

The Messenger



Photo by Bob Askins, February 2010

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord;
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord;
praise him and magnify him for ever.

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Advent Festival: Gifts Designed to Change Lives

Do you find yourself looking for gifts with lasting significance? If so, consider doing some of your holiday shopping at the St. Martin's Advent Festival on Dec. 4. The Festival will run during the Sunday School hour, from 9 to 10 a.m., and after the 10:30 service until 1 p.m. Light breakfast refreshments and fair-trade coffee will be served.

Tables will be set up in the Parish Hall with opportunities for buying gifts that have an opportunity to make a difference in the world. Among the shopping opportunities this year:

❖ **Bishops Blend Coffee:** Bishops Blend products guarantee fair wages to coffee and tea producers and proceeds from sales support Episcopal Relief & Development's mission of responding to poverty, hunger and disease around the world. We will have a limited number of gift boxes available as well as information about where you can make additional purchases. We also will serve Bishops Blend coffee so you can sample its great taste.

❖ **Blood Drive:** Sign up to give the gift of life at our Dec. 11 Blood Drive, which will take place in the Parish Hall.

❖ **The Cooperative Ministry:** Purchase a set of Christmas cards instead of gifts. Your purchase helps pay power bills and transportation costs for the less fortunate.

❖ **Crayton Middle School:** Let your children create a gift for teachers at Crayton Middle School. This will be among the hands-on activities for children.

❖ **Episcopal Relief and Development:** Pick up a catalog and shop for shares of animals, clean water, solar energy systems, fruit trees or mosquito nets. Your gifts purchased in a loved one's honor can range from \$15 to \$300.

❖ **Hands-on activities for Children:** Opportunities will be available for children such as ornament making or assisting in creating gifts for our neighbors at Crayton Middle School.

❖ **"New Space In A Familiar Place" Building Campaign:** Here you will have an opportunity to make a donation to our campaign to build a new Christian formation building in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

❖ **St. Martin's Foundation:** Gifts may also be made in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. These gifts allow St. Martin's to fund Christian formation opportunities

for parishioners such as EFM or the Summer Christian Formation Conference at Kanuga. Gifts also may go toward the foundation's grant-awarding arm, which allows us to help with needs throughout the community.

❖ **St. Martin's Giving Tree:** Bring your gifts for the Giving Tree to the Advent Festival and we'll be sure they are delivered to St. Luke's or the Tucker Center. Gift tags will go up on the tree in the narthex on Nov. 27.

❖ **Stop Hunger Now:** Donations may be made in a person's honor to go toward our 2012 packaging events, when we will continue to do our part to end hunger in the world. St. Martin's has packaged more than 100,000 meals at Stop Hunger Now events held September 2010 through September 2011. Meals cost 25 cents each so a gift of \$10 purchases 40 meals; a gift of \$25 purchases 100 meals; a gift of \$50 purchases 200 meals; and gift of \$100 purchases 400 meals.

❖ **Trinity Cathedral Book Store:** Advent items and books will be offered. Proceeds benefit mission projects for the Upper Diocese of South Carolina.

Other ways to give during Advent

Harvest Hope Food Bank

Our rector has challenged us to reach the mark of 6,000 pounds by the end of the year. We've already collected 5,000+ pounds. Canned hams and vegetables such as sweet potatoes, green beans, corn and cranberry sauce are especially appreciated this time of year. Also, mixes for mashed potatoes, gravy, corn bread and stuffing are also requested.

Salvation Army Stockings

We have distributed 50 stockings for the Salvation Army. All stockings must be returned by Dec. 4 so they can be delivered to the Salvation Army in time for their distribution project. Plan to return yours during our Blessing of the Stockings and St. Nicholas Day celebration at 5 p.m. Dec. 4 in All Saints' Hall.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be purchased in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Names will be printed in our Christmas Bulletins. A donation of \$25 is requested. Be on the lookout for inserts in your Sunday Bulletins.

