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Counting My Blessings

I often say I am a blessed person. I have a wonderful family, good health and a job I truly love, working with people I love. One of the blessings of my job has been the colleagues with whom I share the ministry of leadership. One of those is Gerard Montana, our Parish Director of Music. During the nearly five years of music leadership Gerard has provided St. Martin's, the music ministry has flourished. He took our "Lesson and Carols" service and turned it into something very special, and this year's Christmas music concert (a product of his imagination) promises to be a very different but equally special offering. Gerard initiated the Children's Royal School of Church Music program which Janie Knudsen has brought her gifts to and made flourish.

Gerard's gifts and skill have not just been in the areas of music. He offered his computer skills in an initial website design four years ago, and Gail Gong and Mike Hannon are working with Gerard to update our webpage right now. Gerard regularly offers his creative thinking in staff meetings, worship committee, and other areas of parish life, and while we have

not always agreed we have a mutual respect and a sense of real collaboration.

However, the time has come for Gerard to make a transition in his life and ministry. Gerard's parents are in their early 90s and late 80s. They live on Long Island independently. Gerard's sister has had the primary responsibility for their care. Gerard wants to have the freedom to travel and be with them on a regular basis. By mutual agreement, Gerard will retire as Director of Music on February 1, 2012.

Once again I repeat, "I am blessed" because we have an opportunity in this challenge to bring new leadership to the music program. Gerard and I have been talking about the possibility of having a young UCD graduate student in music composition become a part of our staff. Some of you have heard Will Cooper play. He is a gifted organist/key-boardist who also has choir directing skills and experience. (A brief biography of Will can

be found on page 2 of this newsletter.) When Gerard decided to retire, he did so with the knowledge that Will would be taking over on a trial basis.

Will is going to begin in January. He will have a month with Gerard to get his feet wet and learn how our liturgies and choirs operate. He will have an initial opportunity on November 25th to direct the choirs and play the organ and piano at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. We will be undertaking this trial period until June when we will go to our summer service schedule. Gerard may be playing occasionally during the summer, along with some other options like guitars and other musical leadership. If all goes well, I hope to have Will back in the fall and then make more long term arrangements. This is a great opportunity for St. Martin's and I look forward to the challenge.

There will be opportunities to thank Gerard for his wonderful leadership, but he has made a point that he isn't going to be leaving Davis. We will be seeing him regularly. Let us rejoice in this new opportunity, and keep Gerard in our prayers as he makes this transition.

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The Belfry Ministry Update—By Pastor Jocelynn Hughes

The ministry of the Belfry is in full gear! Students are gathering every Wednesday for worship and dinner, and attending weekly Bible study, prayer group, and a craft group where they are learning to make blankets to donate to various charities. The theme for the school year is to put our faith into action, and so service will be at the center of everything we do throughout the year. Your Belfry Board members have signup sheets to bring meals for our Wednesday night dinners throughout the school year. These meals mean so much to the students. It truly is comfort food, and for some of them is the only meal they eat on Wednesdays. Providing these dinners is a way you can help minister to the students of UC Davis.

Our LEVN volunteers likewise continue to do well in their various placement sites throughout Yolo, Sacramento, and Placer counties. Each week they write a blog post about their experience that is posted on levn.org and on facebook.com/levn. It's a great way to see what they're doing and to learn from their experiences! The application for the 2013-2014 program year is now available on the ESC website, so if you know of young adults who are looking for an opportunity to do a year of service while living in a Christian community, please recommend LEVN to them. Also, if you know of a local non-profit organization that would be interested in hosting a volunteer next year, please let us know.

Welcome to William David Cooper

An alumnus of the Juilliard School, William David Cooper's music has been championed by the Juilliard Orchestra, the JACK Quartet, the Ly-sander Trio and the Empyrean Ensemble. It has been performed throughout the U.S. and Europe, including at the Radio France Festival. He has written a large body of liturgical music in regular use in churches from New York to Berlin. In November of 2013, his opera *Hagar and Ishmael* will be premiered with members of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Cooper has served on the faculty at Purdue and Vincennes universities, founded the choral department at Ben Davis University and has been on the composition faculty at the Interlochen Arts Camp since the summer of 2010.

