

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,

Last Sunday's picnic left an indelible impression. I had taken a little walk, then turned to look back on our gathering at the Jefferson County Sports Complex. From the distance, I could make out through the wavering heat the laughter and leap-frogging of our children and youth as they played water games, while the older adults ate lunch and shared stories. Two other small figures tossed washers against the backdrop of deep green trees. The whole pavilion blazed with a glow, a spirit that could only be seen as God's, as if all our joy and sweaty communion, even the shimmer of our parked cars, was being gathered up and held in a great palm of grace.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Some of you weren't able to endure the heat, yet you still were gracious enough to prepare food for those of us who could. Some of you brought drinks and ice and games and fans. Despite the excessive heat warning, you weathered and prevailed, and for this I'm grateful. I cannot think of a more fitting and fun way to finish out and celebrate our Vacation Bible School.

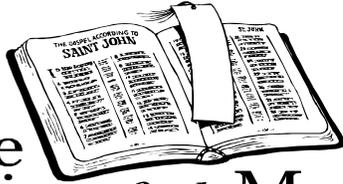
We cannot choose the weather. We all live "under the weather" in one way or another. But we can always choose wisely and lovingly how we will respond to what we're dealt. St. Martin did exactly that on Sunday.

Maybe next time we'll plan on meeting in the fall or spring for our picnic. That'd up the odds for a cooler gathering. But whatever season we choose, let's continue to relax together in playful and joyful ways, whatever urgency the weather brings.

Gratefully,

Pastor Terry





Bible Readings *for the* Month

8-04	Hos 11:1-11 Eccl 1:2, 12-14	Col 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
8-11	Isa 1:1, 10-20 Gen 15:1-6	Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40
8-18	Isa 5:1-7 Jer 23:23-29	Heb 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
8-25	Jer 1:4-10 Isa 58:9b-14	Heb 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

USHER SCHEDULE

8-04	Dale Rose Kathleen Dishner	Fred Dishner
8-11	Marie Gates Rick Bohanon	Jim Allemann Linda Peterson
8-18	Jim Bauer Henry Muhrer	Clardean Schmieder Linda Port
8-25	Gary Malone Richard Small	Shirley Ogden Nancy Huck

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

8-04	Diana Ross
8-11	Grace Self
8-18	Fred Dishner
8-25	++

Fellowship Hour

8:30-9:20

8-04	Don & Evelyn
8-11	Sandy & Bette
8-18	Johnny & Bert
8-25	Craig & Glinda
9-01	Shirley & Donna
9-08	Jane
9-15	Henry & Bobbie
9-22	Don & Grace
9-29	Gary & Gerri

ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGES

If you have a new mailing address, home phone number, cell phone number, or email address, please let the church office know so we keep our records current. Your assistance in this is very much appreciated. If you're not receiving the Churchline in your email, it's because we don't have your address.

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.

August Anniversaries

02 John & Joan Cavagna
10 Terry & Sandy Minchow-Proffitt

Aluminum Cans

Please continue to bring your rinsed empty cans to the church! 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 since the center does not accept them. Thanks to everyone for recycling.

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 the ways the Women's Fellowship raises money. We thank you for your help.



02 James Bauer
02 Louise Werner
03 Daniel Rose
05 Michelle Schilli
07 Darrin Patton
08 Jim Allemann
10 Sara Back
10 Nancy Huck
10 Clardean Schmieder
11 Grace Self
12 Ken Holke
14 Terri Rose
19 Rick Bohanon
22 Linda Peterson
25 Henry Muhrer
30 William L. Friebel
30 Beth Osterhage
30 Abigail Schilli



Thanks to those who folded the Churchline in July: Billie, Beverly, Gary, Gerri.

STEWARDSHIP

We will continue collecting food that children can prepare for themselves through the month of August. Also, school supplies are greatly needed.