Advent: A Season for Pausing and Waiting Expectantly

As we enter the new church year, we begin the season of Advent, or the time when we again wait expectantly for the arrival of the Christ child.

At St. Martin's this year, this means many things. Among them is a slight pause to our ongoing efforts to prepare for "A New Space in a Familiar Place," or our early fund-raising efforts for a new Christian formation building. With this pause, we give focus to why we return here each week of the year, to gather at the table, to draw closer to our Lord and to strengthen ourselves for service in the world. Efforts on the building project will pick up again after the first of the year. Stay tuned because everyone will soon play a part in this exciting phase of the parish's ongoing story.

We move into Advent with these offerings for observance and celebration:

Advent Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, 6 p.m., All Saints' Hall: Contemplative Eucharist and a simple

soup supper. Please RSVP to the church office if you will stay for supper, 787-0392.

Advent Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 11 and 18, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., All Saints' Hall: In an adult formation setting, we will explore the meaning of Advent with the Rev. Sally Johnston, our rector, and the "Thrill of Hope" series from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Leading theologians help crack open the story of the Nativity with new insights and the use of art by John Swanson. (Note: There is no class on Dec. 4 because of the Advent Festival.)

Healing Eucharist, Dec. 11, 5 p.m., in the church: The holidays are not always joyful and celebratory, especially for those who have been through a difficult year or the loss of a loved one. If your year has followed that path, we hope this special Eucharist will provide meaning for you. We will gather at 5 p.m. in the church for a service of healing and hope.

Christ-Mass Mystery...with Shouted and Whispered Alleluias



Imagine the serenity of late-night Christmas Eve. All the stores have closed; traffic is light. St. Martin's is filled with beautiful poinsettias and illuminated by soft candlelight.

At 10:30 p.m., St. Martin's Parish Choir continues its long-held tradition of offering pre-service music with this year's presentation of Antonio Vivaldi's beautiful and popular "Gloria."

At 11 p.m., the steeple bell beckons the community and a full festival organ breaks forth with the introduction to the favorite carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful." The celebration of the Incarnation

continues with the Christmas narrative, and familiar carols sung at a midnight Holy Communion.

For a reflective, awe-inspiring, reverent and jubilant Christ-Mass liturgy -- with both shouted and whispered alleluias -- please join us for this Christ Mass celebration.

Other music offerings in December:

Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m., Choral Evensong. At this traditional Evensong service, we'll continue our commemoration of Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (which began with our Blessing of the Stockings at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4). Don't miss this ancient form of worship that reflects the mystery of worship in a darkened church on a winter evening.

Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m., Christmas Day worship. How rare and exciting it will be to have the St. Martin's Adult Choir present on Christmas Day! Christmas Lessons and Carols will serve as the Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion. We will not have Children's Chapel or the Nursery on this day, but families are invited to gather together in the church for a celebration of our Lord's birth.

Choir Seeking Hosts for February Treble Festival

If you would be willing to host a chorister attending the 10th Annual Carolina Treble Festival in February, please contact Royal School of Church Music Director Pam Hair.

St. Martin's is hosting the festival Feb. 11-12 and children from various churches in North and South Carolina will attend. Choristers will sing for the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Feb. 12, as well as at Evensong that afternoon.

St. Martin's choristers and their parents will serve as hosts, providing food and entertaining our guests; however, most choir families do not have empty nests so additional lodging will be needed. If you have an extra bedroom you could open for overnight accommodations for a few children or adults, please contact Pam at rpHair301@msn.com.

All meals will be served at St. Martin's, so only lodging and bathroom facilities are needed for overnight arrangements.

Wreath-making, partying and serving . . .

December Will Keep St. Martin's Youth Hopping!

