

The Messenger

January – February, 2018

Clergy Corner

Welcome to the new calendar year!

Let us pray.

The New Year by Martha Snell Nicholson

Dear Lord, as this New Year is born

I give it to Thy hand,

Content to walk by faith what paths

I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring

Of bitter loss, or gain,

Or every crown of happiness;

Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me

Thine angel hovers near

To bear me to that farther shore

Before another year,

It matters not—my hand in Thine,

Thy light upon my face,

Thy boundless strength when I am weak,

Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,

Grip fast my soul, and be

My guiding light upon the path

Till, blind no more, I see!

Blessings,

Kevin



Deacon Kevin, one of St. Martin's volunteer wrappers, is conferring with Santa during the 'Shop with a Hero' benefit at Walmart.

Vestry Notes

In our Dec 13, 2018 Vestry meeting Cherrie Dyett presented the 2018 budget and the Vestry approved it.

The projected income is \$48,075 and projected expenditures are \$54,055.49. The budget projects a deficit of \$5,980.48. This projected budget includes \$3500 for the snow removal and lawn care that currently is being covered in other ways. However, as there is no guarantee that the other ways will continue through next year, it needs to be listed. Some other changes are that we not paying for Rev. Kevin Stewart but paying for a supply priests, and not paying for a music director but for a supply organist. The 2017 budget also had over a \$3000 deficit, so we are about the same.

A snowplowing contract has been signed for plowing the parking lot on weekends when the snowfall exceeds 2 inches. The Village of Brown Deer plows the parking lot during the week in conjunction with the school contract that allows the school to use our parking lot during the week. Furnace repair was \$1064. The furnace is operating well.

Christlike Ministries has decided not to rent the building due to the flies. Christlike Ministries used the building for 1 week. The cluster flies have diminished. However they may be present through

the winter and summer until treatment can be done in September 2018.

It was moved by Janet and seconded by Patrick to approve paying Lucy Davis, the Sexton, \$63 per cleaning in 2018

“Living the Gospel” Workshop

On each Saturday during Advent, we’ve had four sessions of the workshop "Living the Gospel" by Wayne Schwab. It has been a way for us to learn how to listen to what God/Holy Spirit is telling us, not only as individuals, but also as a group and ultimately St. Martin's. We have been brainstorming and some good ideas have come up, however this is just the beginning. God Bless.

Ramona Lewis

Group Discussion

There will be a group discussion of the book “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson. It is scheduled to start on January 13 and January 20. The time will be before church on Saturdays at 2:30pm. It will be open to anyone who would like to attend. If you do not have a copy of the book, please contact Mabeth as she has copies.

The book is written by Bryan Stevenson, whose passion for justice began by talking to prisoners while interning at the Southern Prisoners Defense Committee, which led to his forming the Equal Justice Initiative.

It is a moving book, which takes the reader inside the prison system and explains the inequalities of the judicial system for poor and black prisoners.

So please come and join the discussion.

Contact Mabeth Penrod 414-377-5374 text or call.

2018 Annual Meeting!



The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 2 PM before 4 PM service. Besides voting on the new Vestry members we need input on the future direction of St. Martin's.

This is another chance for your ideas to be heard.

A snack potluck will be held and there will not be a Happy Hour after the church service. Please find the snack sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Birthdays

January

7	Mabeth Penrod
18	Katelyn Blair
27	Rosemarie Bwechwa

February

16	Geraldine Lankow
18	Samuel Longe
22	Bob Buth
23	Cherrie Dyett
28	Claude Beale

From the Episcopal Church of America’s home page:

“The Episcopal Church is a spiritual home free of judgment and inclusive for all”.

Here’s what we value:

- “Evangelism -Reaching out to all.
- Racial Reconciliation
- Environment-Stewardship of Creation
- Inclusivity – Why Love Always Wins”

LAY SCHEDULE JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2018

	January 6, 2018 (Epiphany)	January 13, 2018 (Just Mercy - 2:30 PM)		January 20, 2018 (Just Mercy- 2:30 PM)	January 27, 2018 (Annual Meeting 2 PM)
Reader	Evelyn Beale	Kathy Horn		Pat Keily	Edna Decker
Prayers	Kathy Horn	Jeanne Gilet		Evelyn Beale	Jeanne Gilet
Usher	Cherrie Dyett	Patrick Keily		Bob Buth	Patrick Keily
Happy Hour	Mabeth Penrod	Cherrie Dyett		Evelyn Beale	Snacks
Altar Guild	Bob Buth	Edna Decker		Bob Buth	Edna Decker
Stewardship	Janet Bates	Mabeth Penrod		Janet Bates	Mabeth Penrod
	February 2, 2018	February 10, 2018	February 14 Ash Wednesday	February 17, 2018	February 24, 2018
Reader	Pat Keily	Evelyn Beale		Kathy Horn	Edna Decker
Prayers	Janet Bates	Kathy Horn		Jeanne Gilet	Evelyn Beale
Usher	Bob Buth	Cherrie Dyett	Patrick Keily	Bob Buth	Pat Keily
Happy Hour	Pat Keily	Horn		Kathy Barnes	Dolly Grimes Johnson
Altar Guild	Bob Buth	Edna Decker		Bob Buth	Edna Decker
Stewardship	Janet Bates	Mabeth Penrod		Janet Bates	Mabeth Penrod

Ushers: Please light candles 10 minutes before the hour, set host and wine on table near the altar and bring offertory plate to the back table.

REMEMBER: If you are unable to fulfill your part in this schedule, please find a substitute.

If you wish to serve: Contact Janet Bates at 262-377-5053

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