

The Churchline

A Christ-centered Family Church Growing Forward Together

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One of my favorite places to eat is Doe's Eat Place in Greenville, Mississippi. It's nothing fancy, and the neighborhood around it is nothing to brag about. But the place is a landmark, and people drive in from miles around to eat there. It was once a house, then a grocery store, then became an "eat place" in 1941. They've even begun franchising of late, but I like the original place in Greenville the best. Steaks, tamales, shrimp, dessert, sweet tea—they've got it all.

Florence has been a waiter there for over sixty years. She whips up the salads and greets the guests. People ask her what the secret is to her salad dressing. Besides the vinegar and fresh lemon juice? She says she puts a lot of love in them, that Doe's is a huggin' place. I like that.

Here's a little youtube video about Doe's Eat Place:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgtK5MODZFU>.

I also like that you enter the restaurant through the kitchen. Right there as you walk in. There is nothing to hide. Here is your food cooking. Here the cooks. Here's the fire. When's the last time you saw the kitchen at Applebee's or Pasta House? Do you even want to?

St. Martin reminds me a lot of Doe's Eat Place. We seek to serve others the feast of Christ's Presence without many frills or ostentation. Our primary marketing tool is word of mouth and acts of love. When people enter our small church, whether through the front-, side-, or backdoor, it's like they're entering through the kitchen. We have nothing to hide, nothing up our sleeves. They see all these cooks at work, pitching in and preparing. It takes everyone doing their part to make this work, to bear and share God's love through our community.

St. Martin, I don't have to tell you that we're a small church with a big heart. We're small as a mustard seed, but our heart, by the grace of God and through a life of faith, can be as large as Christ's. May we be ever transparent to the fire of God's great love, unabashedly and humbly Christ's, for that is all any church, large or small, really has to offer. And my God continue to bless our efforts.

Gratefully,
Pastor 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

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.

Weekly Schedule and Topics

May 3 The **Charismatic** Tradition:

Discovering the Spirit-Empowered Life

May 10 The **Social Justice** Tradition:

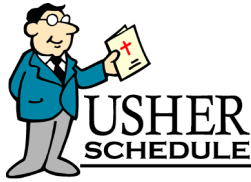
Discovering the Compassionate Life

May 17 The **Evangelical** Tradition:

Discovering the Word-Centered Life

May 24 The **Incarnational** Tradition:

Discovering the Sacramental Life



USHERS

- 5-7 Dale Rose Fred Dishner
 5-14 Marie Gates
 5-21 Jim Bauer Clardean Schmieder
 5-28 Gary Malone Shirley Ogden
 Richard Small Nancy Huck

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

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

 6-4 Don & Evelyn
 6-11 Shirley & Donna
 6-18 Don & Grace
 6-25 Gary & Gerri

**Greeter Schedule
 For Worship Service**

- 5-7 Don Self
 5-14 Fred Dishner
 5-21 Sandy Neralich
 5-28 Bette Ford



**Bible
 Readings *for the Month***

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| 5-7 | Acts 2:42-47
Ps 23 | I Pet 2:19-25
John 10:1-10 |
| 5-14 | Acts 7:55-60
Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 | I Pet 2:2-10
John 14:1-14 |
| 5-21 | Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20 | I Pet 3:13-22
John 14:15-21 |
| 5-28 | Acts 1:6-14
Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 | I Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11 |

READERS

- 5-7 Diana Ross
 5-14 Grace Self
 5-21 Cheryl Patton
 5-28 Fred Dishner

MAY Anniversaries

06 Craig & Glinda Vaughn
25-Gary & Gerri Malone
26-Michael & Teri Finan-Chollet
29 Kevin & Meredith Ogden
30 Paul & Louise Werner

Thanks to the people who fold the Churchline in April. They are Billie, Beverly, Carol, and Gary.

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.