Before your holiday schedules fill up, be sure these dates get on your calendars:

- **Nov. 27, 6-7:45 p.m.:** Let's celebrate the first Sunday of Advent by making an Advent wreath! Bring the whole family, and please ask your parents to bring \$12 to cover the cost of the wreath fixings! No supper served on this night.
- **Dec. 11, 6-7:45 p.m.:** Regular EYC in St. Alban's and the Parish Hall with supper.
- **Dec. 18, 6-7:45pm:** Final EYC of 2011 and EYC Christmas Party at Randy and Anna James' House! Stay tuned for more details!
- **Dec. 27-30:** Home Works Christmas Project. All youth in grades 6-12 can participate. Cost: \$75/person. Interested youth should contact David Wagner, david.wagner@stmartinsinthefields.com.

Wow, that's a lot of greenery!

This year's greenery fund-raiser was a success! We sold more than \$3,700 in greenery merchandise, which will give us \$1,500 to go towards next summer's mission trips. A big thank-you to Project Coordinator Andy Graves, the youth who helped to sell the greenery, and especially to our parishioners who supported our project this year! Greenery will be available for pick-up the week after Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for the exact date!



*St. Martin's youth take to the ropes at Heathwood Hall on Nov. 6.
(Photos by David Wagner)*



Luke Petit, Jake Roberts and Trad Mayson prepare to go up at the Heathwood Ropes Course. Youth did the course Nov. 6.



Hannah Yarborough and Lilly McKenzie getting ready for the Odyssey Course at Heathwood Hall's Ropes program.



Lizzy Gilliam Wrenn at Heathwood's Odyssey Course during EYC's Nov. 6 visit.

Honoring Our Patron Saint



On Nov. 13, we honored our patron saint, Martin of Tours, by processing through the neighborhood delivering cookies and collecting paper products for St. Lawrence Place. At the bottom, Patrick McDonnell and Adrian Rashley pull a wagon filled with gifts of cookies for our neighbors. To the left, the paper products we collected from the neighbors and the parish were blessed at the Nov. 20 service before being picked

up by Lila Anna Sauls of St. Lawrence Place.

(Photos by Janet Elliott and Michelle McDonnell)



Dig Now for Spring Plant Sale

St. Martin's Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Now that it's finally cool enough to do some work in the yard, look around for perennials you can divide and pot now to donate to the sale next spring. This gives the roots all winter to grow while the plant is dormant, so come spring, the plants can grow more quickly and fully.

We can use flowers, herbs, vegetables, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Talk to your neighbors and see if they have anything to share. If you need pots, there are plenty in the back yard at the youth house.

Questions: Pat Dressler, dressler@usit.net, 782-7779.



Advent Devotions



Many thanks to all who contributed to this year's Advent Booklet. Have you picked up your copy, which offers a reflection written by a member of the parish for each day of Advent? Please call the Parish Office if you have not received a copy and would like to have one.

St. Martin's Blood Drive

Will you give the gift of life? We will host a blood drive for the Red Cross in the Parish Hall on Dec. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You may schedule your appointment by going to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **martininthefield**. Or you may contact St. Martin's Parishioner Mark Riffle at 898-9710. A sign-up table also will be available at the Advent Festival Dec. 4.

Please Note Parish Office Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed on these dates during the holiday season:

- **Dec. 26-28**, with no weekday Eucharist on Tuesday, Dec. 27, or Wednesday, Dec. 28.
- Also, the office will be closed Monday, **Jan. 2**.

Did you know?

You can access **St. Martin's Facebook page** by clicking on the **Facebook link** on our website at www.stmartinsinthefields.com. Also, the weekly Lectionary is available here. Just click on **Lectionary Readings** on the website homepage. And did you know that you can subscribe to the Diocesan newsletter by going to www.edusc.org and clicking on **News subscriptions** at the bottom of the page.

Senior Warden's Report from Annual Meeting



It has been an enormous honor and a heartfelt pleasure to serve as your Senior warden. This has been a wonderful and exciting year at St. Martin's. I would like to take a few minutes and share some highlights and updates from a few of our Ministries and committees:

Our Children and Families Ministry program has had a very busy year. The number of St.