*Please Remember These People
in Prayer:*

Homebound: Virginia Ahlvers, Hazel Rose, Dee St. Clair, Joan Roth

Ongoing Health Issues: Mary Ann Potthoff, Judy Cope, Michael Patrick, Joy and Nick Coffey, Chris Sanna & family, Greg Richardson

Surgeries and Recovery: Cory Callahan, Sondra Thee, Mary Patrick

Cancer: Steve Burner, Rhonda Crawford, Colleen Ramatowski, Jordan Jeffries (8 year-old, brain cancer), Sandy Earlywine, Joe Lockhart, Kay Schulze Elmore, Steven Sigsby, Mary Ann Gross, Kris Weber, Anita Gray, Kristina Garcia

Grieving: Ross Family (loss of Carl), Rick Bohanon (loss of his Aunt), Holke Family (loss of Ed), Buckner Family (loss of Jerry)

Other Concerns:

Kelly and Steven Dunn as they adopt a child from the Ukraine

Kristy Schinzing

Avery Macaulay

Autumn Grace Bouldin

Linda & Glen Ussery

Delores Brown

Pat Hoffman

All victims of the recent flooding

Ella Prance

Oberia Helton

Johnny Lewellen

Cindy Smith

John Harrison

Kathy Weber

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was held on July 15-18, 2019 with 16 children joining us for this wonderful week of fun and fellowship.

This year's theme was Abundance Orchard, where faith grows and hungry people are fed. The children learned stories involving food in the Old Testament, developed skills of drama as they acted out these stories, made beautiful crafts, sang songs, played games and shared in delicious snacks.

The kids collected money every evening to donate to The Society of St. Andrew to help feed the hungry in the U.S. This organization is able to provide a nutritious meal for only 3 cents! The children collected \$174.00, which will provide 5775 meals for people in need. On Sunday, the members of St. Martin UCC donated \$235.00 to The Society of St. Andrew totaling over 13,500 meals donated by our church. The children also collected 78 school supplies to donate to Feed My People. The generosity and kindness of the St. Martin UCC family continues to amaze!

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who took time from their busy schedules to bring the children to VBS every evening. Thanks to all the kids for participating and sharing their joy & laughter with us and thanks to all the volunteers that helped make VBS so successful.

I'd especially like to thank our special guest, Pamela Sigsby who taught the kids Bible lessons through drama and acting as well as leading the kids in fun, original songs. Thank you Pastor Terry for telling stories from the bible and Grace for her leadership in song and dance. Thank you to the leaders in each activity group including Gerri for working so hard to provide the children with amazing crafts every night, Alberta for the interactive games and Ginger for planning and preparing the nutritious snacks. VBS was blessed this year with many other wonderful volunteers needed to help ensure the success of the program. A big thank you to Esther, Frankie, Sandy, Sharon, Bette, Joan, Karen, Glinda, Shirley, Lexi, and Linda. A special shout out to our dedicated youth volunteer, Charlee St. Clair who helped every evening.

Sincerely, Jane Small



COUNCIL NEWS

We were so happy to hear how well the last kid's club went and that the plans for VBS sounded exciting. Council has been discussing various projects the Men's Fellowship are doing like cemetery repair, the parsonage and keeping our church up-to-date. Thank you to Fred Dishner for taking on the Fire Inspectors concerns and seeing that all is taken care of.

The Church picnic was fast approaching at our July meeting and since then the event happened and was well attended even in the heat. Thank you to the many hands who helped make sure everyone had a great time. Of course all the wonderful food was appreciated as well.

The lighting project is nearly complete and we thank those who made donations to it. The new lights, save one that had to be redone are beautiful and add so much to our sanctuary.

Ginger has been working to make sure our tax exemption status with the State of Missouri is up-to-date and that the certificate needed has the correct dates. We thank her for her effort to make sure these things are current. Ginger also reminded everyone that the annual church chicken dinner is coming on September 22. Anyone willing to take the Serve Safe class from the Health Department, please try to do so before the dinner and bring your certificate of completion so that we may provide those to the inspector the day of the dinner. Classes are often available at different sights or may be taken on line. There is a minimal cost.

Just a reminder that starting in August the Church Council will be meeting on the FIRST Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee will move to the first Monday of each month.

Have a blessed day!

