ALL ADULTS

Saintly Stitchers
Monday, March 16, 10 a.m.–noon, Activity Center, Upper Hall
Needlepoint cushions and kneelers as lasting gifts for The Church.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

St. Clare’s Needlepoint Guild
Wednesday, March 18, noon–3 p.m., Activity Center, Upper Hall
Needlepoint pieces to adorn The Church and support outreach programs.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group
Wednesday, March 18, 4:30–6 p.m., Payne Education Center, Room 207/209
Join us as we study School of Healing Prayer this year.
Contact: The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, 713-985-3823, smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org

St. Martin’s Parish Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 19, 7–8:45 p.m., The Island
Sing a variety of music in service to the Lord and our congregation.
Contact: The Rev. Chad Martin, 713-985-3842, cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org

WOMEN

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, March 17, 9 a.m.–noon, Activity Center, Family Room
Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Blanket Ladies
Wednesday, March 18, 9 a.m.–noon, Activity Center, Family Room
Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Christian Life Study
Thursday, March 19, 6:30–8 p.m., Payne Education Center
Join women of all ages for an indepth study of books of the Bible.
Contact: The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, 713-985-3823, smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org

OUTREACH

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.
Parking options at St. Martin’s will change immediately after Easter Sunday. In anticipation of the changes, please familiarize yourself with the parking maps on this page.

**SUNDAY PARKING**—Parishioners will find parking in the white colored lots on Sunday mornings and additional covered parking will be available at the 5005 Riverway parking garage. Valet parking will continue to operate as it does now.

**WEEKDAY PARKING**—On weekdays, parking will be available in the white colored lots.
**New Books by**

**The Rev. Russell J. Levenson Jr.**

A portion of proceeds goes to support Outreach Ministries at St. Martin’s

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**Bits of Heaven A Summer Companion**

$16.95 | March 17 | 9781640652712

“In this wonderful, refreshing, and powerful book, an experienced Rector holds your hand and takes you through the eternal truths that can shape and enhance a life. With humor and anecdote, he helps you understand the gift of faith. As you plan your summer, this is a must read addition. With this book, Russ Levenson is becoming the finest writer of devotional texts in the Episcopal Church today.”

– The Very Reverend Ian Markham, Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary

“The traditional Anglican term for the days and weeks of summer is ‘Ordinary Time,’ but this small but potent book is anything but. It is an extraordinary gift to all of us from Russ Levenson, priest and pastor.”

– Jon Meacham, Former Editor and Chief of Newsweek and Executive Editor and Executive Vice President of Random House

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**Finding Shelter An Autumn Companion**

$16.95 | March 17 | 9781640652699

“Whenever Russ speaks or writes, I listen or read. He has the heart of a pastor and the skill of a poet. So grateful for him and this book.”

– Max Lucado, Senior Minister of Oak Hills Church, San Antonio and Bestselling Author

“Russ Levenson’s Autumn Leaves is a continuous gentle invitation to come to the table and to taste and see that God is good. Written with warmth and wisdom, these pages are good company on the journey of faith.”

– Amy Grant, Grammy Award Winning Recording Artist and Songwriter

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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.

Wednesday, Mar. 18
12:30–2 p.m. | The Island, Room 207

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Wednesday Evening Adult Lenten Series

**Seder Meal**

with Rabbi David Lyon

Wednesday, March 18
6:15 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall


Adults (age 13 and up): $12 | Children: $5

Come hear our special guest, Senior Rabbi David Lyon from Congregation Beth Israel, offer meditations and reflections during a traditional Seder meal. The Seder is a Jewish meal that marks the beginning of Passover. Come experience this Jewish tradition of gathering around the table to hear the epic story of the Israelites’ departure from ancient Egypt as it is chronicled in Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

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**Thursday Afternoon Adult Lenten Series**

**Passing It On**

Thursday, March 19
4–5 p.m. | HHCI Auditorium

Like a relay race, we receive the baton of faith from those who come before us and we pass it on to those who follow us. Come hear members of our Clergy share which Saints have passed the baton of faith on to them.

The Rev. Lisa Neilson
St. Martin’s hosts
International Humanities Scholar
Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

Professor Isbouts is a humanities scholar, National Geographic author and award-winning filmmaker, specializing in the art and archaeology of the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin. His website is jpisbouts.org.

VISIT HIGHLIGHTS:
Dinner and Screening of the documentary, The Search for the Last Supper
Friday, March 27
5:30–6:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30–8 p.m., Screening followed by Q&A
Bagby Parish Hall
Leonardo DaVinci’s fresco of the Last Supper is perhaps the most famous sacred work in the world but the sad fact is, the fresco is damaged beyond repair. Is there a way to discover what it once looked like? Visit bit.ly/IsboutsDinner to register for this event.

