

THE MISSION

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

MAY, 2004

"The Purpose of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church is to help people be transformed, gifted, called, equipped and sent into ministry by Christ in the context of a caring community of celebration."

From Mother Marilyn

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! We are thinking again of what his resurrection means for the world, how this gift changes things for humankind, how it reveals God's incredible love and grace. In John's gospel, he writes that God's gift is intended to continue being given, Christ's mission is to continue. How? Through us! Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

I hope you all take this commission seriously, because I think God has work for us to do. If you have been here in the last month you will have noticed that we have had lots of visitors looking for a church home. In our mission statement, we have said that part of our purpose is to be a caring community of celebration, and we have shared with one another during the year that one of the reasons we are here at St. Martin's is because of that sense of loving family and joyful worship.

We have an opportunity now to bring Christ's love to those who are searching, to make them welcome, to make them feel at home. Paul writes in Romans 12 "... love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor...extend hospitality to strangers." The dictionary says that to be hospitable is to be "given to generous and cordial reception of guests; offering a pleasant or sustaining environment; readily receptive and open." Hospitality is not just offering food or social activity – it is opening our hearts and letting the love and welcome we have received from the risen Lord flow out to others.

We have been blessed to have Randy Hoidahl and others actively welcoming those who visit. But I have read research that says that it takes seven personal contacts to make a person feel welcome enough to return.

It's a concern to me when people visit and there are not very many members there to offer welcome. Last Sunday – low Sunday – there were 13 visitors out of 47 attending. It's a concern to me when a new person tells me that this is an unfriendly church, that people talk only to those they already know.

I am challenging you to be here on Sundays, not only for your own well-being, but for continuing God's mission to one another and to those who are seeking. God is bringing people here. Are we ready to welcome them and love them and make them part of this community?

I am aware that some of you are still hurting, that some of you are tired, that your lives are busy. But when God is answering our prayers to bring new people, we have a responsibility and a joyful opportunity to share our faith and our love.

Each one of you is important – you never know when you are the one God will use to touch someone's heart.

What can you do? Volunteer to be a greeter. Notice when someone is new and make sure they have a bulletin. If they are confused by the prayer book, help them – or help them find the music sheet or the scripture insert. Don't let them stand alone while everyone is passing the peace to friends. Offer them a cup of coffee. Introduce yourself, ask their name and introduce them to others (when they are open to it). Tell them about our Christian Education program. Know that you are sharing God's love with them as well as your own.

Finally, pray! So many people are lost and hungry for God and for Christian community. Pray that God will continue to bring them here and pray that we will be those who will love them with the love of the Lord and welcome them with his hospitality and grace.

May the shalom of God be with you, fill your hearts and lives, and keep you always.

Mother Marilyn+



Vestry Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 6, 2004

Members in attendance: Mike Blaser, Kathy Christy, Alan Engels, Missi Kern, Cynthia Obermeyer, Jane Owens, Bruce Raymond, Georgia Reissig, Sue Richardson, Bryan Schallanberger, Marilyn Schneider.

Mother Marilyn opened the meeting with a brief prayer and devotion. Mike presented the financial statements for the period of January through March 2004 with comparisons to the previous year. Revenues are behind budget. The minutes of the March 2, 2004 meeting were affirmed as approved.

A contract for Marilyn's housing allowance was approved, and signed by Bruce and Mike. This designates for IRS purposes some of her salary as a housing stipend, allowing her to receive it tax-free. Bruce, Mike, Marilyn and Alan will finalize the diocesan contract required for Marilyn's appointment as priest-in-charge.

Marilyn has spoken with Landy Phillipe, who has agreed to staff the nursery between services and during second service. Although there are often times when there are no children requiring care, the Vestry determined that Landy's commitment to make herself available during those times deserved payment. This arrangement will be through May, at which time it may be renegotiated due to summer schedules.

Alan provided a list of items to be accomplished for the spring clean-up. Rather than set a specific day aside, he intends to solicit volunteers through the bulletin who can work at times convenient to them. Items on the list include:

- Flowerbed in parking lot circle weeded
- Bushes trimmed and/or hedged
- Leaves collected and bagged
- Mulch flowerbeds
- Care and trimming of rose bushes
- Edging grass
- Repair of play area timbers
- Window washing
- Repaint shed

Jane displayed samples of red 'pentecost' t-shirts and polo shirts which could be sold as a fundraiser. The Vestry approved the fundraiser and set prices for the t-shirts. The shirts will be sold by pre-order after each service on Sunday, April 18th and Sunday, April 25th.

Cynthia presented information about an outreach program for programs administered through the National Church. She will order literature and work through the Outreach Committee to implement this program.

The Vestry discussed offering a parish trip to Boulder's Dinner Theater for their production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." A Sunday evening show on June 13th was chosen. Tickets will be \$30, \$22, and \$13, based on seating selection, and include salad, dinner, and beverage as well as the show.

