 4-2 Craig & Glenda
- 4-9 Shirley & Donna
- 4-16 Easter Breakfast
- 4-23 Don & Grace
- 4-30 Gary & Gerri

- 5-7 Ginger & Bette
- 5-14 Lynn/Bev/Jane
- 5-21 Johnny & Bert
- 5-28 Craig & Glinda

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| 4-2 | Ezek 37:1-14
Ps 130 | Rom 8:6-11
John 11:1-45 |
| 4-9 | Isa 50:4-9
Ps 31:9-16 | Matt 21:1-11
Matt 26:14-27:66 |
| 4-16 | Jer 31:1-6
PS 118:1-2 | Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 |
| 4-23 | Acts 2:14a, 22-32
PS 16 | I Pet 1:3-9
John 20:19-31 |
| 4-30 | Acts 2:14, 36-41
Ps 116:1-4,12-19 | I Pet 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35 |

**Greeter Schedule
For Worship Service**

- 4-2 Fred Dishner
- 4-09 Dee St. Clair
- 4-16 Sandy Neralich
- 4-23 Gary Malone
- 4-30 Bette Ford

READERS

- 4-2 Cheryl Patton
- 4-9 Gerri Malone
- 4-16 Donna Goede
- 4-23 Don Self
- 4-30 Shirley Miller

APRIL Anniversaries

19-Don & Evelyn Long
25-Lisa & Steve Mitchell

Thanks to the people who fold the Churchline in March. They are: Marla, Doris, Clare and Harry.

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.



06	Jimmie Mills
09	Kevin Ogden
10	Olivia Osterhage
11	Don Long
15	Troy St. Clair
16	Allison Dishner
17	Bill Friebel, Jr.
19	Marla Cooley
19	Johnny Lewellen
21	Gary Malone
23	John Cavagna
24	Mike Sauter
24	Charlee St. Clair
25	Lisa Mitchell
25	Dale Rose
30	Pam Bak



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.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Spring is upon us.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be Thursday, April 6. Hope to see the regular ladies for this meeting and hopefully some new faces. If you have never attended, this is the time to come join us and meet some dynamic ladies that work behind the scenes at the church.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Clare Grupe is the hostess this month and Diana Ross is going to do the devotions. COME JOIN US!!!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We met on the first Saturday of the month. We are blessed with two new members—Rev. Terry and Darren. We enjoyed breakfast together. The men discussed some of the old and new projects also cutting the grass around the church. The front walk project at the church entrance, hopefully, will be completed in the next two weeks if the weather permits. The men will serve breakfast after the Sunrise service Easter Sunday morning.
God Bless, Fred

Please Remember These People in Prayer:

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ahlvers
Hazel Rose

Health Concerns

Mary Ann Potthoff
Sheila Zagarri,
Judy Cope
Ruth Hart
Curtis Israel
Virginia Smith

Other Concerns

Debbie Schmieder-traveling

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

Memorials

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

***In Memory of
Maxine Hoyne
Memorial Fund***
Marilyn Benson

***In Memory of
Karen Boemler
Sign Fund***
Dee & David St. Clair
Betty & Roland Bergmann
Lola Bockert
Mike & Mary Leiweke
Pat Maitone

***In Memory of
Karen Boemler
Memorial Fund***
Bev Dautenhahn, Bill, Janet, Joshua,
Les, Brenda Wes, Brad, Divianna, Addy,
Peyton, Amanda, Hayden
Carol Reeves & Family
Edna Hoefler
Karen Schaefer
Don & Evelyn Long
Marla Cooley
Billie York

APRIL SHOWERS

During the month of April, we will be collecting items of personal care for Feed My People. Suggested items include:
Toilet paper, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shaving cream, lotion, razors, bath soap, Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, body soap, dental floss. Please place items on the table by the elevator.

COUNCIL NEWS

From Church Council

We have gone over all the many committees of the church and updated them. Each committee would gladly welcome new members so if there is an area of interest for you please contact members of that committee and get involved!

The NEW display case honoring our military heroes was done by John Cole--thank you for such a wonderful item. We are encouraging all members to bring small items or photos to display and recognize our members who have served in any branch of the military.

Council approved a book study to be led by Rev. Terry after Easter so be watching for more information.

The preschool is open and is still looking for items for the play yard. Wish lists are posted on the Bulletin Board and on the sanctuary door--the items or monetary gifts to purchase anything on the list is greatly appreciated.

