

THE MISSION

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

JULY - AUGUST, 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,

As I reflect on the first six months of 2004 at St. Martin's, I feel truly blessed. We have, I believe, continued to be faithful to God's call "to help people be transformed, gifted, called, equipped and sent into ministry by Christ in the context of a caring community of celebration." You have been faithful to your ministry commitments and faithful to your financial commitments. And God has blessed us because of your faithfulness.

However, as the Vestry has looked at the budget we adopted, we realized that, while we've managed to pay our bills, we haven't begun to meet our diocesan commitments. We have not made payments on our debt (we still owe over \$35,000 dollars) and we have not made payments on our pledge – about \$9,000 dollars.

That seems a bit overwhelming, but as we thought about it, someone pointed out that if everyone gave the equivalent of a couple of Big Mac combos (about \$10.00) every month above and beyond what they were already giving, we'd come close to being able to pay our pledge.

Right now the Diocese is really struggling, too. Pledges are about \$350,000 short of the budget approved by the Convention, so they've had to cut way back. It's really important for us to meet our obligation!

We also need to pray that we will continue to be good stewards of all God has given us and that

God will continue to provide for us as we are faithful in our love for one another and our mission in the world.

Prayer is the foundation of a strong community – prayer for God's love to be manifest in and through us, prayer for discernment, prayer for direction, prayer for the Spirit to be with us and empower us, prayer for open hearts, forgiving hearts, giving hearts! Prayer for health and healing – and so much more, of course – a Bible full of prayers (in case you need inspiration!)

Summer is a great time for prayer – perhaps because there's more leisure, perhaps more time in nature. When you're outside, relaxing in your yard, watching clouds, fishing, being in the mountains, you can lift your hearts in gratitude, pray for friends and family and the world, and know that God is very close.

Summer is a great time for community, too. Prayer, praise and pie on June 30 and July 28 for a wonderful time together, praising the Lord and singing. Concerts in the parks (look for the Pentecost flag). Movie nights. Picnics.

My prayer for you is that this will be a refreshing and energizing summer, with plenty of time for reflection and prayer – and plenty of time for fellowship and community as well.

God's grace and peace be with you –

Marilyn+

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<i>Goal: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY</i>	
<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measurement</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conduct regular events of social and spiritual fellowship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Events held at least once each month
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop small groups for <u>intentional</u> spiritual support and development of members, incorporating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular contact ▪ Regular members ▪ Regular format ▪ Open to new members ▪ Duration TBD 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A plan will be developed by Advent 2004; a measurement of participation will be developed as part of the plan

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Erin Macdonald's Outreach Project

Please bring your backpacks (New or Used) to the red collection box in the Narthex. The St. Francis Center distributes them to all persons needing a way to keep their personal items together.

This was very helpful last year and there is a continuing need! Thank you for your help in ministering in this way to those who are less fortunate.

At 7:00 p.m. the 4th Wednesday of
June, July, & August
Come to the "Three P's Service"

P RAYER

P RAISE &

P IE / PASTRIES or
PEACH SUNDAES

There will be a different
Leader for each service. Lots of singing and
An opportunity to share and
Meet everyone!



**Thanks &
a Tip of
the Hat to...**

**Everyone who pitched in -
To organize, Sell & Contribute to the
Annual Yard Sale!
It was a huge success with proceeds
of over \$500.**

**St. Paul's – Central City
11th Annual "Day at the Opera"
Sunday, August 8, 2004**

For the past ten years, the members of St. Paul's Mission in Central City have prepared a feast for their Episcopal friends, followed by a performance at the Central City Opera. Proceeds from the luncheon help to maintain our historic church through this once-a-year celebration. The luncheons have gained such a reputation that some frequent guests have chosen to attend service and lunch only. Price for the luncheon is \$10. Eucharist is at 10:00 am, luncheon at noon and the opera at 2:30.

This year for the first time in over 50 years, the Central City Opera will be performing "The Tales of Hoffmann" by Jacques Offenbach. Opera tickets are \$50, \$64 or \$79, depending on seat location. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call 303-582-0450. More details are on flier on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Diocese of Colorado
Episcopal Church Women in Action**

"One Body — One Spirit"

This is the theme of the 2004 Annual Gathering which will be held September 17th through the 19th at Snow Mountain Ranch near Granby. Our speaker this year is The Right Reverend Robert O'Neill, Bishop of Colorado. This will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with our new Bishop. His wife, Ginger, also has agreed to join us. So plan to come together with women of all ages from around the diocese for this time of learning, worship, fellowship, relaxation and fun.

