

# The Churchline

**A Christ-centered Family Church Growing Forward Together**

St. Martin United Church of Christ - P.O. Box 1037, 3229 High Ridge Blvd. - High Ridge, MO 63049

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Friends,

By the time you read this, Easter Sunday will have come and gone—but not the Easter Season! Unlike Christmas, when I feel like we do most of our celebrating *before* the holiday, Easter is best experienced during the weeks following Easter Sunday. Spring has sprung. There are gardens to plant, windows to open, even a little “spring cleaning” to be done. Of course, Easter runs deeper still, but I like the tone that spring sets, the sense of new life and possibility.

Frank O’Connor, the Irish author, tells in one of his books how as a boy, he and his friends would make their way across the countryside and when they came to an orchard wall that seemed too high and too doubtful to try, and too difficult to permit their voyage to continue, they would take off their hats and toss them over the wall—and then they had no choice but to follow them!

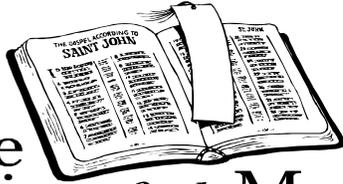
Easter is our time to celebrate the improbable life that is ours in Christ. We all laughed that Ash Wednesday was held on Valentine’s Day this year, while Easter was celebrated on April Fool’s Day! Entrusting our hearts to God’s Great Heart is not easy. Following the way of the risen Lord often appears foolish. But, together, with Christ’s hope burning within us, we can encourage one another (1) to throw our hats over the walls in front of us, and (2) to go after those hats we’ve already tossed in faith. Our cultivation of wisdom, peace, and compassion, our quest to build a vital and loving community of faith at St. Martin, these are not romantic or foolish notions. They are sturdy and sane pursuits in a world largely captivated by the fever and folly of fear and insecurity.

May you become the kind of fool that’s serious about living the resurrected life with Christ. Allow Christ to take you through whatever difficulties are necessary for your life to be oriented around the very things that matter to Christ.

*For the foolishness of God is wiser than our wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.*  
~I Corinthians 1:25

Much love,

Pastor Terry



# Bible Readings for the Month

4-01	Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2	1 Cor 15:1-11 Jn 20: 1-18
4-08	Acts 4:32-35 Ps 133	I Jn 1:1-2:2 Jn 20:19-31
4-15	Acts 3:12-19 Ps 4	I Jn 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48 1
4-22	Acts 4:5-12 Ps 23	I Jn 3:16-24 Jn 10:11-18
4-29	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 22:25-31	I Jn 4:7-21 Jn 15:1-8

# Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

4-01	Donna Goede
4-08	Don Self
4-15	Shirley Miller
4-22	+
4-29	Diana Ross

## ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGES

We would like to request that if you have a new mailing address, home phone number or cell phone number or email address, please let the church office know so that we keep our records current. Your assistance in this is very much appreciated.

## USHER 9:30 AM SCHEDULE

4-01	Dale Rose	Fred Dishner
4-08	Marie Gates	
4-15	Jim Bauer	
4-22	Gary Malone	Shirley Ogden
	Richard Small	Nancy Huck
4-29	Don Self	

## Fellowship Hour 8:30-9:20

4-01	Easter
4-08	Lynn/Bev/Jane
4-15	Gary & Gerri
4-22	Sandy & Esther
4-29	Gary & Gerri
5-06	Johnny & Bert
5-13	Craig & Glinda
5-20	Shirley & Donna
5-27	Lynn/Bev/Jane

## Greeter Schedule For Worship Service

4-01	Sandy Neralich
4-08	Don Self
4-15	Gary Malone
4-22	Bette Ford
4-29	Fred Dishner

**Our Church Mission:**  
To be responsible and caring in reaching out to all people so that everyone may experience the unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

# APRIL Anniversaries

19 Don & Evelyn Long  
25 Lisa & Steve Mitchell

## REMINDER

Our monthly collection of food for Feed My People continues each month throughout the year. Below is the suggestion for April.