Easter week will include services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and our traditional Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. on Easter followed by breakfast and then regular service at 9:30. Lenten Wednesday vesper service focusing on prayer continue as well.

The LCM will host an Egg Hunt for all children and grandchildren of church members as well as your friends and neighbors...it is always fun to watch the excitement of the children on this day!

Finally, don't forget that our Sunday School is collecting items for Easter Baskets that will go to Feed My People...please consider picking up small toys, candy or other items.

Donna Goede, Council President

We are taking a trip to Westport Playhouse to see "The Church Basement Ladies"--a humorous play about a rural church. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Tickets will be \$25, which is half price for a group of ten or more. We plan to go on a Sunday afternoon after church.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Easter Egg Hunt—The St. Martin's Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 15. Bring your children, grandkids, their friends, and neighbor kids.

11:30 Hide Eggs (Youth group)

1:00 Crafts and Activities

2:00 Egg Hunt

3:00 Refreshments

Donations of small size wrapped candy and cookies will be appreciated. Place items in kitchen.

Thursday April 13 from 9 to 10:30 the "annual filling of the eggs" Volunteers welcome

Sunday School Project

The Sunday School children will be preparing baskets for donation to Feed My People. Donations of baskets, grass, wrapped candy, etc would be appreciated. Place items on the table in Fellowship Hall.

ST. MARTIN PRESCHOOL

We have begun Tuesday/Thursday classes! The students are learning about God's Love, spring and numbers, colors, shapes and letters. We do art, music PE and Science activities each week! We still have openings and classes will run until mid May. We will be offering three weeks of Day Camp starting the end of May. Student may register for one, two or all three weeks! Participation is limited to ten students each week! The program will run just like camp for big kids but be designed for pre kindergarten. Arts and Crafts, games, Bible Stories, music and lots of fun from 9-3 each day!

Registration for Day Camp and enrollment for our fall classes will happen during open house on April 18 from 4-7...stop by to hear more about our programs or to enroll.

SEARCH COMMITTEE



HOMEBOUND NEWS

The Search Committee has been appointed and commissioned. The members include: Rev. John Allen, Joan Cavagna, John Cole, Cheryl Patton, Diana Ross, and Grace Self. The committee has met several times and has selected Grace Self as chairperson, Cheryl Patton as secretary and Rev. John Allen as chaplain. They are beginning to work on the church profile and will be seeking your input in the next couple months. Please continue to pray for guidance and direction from the Lord.

St. Martin's Care Pastors met with Rev. Terry on March 7 to re-organize and discuss a schedule for visiting our Homebound again. We agreed on the first Tuesday of each month as our best day but this can be adjusted according to circumstances. Next visits to our 3 ladies will be April 4th. Many thanks to Dorothy Scheer who has agreed to be our new co-ordinator.

St. Martin UCC Goals for 2017

A. Growth in Membership

1. Increase active membership by 8
2. Continue to reach out to local veteran's groups
3. Work to provide monthly activities for youth fellowship

B. Outreach and Ministry

1. Continue to work to open a preschool for 3-5 year olds in our area
2. Continue to minister to those within our congregation and assist when possible. Keep prayer list in bulletin up-to-date and add a brief explanation of need to prayer list in monthly Churchline.

C. Stewardship and Finances

1. Provide opportunities for enhancing receipts through giving, events, and activities to meet monthly expenses.
2. Plan and implement projects and activities that help the community become more aware of church location and events.

D. Pastoral Leadership

1. Support a working search committee in the process of selecting and calling a settled pastor

It is with much sadness we report the recent death of Karen Boemler. She was a lifelong member of St. Martin UCC and was laid to rest in St. Martin's cemetery beside her beloved Orville. Our sympathy to her daughter Kathy, her grandson Christopher, and to her extended family. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Have a Blessed Easter,
The Care Pastors

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am Men's Fellowship
2 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	3	4	5	6 Women's Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Highway clean-up 9:00am
9 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	10 Stewardship Mtg. 7:00 pm	11 Council Meeting 7:00pm	12	13 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm	14 Good Friday Worship 7:00pm	15 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00pm
16 6:15 Sunrise Service 7:00 Breakfast 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	17 Churchline Articles are due	18	19 Book Study 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22
23 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	24	25 7pm Worship Mtg	26 9:00 AM Fold Churchline Book Study 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29
30 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church						

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THANK YOU!*

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9:30 AM Sunday Morning
Website: <http://stmartin-ucc-hr.50webs.com>
Email: stmartinucc@sbcglobal.net

636-677-5602