Marilyn announced a conference on congregational ministry scheduled for October 18-22 that would be very beneficial for our efforts to stimulate and begin growing our congregation again. Would someone volunteer to attend on behalf of the parish? A diocesan scholarship may be available, or perhaps the parish could pay the \$320.00 fee should the scholarship not come through. Vestry members will consider options.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Owens, Clerk

**APRIL 2004 HIGH PLAINS
REGIONAL NEWS!**

- April 22—The High Plains and Front Range Rectors honored their secretaries and parish administrators at our annual luncheon hosted by St. John's Cathedral.
- May 15—The High Plains Region annual regional confirmation will be held at St. John's Cathedral. The service begins at **10:00 a.m.** The Bishop will meet with the confirmands at 9 a.m.
- August 20-21—TED is coming again. Do not miss out on our 3rd annual Training Event of the Diocese! Charles Fulton will be speaking and leading a workshop compliments of the National Church. Many other workshops will be offered. The goal this year is to prepare our parishes for their fall Christian Education programs.

Our own Jay Johnson is now a member of the Executive Committee. Please contact him if you have questions.

“Connections”

A retreat day for young women in their 20's and 30's to connect with God, with themselves and with others. May 1, 9:30-3:00. Register on line at www.coloradodiocese.org/Events (capital E). \$7.00 includes lunch and free child care for small children. See flier on bulletin board in Narthex and hallway.

Copy Paper for used Toner Cartridges – Recently, Alan Engels turned in so many used toner cartridges to Office Max that he was able to obtain 2 full cases of copy paper (20 reams) which he donated to St. Martin. This was truly a worthwhile gift on Alan's part and saved approximately \$65 dollars for office expense. You, too, can help defray office expense by turning your cartridges into reams or cases of copy paper at Office Max. Thank you Alan for letting us know about this opportunity!



May 9th

**"Journey into the Cross"
Post-Easter Presentation
May 23rd, 2004 at 7:00 PM
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

Mary's Hope prepares us for Pentecost Sunday with an Easter version of "Journey into the Cross" with added images of Huberto Maestes' beautiful 'Resurrection' bronze. Nearly 600 adults and children of many different denominations experienced one of the Lenten presentations of this distinctive Stations of the Cross - people from Colorado, Missouri, California and Nebraska attended in faith communities across the state.

The Mary's Hope "Journey into the Cross" is an exquisite sequence of 185 images of the last hours of Jesus' life on earth interwoven with a moving soundtrack of sacred music. The combination of the faces of Jesus as he moves toward the cross and powerful music selections from a variety of composers and performers draws the participants out of observation and into a deeper understanding of the events 2000 years ago. This is our last public showing until Lent 2005.

Join Mary's Hope on Sunday evening May 23rd at 7:00 pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1401 E. Dry Creek, Centennial. A minimum donation of \$5.00 is suggested to support the ministry of Mary's Hope with survivors of profound childhood abuses.

"An Evening for Shattered Souls"

Mary's Hope presents an evening program on the spiritual wounds common to survivors of profound childhood abuses, aspects of the healing journey and spiritual self care for the survivor. We will examine the questions that all survivors struggle with at some time during their healing journey, "Why did this happen to me?" "Where was God when my abuse was happening?" Survivors who have attended previous programs say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you! You have offered me hope for my healing."

The next "Evening for Shattered Souls" will be Tuesday May 25th 7:30 - 9:00 pm - St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 11202 W. Jewell, Lakewood - 2 blocks west of Kipling. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

For more information or future dates call or email Mary's Hope, 303-377-0293; maryshope@qwest.net

May Ministry Schedule

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher
May-02-2004 8:30 am	-----	Erin Macdonald	Marilyn Macdonald Lorna Mayfield	Sharon Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl		Kira Gilbert Sue Gilbert
May-02-2004 10:45 am	Jordan Cunningham Sarah Raymond	Nate Raymond	Milt Cowan Tom Rothgeb	Jay Johnson	John Cunningham	Jay Johnson	John & Jo Cunningham Tom Keables
May-09-2004 8:30 am	Jordan Hendrickson Natalie Graeber	Bryan Shal lanberger	Mike Shal lanberger Jeff Caruso	Lorna Mayfield	Sharon Armstrong		Ann Shal lanberger Alyssa Shal lanberger
May-09-2004 10:45 am	Caitlin Shepard Brandon Kern	Michael Shepard	Jay Johnson Martha Libby	Cindy Johnson	Dee Settleme yer	Randy Hoidahl	Tracy Eldred Bill Eldred
May-16-2004 8:30 am	-----	Alyssa Shal lanberger	Lee Mayfield Bryan Shal lanberger	Lorna Mayfield	Sharon Armstrong		Ann Shal lanberger Jordan Hendrickson
May-16-2004 10:45 am	Michael Shepard Caitlin Shepard	Ted Sharsmith	Milt Cowan Pam Rice	Dee Settleme yer	Martha Libby	Jo Cunningham	Andrew Tung Tom Keables
May-23-2004 8:30 am	Bryan Shal lanberger Erin Macdonald	Jordan Hendrickson	Marilyn Macdonald Mike Shal lanberger	Sharon Armstrong	Lorna Mayfield		Alyssa Shal lanberger Ann Shal lanberger
May-23-2004 10:45 am	Dalton London Kim London	Caitlin Shepard	Mary London Jay Johnson	Chuck Tice	Judy Tice	Bill Eldred	Milt Cowan Bill Eldred
May-30-2004 8:30 am	-----	Erin Macdonald	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Sharon Armstrong	Georgia Reissig		Bonnie Engels Alan Engels
May-30-2004 10:45 am	Becca Richardson Tyler Eldred	Kim London	Tom Rothgeb Pam Rice	Jo Cunningham	John Cunningham	Randy Hoidahl	John & Jo Cunningham Andrew Tung
Jun-06-2004 9:30 am	Brandon Kern Sarah Raymond	Dalton London	Jay Johnson Martha Libby	Mary London	Missi Kern	Jay Johnson	Tracy Eldred Bill Eldred