**April Bring-A-Meal**  
**Complete Pancake Mix**  
**Syrup & Quaker Oats**  
**Orange Drink (like Tang)**  
**Bar of soap**

Clare Grupe takes these items to Feed My People each month.

# Aluminum Cans

Please continue to bring your empty cans to the church—rinsed hopefully! Every little bit helps! Don't forget also to bring your newspapers, junk mail and magazines. Please do not add aluminum pie tins or foil to the cans since the center does not accept them. Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring cans to the container in the Fellowship Hall.



06 Jimmie Mills  
09 Kevin Ogden  
10 Olivia Osterhage  
11 Don Long  
15 Troy St. Clair  
16 Allison Dishner  
17 Bill Friebel, Jr.  
19 Marla Cooley  
19 Johnny Lewellen  
21 Gary Malone  
23 John Cavagna  
24 Michael Sauter  
24 Charlee St. Clair  
25 Lisa Mitchell  
25 Dale Rose  
30 Pamela Bak



Thanks to the people who fold the Churchline in March. They are: Joan, Marla and Sandy.

## *Please Remember These People in Prayer:*

Homebound: Virginia Ahlvers, Hazel Rose, Joan Roth: Health issues: Mary Ann Potthoff, Sheila Zagarri, Judy Cope, Ruth Hart, Dee St. Clair, Michael Patrick, Sondra Thee, Keith York.  
If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the church office.

# Memorials

*The following individuals donated to the St. Martin United Church of Christ*

## Roof Fund

**In memory of Harry Grupe**

**Karen Schaefer**

**Marla Cooley**

**Esther McNamee**

**Don & Evelyn Long**

## Memorial Fund

**Edna Hoefer**

**Elaine Wertz**

**LeRoy & Linda Peterson**

**Virginia Washington**

**Richard & Frankie Small**

**Shirley & Bill Miller**

**Billie York**

## Sign Fund

**Stacy Bown**

**Kim Craig & Family**

**Robert Rowden Family**

**Raymond & Mary Potthoff Family**

**John & Joan Cavagna**

## COUNCIL NEWS

Spring is such a busy time of the year. People are venturing outside more as weather gets warmer and many look forward to vegetable or flower gardens and weekend adventures.

The church is also busier this time of year. We are excited to see the workers back on the roof project. The men's fellowship is making plans for exterior and lawn work and of course we all join in

celebrating the miracle that is our Risen Lord! Holy week will be especially moving and I encourage all to be a part of the festivities. On Maundy Thursday we will celebrate Table Communion at our 7 p.m. service. On Good Friday we will be so fortunate to have a very special service. Alex Davis a musical composer and pianist will join Pastor Terry for readings from Pastor's book of poetry, *Seven Last Words* and special music is preformed. Please share the news with friends, neighbors and others so that this special night has a great turn out. Members of the church are asked to bring a dessert to share afterwards.

Easter Sunday will begin with an early morning Sunrise service at 6:15. The men's fellowship will host an Easter Breakfast for all. Our traditional Easter Service and Sunday School will be at the regular 9:30 time. We hope many will plan to attend with friends and family.

Council has set goals for our church for 2018, they are included in this edition and we hope all will commit to help reach these goals. All suggestions are appreciated. Feel free to talk with a church council member or leave us a note in the suggestion box in the narthex. Several of our church's committees are looking for new or additional members. Have you prayerfully considered how you might help the church? Feel free to talk with anyone on a committee or any member of council on how you might be able to help out.

Please remember to check out our new church website and to send Teri Finan any items of interest for it. She is also looking for pictures that showcase events—Bible School, Sunday School, Youth Events, Baptisms, Weddings, new and old!

Sincerely,

Donna Goede, Council president

## WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

We celebrated St. Pat's Day early at our last meeting on March 1. Thanks to Linda Peterson for making the four leaf clover good luck doily gifts for each of us. Pastor Terry led the Lenten Communion Service on

March 1st with over 60 people attending. Everyone helped with making this a special occasion. We received many compliments for the church service and the delicious lunch. The offering will be divided between three UCC organizations: ECH, Every Child's Hope, Neighborhood Houses, and Emmaus Home. Next year St. Martin's UCC Dittmer will host this event. Our next meeting will be April 5 at 7 p.m. All women are welcome to join us.