Donna Goede, Council President



St. Martin Preschool Report

Our next year of preschool will begin on Tuesday, August 20. We are still accepting new enrollments, so spread the word or give friends and neighbors the flyer. Preschool is getting new playground equipment due to the age of what we have and deterioration. We will be holding a fund raiser beginning the end of August through September. Please stop by our table after worship on the Sundays and order pizzas, cookie dough or desserts from Andoros. All proceeds will go to our playground fund! Mark your calendars for our Preschool Dedication Sunday on September 29. Pastor will bless our children and our program and the students will be introduced and perform a song!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We will hold our planning meeting for this coming year on Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and share in the fellowship and discuss ideas and plans for the coming year. Our Bargain Hunter's sale will be August 17th and August 21st from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will need help carrying the items up to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 11th immediately following worship. Starting Monday morning August 12th at 9:00 a.m. we will need help sorting and pricing the items.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The men met on the first Saturday of July. They enjoyed breakfast and fellowship. They went over the projects and the needs to keep God's church in functioning order. The lights in the sanctuary are being installed, as well as the exit signs around the church. Hopefully we will be installing the patio brick in front of the sanctuary. We will have lunch on the 4th Sunday of July.
God Bless, Fred

Memorials

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

In memory of Ruth Hart

Light Fund
Clardean Schmieder

In memory of David St. Clair

Light Fund
Esther McNamee
Pam Bauer

In memory of Merle Edward Muhrer

Light Fund
Henry & Bobbie Muhrer

CHICKEN DINNER

The chicken dinner will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 11:30 to 6:00 p.m. Work schedules and food donations will be handed out at church Sunday, September 1st. We will be working Friday, September 20th, Saturday, September 21st and all day Sunday, September 22nd. We need everyone to help with this dinner. Also the ladies in the Country Store would appreciate items for their store.
Ginger Washington 636-671-8081

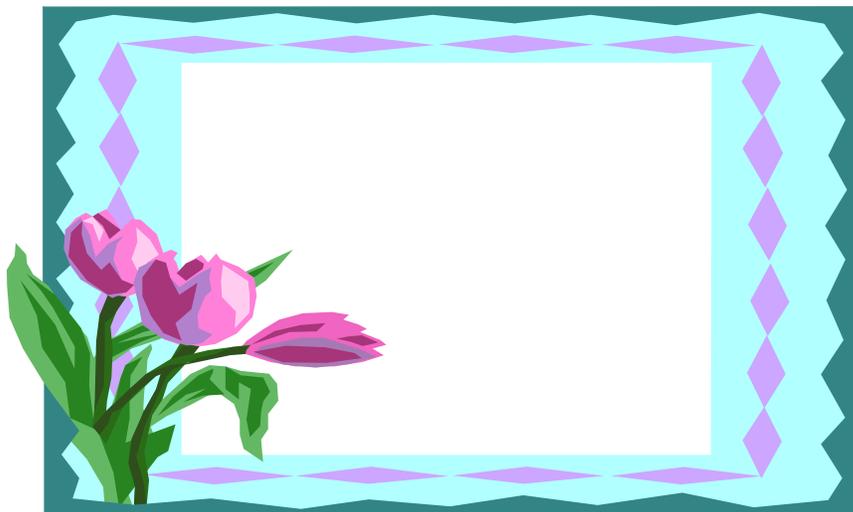


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Women's Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	2	3 9 am Men's Fellowship
4 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship Comm Children's Church	5 7 PM Stewardship Mtg	6 7 PM Council Meeting	7	8	9	10
11 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	12 Set up for sale 9:00 am	13 Set up for sale 9:00 am	14 Set up for sale 9:00 am	15	16	17 Bargain Hunter's Sale 7:00 – 2:00
18 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	19 Churchline articles due	20	21 Bargain Hunter's Sale 7:00 -2:00	22	23	24
25 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Lunch Children's Church	26	27 3 PM Worship Mtg	28 Fold Churchline 9AM	29	30	31

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THANK YOU!**

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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9:30 AM Sunday Morning
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