

# THE MISSION

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

JULY ~ 2005

*"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,

I hope you're all having a good summer, enjoying the beauty of the earth and sky – maybe even going fishing or hiking or camping or boating, or all of the above. George MacDonald believed that the creation is a revelation of God, and I know many of us feel close to God when we have the opportunity to be close to nature.

Being close to God is one way of talking about our Christian journey. I attended a three-day conference on the "With-God Life" recently and came away with a vision for community as "with-God life" together. We opened every worship session (and there were ten altogether) with these words: "The aim of God in history is the formation of an all-inclusive community of loving persons with God himself included in this community as its prime Sustainer and most glorious Inhabitant." What this says to me is that God is with us at St. Martin's, forming us and sustaining us and living with us, helping us become who he is calling us to be.

As we seek to listen to God together in our R.O.A.R. project, we need to become really intentional about seeing how God is working in our lives. One of the speakers I heard suggested that we ought to translate YHWH (the name for God usually translated I AM) as "I am the one who is up to something." The name is an active verb, he said. So what is God up to in your life, my life, the life of St. Martin's?

The answer, at least sometimes, is in the ways God touches our lives every day, and the challenge is to learn to see God in those things – to see our own God stories and to share them with each other. Often these stories are meaningful only to us – an answer to a question, a phone call from an old friend, having pa-

tience in a situation which usually would upset you – and you might not notice that God was there. These are little "grace-lets," as Mike Flynn calls them, God with us, caring for us. The Vestry is committed to sharing our God stories with each other and you – and asking you about your God stories. I hope our sharing will make us very aware of what God is up to!

Sometimes God touches us unmistakably in larger ways – an answer to prayer, a healing, a reconciliation. Last week-end at a funeral for a long-time friend and ministry partner, God touched me and many others. Fr. Mike began the service by saying there could be a lot of lines drawn among us. You see, all of us had been together ten years ago – and then there was the AMIA split, the angers and betrayals among groups of friends and colleagues, the current divisions. He asked us to imagine only one line – the line of Christ drawn around and encircling the whole congregation. Then at the Eucharist, he invited all Anglican priests to come to the altar together – ECUSA, AMIA, and Reformed Episcopal – all of us formerly from Christ Church. I was overwhelmed with the pain of what our divisions have done to Christ's holy church. At the same time I was overwhelmed with the way Kathy's life and love had touched so many people so powerfully, and how her life in Christ was a catalyst for healing and reconciliation even at her death. She was not an up front leader, but she was so present, so loving, so anointed as a prayer minister, healer and intercessor, that over the years she had made an impact on not only our lives individually, but also on the church – and she was still doing that in death.

Hers was a life totally lived for God, and yet she was down to earth, certainly very human and filled with love. She would just do the next thing God gave her to do, and God would use all she gave him.

*Continued*

The basis of all that we do, individually and together, is our life with God.

What I see is that when any individual person lives that “with-God” life, the kingdom of God truly does come on earth among us. We at St. Martin’s need to feel a holy urgency to become that kind of community, that kind of real Body of Christ – a holy urgency to bring the healing, life-giving Jesus to the wounded world around us and the wounded world among us.

My hope is that as we share the ways God is working in our lives, what we sense God is up to among us, and our own feelings of urgency about what we’re called to be, we will become clearer and clearer about our future. Then we can ROAR – Reach Out and Revitalize!

Keep praying! Keep listening! Keep talking and sharing our wonderful and faithful God!

God bless and keep you, fill you with his grace and peace, and give you great joy in his beautiful creation!

Mother Marilyn+

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**External Audit Meeting Report**

**ROAR!!**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, the External Audit committee met. Cynthia Obermeyer, Rick and Laura Whipp, Tom Keables, Susan Shepherd, Nicki and Steve Boyles, Elliot and Judy Cox attended.

The meeting reviewed several surveys suggested by Lou Blanchard and Georgia Humphrey. A "walk about" survey, building and grounds survey and a community appeal survey were accepted as the tools we are using to complete this audit.

The folks attending lived in a 10-mile radius of the church, in varying directions. This will help us gather a wide variety of input. Surveys will be returned to Rick's mailbox by June 14. No further follow-up was planned.

As with all good "idea" meetings, some other ideas popped up! Like:

- a. fund raising (movie night?)
- b. weed pulling party
- c. sending mailers to the community to keep them informed of church activities
- d. small groups to continue discussion of growth and revitalization

We really appreciated the enthusiasm folks brought to the meeting and are hoping to see things continue along this path!