Martin's children is growing by leaps and bounds. In addition to weekly Christian formation classes, special age-appropriate programs are also offered. This year, the children enjoyed a field trip to the Harvest Hope Food Bank. On Good Friday they experienced a hands-on version of the Stations of the Cross where they touched a prickly crown of thorns and helped to carry a heavy wooden cross, and as the new school year began they had an opportunity to have their bookbags blessed.

Our Youth Program is growing and thriving. This is a dynamic group! They have lots of fun together and they also work hard together. Many of our youth spent many hours this summer working with Homeworks repairing homes for needy members of our community; they volunteered their time at "Transitions" a center for the poor and homeless in Columbia, and they built a really awesome Mardi Gras float for our Shrove Tuesday celebration.

It is nearly impossible to pick a single highlight when I talk about the Music Ministries. English Morris and the adult choir offer us beautiful music every Sunday and during many special liturgies throughout the year. Once a month we are treated to the beautiful voices from the children's Royal School of Church Music choir, which is directed by Pam Hair.

This year saw the introduction of the Outreach Commission, which is working to organize the parish's outreach efforts. St. Martin's outreach has a strong focus on hunger issues in our community and in the world. Our parish also offers meeting space to 17 different 12-step programs every week. And our Drop-In Nursery continues to be a wonderful and loving place for children to spend a few hours each week.

We have all benefited from the enhancements in our parish communications. We now have an online master calendar to ease scheduling efforts, and a weekly e-blast announcing upcoming events. A considerable amount of our paper publications are done in house at great cost savings.

Membership Development is an active group of parishioners who diligently work to be sure all visitors and new members feel welcomed. They also encourage current members to become more involved in the life of our parish. This group has created a new and attractive, information packet for visitors and prospective members.

The St. Martin's Foundation has faithfully and carefully managed our investment funds and were thrilled to be able to award a total of \$20,000 in grants to 5 area charities.

Now... one of the most exciting reports I have to share with you today is an update on our anticipated building campaign.

Just over a year ago, in May 2010, the vestry voted to give their approval for parish leaders to begin a discernment study to

determine if:

#1 – a newly constructed Christian education and multi-purpose building is needed and

#2 – to determine if St. Martin's is in a sound financial position to embark on a building campaign.

Many levels of study have taken place. We completed a "case for support," congregational meetings, user group meetings, campus inspections, engineering and architectural studies. All of this falls under the heading of "Bricks and Mortar." However, we must remember that although bricks and mortar are important, we are hoping not only to build a building, but also to build a space where opportunities for growing in faith and service will abound. We want to build a space where we will be able to educate and form our children, our middle schoolers and our teenagers in the joys of serving God. We want to build a space to house current and new ministries, an updated and welcoming center for community 12-step programs, and a new and modernized home for the Drop-In Nursery.

We have moved from the discernment phase through the feasibility phase to the planning phase. For the past few weeks, we have conducted a quiet beginning for a capital campaign. We have been moved by promises of strong financial support, including many sacrificial gifts. Soon, with the vestry's support and approval, we hope to invite each of you to join in and to prayerfully consider what type of financial commitment you will be able to make to enable St. Martin's to move into A New Space in a Familiar Place.

In closing, as members of the St. Martin's family, our mission statement calls us to action in 3 distinct ways. We are called to love one another as Christ loves us. We are called to grow in our relationship with God and with one another. And we are called to serve God in all people.

This past Sunday, as I was sitting in the congregation, moment after moment illustrated these three calls. I saw one of our 7-year-old members, shyly and sweetly give a little wave as her choir leader, Pam Hair, processed by with the choir. Pam waved back and I could see that there was a sweet and kind friendship there. An example of our call to love one another.

I saw the reverent face of one of our newer acolytes process forward carrying a candle. Not long ago, she was a little girl, and now she has taken a new step in her spiritual journey and is serving on the altar. An example of our call to grow in our faith.

