



# THE CLOAK

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*God says, I will pour out my  
spirit on all People*  
**Acts 2:17**  
**Pentecost**



Dear Friends,

This month is not only full of liturgical celebrations; there are also two graduations from Lebanon High School to celebrate. I have just returned from our Diocesan Spring Clergy Conference inspired to learn more of our state history and to reach out into our local community with pastoral care. The theme of our conference was “Unity in the Love of Christ, Community Striving for Dignity, Justice and Peace.” Last Saturday at our Vestry retreat, we explored our vision and mission, setting our priorities to demonstrate our inclusiveness and desire to cultivate family gatherings with our neighbors.

I am looking forward to Mother’s Day, where we will celebrate not only our mothers but all who nurture others. The service will focus on the Ascension of Jesus and looking in hope towards Pentecost where the Holy Spirit was poured out on all of the new Christians. We are celebrating Pentecost by all wearing red and waving bright streamers as we process into our Eucharistic worship service. The Lord’s Prayer will be read in a variety of languages from around the world, helping us to visualize the miracle of the original event, where all heard in their native tongue the gospel message, and that was to pour out the Holy Spirit on the new church after Jesus’ departure. This spirit given was to fulfil Jesus’ promise that he would not leave his disciples alone. This gift was one of power, wisdom, guidance, and comfort.

As we finalize our school year we congratulate our two high school graduates, Sarah Munk and Douglas Young III (D33x), as well as thanking our Sunday School teachers and assistant Erin Ward alongside Rev Helen Richard for her monthly catechism classes this year and faithful coordination by Amy Ramsdell.

Wishing you all the blessings of Pentecost in the name of Christ,

Rev. Melodie +

## St. Martin's 2018 Spring Tea: "Tea by the Sea"

Congratulations and thank you to all who helped make our ECW annual tea – 20<sup>th</sup> I think - a huge success. "Tea by the Sea" was enjoyed by a full house of guests and members who supported the event. So many contributions of appealing food items made it difficult to make selections from our ample and attractive tea table. Our members in Christopher & Banks and Fashion Sense styles provided pleasant entertainment. Ray's relaxing music is such a pleasant addition.

Your generous raffle items generated \$207.00 in raffle sales, and our total intake was over \$1200, including tickets and donations.

Thanking all for your generous contributions of food, time, talent, and tickets -- a big thank you everyone – this includes Ray Hendricks at keyboard and Roger Clark with Austin Ward with table set up! We can't do it without you!

*Lorna Myrtue*



### ECW NOTES

We enjoyed a very successful Tea by the Sea in April making over \$1200 for our community outreach activities.

Our next big fundraiser will be our September Trunk Sale so start looking for items to donate. We met on Saturday May 12 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall to debrief the tea and discuss plans for the Trunk Sale, tentatively set for Saturday, September 8.

Ladies Fun Lunch in June – date TBA



*Fun at the Tea!*



# PRAYER CHAIN



A meeting for members of the Prayer Chain was held on Sunday, May 6 after church. We reviewed our procedures and discussed ways to better follow the requests of those asking for prayers.

St Martin's Prayer Chain is a group of dedicated members who pray for anyone who has requested prayers for critical needs, crises, or ongoing issues in their life. The request can be kept confidential if the person so wishes. To initiate a request, you may contact Rev Melodie+, Deacon Helen, or Pat Munk.

New Prayer Chain members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Pat Munk.

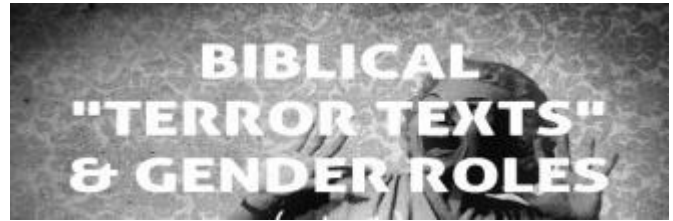
Pat's contact information is in the St Martin's Church Directory.

**Diocesan  
Episcopal Church Women  
Spirituality Day:**  
St. Mary's, Eugene  
Saturday, May 19  
Register online \$25 includes lunch

**Next Parish Potluck is on  
Wednesday May 23, 6 p.m.  
Come Eat, Meet, and Greet!**



On Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. the **One Buck Seminary** led by Bishop Thornton discussed "Texts of Terror" in the bible



## **Easter Flowers Thank You**

Thanks again for Easter Flowers. Easter Sunday's service was made joyfully beautiful by the colorful flowers given by members. Our flowered cross was lovely again this year. Thanks to all who helped make Holy Week meaningful at St. Martin's.

## **Playground Upgrades**

Our popular playground is showing significant signs of wear and tear from all the use by families in the neighborhood, which is a good thing – AND it means we need to do maintenance to keep it safe. We are applying to the Diocese for a Pentecost "Bricks & Mortar" grant to buy materials – watch for a "work day" coming soon.



## Personal Care Kits at Lebanon Soup Kitchen

We invite you to come with us on Friday June 29 at 4:30 pm to eat with the community and share our friendship and love for all.



Watch for SUDSY SUNDAYS in June. Donations can be made at any time to help purchase items. Thanks to all who give, pray, and help.

## Summer Family Fun ~ Food & Games



Starting in June, we will have a monthly **Family Fun night** at 6 pm on Fridays (instead of the Potluck Wednesdays). Friday night is much easier for working families to join us. Amy and Garrod have offered to take care of burgers and hotdogs if everyone else can chip in potluck style. We will put a sign-up sheet out the week before.

We will have kid and family friendly lawn games set up near the playground (lawn bowling, croquet, badminton, Frisbee, volleyball, etc.). Squirt guns and water balloons might be fun when it gets hot.

This is open to the neighborhood, and we will need help and supervision for the games and kids.

Our **VESTRY** had a successful Retreat on May 5 with worship, sharing, and brainstorming more ways to enact our mission that **“ALL ARE WELCOME.”**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER VACATION

Sunday School will take a break this summer for continuing education - in other words, parents and volunteers get to be in Church! The quiet kits from Easter will be available all summer long. We have activity books, books, coloring sheets, etc. in the back of the Church. Help guests find them.

## Join us in Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

- ✦ May 6 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers
- ✦ May 13 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 10 am Holy Eucharist, **Ascension & Mother's Day**
- ✦ May 20 – **Pentecost** / Whitsunday, 10 am Holy Eucharist
- ✦ May 27 – **Trinity Sunday**, 10 am Holy Eucharist. Celebrate last day of Sunday School and honor our high school graduates and our Sunday School children and teachers

### SAVE THE DATE ---

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