**ROAR !!**

## Vestry Highlights

Note: We are meeting twice a month so this edition of Vestry Highlights will include the June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings.

We have a new discernment process in the diocese. It will include having a committee of 10 – 12 people for discernment. Cynthia believes she is called to the diaconate, and will be forming a committee, as will Martha. No dates or times are final yet. St. Martin has supported a good number of folks through discernment and their ultimate goal.

We discussed our Task Forces and Timeline and came up with a more defined understanding of the process. Also, in spite of some dissention and some folks leaving, (not only here at St. Martin, but in the Episcopal church as a whole), we need to remind ourselves, that this is **God's** church, and we need to be asking ourselves, "What is God asking us to do here? Then we must listen for the answer. God is a God of Changes and a God of Surprises. We need to follow God! There is a holy urgency in what we are doing. We must take action, and some radical changes may be needed. We encourage all parishioners to come to the **Core Values Workshop on Saturday, August 13**. This will really help to focus and define our "values" (not preferences, but **values**). There will be a potluck of course! Sue R. will help get some organization of food/drink.

Reviewed financials. We will post financials on bulletin board in Narthex and Bob will give updates to the congregation. We seem to have made a bit of a turn and are not losing as much each month as we were. Seems to be a positive sign!

Several men have asked about forming a men's group. Interested folks should contact the church office or Dave Graeber.

Need to select delegates for convention and finalize them. Cynthia, Bill Schneider, Martha and Shirl along with Marilyn will go. May need one more.

Discussed how St. Martin has been a healing place for many people. It was suggested that since this is true, perhaps holding a healing service would be a good idea at this time. Look for more information about a possible Festival of the Olive Branch coming up this summer.

We will have hail damage of roof assessed to see just what needs to be done and what will be covered.

Some discussion took place regarding a new Altar Guild Chairperson. Cynthia and Judy Tice have agreed to share the duties of that position, until someone can step forward and take on the job.

July 3, at 8:30 AM is the next Brown Bag Breakfast with the Vestry. BYOB (Bring your own Breakfast!!) Come and chat with vestry members, other members, bring questions and/or comments along with your Egg McMuffin!!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Richardson

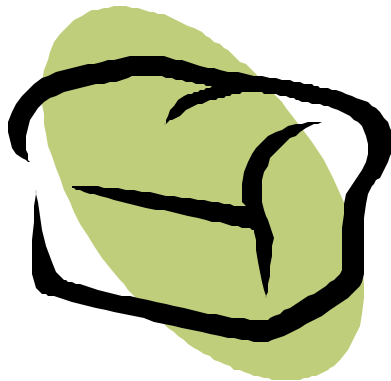


From Cynthia Obermeyer, Mission & Outreach Chairperson

Greetings to All,

Just a note to let you all know what's been going on with Outreach lately. We distributed toothbrushes and toothpaste etc. at St. Clare's kitchen in May. It was a huge success and they were all so happy to receive the gifts. In all we collected 198 toothbrushes, 102 tubes of toothpaste, 56 bars of soap and various other things such as deodorant, shaving cream etc. There are plans in the works for our next collection, watch for further information.

St. Clare's is doing very well in spite of staffing issues at times. The numbers there continue to grow and our guests are always happy to see us. It always amazes me to watch Gods love at work.



# Loaves & Fishes

AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR A FAMILY OF THREE

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 pound of rice            | 1 pound of dry beans      |
| 2 boxes Mac & Cheese       | 2 cans beef stew          |
| 2 cans chicken noodle soup | 2 cans tuna fish          |
| 2 cans of chili            | 1 box of cereal           |
| 1 can if corn              | 1 can of tomatoes         |
| 1 can of green beans       | 1 can of peaches or pears |
| 1 box of dry milk          | 1 box of crackers/cookies |
| 1 bar of soap              | 1 roll of toilet paper    |
| Shampoo                    | Sanitary napkins/tampons  |

(all travel size toiletries are welcome)

PLEASE: Double Your Paper Bags or Use a Single Paper Bag with a Plastic Bag.



Do you all have your new UTO boxes? Do you have your booklet of UTO prayers and devotions? These are available in the narthex along with other UTO items. Our next in-gathering will be late Fall. Any questions please let me know.

