



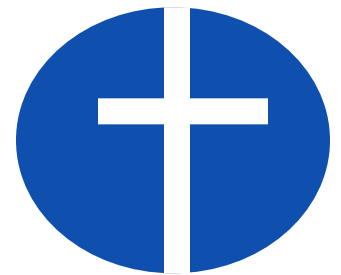
# St. Martin's Episcopal Church

## News and Announcements

January 04, 2017

*"Sharing God's Love and Grace"*

*The Reverend Paulette Magnuson, Vicar*



**20 + C + M + B + 17**

Dear Friends,

You can I've still got the chalk blessing at the top of this page. I think I'll leave it there for a while. I love visual reminder of what it means: "May Christ bless all who enter this dwelling." If you took chalk home, I hope you have had time to write the blessing somewhere on your home. It can be written anywhere. We will leave the blessing above the church doors for all to see (and ask about – "Whatever is that written over your doors?) until it wears off or we write another one next year. Let me know if you need help with yours.

God has indeed blessed St. Martin's this past year. We've had our ups and downs, but all in all it's been a year when we did our best to live for Christ and spread the gospel to our neighbors. We've done lots of useful, practical things around the church, as well as some good things in the community. Won't you join me on Sunday morning after the service, during the potluck, when those who serve as your leaders will let us know what went on last year, and give a heads up on what we hope to achieve this year? I'll be there, and I hope you will as well. It will be a good family time together.

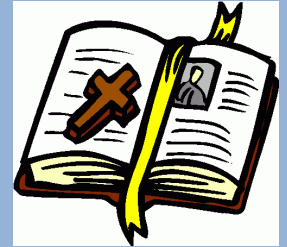
This Sunday the gospel reading is from John 1: 29-42. It's our last reading from John for a while, and it's worth your time to take a look at it. In fact, the whole first chapter of John is one of the most beautiful and meaningful in all the bible. Take a moment to read it this week. John the Baptist plays a prominent roll, some of the new disciples are turning up, and Jesus asks a vital question of us all: "What are you looking for?" That question will be the basis for my sermon this week.

We re moving forward with our study of James in Adult Sunday School. If you've been missing having a bible study in your spiritual life, this might be the class for you. We are very casual and friendly. Coffee and Conversations for the first five minutes or so, sometimes a short video, lots of scripture reading, a bit of study each week, and sometimes we even allow time for coloring mandalas. It's a great group, but would be even better if you joined us. We meet in the parish hall at 10am every Sunday. Bibles provided or BYOB.

See you on Sunday,  
MP+

### December

#### Coffee & Conversations



We continue our study of the book of James, read chapter 1..

#### Coffee Hour Host

**POTLUCK** – Bring your favorite Dish. Gwendolyn is cook a turkey but we will need other main dishes.

#### Godly Play & Children's Chapel

Marla Spry & Gracie Fiaoni

#### Nursery Volunteer

Shawna Moore & Sharon Schwang

#### Youth Group

Brittany and Cameron Hernandez

**Scripture of the Month: Psalm 40:8 I delight to do your will, o my God, your law is within my heart."**

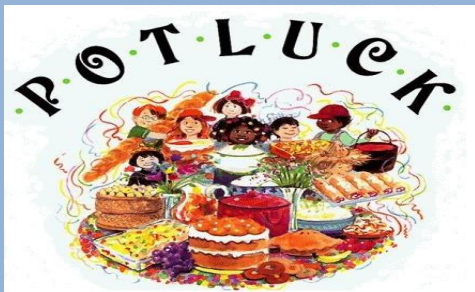
**COUNCIL DELEGATE NEEDED!**

**Diocesan Council** will be held in Galveston on Feb. 9-10-11, 2017. A delegate to represent St. Martin's along with Mother Paulette will be elected at the January 15 All Church Meeting. Transportation will be with MP+ and Larry to Galveston. We have reservations at the Hilton Galveston Island Hotel, adjacent to the convention center. Hotel and Council fees are paid. Let MP+ know right away if you are interested in standing for election as our delegate.