02 Abigail Dishner
06 Sandy Neralich
08 Don Ford
13 Esther McNamee
14 Robert Downer
14 Allen Ross
14 Billie York
16 Doris Loveland
18 Lee Peterson
21 Dorothy Scheer
22 Larry Lewellen
28 Beverly Dautenhahn



WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, May 4 will be our meeting date at 7p.m. Hope we have a good attendance as this will be the election of officers.

We will have no meetings in the months of June and July. Enjoy your summer break and join us the first Thursday in August as we prepare for the new activities of the Women's Fellowship. If you have never attended a meeting, August would be a great time to come join us!!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship met the first Saturday of April. We enjoyed breakfast together and we put the wooden cross in the front of the church. Rev. Terry thought this would be a good thing and it was a good thing. The men finally caught good weather and were able to place the new concrete walk in front of the church. I want to thank all of the brothers for their time and tools and I want to thank Johnny Lewellen, Little Johnny Lewellen, Forrest Downer, Don Self, John Cole, Ken Holke, Matt Dishner, Butch Malone, Roley Malone, and Robert Malone. I think we all enjoyed the task. The men planned and served breakfast for after the Easter Sunrise Service. The breakfast was good food and good fellowship. The men will provide lunch following worship on Memorial Sunday, May 28.

God Bless, Fred

THANK YOU

Thank you to Don Ford
from Bev Dautenhahn.

COUNCIL NEWS

From Church Council

Lent was a wonderful period at St. Martin. The Wednesday evening services focused on prayer and helped participants find focus as all communicated with God. Holy Week services were reflective and allowed us to truly get into the spirit. Easter was a joyous occasion and I thank Pastor Terry for all the time he put into the preparations.

Thank you to the great crew of men who completed the concrete project at the front steps—it is great! Thanks to the men for the wonderful Easter breakfast and to the ladies who planned such fun activities for the Children's Egg Hunt and Party.

Church Council is considering a new pictorial directory to commemorate our 150th anniversary next year. Please indicate next Sunday if you would participate if one is done. We are also looking for a group of people to help plan events to celebrate the occasion.

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. Donna has reserved tickets costing \$25. Please pay Donna by May 7.

**HOPEFUL CONVERSATIONS
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
(Immediately following Worship)**

**“Lunch, Prayer, and the Sharing of Our
Heritage”**

Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

The Easter Season is the perfect time for us to begin having some very vital conversations about St. Martin's future. Before we can lean into God's future, it's essential that we explore together our heritage and what makes St. Martin so important to us.

We hope you'll join us for this opportunity to share and appreciate the gift of our life together. Your Pastoral Search Committee will design a meaningful time of sharing and listening. We'll all meet for prayer and sandwiches then spend about an hour in an extended conversation facilitated by Pastor Terry.

Please know that this is a time for your Search Committee to take notes. We want to hear from you, to listen carefully to how you see St. Martin and what makes this congregation your church home. So, the more people we have *of all ages*, the more fruitful our time together will be.

This is the first of several public conversations we'll be having. We're eager to keep you posted on what we discover along the way!

DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SEE THE SIGN-UP LIST ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD. THIS'LL HELP US KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Thanks to everyone who donated goodies for the SSK and Youth Group 2016 Easter Basket Project. 18 Easter baskets were donated to Feed My People. The kids had a lot of fun filling baskets to give away. Palm Sunday we were blessed with Jesus (Sydney) riding his donkey into our sanctuary and waved on with Palms by our youth. Thanks Jane for creating our donkey! Our Every Child's Hope (ECH) sponsored child, Ian, also received goodies for Easter. A box filled with a new Bible, card game, chocolate bunny, and some other yummy candies were sent the week before Easter.