Cooper received ASCAP awards in 2004 and 2007, and the 2012 Leo Kaplan Award, the highest prize awarded in the ASCAP Morton Gould awards. He is also active in the Early Music program at UC Davis, having won the 2012 David S. Saxon award for excellence in performance of early music, and is currently the conductor of the UC Davis Early Music Ensemble.

Cooper has served as choir director, organist and chorister in churches including Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City and First Baptist Church of Lafayette, IN. His composition teachers have included Samuel Adler, Robert Beaser and Kurt Rohde, and his principal organ teacher was Paul Jacobos. He is currently pursuing a PhD in music composition at UC Davis.



Gardening Help!

St. Martin needs volunteers to help clean-up the grounds on Saturday morning, November 17th. Please come and help weed, rake, trim bushes and trees, move mulch, and generally make St. Martin's look even BETTER. If you have other suggestion contact John Reeves on 902-9749.





Thanksgiving Basket Project Underway

Preparations are already underway for our annual Thanksgiving Basket project in which we donate baskets of food to families in need during the week of Thanksgiving. The project is named after Christine Blanchard, who was a longtime member of St. Martin's and worked tirelessly on outreach activities, both at the church and in the community. She had a special interest in serving migrant families in our area and was instrumental in starting the Thanksgiving Basket project at St. Martin's many years ago.

Last year, we provided baskets to 51 families in need. This year, we are aiming to serve 60 families, most of which are large families, consisting of up to 8 family members. Most live in Davis, but we also serve some from Woodland and Dixon. Many are Spanish-speaking. About half of the families come from a list of families that St. Martin's has stayed in contact with over the years. The others are new families referred to us by three organizations: Davis Community Meals, Dixon Family Services, and Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network.

Each basket consists of approximately \$75 worth of non-perishable food items (these are the items we shop for and deliver to the church during the week of Thanksgiving) and a gift card from a local supermarket that the family can use to purchase perishable items. The amount of the gift card varies from year to year, depending upon the amount of money that is donated to the project.

St. Martin's parishioners have the opportunity to participate in this project in the following ways:

- Shopping for food items that will make up a basket for one family
- Donating money to be used for the gift cards and for additional baskets
- Doing the shopping for a basket with cash donated by others

We will continue taking sign ups at church after all services on November 11. Those who are shopping will be asked to bring their baskets to the church on Sunday, Nov. 18th, any time before 3 p.m. We hope for the participation of many of you to make this year's Thanksgiving Basket outreach project as successful as possible.

Finally, if you or someone you know is a St. Martin's parishioner who would benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket this year, you may confidentially contact one of the following people: Mark Allen, 756-0444, mark@churchofstmartin.org; Jan Sanders, 756-0444, jan@churchofstmartin.org; Jerry Hulbert, 756-6630, jerryhulbert@comcast.net; or Janet Lane, 219-0607, jrlane@ucdavis.edu.

IS SATURDAY DECEMBER 1st CIRCLED ON YOUR CALENDAR?

ST. MARTIN'S HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

HAVE YOU STARTED ON ANY PROJECTS?

- Gerard Montana is knitting scarves
- Margaret Hill is felting her 15th hat
- Fay Hulbert has made children's winter hats
- Charlotte Sobeck is making note cards
- Ann Harris is busy knitting

ARE YOU PLANNING AHEAD?

- The Shontzes are bringing jalapeño pepper jelly made from peppers from Brian's garden
- Anna & Charles Karnopp have fresh walnuts direct from their orchards in Winters
- Pauline & Al Bekebrede will bring their famous pomegranate jelly

Look through your recipes and see what you might make.

ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING "ONCE LOVED" OR RE-GIFTED ITEMS?

We will have several tables of "once-loved" items for sale. If you are thinning out dishes, candles, holiday decorations, "never-used gifts," etc. consider contributing them to the sale.

CAN YOU HELP WITH SETTING UP, BEFORE AND/OR HELPING DURING THE SALE?
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE "CLIP BOARD" - WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY.

Questions? Contact Carol Boyer (756-0241), Ann Harris, Margaret Hill, Gail Gong, Dawn Preisler, Charlotte Sobeck, Ada Coe, Garda Johnson, or Fay Hulbert.





