



# St. Martin's Episcopal Church

## News and Announcements

December 08, 2016

*"Sharing God's Love and Grace"*

*The Reverend Paulette Magnuson, Vicar*



Dear folks,

We are now well into week two of the liturgical season of Advent, the time of waiting and pondering and giving thanks for the impending birth of Jesus. How are you doing with the waiting? Have you managed to take some time and think about what it means to wait for what has already come, and yet is still to come? Take a bit of time, and wrap your mind around that thought. It's Advent!

The function of Advent is to remind us what we're waiting for as we go through life too busy with things that do not matter, to remember the things that do. Advent relieves us of our commitment to the fast-paced world around us. It slows us down. It makes us think. It makes us look beyond today to the "great tomorrow" of life.

It is while waiting for the coming of the reign of God, Advent after Advent, that we come to realize that its coming depends on us. What we do will either hasten or slow, sharpen or dim, our own commitment to do our part to bring it about.

Advent stands before us each season, within us, pointing to the star that guided the wise men from the east. Advent asks the question, "what is it for which you are spending your life?" What is the star you are following? Where is that star in your life leading you? Is it the star of the world, or is it the star of the babe in the manger?

**In other news:**

We will have our very own "babe in the manger" during the children's Christmas program next Sunday the 18th. Matthew, that blessed baby boy that we baptized on Sunday, will be lying in a handcrafted manger built by one of our members. You won't want to miss that!

And speaking of that babe and his baptism, was there ever anything more beautiful than last Sunday morning?

And also: After the service next Sunday (the 18<sup>th</sup>), we will all stick around to decorate the church for Christmas Eve. Please stay and help! Tasks will be assigned and it will be well organized (I hope). We will have a light coffee hour snacks and **HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIES FROM GWENDOLYN.**

What fun we are having together these days! See ya Sunday! MP+

### November

#### Coffee & Conversations



Sundays 10am in the Parish Hall – Daily ADVENT readings and discussion continues

#### Coffee Hour Host

Bits and pieces – clean out the fridge Sunday – bring what you have.

#### Godly Play & Children's Chapel

Marla Spry and Gracie Fiaoni

#### Nursery Volunteer

Shawna Moore & Sharon Scwang

#### Youth Group

The Youth are helping prepare for our Christmas program with the little ones. Thank you Erin, Liani, Cheyanne, Becca!

**Scripture of the Month:** Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.



**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**  
**Sally Bucio – BS in Nursing – UMHB**  
**\*Dwight Gray -MA in Fine Arts -Sewanee School of Letters**

**\* PARTY! The Grays are hosting a come and go reception in honor of Dwight’s achievement this Saturday Dec. 10, 9:30-11:00. ALL CHURCH FAMILY are invited. 606 Mesquite Circle, Copperas Cove, Tx.**

*“Leave fear for faith this Advent”*



*Join us next week for our third “Advent Wednesday.”  
 6:00-7:30. A light supper, A movie – HUGO - A bit of discussion, and  
 Compline by Candlelight. Join us as we wait for the Christ Child.*



**BISHOP’S COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS**

**Our new Bishop’s Committee member for the open three year term is Dwight Gray. It was a very close election and huge thanks go to the other two fine candidates, Joyce Friels and Gracie Fiaoni for stepping up and offering themselves to serve. We are so blessed to have such dedicated people who are willing. Thank you Joyce, Gracie, and Dwight.**

Ministry:	Dec 18	Dec 24
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)	Mary Greiner & Chrissy Tilson	Rob & Evi Endter
1st Reader (OT)	Chrissy Tilson	Mary Greiner
2nd Reader (NT)	Dwight Gray	Brittany Hernandez
Acolyte/Crucifer	Erin Friels & Liani Rivera	Erin Friels & Liani Rivera
Altar Guild	Evi Endter & Lynda Day	Evi Endter & Lynda Day
Usher/Greeter	Albert Hernandez & Joyce Friels	Open
Stewards	Marla Spry & Larry Magnuson	Open
Nursery	Shawna Moore & Sharon Schwang	No Nursery
Children’s Chapel/Godly Play	Marla Spry & Gracie Fiaoni	No Godly Play/Children’s Chapel
Vestry of the Day	Cameron Hernandez	Open



**Our children and youth and their leaders are working hard to prepare a Living Nativity Christmas Program as their gift to the church. There will be angels, shepherds, and a live baby Jesus, and lots of music. It will be presented on Sunday morning, December 18. Please make plans to be here.**

**PARENTS: Please do your best to have your child in 10:00 Godly Play this Sunday so they can learn their part.**



**Thank you to all the tamale makers! What fun we had! And they were delicious and we also made some \$\$.** Thanks also to Albert for organizing it. Let’s do it again next year!

## Upcoming Events

- Dec 11 Holy Communion 11am Advent 3
- Dec 17 5 pm Bishop's Committee Christmas Meeting at Mary Greiners
- Dec 18 Advent 4 Holy Communion 11 am and Children's Program  
Decorate the church after the service
- Dec 24 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
- Dec 25 Holy Communion 11am No Sunday School
- Jan 1 Holy Communion 11 am No Sunday School
- Jan 8 Holy Communion 11 am All Parish Meeting & Potluck

NA Meetings: Tuesday, Thursday 7pm-8pm and Saturday 12pm-1pm

MS Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month 6pm-8pm

KOB Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month 7pm-8pm

Girl Scouts: Friday 4pm-6pm

## Meet the Church Staff

Vicar- The Reverend Paulette Magnuson  
Office Clerk- Shawna Moore  
Treasurer- Jocelyn Blackwell  
Children & Youth- Marla Spry &  
Brittany Hernandez  
Nursery Staff- Shawna Moore  
Altar Guild- Evi Endter & Lynda Day  
Housekeeper- Chrissy Tilson

Bishop's Warden- Amanda Stockman  
Junior Warden- Cameron Hernandez  
Member- Mary Greiner  
Member- Marla Spry  
Member- Albert Hernandez  
Musician- Larry Magnuson  
Vocalist – Angelica Crittenden

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Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11:00-3:00pm

***CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DEC. 18 DURING SERVICE!  
GREENING (DECORATING) THE CHURCH AFTERWARDS  
WE NEED HELP!!!***



13-Marla Spry  
17-Mary Ellen Jones  
23-Chrissy Tilson  
28-Dwight Gray  
30-Cheyenne Guthrie

### Prayer List



- Kathie Gluck
- Elizabeth Hoefert
- Alice Brunette
- Theresa Lyle
- Mary Ellen Jones
- Bobby Berkman
- Lanora Franck



We pray for our soldiers who  
are deployed  
Jenna Sieben  
Alpha Ecalnea