ST. MARTIN PRESCHOOL

We are currently enrolling for fall classes that will begin in August on Tuesday/Thursday and Introduction to Preschool on Wednesdays We are excited to hold Day Camp May 30-June 16 and still have openings for 3-5 year olds. Thank you to those who have donated to our wish list. We now have a bank account so if anyone would like to make a monetary donation just indicate it is for Preschool and it can go in regular offering plate. All donations will go for playground toys or supplies. Thanks to all for the wonderful support. Finally, thanks to those who mow and trim to keep the playground and church yard looking so great. Donna and Denise

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee has met several times and has begun to work on the church profile We will be seeking your input on May 7. Please continue to pray for guidance and direction from the Lord.

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

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ahlvers

Hazel Rose

Health Concerns

Mary Ann Potthoff

Sheila Zagarri

Judy Cope

Ruth Hart

Virginia Smith

Dee St. Clair

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.



HOMEBOUND NEWS

Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, Care Pastors Dorothy Scheer and Billie York took Easter greeting cards and a pretty flower to St. Martin's Homebound ladies on April 3. Rev. Terry was delighted to meet Virginia, Joan, and Hazel for the first time. They were all doing really well, appreciative of the visit with a very special communion service. Thanks to Dorothy for providing the flowers.

God Bless,
Care Pastors

Virginia Ahlver's 99th Birthday!



Blankets for Feed My People.



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

Memorials

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

*In Memory of
Dorothy Isbell
Memorial Fund*

**Virginia Washington
Edna Hoefler
Esther McNamee
Dave & Brenda Ruzicka
Adam & Marilyn Kristoff**

*In Memory of
Johnny Walker
Sign Fund*

Harry & Clare Grupe

*In Memory of
Karen Boemler
Memorial Fund
Manny Dautenhahn,
Bonnie, Brad
Don & Grace Self*

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you have used or new medical equipment that you are no longer using, you can donate it to the Loan Closet here at St. Martin. Items that are requested often include large wheelchairs, walkers that you can sit on, and transfer benches. See Bette Ford or Sandy Neralich for more information.



Palm Sunday



Easter Baskets



New Sidewalk

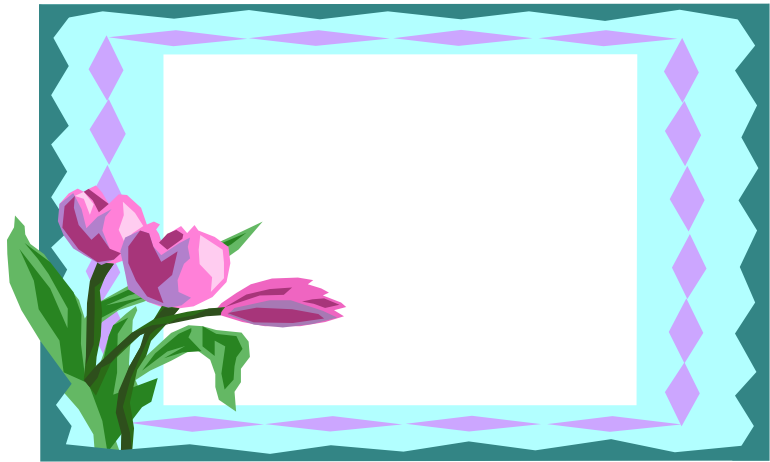


MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Book Study 7:00 p.m.	4 Women's Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	5	6 9am Men's Fellowship
7 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church 11:00 Lunch and Hopeful Conversations	8 Stewardship Mtg. 7:00 pm	9 Council Meeting 7:00pm	10 Book Study 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church Mother's Day	15	16	17 Book Study 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20
21 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	22 Churchline Articles are due	23 Search Committee 7:00p.m.	24 Book Study 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church Lunch provided by Men's Fellowship.	29 Memorial Day	30 7pm Worship Mtg	31 9:00 AM Fold Churchline			

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

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Worship Time and Children's Church:
9:30 AM Sunday Morning
Website: <http://stmartin-ucc-hr.50webs.com>
Email: stmartinucc@sbcglobal.net

636-677-5602