Members interested at this time: **Jocelyn Blackwell**

**ALL CHURCH MEETING – SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2017**

**This Sunday** we will hold our **Annual Church Meeting**. If you have never before attended an Annual Meeting, it's a great way to get a snapshot of all that went on in the church in 2016 and think together about what is to come in the year ahead. We will hear reports from a few of those who serve St. Martin's, review the proposed 2017 budget, and elect a council delegate. We are going to do our best to be concise, on track, interesting, and out of the meeting in a timely fashion.



In addition, we are going to enjoy a great potluck lunch. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Main dish, vegetable or other side dish, or dessert. We will dish up the food, then start the meeting. Kids will eat then go back to the nursery to play.

Ministry:	Jan 15	Jan 22
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)	Chrissy Tilson & Dwight Gray	Mary Greiner & Dwight Gray
1st Reader (OT)	Rob Endter	Albert Hernandez
2nd Reader (NT)	Mary Greiner	Gwendolyn Gray
Acolyte/Crucifer	Erin Friels & Liani Rivera	Erin Friels & Liani Rivera
Altar Guild	Evi Endter & Lynda Day	Evi Endter & Lynda Day
Usher/Greeter	Cameron Hernandez & Amanda Stockman	Cameron Hernandez & Albert Hernandez
Stewards	Marla Spry & Cameron Hernandez	Larry Magnuson & Mary Greiner
Nursery	Shawna Moore & Sharon Schwang	Shawna Moore &
Children's Chapel/Godly Play	Marla Spry & Gracie Fiaoni	Marla Spry & Alice Brunette
Vestry of the Day	Albert Hernandez	Cameron Hernandez



Thanks to all of you who are now back in the swing of coming to church on Sunday. It's a great routine to begin the new year. And thanks to all who pitched in with food and help at coffee hour on Sunday!

We were so blessed to welcome our former member **Amanda Zimmerman** for a quick visit last Sunday. What a surprise and a lifting of the heart for this priest! Love those Zimmermans!

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!**

I'm so pleased that **Amanda and Justin Stockman** have taken on the task of keeping our social media sites up to date and in step with the times. MP+ will still be adding things occassionally, but if you have something you think would be good on our pages, let one of them know.

## Upcoming Events

- Jan 11 6:30 Bishop's Committee Meeting
- Jan 15 Holy Communion 11 am - All Parish Meeting – Potluck
- Jan 22 Holy Communion 11 am – Commissioning of ministry volunteers and BC members
- Jan 29 Holy Communion 11 am – Visiting Priest The Rev. John. Wells – MP+ and Larry are at the beach!
- Feb 5 Holy Communion 11 am First Sunday Potluck  
Feb 9-10-11 Diocesan Council in Galveston
- Feb 12 Holy Communion 11 am  
Feb 19 Holy Communion 11 am Mr. Arnold Isaac visits

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 Leader- Shawna Moore  
Altar Guild Director- Evi Endter  
Housekeeper- Angelica Crittenden

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



5-Angel Crittenden  
17-Elizabeth Hoefert  
17-LeAnn Daley  
21-Cameron Hernandez  
22-Sandy Smock  
26-Christina Calzadillas  
28-Isaac Velez  
29-Amal Baty



- Kathie Gluck
- Elizabeth Hoefert
- Alice Brunette
- Theresa Lyle
- Mary Ellen Jones
- Repose of the soul for Bobby Berkman
- Lanora Franck



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

Soon to be deployed:  
Kenny Fiaoni  
Josh Butler

In Basic:  
Isaac Velez

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Priest's cell: 512-796-4014

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Find us on Facebook - St. Martin's Episcopal Church Copperas Cove  
Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11:00-3:00pm

**Do you have a favorite scripture or a favorite book of the Bible? Let MP+ know what it is.**