Then, in prayer, we as the Family of St. Martin's sent out a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to take the Holy Eucharist to one of our members who is unable to come to church. An example of our call to serve God in one another. We are loving; we are growing, and we are serving.

I want to thank all of you for your faithfulness in worship, your participation in all aspects of our parish life, and for your financial support of St. Martin's. I want to thank the parish volunteers who work hard and give so much of their own time to St. Martin's. I want to thank the parish staff who keep all the balls in the air all of the time. I want to thank the vestry for a great year of rewarding and important service to our parish. And a sincere thank you to our clergy: to Sally, David, Chuck and Fred for your joyful spiritual leadership and pastoral care to all of us.

I also give thanks for each and every one of you, who make St. Martin's a wonderful place to call home.

December 2011 at St. Martin's

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)</p> <p>8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)</p> <p>9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>6 PM EYC - ST. ALBAN'S</p>	<p>EVERY TUESDAY 12 NOON (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)</p> <p>HOLY EUCHARIST CHAPEL</p>	<p>EVERY WEDNESDAY</p> <p>5 PM SR. CHOIR - CHOR ROOM</p> <p>5:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST - CHAPEL</p> <p>EVERY THURSDAY - RSCM CHOIRS - CHOR ROOM</p> <p>5 PM LITTLE HUMMERS</p> <p>5:30 PM JUNIOR CHORISTERS (GRADES 2-5) & SR. CHORISTERS (GRADES 6-12)</p> <p>6:30 PM ADDITIONAL REHEARSAL FOR SENIOR CHORISTERS.</p>	<p>7:10 am Youth Breakfast All Saints' Hall</p> <p>5-7 pm RSCM Choirs Choir Room</p> <p>6:15 pm EFM - All Saints' Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Happening #66</p> <p>Camp Gravatt - Dec. 2 - 4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>CMA RECITALS</p>	
<p>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> <p>ADVENT FESTIVAL</p> <p>9:15 AM & AFTER 10:30 SERVICE</p> <p>5 PM BLESSING OF THE STOCKINGS</p> <p>6 PM EYC - ST. ALBAN'S</p> <p>6 PM COMMON THREADS</p>	<p>4:30 PM BUILDING CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE</p> <p>6 PM - CUB SCOUTS PARISH HALL</p> <p>6:15 PM - BOY SCOUTS YOUTH HOUSE</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 AM PRAYER BREAKFAST</p> <p>NOON HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING- CHAPEL</p> <p>5:15 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL</p> <p>5:30 PM EVENSONG</p> <p>7 PM - JUST US GIRLS BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4 PM RSCM ALTERNATE REHEARSAL</p> <p>6 PM ADVENT EUCHARIST, PROGRAM AND SUPPER - ALL SAINTS'</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:10 am Youth Breakfast All Saints' Hall</p> <p>5-7 pm RSCM CHOIRS 6:15 PM EFM - ALL SAINTS' HALL</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CMA RECITALS</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> <p>8 - 12:30 BLOOD DRIVE</p> <p>5 PM - HEALING EUCHARIST - CHURCH</p> <p>6 PM - EYC - ST. ALBAN'S</p> <p>6 PM - COMMON THREADS</p>	<p>4:30 PM BUILDING CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE</p> <p>6 PM - CUB SCOUTS PARISH HALL</p> <p>6:15 PM - BOY SCOUTS YOUTH HOUSE</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 AM PRAYER BREAKFAST</p> <p>NOON HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>5 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>5:15 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL</p> <p>6:15 PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4 PM RSCM ALTERNATE REHEARSAL</p> <p>6 PM ADVENT EUCHARIST, PROGRAM AND SUPPER - ALL SAINTS'</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:10 am Youth Breakfast All Saints' Hall</p> <p>5-7 pm RSCM CHOIRS 6:15 PM EFM - CHRISTMAS PARTY</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>17</p> <p>ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> <p>9:15 AM FORMATION FOR ALL AGES</p> <p>NOON - CFMB BOARD</p> <p>6 PM - EYC - ST. ALBAN'S</p> <p>6 PM - COMMON THREADS</p>	<p>4:30 PM BUILDING CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE</p> <p>6 PM - CUB SCOUTS PARISH HALL</p> <p>6:15 PM - BOY SCOUTS YOUTH HOUSE</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 AM PRAYER BREAKFAST</p> <p>NOON HOLY EUCHARIST - CHAPEL</p> <p>5:15 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL</p> <p>6 PM VESTRY MEETING</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 PM ADVENT EUCHARIST, PROGRAM AND SUPPER - ALL SAINTS'</p> <p>6:30 PM FOUNDATION MEETING</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11 am Creche Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4 pm - Creche Service</p> <p>Nursery opens at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>10:30 pm - Christmas Music No Nursery</p> <p>11 pm - Christ Mass</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>10:30 AM CHRISTMAS LESSON AND CAROLS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST AND CHOIR</p> <p>NO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL</p> <p>NO NURSERY</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>NO RSCM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO ADULT OR RSCM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>