	Altar Guild	Flowers	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
May-02-2004	Cindy Johnson Susan Shepard	Sharon Hoidahl	Lorna Mayfield	Jay Johnson	Jo Cunningham	Georgia Reissig Missi Kern
May-09-2004	Patty Juhl Cynthia Obermeyer	Cindy Johnson	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Jay Johnson	Joni Graeber	Missi Kern Bryan Shal lanberger
May-16-2004	Ann Shal lanberger Be Martin	Sharon Hoidahl	Tom Keables		Randy Hoidahl	Bryan Shal lanberger Jane Owens
May-23-2004	Judy Tice M&B Cowan	Judy Tice	Lorna Mayfield	Tom Keables	Jo Cunningham	Jane Owens Alan Engels
May-30-2004	Susan Shepard Cindy Johnson	Cindy Johnson	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Jay Johnson	Joni Graeber	Alan Engels Michelle Raymond
Jun-06-2004	Cynthia Obermeyer Be Martin	Sharon Hoidahl	Tom Keables	Jay Johnson	Randy Hoidahl	Michelle Raymond Sue Richardson

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Activities and Events for May, 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 4:03 PM Youth Alpha	3	4 7:00 PM Vestry	5 7:00 PM Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV Mother's Day	10	11	12 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13 7:00 PM Worship Committee	14	15
16 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV	17 7:00 PM Daughters of the King	18	19 7:00 PM Choir Practice	20 7:00 PM Parish Council	21	22
23 8:30 AM H.E. 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV	24	25 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper	26 7:00 PM Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 9:30 AM Pentecost Sunday Picnic Follows 9:45 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM CCRV	31 Memorial Day					

June						
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Check www.st-martins.net for updated Calendar events!

The Safest Place on Earth

Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.

Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve some form of transportation.

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church! Bible study is safe too!

The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

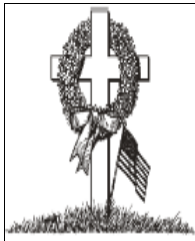
FOR SAFETY'S SAKE — Attend church! And Read Your Bible...

“IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE” (and soul)



May Birthdays

Eithan Phillipe	1
Jordan Cunningham	4
Jo Cunningham	4
Randy Hoidahl	7
Lee Christy	9
Lucile Williams	10
Alyssa Shalanberger	12
Doris Earnhardt	13
Caylin Garcia	15
Amanda Sullivan	20
Kira Gilbert	22



Remember
Memorial Day
Monday, May 31

May Anniversaries

Jay & Cindy Johnson	6
Jim & Shari Laginess	15

Episcopal Camp Opportunities Summer, 2004	
Camp Ilium (Telluride area)	
Grade 9-12	June 27—July 3
Confirmation Camp	July 4--10
Grade 7-8	July 11—17
Grade 5-6	July 18--24
Grade 2-4	August 1—7
For more information contact Cheryl at Psalm103@fone.net	
Trinity Ranch (West of Pueblo)	
High School	June 13—19
Elementary	June 20—26
Middle School	July 18—24
For more information contact Judy at Cip@amigo.net	

and on a lighter note. . . From a policeman:

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. “Is that a dog you got back there?” he asked. “It sure is,” I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, “What’d he do?”

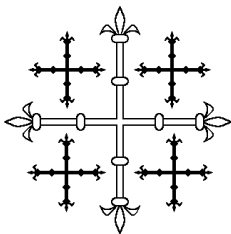
Vestry Members:
Bruce Raymond, Sr. Warden
Alan Engels, Jr. Warden
Mike Blaser, Treasurer
Kathy Christy
Missi Kern
Cynthia Obermeyer
Jane Owens
Georgia Reissig
Sue Richardson
Bryan Shallanberger

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8:30 & 10:45 AM
Christian Education
9:45 AM***

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