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New Beginning and Old Patterns

As a parent, September always means ***new beginnings***. It means school starting once again with new classes and new teachers, new school clothes, and new challenges. For the church community it is the beginning of the Church school year, a return to the three-service schedule and the annual **All Parish Pledge Drive**. Once a year we ask everyone in the community to consider how they might contribute, financially, physically, and spiritually to the life of St. Martin's in the year ahead. We make a ***new beginning*** in our vision of ministry and we ask for your support of our ***old patterns*** of worship, formation, fellowship, and service.

I have written in recent months of the blessings we have as a community. Our community's generosity is overwhelming and we have much for which to

be thankful. Over the course of the next month you will be hearing and reading more about our vision for ministry and mission in 2013.

We want to continue to support our ministries with children and families and the process *Youth Ministries Architects* has initiated.



Most of the work of children's formation is donated by lay ministry volunteers, but we have added a staff position of administrative support in 2012. Funding for this position was a one time commitment from reserve funds. We need to continue to make this commitment of funding so this ***new beginning***

becomes an ***old pattern***.

With the return to three Sunday services, we are reminded once again of the riches and variety of music opportunities available at St. Martin's. Our adult choirs at 9 and 11 are staffed by extraordinary voices who gift their time and talent each week. Gerard does an exceptional job of juggling two different styles of music, which each Sunday highlights the message of the Gospel. We have an opportunity to add a ***new beginning*** to our ***old patterns*** this fall by enlisting the talents of gifted musicians, on occasion, to our music team. This would mean a need for additional funding for music. The music budget has remained essentially the same for three years.

Children's choir has been a wonderful source of formation and

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beauty in our Sunday worship. Janie Knudsen has grown the children's choir and added a cherubs choir (for children 3-8) to the ***new beginnings*** at St. Martin's. This is a ministry that deserves our financial support!

All of these and other blessings are signs of the life and vitality of our community. The question each of us must answer is how willing are we to continue these ***new beginnings and old patterns***. Consider how and how much you might be willing to pledge to support the work of ministry and mission in 2013. Save October 7 from 5-7 for our annual **Stewardship Celebration**. It will be an evening of fun and fellowship and an opportunity to make your pledge commitment.

Blessings in your ***new beginnings and old patterns***

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St. Martin's Holiday Craft Fair and Sale Is December 1, 2012

Only three months away!

Please use September, October, and November to get your creative juices flowing and decide what or how you might contribute to making the sale a success.

Parishioners are already busy with many projects, including:

- Knitted scarves and children's hats
- Aprons, pot holders, and doll pillows
- Felted hats, purses, and tote bags
- Pillows, table runners, and wall hangings
- Quilted placement and embroidered pieces
- Pot scrubbers, dish cloths, and tea towels
- Wood-turned gifts
- A wide variety of jewelry
- Christmas decorations and ornaments
- Cookies, breads, soup mix, candies, jams, jellies, fresh walnuts, candied walnuts, etc.



Keep in mind our **“Once-Loved” (next-to-new) Table**, which will include used jewelry, dishes, figurines and decorations, Christmas ornaments, etc. Perhaps you have some gift items that you will never use. Keep the “once-loved” table in mind.

We will meet from 10 a.m. until noon, in rooms 6 & 7 on September 7, October 5, 12, 19, and 26, and November 2, and 9. Come by and help with projects, get help with yours, help price items for the sale, or just visit.

Let's make this the best sale ever! Questions? Call Carol Boyer (756-0241)

The Belfry Ministry Update By Pastor Jocelynn Hughes

By the time you read this, our new LEVN program will be off and running! We are excited to welcome these young adults to Davis to spend this year serving the community and growing in their faith. They will work with organizations like Sacramento Steps Forward, River City Food Bank, Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center, St. Matthew's, St. Martin's, and the Belfry. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated furniture and household items to make their new home comfortable and welcoming! We'll have profiles of the group on our website (levn.org) and in our next Footnote newsletter. But if you see them around town or in your congregation, please give them a warm Davis welcome.