January 2012 at St. Martin's

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St. Martin's Kanuga Parish Weekend

January 27 – 29, 2012

For 34 Years, We've Spent this Weekend on the Mountaintop!

What could be better than a mountain getaway, complete with gorgeous scenery, warm friendship and delicious meals cooked and prepared for you each day of your visit?

Please plan to join us as we mark our 34th year traveling “up the mountain” to Hendersonville, NC, for our Parish Weekend at Kanuga Conference Center. While there, we'll explore our relationships as a church, building bonds of friendship that have the chance to grow in unique ways when we are away from the everyday worries of life.



Allison Rashley, Pat Townsend and Renee Wright enjoy a visit in the Fireplace Lounge.

As usual, there will be an adult program Friday evening and Saturday morning. For those families with children or teenagers, you'll discover a schedule that includes activities for them that run simultaneously with the adult program.

The children's program includes a return of the ever-popular Movie Night on Friday, when children bring their sleeping bags and watch a movie together while adults attend their opening session, followed by a Saturday program with Western North Carolina naturalist Carlton Burke. Burke will be return this year with a host of animals for children to learn about in an up-close and personal encounter. Children also have a brief Sunday school session on Sunday morning.

Then we'll all celebrate Holy Eucharist in Kanuga's beautiful Chapel of the Transfiguration. Nursery care will be available for children younger than 3 during the adult programs.

The parish's youth will benefit from a great program led by the Rev. David Wagner, our new assistant rector for youth and adult formation, and the Youth Programming team.



Jake Roberts, Grace Ann Roberts and Jessica Yarborough warming up with coffee. (Photos by Paul Palmer)

This year's Saturday night's activity will feature St. Martin's Kanuga Follies! That's right, it's the big break you've been waiting for -- a chance to show off that hidden talent or to just have fun with a skit or a joke. It's been 10 years since we've done this and all ages are encouraged to participate.

There's always plenty to do at Kanuga – from hikes through the woods, evening socials, quiet hours in the lodge looking out over Kanuga Lake, and, of course, sharing time with others at meals.

To register, stop by the Kanuga table after the Sunday morning services. Registration began Nov. 27 and ends Jan. 15. You can also pick up a registration form in the Parish office. If you have any questions about the weekend, contact Neil Rashley at nrashley00@gmail.com.

Every year we come back excited about our life at St. Martin's, so please plan to join in this fun parish weekend!

New this year: Kanuga Gift Certificates!

Want to help a family member or friend experience a Kanuga Parish Weekend? What about a gift certificate for Christmas to help offset the cost? See a Kanuga team member at the Advent Festival on Dec. 4 to learn more about this new way of sharing the Kanuga experience with others.