At our UTO ingathering in May we collected **\$306.57**. YEAH! What a wonderful way to thank God. God loves people through people and that really shows at St. Martin. Thanks to all of you who give so generously when ever there is a need.

In Christ's love,  
Cynthia Obermeyer,

Chairperson for Missions and Outreach

## Hello from the corner! *Jr. Warden's Report*

How are you all? Hope this finds everyone well and loving life. As many of you know we formed the Jr. Wardens Team, and we have been very busy with ongoing tasks, as well as making some plans do to things in the near future. It truly is a blessing to have these people that love St. Martin so much and clearly have a heart for God and God's people!



Have you seen the progress on the grounds lately? It is coming along..... and the field is all nice and mowed. Thanks to little Justin and Kelly Laginess! Yes, Justin and Kelly mowed that whole field themselves! It was so fun to watch them bouncing and turning all over the place. They did an awesome job! Thanks Guys! (I heard Dad got pictures of the event!) Speaking of Dad and Mom – they have been busy, too. Jim has trimmed a lot of the weeds and edges on the grounds, and Sherry is a pro with the lawn mower. Thank you all for everything you do.

“I thought you invited me to be a Promise Keeper!”

Tom Keables also has a mowing schedule to help maintain the grounds. He is alternating between the hand mowing and the riding mower. Thanks friend!



Sue and Kira are busy maintaining the gardens and weeds. *Ask Sue about planting bulbs.* Our gardens look very nice. **Thank you.**

Many thanks to all of you who take care of all the building stuff: Lee Mayfield, John Shepard, and Tom Keables for his care of the signage.

We are looking to the future and what we need to do right away. In the immediate future we would like to organize a "WEED-WHACKING PARTY!" It will be work, but a lot of fun to all be together.

Also, the garage and Ed. Building need paint and need worker bees to get it done. clean up the Narthex. If anyone would like



painting and some repairs. We have ways to get the We also would like to form a team to clear out and to help in any of these areas, please contact me.

Well, that's all for now. I will keep everyone updated.

Thanks to everyone for what you contribute and do for our church!

Hey Justin and Kelly, today a riding mower and tomorrow a big tractor!

Have a wonderful and blessed summer,

In Christ,

Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden



## St. Francis Center needs the following items:

- Toothpaste, deodorant, Vaseline, Small Lotions
  - Q-tips, Washcloths
  - pens & stamped envelopes
- Socks (white), Jeans (sizes 30-38)
- Underwear (sizes 30-38), Shoe Laces
  - Plastic shopping bags



I work for a non-profit. How do I apply for a tithe-exempt status?

### St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church Financials — January—May, 2005

	Jan.-Feb. 2005	March	April	May	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Difference (+/-)
<b>Income</b>	12,726.77	8,849.62	6,570.47	9,390.95	37,585.84	41,875.00	- 4,289.16
<b>Expense</b>	22,425.29	8,402.59	7,126.45	5,489.51	43,751.59	44,751.59	- 476.41
<b>Difference</b>	- 9,708.52	+ 447.03	- 555.98	+ 3,901.44			
<b>Checking Savings</b>	4,326.61	4,118.93	5,975.64	10,818.89			



## Training Event for the Diocese

# How Firm a Foundation

- *Come to workshops on Faith Formation and Congregational Development*
- *Hear inspirational speakers as well as practical teachers*
- *Take home ideas and skills you can use in your church community*
- *Learn specifics that will help you build your spiritual life and your church*

### Western Slope

Saturday, August 13, 2005

St. Matthew's, Grand Junction

Registration Information will be out shortly.

### Front Range / High Plains

Saturday, August 20, 2005, 8:30 AM - 3:20 PM

St. John's Cathedral, Denver

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Friday, August 5, 2005

Registration Fee: \$27

With Box Lunch: \$35

Late Registration: \$40 (No Box Lunch)

▫ *For more information, call the Office for Faith Formation at 303.837.1173*

▫ *Download a TED Catalog at [coloradodiocese.org/Events](http://coloradodiocese.org/Events)*

**August 20, 2005 ▪ 8:30 AM TO 3:20 PM**

**St. John's Cathedral ▪ 1350 Washington ▪ Denver, CO 80203**

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SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

REGULAR BOX LUNCH    VEGETARIAN BOX LUNCH    DIABETIC BOX LUNCH    OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKSHOP CHOICES** (EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR CHOICES)    REQUEST SCHOLARSHIP

