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# The Mission

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## Connecting with the Rector

Fr. Jim Gilchrist

Does it seem that God is back in Church after a long summer vacation?

OK, so God has been in Church all summer—God doesn't need a vacation—and most of us have been here, too, with an occasional Sunday off here and there. But, it does seem from time to time that maybe God took the summer off, and now that the kids are getting ready to be back in Sunday school, the Church year is up and running again—God's back, and all is well.

I have to admit to a bias; it used to bug me a little when churches slow down for the summer, programs end, Sunday school and Children's Chapel take a break, and some churches even go from two services to one for the summer. So, I have often wondered, does God take a vacation, too? Don't get me wrong, it is a much-needed break for all the volunteers, a time for families to take their vacations, and a chance for all to regroup a bit. Moreover, if truth be told, I have enjoyed slowing down some for the summer months—I've caught my breath after this first full year. However, now that the kids are almost back in Sunday school, it is time to ramp-up and get ready.

Before I move on, I have observed two things that I want to share with you. First, while we have taken some time off to enjoy summer, our attendance has been really good this summer. It has remained very solid, and a joy to see all the faces, some new and some familiar, when I feared too many empty seats—Thank you.

Second, have you noticed some new faces lately (Richard, Jinny, Lou, Lynda, Amy, Dotty, Larry, Peggy, Britney, Shelly, Elena, Jeff, Elizabeth, JD, Bob and Mary Ann, to mention a few)? Have you taken a few weeks off for vacation and travel and come back to find someone new sitting in your usual seats? Probably so. We have a few new families who have joined, a few who will be joining soon, a few who are thinking seriously about joining, and quite a few who just come on many Sundays and we are glad to see them—welcome home!



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## September's Upcoming Events

- Sept. 7: 9 a.m.: Youth grades 6-12 getting acquainted, setting norms  
5 p.m.: C.O.R.E. BBQ and parent meeting
- Sept. 14: 9 a.m. Christian Ed for all ages from 3 yrs to adult  
10:15 a.m.: Children's Chapel  
11:45 a.m.: Young Adults' Christian Life group initial meeting  
5 p.m.: C.O.R.E. campus cleanup & planning
- Sept. 15: 6:30 p.m.: "Parenting with Love and Logic" Informational meeting
- Sept. 17: Wednesday Night at St. Martin—book study on Anger
- Sept. 21: 9 a.m. Christian Ed for all ages  
10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel  
11:45 a.m.: Young Adults' group  
5 p.m.: C.O.R.E. Game night /Genesis registration deadline
- Sept. 22: 6:30 p.m.: "Parenting with Love and Logic"
- Sept. 24: Wednesday Night at St. Martin, anger study
- Sept. 28: 9 a.m.: Christian Ed for all ages
- Sept. 29: 6:30 p.m.: "Parenting with Love and Logic"

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# Children and Youth Ministries

*Children*

*Sue Richardson*

## Children's Chat

In September, we begin to think about change... the weather will be getting cooler, the days a bit shorter, and the kids are back in school- full swing.

September also brings changes to St. Martin's children's programs in that Sunday school is ready to resume!!

**September 14** is our first official day, and we are looking forward to joining the rest of the parish at the 9:00 a.m. "Education Hour" between the services. Sunday school presents an opportunity for us to ensure that our children hear the message of Christ's love - loud and clear. It gives us the chance to plant and nurture the seeds of our faith, in the hearts and minds of these precious parishioners.

**The little ones**, ages 3 (if they can sit and listen to a story) through 2nd grade will participate in Godly Play. The atmosphere and teaching are geared to the young child and asks them to learn by "wondering" what the stories might be saying, or how the people felt, or what the most important part was. **Our 3rd through 5th graders** will participate in the Intermediate Level Sunday school, following the topics found in the Godly Play curriculum, with a more intermediate approach to the stories and discussions. Activities may include making book-marks, booklets, doing word searches and using the bibles to find out more about the "Rest of the Story".

Please bring your children to Sunday school and let them know that learning about God is an important part of their lives. Allow them to experience God with their "community" and understand that this is the way we learn and worship.

Peace, Sue

William James says we should "Act as if what you do makes a difference - it does". Mother Theresa says, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." And the wonderful Dr. Seuss says that "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better - It's not!"

**OUR** children need **YOUR** help.

Act like what you do makes a difference - it does, to our children's programs. If you can't help a hundred times, then just help once a month. Because unless **YOU** care, the Sunday school isn't going to thrive — it's not!

—Sue

*Youth*

*Kristi Koltiska / Bryan Shallenberger*

## Middle School—High School Christian Education

All youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., starting on **Sept. 7**, in the basement of the Community Life building for Sunday School programs Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood. Youth will be divided so that all youth in grades 6-8 are in Rite 13 and all youth in grades 9-12 are in Journey to Adulthood.

## Youth Group (C.O.R.E.)



On **Sept. 7**, in the evenings all youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join us for CORE meetings in the Community Life building at 5:30 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m. During the year youth will be preparing for community wide retreats, and up-coming mission projects.

## Young Adults Group

St Martins is now offering a young adults' Christian life group. This is a program offered to all high school graduates and beyond. This group will start meeting on **Sept. 7** after the second service, in the Community Life building for lunch.

If you have any questions about any of these new programs please contact me.

—Kristi

*Children's Chapel*

*Jay Skinner*

September is here and we are restarting children's chapel on Sunday, Sept. 14, during the 10:15 a.m. service.

*You might ask what is children's chapel?*

Children's chapel is a stepping stone to the big church where our goal is to give the children the knowledge to understand what is going on in the big church, so when they are in the big church they understand the different parts of the church service.