Lectionary for December 2011

Dec. 4- 2nd Sunday of Advent

Collect: BCP 211
 Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

Dec. 11- 3rd Sunday of Advent

Collect: BCP 212
 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Psalm 126
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Dec. 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Collect: BCP 212
 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Canticle 3 or 15 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Collect: BCP 212, 213
 Isaiah 52:7-10
 Psalm 98
 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
 John 1:1-14

December Birthdays

December 1 Jack Weeks	December 18 Jenny Gossett
December 2 Richard Hair Chris Walters Hunter Smith Ella Williams Adora Kate Ellis	December 19 Patty D'Anna
December 3 Rachel Langley Gavin Chiorazzi	December 20 Kathryn Lee
December 4 Joe Watts Jack Huff	December 21 Rex Dillingham Audrey King Katherine Wright
December 5 Patsy Farr	December 22 Phil Sawyer Gabe Cooper
December 6 Ginia Herring Paul Palmer	December 23 David Jones Simms Oliphant Wrenn Barrett Jackie Archiblad
December 7 Catherine Krell Caroline Rickenbaker	December 24 Irving Alvey David Traylor TaylorAnne Fogarty
December 8 Gregory Morrison	December 25 Edna Dales Chris Isgett Patrick McDonnell
December 9 Bob King Claude Lott Nicholas Masterman	December 26 Noelle Rice
December 11 Will MacInnis	December 27 Bunny Hope Randy James
December 13 Mary Evelyn Hayden	December 28 Ethel MacInnis
December 16 Jonas Mullen Dottie Owen Geroge Krell Simon Lumpkin	December 29 Clarence Hopke
December 17 Annie Louise Blencowe	December 30 Kelsey Reamer
	December 31 Nancy Washington Jeff Hayden

Prayers of the People

For those who are in need of God's healing, especially:

Parish Members

Suzie Anderson
 Lib Bobo
 Mary Butler
 Beaumont Cathcart
 Mary Clements
 Gordon Dixon
 Ellen Dozier
 Elaine Fickling
 Bart Fordham
 Jane Francis
 Mary Gaddy
 Lisa Grubbs-Carter
 Ruby Lee Hartin
 Sue Heath
 Eleanor Kellett
 Audrey King
 Deborah & Larry Ladue
 Robert Maxwell
 Kathy McGrew
 Helen McLendon
 Anne Miller
 Henry Plowden
 Ann Powell
 John Register
 Davy-Jo Ridge
 Tony Rizzo
 Mary Sesnauskas
 Mozelle Shipp

Dorothy Stuart
 Pat Townsend
 Freddy Vang
 Becky Wallace
 Jack Weeks

Family and Friends

Garnet Aitchison
 Irene Baechtold
 Alexa Bigwarfe
 Ron Bawelkiewicz
 Joey Booth
 Clara Clay
 Eddie Clay
 Renee Cogburn
 Elizabeth Cooper
 James Cooper
 Cheryl Curry
 Dorothy Davis
 Joe Davis
 Winifred Doefler
 Warren Doefler
 Kurt Dunn
 Mike Flynn
 Kierston Garrison
 Gene Garvin
 The Gruskin Family
 Jim Hart
 Laura Hickey
 Harriet Hunter

Henry Jacobs
 Gary Jones
 Jimmy Jones
 Bill LaMotte
 Sue Liebler
 Katherine Matthews
 Sylvia Mayson
 Matthew Miller
 Leila Mizouni
 Lauren Newton
 Toni Odom
 Joe Pellicci
 Cintra Pemberton
 Mary Petit
 Bill Quirk
 Katie Roquemore
 Susan Samuels
 E.J. Shuler
 Kitty Simon
 Gregory Spiller & family
 Jill Stauffer
 Barratt Sturtevant
 Bobby & Celia Taylor
 Nicholas Teal
 Victor Teal
 Suzanne West
 Bo Williams
 Rev. Gene Wilson
 Ricky Wooten
 Barbara Wyatt

For justice and peace:

For people caught up in war, civil unrest and natural disasters. For those who are in harm's way, especially Kelly King, serving in the Peace Corps in Tonga; Antonio Munro, Dirk Cooper, Rivers Plowden, Ken Karcher and Adam Sheinkin, serving in Afghanistan; Chris Cowan and Frank Caruccio, serving in Iraq.

