HOLIDAY CLOSURE

St. Martin’s campus will be closed Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

ALL ADULTS

St. Clare’s Needlepoint Guild
Wednesday, January 2, noon – 3 p.m., Activity Center, Upper Hall East
Needlepoint pieces to adorn The Church and support outreach programs.
Contact: The Rev. Jonathan Adams, 713-830-4131, jadams@stmartinsepiscopal.org

St. Martin’s Bell Choir Practice
Thursday, January 3, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Founders’ Hall
Join the age-old tradition of handbell ringing to enhance church services.
Contact: The Rev. Chad Martin, 713-985-3842, cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org

WOMEN

Blanket Ladies
Wednesday, January 2, 9 a.m. – noon, Activity Center, Family Room
Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.
Contact: The Rev. Sarah Condon, 713-985-3815, scondon@stmartinsepiscopal.org

OUTREACH

Lord of the Streets
Wednesday – Thursday, January 2 – 3, 9 a.m. – noon, 3401 Fannin
Assist Houston’s homeless with clothing, food, vision and other needs.
Contact: The Rev. Jonathan Adams, 713-830-4131, jadams@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Learn about more volunteer opportunities on the Outreach ad at the end of the announcements.

Visit stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information about all activities at St. Martin’s.
YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that, in order to be tax deductible for 2018, cash, check or credit card contributions to St. Martin’s Episcopal Church must be received by the Church or postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than Monday, December 31. This includes payment of your 2018 pledge, prepayment of your 2019 pledge and payment of your Building for the Ages pledge. The Finance staff is required to check the post office cancellation dates on all receipts in early January to ensure our legal compliance to this rule.

The Finance office is now located at 5005 Woodway Drive, Suite 150 in the former Regions Bank building.

For more information, visit stmartinepiscopal.org/giving.

Blue Christmas

A Service of Wholeness and Healing
with the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay and the Rev. Chad Martin

Wednesday, January 2
5 – 6 p.m. | Old Church

The holidays are times of joy and celebration – yet sometimes that’s the opposite of where life has taken us. Whether it’s a first Christmas without a loved one, a mental illness that is stressed by the holidays or other personal struggles we’re facing, there are a variety of reasons why we can find this time of year a struggle. Yet God is not just with those who celebrate: the Cross reminds us he’s right there with those who mourn too. (Matthew 5:4) This January’s Order of St. Luke healing service will offer space to bring to God whatever is on your heart and to reflect on this truth – God has not forgotten you. Prayer ministry will be available after the service.

For more information, email osl@stmartinsepciscopal.org or contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinsepciscopal.org.
BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 6*
10:15 A.M., THE ISLAND
$250 PER CONFIRMAND (includes retreat; scholarships available)
*Classes will not be held January 20, February 17, March 10 and April 21

The St. Martin’s 8th grade Confirmation class gives students the opportunity to learn about and think through the Christian message in a more intentional manner than ever before. Through classes, discussion, fellowship and retreat, these students will be led through the journey from childhood to adult faith.

For more information about Confirmation or scholarships, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Register online at bit.ly/2019ConfirmationClass

FEAST OF LIGHTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
6 P.M. | THE CHURCH

This beautiful candlelight service takes the light of Christ into the world literally with our actions and symbolically through candles. Members of the Acolyte Ministry will be commissioned and recognized during the service for their contributions to enhancing worship to help glorify God.

The Acolyte Appreciation Dinner will be in Bagby Parish Hall immediately following the service.

Please register by Wednesday, January 2 at bit.ly/FeastofLights2019

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or mspro@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
The Mission of Yahweh: Service Project

We will meet to prepare our gift of encouragement for the women and children in The Mission of Yahweh’s care. Come and learn more about our work in that community and do some hands-on service!

For more information, contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
10:30 A.M. – NOON
PAYNE EDUCATION CENTER, ROOM 210/212

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Wednesday, January 9
12:30 – 2 p.m. | The Island, Room 206

The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Learn about upcoming mission trips and find out how you can support St. Martin’s efforts beyond our borders.

**MISSION FAIR**

Sunday, January 13
10:15 a.m.
Activity Center, Fellowship Room

Learn about upcoming mission trips and find out how you can support St. Martin’s efforts beyond our borders.

**PUEBLA, MEXICO**
March 9 – 14
TRAVEL THE WORLD.

**UGANDA, AFRICA**
November 1 – 9
SEE OTHER COUNTRIES.

**FAITH IN PRACTICE**
Year-round
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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**BIG SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 13**
5 – 7 P.M. | THE ISLAND
FOR STUDENTS 6TH – 12TH GRADE

Join us for a fun time of games, worship, prayer, conversations, small groups and food. Bring your friends! Find out what the buzz is all about.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Join us for the two-week series teaching children about the Eucharist. The class is designed for children 2nd grade and older, but all ages are invited to attend. Parent or significant adult participation is required to help children continue learning at home.

Register online at bit.ly/kidscommunion2018

For more information, contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Children must be baptized prior to the Communion Recognition Service on Sunday, February 3. To schedule a baptism, contact Jennifer DiMichele at 713-985-3845 or jdimichele@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Make Sandwiches for Kids’ Meals
Tuesday, January 8
4 – 5 p.m.
Activity Center, Community Room
Families are invited to join us as we make sandwiches together. Kids’ Meals provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry preschool children throughout Houston.

Worship with the Homeless at Church in the Field
Tuesday, January 8
6:30 p.m., Carpool departure
7:30 p.m., Worship service
2800 St. Charles Street
We will serve a meal, serve as prayer partners and provide praise music for the service. Volunteers age 18 and older will meet in St. Martin’s parking lot across from The Church to carpool to the service.

Volunteer with Bel Inizio
Wednesdays, January 9 and 16
5:45 – 7:30 p.m.
310 Eastside
Volunteers are invited to take fruit to the Dress for Success team training for the ABB 5K race. Drop off fruit and stay to volunteer with the clients.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinsepticopal.org.
Activities are held in the Hope and Healing Center & Institute building that is located on the eastern side of the St. Martin’s Episcopal Church campus. We look forward to seeing you!

An Overview of Depression: Clinical vs. Situational and Treatment Options

Wednesday, January 9  
Noon – 1 p.m.

Depression is an illness that has wide-reaching implications for cost, lost productivity and impact on overall physical health. This talk will cover the prevalence, comorbidities, diagnosis and treatment of depression. The societal impact and barriers to treatment also will be discussed.

Lunch and Learn: MIND Diet

Wednesday, January 16  
Noon – 1 p.m.

We’ve known that the health of the brain and the body are connected, but now science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition (particularly the MIND Diet!), exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement.

Navigating the Teenage Brain

Wednesday, January 30  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why teens make the decisions they do? This presentation will outline how brain development and stress play a major role in the behaviors we see in our children as they grow and develop. Parents will leave with a clear understanding of their child’s development and what they can do to foster healthy growth.

Registration is required. For reservations and more information, please call 713-871-1004 or visit our website at hopeandhealingcenter.org.