A great time to meet our new LEVN volunteers will be at our **3rd Annual "Birdies for the Belfry" Golf Tournament at Wildhorse on Saturday, September 29th**! You can register NOW online at thebelfry.org, or by calling or emailing our office. We'll have a shotgun start at 1 pm and a special dinner in celebration of retired Belfry Pastor Don Ranstrom's ministry. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased separately for \$35 each (children under 12 are free). This will be a great opportunity to show Pastor Don our love and support, and we are collecting letters and video messages to give to him. We'll also have a silent auction and raffle, and great give-aways for the golfers! We hope you will join us and help support the campus ministry and LEVN!

While much time and energy has been spent preparing for the launch of LEVN, we are also busy preparing to welcome the UCD students back at the end of September. This is always an exciting time of reconnecting with returning students and welcoming new ones to our community. Soon it will be time to sign up to bring meals for our Wednesday Night Worship dinners – your Belfry Board members will have more information on that.

Composting Comes to St. Martin's

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

Got compostables? Put them in the specially marked containers at St. Martin's!

Immediately after Labor Day, St. Martin's will begin trial participation in the Davis Commercial Composting Program, a joint city and Davis Waste Removal program. We anticipate that this will cut our input to the Yolo County landfill in half -- *at least* -- and save the church \$35 every month on our city services bill.

We generate a lot of compostable material at St. Martin's: paper towels in the bathrooms; unused greens from the flowers that grace our altar; produce trimmings, meat scraps, plate scrapings, and more paper towels at the three weekly meals served by Davis Community Meals in our parish hall; more paper plates, napkins, grape stems, coffee grounds, watermelon rinds, and the rare stale half-eaten donut after coffee hour. By diverting these materials to compost, we'll reduce the amount of trash that we generate. Trash sits in the landfill forever. Compostable materials get turned into compost off-site and then used for other purposes.

The mechanics of this will be straightforward. Instead of a single trash can in every room, we'll have a pair of labeled containers for compostables and recycling with a smaller side bin for landfill trash. Our dependable and efficient maintenance crew will handle the items appropriately. Davis Waste Removal will add us to their rota of restaurants, pick up the compostables twice weekly, and reduce our landfill trash pickup to once per week. We will begin the program on a trial basis, and, if all goes well, we'll make this change permanent in the winter.

Got questions? Check with a member of the St. Martin's Environmental Stewardship working group.

Did you know?

Composting will help California to meet its goal of 75% diversion of solid waste into recycling, composting, or reducing waste at the source by 2020.



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Saving Jesus to Resume

Alex Leach and Helen Campbell will resume Saving Jesus and complete the last four lessons of this series. They will do 1/2 lesson each week to allow for more discussion time, so it will take a total of eight weeks to complete. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings between the 9 and 11 a.m. services in rooms 6/7. Classes will start at 10:10 and end promptly at 10:50 to accommodate both services. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided so you don't have to stop for coffee before coming over.

- September 16—Lesson 9A
- September 23—Lesson 9B
- September 30—Lesson 10A
- October 7—Lesson 10B
- October 14—Lesson 11A
- October 21—Lesson 11B
- October 29—Lesson 12A
- November 4—Lesson 12B



Order of St. Luke Healing Retreat

Come away to a quiet place for a Prelude to Advent, the Order of St. Luke Region 7 Healing Retreat November 16-18, 2012 at Evergreen Conference Center, Oakhurst (E.C.C.O.) just south of Yosemite National Park. The Rev. Mike Endicott will be leading our time together, which will include three teaching sessions, prayer and laying-on-of-hands for healing, Holy Communion, food, fun, fellowship, music, and time set aside for those who are ready to be inducted as either an Associate Member or Full Member of the Order.

Registration forms and information can be found at www.oslnorcal.com or oslworld@sbcglobal.net or through your church secretary. Come and see, and bring a friend or two!

Mark Your Calendar

The annual parish dinner will take place on October 7, 2012 5-7 p.m.

Service Times

We're back to our three-service Sunday schedule: 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Anyone who shows up at 10:00 will be assigned coffee hour clean-up duty—lol.)