We will have the display room open. If you are doing a special ministry with your group let us know so we can reserve a table (or half). **Share your ideas and gifts!** And we always have a collection of items to be distributed to St. Francis Center in Denver, and send to other parts of the diocese to be used by various shelters, food banks or clothes closets.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Registration and fee is required by August 15th, 2004. Pricing and complete information is included on the Registration—Annual Gathering form.

Summer 2004

You've heard about the Olympics this summer in Athens? Well, I have an update for you. The Olympics were held last weekend in Greeley and I was fortunate enough to have a poolside seat for the swimming events. We didn't go up until Sunday so missed the Opening Ceremonies, but we were there on Sunday afternoon for the rather moving closing ceremonies.

Let me tell you about the swimming events. They were held at an Olympic size pool at the Greeley Community Center. The lanes were marked, and for most of the events, minutes and seconds (and fractions of seconds) were displayed on a large electronic board above the pool. The bleachers were crowded with parents, fans and coaches as well as a contingent of swimmers ready to go and swimmers dripping but happy to be done.

At the far end of the pool was a riser for the medal winners. They stood proudly as the Olympics theme music was played and members of The Knights of Columbus in full regalia gave them their medals. Then they posed for a photo opportunity before returning to their very proud families.

Some of the events were relays, 100 yard swims, and 50 yard swims using backstroke or butterfly. Sometimes for whatever reason a swimmer would get far behind and would still be struggling valiantly after all the other swimmers had made it to the finish line. Those swimmers were cheered and encouraged no matter how long it took them. When they got to the finish line, they too raised their heads to hear the cheering and see the fans clapping and yelling.

Some of the events were very difficult. One of these was the 5 yard walk. Swimmers had to walk in the water unassisted for 5 yards in the 3 foot deep pool encouraged by a buddy/partner. Flash bulbs popped and the crowd was absolutely as enthusiastic as for all the other events.

In Athens, slender well-muscled bodies will be the rule. Here the many of the bodies were those that many will look away from. Yes, some were slim and healthy, but many others were misshapen. Many walked slowly and haltingly with assistance. Some had to be helped with basic dressing. Others spoke too loudly or were inappropriate in their behavior. But here they were all equal in the sight of the spectators.

They were already all equal in the sight of God. What a blessing it was to be in a place where abilities and disabilities just didn't matter? Although Special Olympics is not sponsored by any religious group, I am positive that God was there just as much as in a great cathedral, or small church building. And I am sure that God was smiling.

Pam Rice

Irrepressible Hope Conference 2004

Sponsored by Women of Faith
Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10, 2004
Pepsi Center, Denver, CO
Friday 7PM – 9:30PM
and Saturday 9AM – 5PM

Begun in the mid-1990's specifically to encourage women, the Women of Faith conferences have become the largest women's gathering in North America, with women from all denominations, ages, and walks of life sharing an experience with HOPE-FILLED PEOPLE and HOPE-FILLED MESSAGES.

Special guests for this conference are *Natalie Grant*, a passionate musician with a big voice; *Kathy Troccoli*, a dynamic vocalist and speaker and a 2003 Grammy nominee; and *Tammy Trent*, a popular recording artist with a heart-rending story of tragedy and hope.

Tickets are \$79 each. Call 1-888-49-FAITH or register online at www.womenoffaith.com



Celebrate Jesus! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONDAY, JULY 12 – FRIDAY, JULY 16

- Come join the Great Parade and CELEBRATE JESUS!!

With Bible stories, crafts, games,
snacks and songs.

All the things that make VBS so much
FUN!!

- Bring your friends and neighbors.
Cost is \$10.00 per child
and includes a T-shirt