For those who have died:

Julius Mappus, friend of Ann Braithwaite; Richard Tucker, nephew of Robin and Marnie Smith; Laura Brown, friend of Martha Beckman; Billy Hunter, father of Adele Thomas; Marian Aaron, friend of Kathy & Ronnie Aaron; Alice Garvin, friend of many in the parish; Louise Hendley, charter member of St. Martin's; Merton Rashley, uncle of Neil Rashley; Lt. Col. David Cabrera, friend of Virginia and Marc Cooper; Mary Ryan, niece of Frances Friedman; Mary Ann Plowden, longtime member of the parish; Janet Richardson, longtime member of the parish and mother of Anne Marie Gibbons; Oliver Crawford, friend of many in the parish; Grey Mayson, uncle of Mark Mayson; Dot Stork, charter member of St. Martin's and mother of Billy Stork.

In Thanksgiving:

For these expectant parents: Olivia & Brook Beasley; Kelly & Andy Case-Simonson; Mara (LaBorde) and Kevin Maas, for adoption.



St. Martin's Foundation Donations

November 2011

The following persons have made a contribution to the Foundation in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one or a special family or church event:

In Memory of:

Alice Thomas

Jane Jannack
Ann Braithwaite
Mary Clark

Mac McCrory

Gladys Pinckney

Woodrow Shipp

Gladys Pinckney

Nell Barr

Anita & Jimmie Graham

Francile Shelley

Sarah McCrory

In Thanksgiving for:

Gayle Darby

Martha Beckman

Pat Dressler

Peggy Foster

October 2011 – Financial Report

	October 2011		Year to Date Jan. - Oct. 2011			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	
Variance						
Income	\$ 68,781	\$ 63,824	\$ 4,957	\$ 568,874	\$ 549,357	\$ 19,517
Expenses	\$ 59,623	\$ 74,487	\$ (14,864)	\$ 626,416	\$ 622,088	\$ 4,328
Net Income	\$ 9,158	\$(10,663)	\$ 19,821	\$ (57,542)	\$ (72,731)	\$ 15,189

Income for October was \$4,957 above budget and income YTD is \$19,717 above budget.

Expenses for October were \$14,864 below budget; however, expenses YTD are \$4,328 above budget.

Net Income (income minus expenses) for October was \$19,821 above budget, and net income YTD is \$15,189 above budget.

The parish continues to remain in very good financial condition for 2011. If you have questions about Parish Finances, please contact Parish Treasurer Warren Darby at wdarby@mindspring.com.



Building Campaign Donations

November 2011

The following persons have made a contribution to the Building Campaign in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one or a special family or church event:

In Memory of:

Alice Thomas

Mr. & Mrs. Palmer McArthur
Ann Waites
Julia Marchant

Helen McLendon

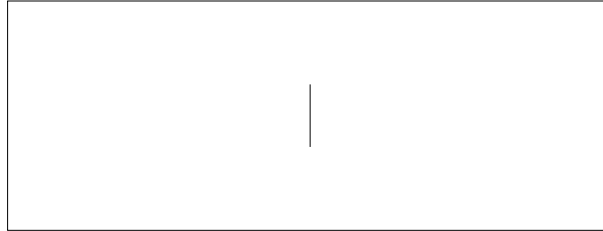
Seastrunk Electric
Dr. & Mrs. Taylor Garnett
Mr. & Mrs. John Stover
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Law

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Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4 p.m.

Christmas Eve Crèche Service
and Holy Eucharist

Nursery open at 3:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

Choral Prelude: Christmas Joy

No nursery

11 p.m.

Christ Mass with Choir and Brass

Christmas Day:

10:30 a.m. only

Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist and music

No nursery and no Children's Chapel.