

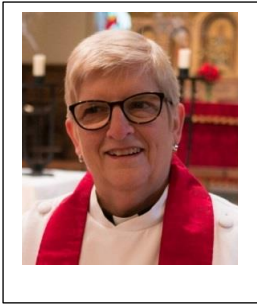


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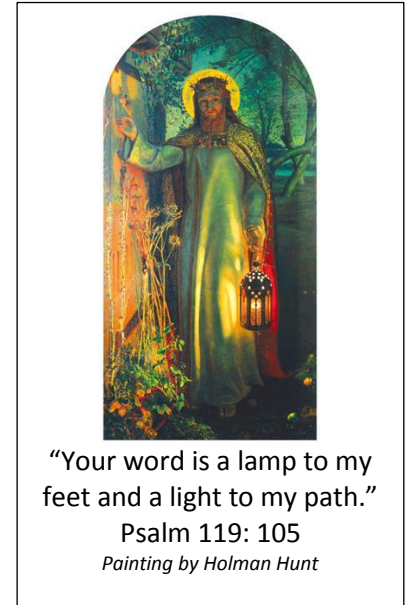
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Our Rector's Letter



"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119: 105

Painting by Holman Hunt

Dear Friends

This picture of Jesus with the latch on the inside of the door, reminds us that we must open the door from the inside to allow Jesus to enter our lives and hearts. Lent is a time that we can take to explore how to open our hearts even more to the Love of Jesus.

During Lent I usually take something on rather than focus on giving something up, this includes taking time to read and meditate on a special book. Each year at this time I recommend a book to read during Lent, and it is usually a selection by an Archbishop or The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church's book recommendation.

This year is no exception. The book is one I can heartily recommend and guarantee it is the most widely read book ever, and has the most sales of any book in the world, it is the **Bible**.

I invite you to join me in **The Good Book Club** (see p. 3). We are invited to read the Book of Luke in Lent and Acts in Eastertide right up to Pentecost.

The Very Reverend Michael Curry our own presiding bishop has recommended it to us. We will be participating globally. What could be better than a best seller and free? It is all found online: www.Thegoodbookclub.org. Forward Day by Day readers can follow along in their booklets.

On Wednesdays @9:30 am during Lent and Eastertide we will use the lessons from **The Good Book Club** for our meditation and discussion time before partaking in the Eucharist with Healing prayer.

We also invite Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Lebanon to join with us beginning with Ash Wednesday services here at St. Martin's Feb 14 at 9:30am and 7:00pm. Watch the calendar online for updates.

Wishing you all a blessed Lent, Rev Melodie+

A Quick Look Ahead to LENT EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Feb 13 - 5:30 pm Traditional Annual Pancake Supper and Races, thanks to St. Martin's Men's Group

Ash Wednesday Service February 14

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

- Morning -- 9:30 a.m.
- Evening -- 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday	March 25
Maundy Thursday	March 29
Good Friday	March 30
Easter Sunday	April 1

Shrove Tuesday
Pancakes!
And Races!

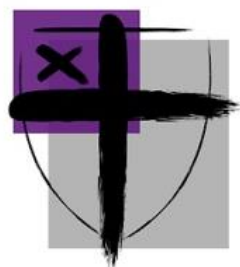


Feb 13, 5:30 p.m.

\$5 each or \$8 family.

Funds go to charity.

Held in the Parish Hall, and put on by the St. Martin's Men's Group



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Wed Feb 28 / 6 pm

Parish Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME



**Soup
Supper**

Annual Meeting of St. Martin's Jan 28, 2018 - Quick Overview

MEET YOUR 2018 VESTRY:

- Senior Warden Jim Rutledge; Junior Warden Sam Blankenship;
- Members: Patty Linn, Jennifer Munk, Joseph Vanpool, and Sara Jameson
- Clerk of the Vestry Jennifer Munk
- Treasurer Doug Young

Contact the Vestry for any questions about how St. Martin's operates.

SPECIAL THANKS and gifts were given to outgoing members Barbi Thomson, Larry James, and Roger Munk for their faithful service over the years.

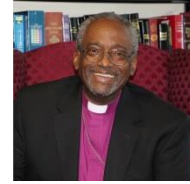
2018 Diocesan Convention Delegates are Kay Young and Patty Linn. Alternates are Dena Losier and Amy Ramsdell. The convention will be held in Seaside in November.

BUDGET: The 2018 budget was approved. There is still time to make a pledge. 2017 Year End Tax info has gone out. Please review the list of your donations.

The 2017 Annual Report is in the Parish Hall or available by email.



THE
GOOD BOOK
CLUB



This LENT and EASTER ---- join Episcopalians around the world on a great journey. Read the Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts together as part of the Good Book Club.

What is the Good Book Club?

The Good Book Club is an invitation to all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. The entire season of Easter will be devoted to daily readings from the Book of Acts.

We will start reading Luke on Sunday, February 11 and read a section of Luke's Gospel every day through the season of Lent.

Why Luke and Acts?

We love sequels, and Luke-Acts provides a wonderful two-part narrative. Luke tells the wondrous story of Jesus' birth, ministry, teaching, death, and resurrection. Acts picks up where Luke leaves off and tells the story of the earliest disciples through the lens of Peter and Paul and the real star of the show — the Holy Spirit. Written by the same author, the books are accessible, and the story is a page- turner!

How does it work?

You can participate in any number of ways, including printable Bible studies, podcasts, blogs, reflections and daily meditations, suggestions for children and youth engagement, a video series, and much more. The list of daily readings will be available in the parish hall, or you can download a copy from the link below.

You can also sign up for their E-mail list on this link:

<http://www.goodbookclub.org/readings/>

Enter your email address to subscribe to their blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

LINKS: <http://www.goodbookclub.org/> <https://www.forwardmovement.org/>

Download the list of daily readings:

https://www.forwardmovement.org/promotions/PDF/Readings_PDF_Web.pdf



Short-Term Ministry Opportunity for Lent

Assisting the rector with soup bread and the Good Book Club (see p. 3) one evening per week during lent. Talk with Rev. Melodie+ about this idea to give more people a chance to participate in a meaningful Lent.

Saturday February 24
8 - 9:30 am
Parish Hall

"One Buck Seminary"

Discussion Group
Led by Bishop +John Thornton

All are Welcome
Coffee & Refreshments
Reading Packets coming soon

ECW Brief Notes:

ECW women met on Friday January 26 to plan for the April 15 Annual Spring High Tea fundraiser. Minutes are on the bulletin board.

All women are invited to join us for the Fun lunch on Friday March 16. Carpooling will leave from the church at noon. Lunch location TBA.

Personal Care Kits Schedule

Our next visit will be **Friday, Feb 23** and we will need lots of supplies. Sudsy Sundays in Feb. Anything is welcome!

- ✓ Feb 5 - Shampoo
- ✓ Feb 11 - Socks, gloves
- ✓ Feb 18 - Blankets

Please fill out an "in kind" donation form from the office so we can demonstrate how the parish supports this ministry.

Meet at 10 am on Friday morning to assemble kits. Meet at 3:30 pm to load up and go to First Christian.



St. Martin's Website is being updated

Please help us help you by taking a minute to fill out the online survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M3BV36B>

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