Love to all.

Diana Ross

Women's Fellowship President

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The men met on the first Saturday of the month. We had a prayer of thanksgiving and enjoyed breakfast together. We were blessed with a guest, Tony Smith, Pastor Terry's brother-in-law. Tony was a welcomed addition to our fellowship. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday luncheon went well with three kinds of chili, hot dogs, and salad. A warm thank you to the ones who made the chili and a thank you to the ladies of our church who supplied the desserts. The fire extinguishers and fire alarms have been inspected and approved. We look forward to spring and the opportunity to serve our church.

Thanks be to our God. Fred

### **St. Martin UCC Preschool**

Spring enrollment for classes that will begin in August is underway! Do you know a family with 3-5 year olds who might want their child to get a quality, Christian –based preschool education? Open house will be coming at the end of April but we have brochures and enrollment forms always available in the church office! We hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents interested in visiting the classroom are always welcome, but it is preferable to make arrangements ahead of the visit.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The committee has met several times and is excited about the plans to commemorate the milestone! Mark your calendar for our kickoff! September 9 we will be hosting a light lunch after worship service. The service will celebrate the very first worship service which was held in September 1868! Several of our previous pastors are being contacted and asked to attend and participate in the service. Those attending the Missouri Mid South Conference in June will see a short history and pictures of our church as the conference honors our anniversary! We will producing and offering to all a beautiful Anniversary Christmas Ornament—everyone will want one, so watch for the order forms this fall! We will also be taking orders for a Celebration Book that will include church history, fun facts and pictures. Anyone wishing to share pictures of church events—new or old, like baptisms, weddings, confirmation or other events--please get them to church office. We will scan—and not harm the photos and return he originals to the owner.

Other exciting events will be held through the year and will culminate with a special reunion dinner in May that will mark the anniversary of the dedication of our first church building and the cemetery. The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 and all are welcome and encouraged to attend and bring ideas! Those who participated in the new church directory, we have seen and approved the proof and it is now in the hands of the printer and should arrive in the next month! Thank you again for all the families and individuals who participated. Those who had photos taken or submitted photos will receive a copy.

### **Search Committee**

The Search Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. We continue to receive profiles. We have been reading these profiles, talking to candidates and praying for wisdom and discernment. Grace Self, Chair

## BEST CHOICE LABELS

The Women's Fellowship is still collecting Best Choice labels. It's easy—cut the UPC label off of any Best Choice product and bring them to church. When we collect 1000 labels, we can send them in and receive money. This is one of ways the Women's Fellowship raise money. Thanks for your help.

## **SSK and YOUTH**

The St. Martin Sunday School Kids (SSK) would like to continue to help Feed My People during the Easter season by donating Easter baskets filled with gifts and candy. Feed My People has been excited and grateful for these Easter baskets in the past and we want to continue this tradition. We are asking for donations of Easter baskets, grass, individually wrapped candy and small gifts. The deadline is Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> when the kids will put the baskets together and deliver them to Feed My People. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity to help the less fortunate.

Sincerely,  
Jane Small, Christian Education

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for the cards and gifts that were given to St. Martin Church in Harry's memory.  
Clare Grupe and Family

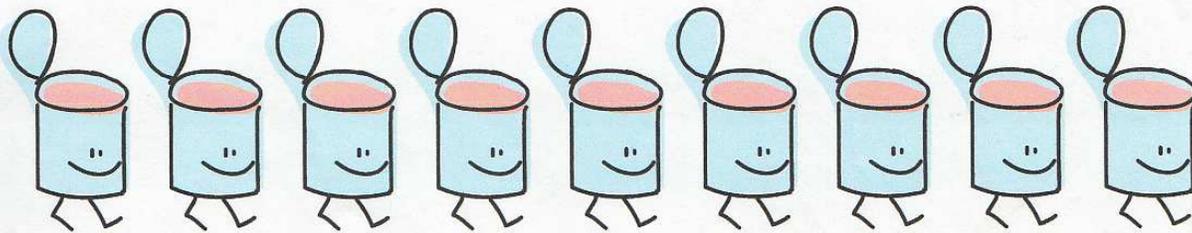




## **APRIL SHOWERS**

During the month of April, we will be collecting items of personal care for Feed My People. See the list of suggested items on the next page.