*What do the children do in Children's Chapel?*

The children will hear the Gospel lesson of the day, a child friendly sermon or lesson, and will do a follow up craft or activity.

*How do the children join in?*

The children process into the big church with the altar party and when the processional song is finished Father Jim will say a Prayer before the children process out of the church and into the chapel. The children return to the church at the peace.

*What ages of children are welcome?*

Ages 3 years to 5th grade students are welcome.



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## CPR/FIRST AID Training

The Caregiver Network offers CPR and First Aid classes on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Classes are held from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the St. Martin Community Life Building. The cost is \$40 per person. Contact J. Skinner for more information or to sign up. The Caregiver Network offers a variety of support to caregivers.

### Thank You!

*A huge thank you to all who helped keep our lawns and garden areas in good shape this summer: Lawn mowers: Bell Eldred, Kandice McKeon-Eldred, Jacob McKeon, Tyler Eldred, Tom Keables, Bob Williams, Lee Mayfield, Al Hall, Bryan Shallanberger, Wayne Kern, Brnadon Kern, Justin Lagainess, Ed Paprocki, and Fr. Jim. Weeders: Helen Frazier and Sharon Hoidahl. Sharon also planted the perennial garden on the east side of the church. Lorna Mayfield picked up trash. And John Shepard put in many many hours on the sprinkler system.*

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This leads to how this all ties together. Between the new growth, returning members from holiday (God, too), and the start of the new Church year, there is an energy vibrating throughout St. Martin in the Fields, and it is great. Soon, there will be Nursery or Play Groups, Godly Play, Intermediate (3, 4, 5th grades), Rite 13 (middle school), J2A (senior high), along with Adult Ed and Fellowship Hour all happening at 9 am—something for all ages. We will start Wednesday Night @ St. Martins in mid-September with a book study on “Anger”, along with “Parenting with Love & Logic” on Monday nights. Each of these offerings contain some component of our Spiritual Journeys, be it educational, fellowship, or support, and each will have solid theology and formation.

It is a busy year coming up. Moreover, there is a part for **everyone** to play; no one will be left out. We all need to be a part of the Body of Christ; some need to teach, some to assist, some to watch over our small children, some to sit in the classes or some to sit and share a cup of coffee and a sweet roll. **Is there a place for you—you bet there is.**

God’s Peace,  
Jim+

## “Parenting with Love and Logic” series of classes on raising children to be held at St. Martin in the Fields

An eight-week series of classes will be offered at St. Martins this fall for parents, teachers or caregivers of young children. Using the philosophy developed by Jim Fay and Dr. Foster Cline, the program offers usable, practical skills to reduce parental/teacher stress and produce responsible children. Classes will start at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 22, in the Community Life building. The cost is \$60/couple and \$40/single individual. Everyone is welcome.

**Come to a no obligation information session Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Life Building — learn more about the program; meet Mindy Gable, the trained leader; discuss child care for the classes.**

Check out the website for the Love and Logic Foundation: [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com).

### September Birthdays:

Sept. 1: Caitlin Shepard  
Sept. 8: Lynda Surles  
Sept. 10: Lou Surles  
Sept. 10: Kelechi Onyeali  
Sept. 12: Joe Owens  
Sept. 22: Bruce Raymond  
Sept. 25: Dana Nelson  
Sept. 26: Mikayla Kern  
Sept. 28: Binny Whipp

### September Anniversaries:

Sept. 6: Mike & Sherry Blaser  
Sept. 8: Lou & Lynda Surles  
Sept. 25: Ron & Patty Juhl  
Sept. 27: Jason & Denise Merillat

## September Ministry Schedule

Please arrive 20 minutes prior to start of service

Date	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Usher
Sept. 7, 2008 10:15 a.m.	Mikayla Kern Justine Owens	Sarah Raymond	Bud Erwin Mike Shallanberger	Missi Kern	Martha Libby	Ann Shallanberger Alyssa Stidham
Sept. 14, 2008 10:15 a.m.	Alexis Hartung Sybil Keables	Michael Hartung	Alyssa Stidham Thor Nelson	Judy Tice	Mary Louise Gradwohl	John Cunningham Jo Cunningham
Sept. 21, 2008 10:15 a.m.	Martha Libby Randy Hoidahl	Brandon Kern	Martha Libby Randy Hoidahl	John Shepard	John Shepard	Bill Eldred Kandice McKeon-Eldred
Sept. 28, 2008 10:15 a.m.	Eithan Phillipe Rachel Whipp	Lauren Hartung	Bud Erwin Bryan Shallanberger	Bud Erwin	Judy Tice	John Shepard Sue Gilbert
Oct. 5, 2008 10:15 a.m.	Chuck Tice Judy Tice	Sarah Raymond	Chuck Tice Judy Tice	Bruce Raymond	Missi Kern	Tom Keables Sharon Armstrong

Date	8:00 a.m. Server	Altar Guild	CCRV	Coffee Hour	Teller
Sept. 7, 2008	Thor Nelson	Cynthia Obermeyer	Lorna Mayfield		Bob Williams John Shepard
Sept. 14, 2008	Lorna Mayfield	Kimberley Erwin	Tom Keables		John Shepard Thor Nelson
Sept. 21, 2008	Catharyn Baird	Susan Shepard	Mary Louise Gradwohl		Thor Nelson Sharon Armstrong
Sept. 28, 2008	Lee Mayfield	Judy Tice	Lorna Mayfield		Sharon Armstrong Ann Shallanberger
Oct. 5, 2008	Sharon Hoidahl	Cynthia Obermeyer	Tom Keables		Ann Shallanberger Jim Laginess