Composting, Energy, and Water - Oh My!

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. – Psalm 24:1-2

St. Martin's has been taking small steps forward to be better stewards of earth and its resources.

On the **composting** front, everyone – parishioners and church committees, volunteers and clients from Davis Community Meals, and other organizations that use our facilities – has been wonderful in working to make it a success. Much of the stuff that had gone to the landfill now is being composted, and we soon will reduce our landfill pick-up to once each week to remove the lonely items rattling around in what used to be a full dumpster.

Thanks to your feedback, we continue to improve the signage about what type of trash goes where, and have switched our one-use coffee supplies to **compostable cups**. A big shout-out to the St. Martin's coffee hour coordinators for taking the initiative to do this.

Chair Beth Robbins spoke to the Vestry about the **Environmental Stewardship** working group and got a thumbs up from them. She also met with the Liturgy Committee and will work with them to plan church services, scheduled for November 18th, with an environmental theme.

Gerry Braun has completed an audit of our **energy use**. In a nutshell, he found that in terms of carbon dioxide generation, St. Martin's generates the equivalent of two to three families, with an additional two families' worth of carbon dioxide generated by water use. The latter mostly involves the electricity used to get water from below ground to the surface to water our lawns. There seem to be a few areas in which we still can conserve, including doing simple things like closing doors when we use air conditioning or heat and improving our outdoor lighting. Gerry will work with the Building and Grounds commission to figure out ways to achieve this.

In addition, the City of Davis is considering (maybe) a pilot program to offer grants to individuals and organizations that replace lawns with **low-water landscaping**, a "cash for grass" program. We're keeping in touch with the City on this and hope to have more information soon.

Got questions? Join us at our next meeting, 12:15pm on November 18th, or check with a member of the St. Martin's Environmental Stewardship working group.

Outreach News



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The Outreach Commission would like to thank you again for your generosity in contributing over four huge bins of towels, sheets, and a comforter for residents at **Cesar Chavez Plaza**. Cesar Chavez Plaza provides housing for those who are homeless, at-risk of being homeless, or living with disabilities. This project is a cooperative partnership of Davis Community Meals, Neighborhood Partners, and the Yolo County Housing Authority.

On October 16th, the Vestry approved the Outreach Commission's recommendations for allocation of Matthew 25 grants. This year we funded 30 organizations/programs at the local, national and international levels whose mission it is to reach out to those in need, the disenfranchised, and marginalized. **Matthew 25 grants** were allocated from several sources: the Matthew 25 designation in the budget, two special bequests, undesignated Outreach Committee funds, and 2013 Easter and Christmas Special Offerings. The following organizations/programs received Matthew 25 Outreach Grants this year:

- Camp Noel Porter
- Centro Santa Catalina, Mexico
- Clergy Discretionary Fund
- CommuniCare Health Center
- Davis Community Meals
- Davis Community Meals Musicians
- Dixon Family Services
- Episcopal Services Corps at the Belfry
- Families of the Displaced and Disappeared of Guatemala
- Food Bank of Yolo County
- Freedom from Hunger
- Grace in Action
- Harvesting in Spanish, El Salvador
- Healing Journeys
- Hearts and Hands Preschool (Calistoga)
- H.E.L.P (Help & Educ. Leading to Prevention)
- Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter
- Meals on Wheels (Elderly Nutrition Program, Yolo County)
- NAMI
- River City Community Services
- School for Deacons
- Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Center
- St. Matthew's Community Resource Ctr., Sacto.
- STEAC
- Summer House
- Yolo Community Care Continuum
- Yolo Family Service Agency
- Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network
- Yolo Suicide Prevention
- Yolo Wayfarer Center



Martinmas Feast & Lantern Walk—Sunday, November 11th 5:00-7:30pm

Celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St. Martin of Tours. The family can make lanterns together, eat a traditional goose dinner (chicken available too), walk through the dark of the night singing a song about St. Martin on our way to Compline. Come share this special evening together while passing on these old traditions. Bring a dish to share. For more information and to RSVP please contact Jennifer Maloney at Jennifer4ph@aol.com. **St. Martin's Children's Play Rescheduled**—The St. Martin's Children's Play has been rescheduled to take place during the Martinmas Feast. We hope to see you there.