Please place items on the table by the elevator.



# St. Martin's UCC FOOD DRIVE



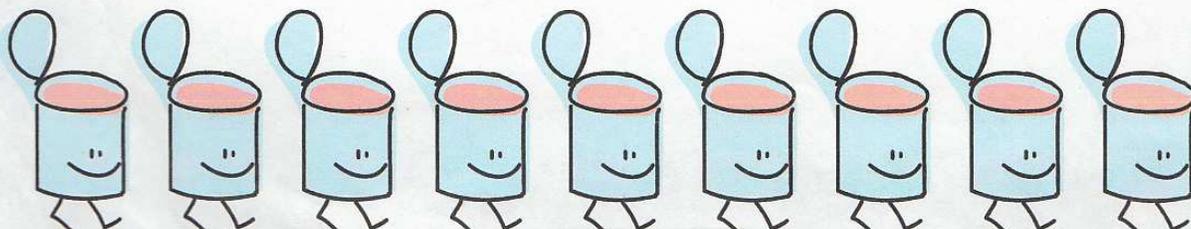
ALL FOOD COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO  
**FEED MY PEOPLE**

Please bring the items to church and we will make sure they are delivered



SOME ITEMS THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THIS SUMMER:

<b>Dinner Kits</b>	<b>Personal Care Items</b>	<b><u>NO PERSHABLE ITEMS</u></b>
Canned Stew	Tooth paste	Noodles
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Toiletries	Cereal
Canned Fruit	Toilet paper	Soups
Canned Veggies	Soap	Dried beans
Canned Meat	Detergents	Crackers
Canned Chicken and Dumplings	Cleaning Supplies	Rice



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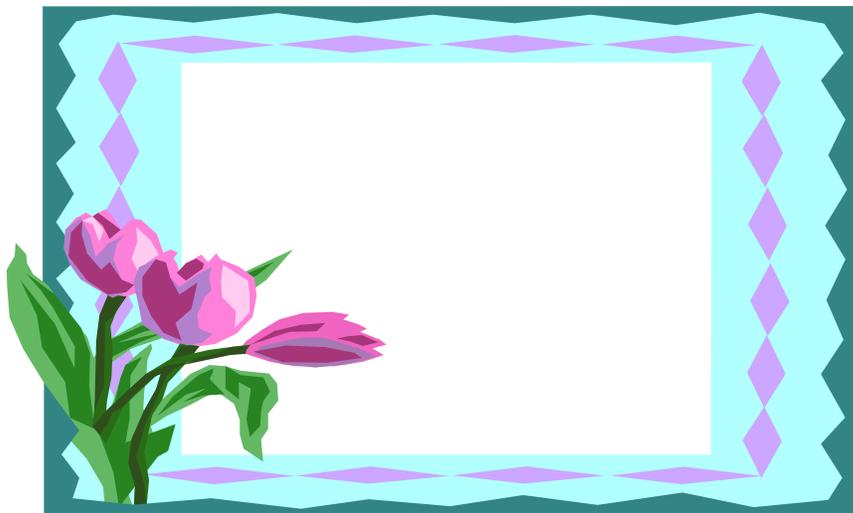
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:15 Sunrise Worship 7:00 Breakfast 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting	5 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship .	6	7 9am Men's Fellowship
8 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	9 7 PM Stewardship Mtg	10 7 PM Council Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	16 Churchline articles due	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church And Lunch	23	24 7 PM Worship Meeting	25 Fold Churchline 9AM	26	27	28
29 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	30					

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## APRIL CHURCHLINE 2018



**POSTMASTER: TIME-VALUED  
MATERIAL - PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY.  
THANK YOU! \***

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Worship Time and Children's Church:

9:30 AM Sunday Morning

Website: <http://www.stmartinucc-hr.com>

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