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher
Jul-04-2004 9:30 am Service	Becca Richardson	Nate Raymond	Marilyn Macdonald Tom Rothgeb	Marilyn Macdonald	Sharon Hoidahl	Jo Cunningham	Kira Gilbert Sue Gilbert
Jul-11-2004 9:30 am Service	Brandon Kern Natalie Graeber	Amanda Greer	Milt Cowan Jay Johnson	Georgia Reissig	Martha Libby	Bill Eldred	Sharon Armstrong Bill Schneider
Jul-18-2004 9:30 am Service	Dalton London Rachael Obermeyer	Erin Macdonald	Martha Libby Mary London	Pam Rice	Mary London	Jay Johnson	Alan Engels Bonnie Engels
Jul-25-2004 9:30 am Service	Brandon Kern Sarah Raymond	Caitlin Shepard	Marilyn Macdonald Pam Rice	Tom Rothgeb	Marilyn Macdonald	Randy Hoidahl	Milt Cowan Tom Keables
Aug-01-2004 9:30 am Service	Becca Richardson Jordan Cunningham	Jordan Hendrickson	Tom Rothgeb Jay Johnson	Sharon Hoidahl	Bruce Raymond	Randy Hoidahl	Kira Gilbert Sue Gilbert
Aug-08-2004 9:30 am Service	Rachael Obermeyer Cody Wonycott	Alyssa Shallenberger	Bryan Shallenberger Pam Rice	Martha Libby	Georgia Reissig	Jay Johnson	Mike Shallenberger Ann Shallenberger
Aug-15-2004 9:30 am Service	Natalie Graeber Dalton London	Nate Raymond	Mike Shallenberger Martha Libby	Judy Tice	Dee Settlemeier	Randy Hoidahl	Bill Eldred Tracy Eldred
Aug-22-2004 9:30 am Service	Jordan Cunningham Brandon Kern	Michael Shepard	Milt Cowan Jeff Caruso	Sharon Armstrong	Judy Tice	Bill Eldred	Jordan Hendrickson Alyssa Shallenberger
Aug-29-2004 9:30 am Service	Rachael Obermeyer Sarah Raymond	Kim London	Mary London Marilyn Macdonald	Cindy Johnson	Sharon Armstrong	Jo Cunningham	Sharon Armstrong Ann Shallenberger
Sep-05-2004 9:30 am Service	Caitlin Shepard Cody Wonycott	Erin Macdonald	Tom Rothgeb Jeff Caruso	Jay Johnson	John Cunningham	Jay Johnson	Alan Engels Bonnie Engels

	Altar Guild	Flowers	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Jul-04-2004 Other ministries	Cynthia Obermeyer Ann Shallenberger	Judy Tice	Tom Keables	Jay Johnson	Joni Graeber	Georgia Reissig Missi Kern
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Jul-18-2004 Other ministries	Judy Tice Beverly Cowen	Judy Tice	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Marilyn Macdonald	Joni Graeber	Bryan Shallenberger Jane Owens
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25 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:30 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV	26	27 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper	28 7:00 PM Prayer, Praise & Dessert	29 6:30 PM Concert in the Park	30	31 Youth - Flicks on the Fax @ Sunset

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A bit of humor.....or not?

"The Lighter Side of Faith"

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to the younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."



July Birthdays

Gwen Tolar	1
Ron Fullmer	6
Chuck Tice	7
Cindy Johnson	8
Ben Macdonald	10
Jordan Hendrickson	10
Beverly Cowan	14
Cal Hosman	17
Bethany Tice	21
Noah Sullivan	26
Diane Williams	26
Bryan Shallenberger	26
Violet Smythe	29
Mike Shallenberger	30
Sharon Hoidahl	30

August Birthdays

Mason Martin	1
Justin Laginess	2
Sybil Keables	5
Mary Louise Gradwohl	9
Seth Raymond	10
Helen Gray	11
Rebecca Greer	12
Patty Juhl	15
Becca Dooley	15
Landy Phillipe	16
Andrea Johnes	16
Judy Tice	18
Bill Schneider	19
Amanda Greer	19
Rachael Obermeyer	21
Spencer Earnhardt	22
Michael Shepard	25
Lorna Mayfield	27
Kelli Laginess	28

A three-year old boy put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed that the left shoe was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. They're the only feet I got!"

Please Note—New Address
Joey Wolf
(The Anchor Inn)

July Anniversaries

Dave & Becca Dooley	8
Bruce & Michell Raymond	10
John & Jo Cunningham	29

August Anniversaries

Roley & Jo Ann Greer	7
Wayne & Missi Kern	15
Fred & Martha Libby	18
Alan & Bonnie Engels	22
Lee & Lorna Mayfield	28
Dave & Joni Graeber	31

Vestry Members:

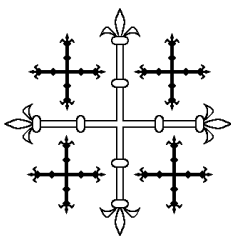
Bruce Raymond, Sr. Warden
Alan Engels, Jr. Warden
Mike Blaser, Treasurer
Kathy Christy
Missi Kern
Cynthia Obermeyer
Jane Owens
Georgia Reissig
Sue Richardson
Bryan Shallanberger

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St. Martin Staff:

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Office Hours
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Tuesday - Friday

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Holy Eucharist Services
9:30 AM

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