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 5, 2005 ▪ SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**Registration Fee: \$27 ▪ Registration Fee with Box Lunch: \$35 ▪**

**Late Registration: \$40 (No box lunch)**

**Make your check payable to: Diocese of Colorado**

*Altar Ministries — July, 2005*

**CHECK ON LINE  
FOR MINISTRY  
ASSIGNMENTS  
FOR JULY.**

*Thank You*



**The office will be closed on  
Monday, July 4th**

**You may also go to: <http://www.st-martins.net/>  
For a link to Ministry Schedule, which includes Sunday Readings.**

# St. Martin-in-the-Fields

## Activities and Events for July, 2005

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**St. Martin's Vacation Bible  
School team presents:**

# Passport to the Holy Land

Beginning Sunday July 10, VBS will run for 4 consecutive Sundays. We will meet from 11:30 (end of service and coffee hour) until 1:00.

Look for the list of items, which you can donate to help us out, in the Narthex. Or just add yourself to that list!!!

Call Sue Richardson, Jay Skinner or Landy Phillipe for more information or to volunteer!

P.S. There will be NO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL during the services on these Sundays, as we will need to have the room set up for VBS.



## *July Birthdays*

Gwen Tolar	1
Ron Fullmer	6
Chuck Tice	7
Jordan Hendrickson	10
Alec Revelle	17
John Sullivan	20
Bethany Tice	21
Noah Sullivan	26
Bryan Shalanberger	26
Violet Smythe	29
Mike Shalanberger	30
Sharon Hoidahl	30



## *July Anniversaries*

Jimmy & Lucile Williams	4
Dave & Becca Dooley	8
Bruce & Michelle Raymond	10
John & Jo Cunningham	29

If you have not given information for your Birthday or Anniversary, please notify the office.  
**www.office@st-martins.net**

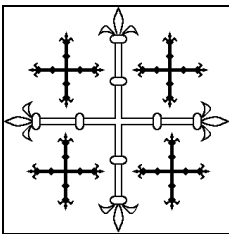
**Vestry Members :**  
Martha Libby, Sr. Warden  
Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden  
Michelle Mayfield, Treasurer  
Sue Richardson, Clerk  
Stephen Hull  
Jane Owens  
Bryan Shallenberger  
Rick Whipp  
Bob Williams

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**St. Martin Staff:**  
Priest-in-Charge,  
Pastor Marilyn Schneider  
Deacon, Shirley O'Halloran  
Secretary, Margie Reck

**Office Hours**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Tuesday - Friday**

***St. Martin-in-the-Fields***  
***Episcopal Church***  
***4740 S. Buckley Road***  
***Aurora, Colorado 80015***  
***303-693-8872***



***Holy Eucharist Services***  
***(Summer Schedule)***  
***9:30 a.m.***

***e-mail:***  
***office@st-martins.net***  
***Parish Web Site:***  
***www.st-martins.net***  
***St. Martin Prayer Chain:***  
***prayer@st-martins.net***



Prayer Chain requests may be placed at:  
[prayer@st-martins.net](mailto:prayer@st-martins.net), or pick-up a prayer chain  
information sheet in the Narthex.

**REMINDER —**  
**Shop & Support St. Martin**  
**at The Tattered Cover Bookstore or Amazon.com**  
**through the St. Martin website.**

St. Martin will receive a referral fee for each item purchased. Tattered Cover is your local source for books. The books can be delivered to your door - or packaged and ready for your pickup at either Tattered Cover store. At Amazon.com **books, music, electronics, software, etc.** are **ALL** eligible for supporting St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Suggestions for reading by other members of our parish are on the site, along with Bibles and the BCP.

Take a look at [www.st-martins.net](http://www.st-martins.net) - Click on Bookstore then select either of the stores where you would like to shop.

**To All You Golfers!**

The Good Shepherd Open golf tournament is being held on Monday, July 25, 2005 at the Deer Creek Golf Course.

This year marks the Parish's fifth annual event and the opportunity to welcome its new rector, Fr. Craig MacColl. The donation of \$125 includes green fees, lunch and pro-shop savings. A limited number of hole sponsorships are available at \$150 each. For more information and sign up, call Chip Rathbun at 303-773-8620.

Welcome to this electronic edition of *The Mission*. If you know of someone who you believe should be added for this on-line service, please notify [office@st-martins.net](mailto:office@st-martins.net)