Presentation, Discussion and Book Signing: Building Bridges of Faith between Judaism, Christianity and Islam
Saturday, March 28 · 3–5 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
Today’s headlines would suggest that tensions between Jews, Christians and Muslims are at an all-time high. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will identify some amazing areas of common ground in faiths and practices. His books will be available for purchase on Sunday in Bagby Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour leading up to his visit and at the event.

Sermon in The Church
Sunday, March 29 · 9 and 11:15 a.m.
What is this Kingdom of God? What are the meanings of Jesus’ parables on the subject? Why do we, like the Apostles, sometimes struggle to understand this?

Basic Bible Study: Reconciling the Jesus of History with the Christ of Faith
Sunday, March 29 · 10:15 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
New archaeological discoveries as well as literary exegesis suggest a portrait of a man that does not always match what church tradition has told us. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will seek to bridge the gap between the two, and show that scientific discovery can actually bring us closer to the Christ of faith.
AVAILABLE NOW

Books will be available for purchase on Sundays inside Bagby Parish Hall and Monday–Friday at the Church reception office.

For more information, contact Sherry Hunter at 713-985-3840 or shunter@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Join Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin’s during Lent as they collect undies for Undies for Everyone, one of SMEC Outreach Partners!

Bring packages of new, colorful children’s undies for boys or girls any Sunday through March 29 and drop them in the collection box in Bagby Parish Hall or at the Reception Desk in The Island. All sizes are needed. You can also shop online at Amazon at bit.ly/ECWUndies and the undies will be delivered directly to Undies for Everyone.

Undies for Everyone was founded in 2012. Its efforts help keep kids clean, healthy, confident and in class. All underwear collected helps local children and their families who are in need.

For more information, contact Tracee Martin at 713-985-3811 or tmartin@stmartinseiscopal.org.

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**Pearls of Wisdom**

By First Lady Barbara Bush

First Lady Barbara Bush was famous for handing out advice—to friends and family, heads of state and Supreme Court justices and certainly to her staff. Her advice ranged from what to wear, what to say or not say and how to live your life. The best advice First Lady Barbara Bush offered her family, staff and close friends.

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Doro Bush Koch | The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

All author royalties from *Pearls of Wisdom* will be donated to support the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Mission doesn’t always have to be across the globe. Sometimes the most meaningful opportunities are just down the road. This year, middle school students will travel to Galveston to work with local organizations focused on caring for the city’s most vulnerable. Activities may include neighborhood cleanup, building projects or heading to a local park to minister to and play with students from the North Broadway neighborhood.

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

JUNE 7–10 | COST: $400 | DEPOSIT: $100
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31
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HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

High school students are heading to “Music City, U.S.A.” this year to partner with City Service Missions, an organization focused on serving and supporting those struggling with poverty in urban settings. As a part of this team, you will support and build up Nashville-based ministries to their full potential of service through an offering of your time, energy and prayers as you are integrated into a variety of hands-on ministry opportunities.

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

June 21-26
Cost: $800 (airfare included) | Deposit: $150
Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 31
stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries
Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries or picked up at the Student Ministries office. The submission deadline is Friday, April 3. Recipients will be informed Thursday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 10.

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

St. Martin’s is offering scholarships for higher education to our graduating high school seniors.

Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries or picked up at the Student Ministries office. The submission deadline is Friday, April 3. Recipients will be informed Thursday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 10.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Work with the Homeless and Formerly Homeless
Monday–Friday, March 16–20
9 a.m.–noon or 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
3401 Fannin
LOTS is a church community that welcomes, restores and rebuilds lives through relationship-focused ministries. Volunteer opportunities include clothing center, mail clerks, check-in, assessment, Bible study and prayer team. The minimum age to volunteer is 18. Please contact Will Symmes at wsymmes@lordofthestreets.org for more information.

Volunteer with Dress for Success Team
Tuesdays, March 17 and 24, and Thursdays, March 19 and 26
5:15–7 p.m.
3310 Eastside
Bel Inizio helps disadvantaged women develop self-confidence and life skills through fitness and nutrition. The Dress for Success team is training for a 5K race, and volunteers may drop off fruit or bring it and stay to encourage the participants. To sign up, please send an email to amber.jones@bel-inizio.org.

Help Students in Need
Thursday, March 19
10 a.m.–noon
3610 Willowbend Blvd, Ste. 1000
Thirty-five percent of Houston children live in poverty where basics like underwear are overlooked. Come help underprivileged schoolchildren by volunteering with Undies for Everyone (UFE). Signup at bit.ly/UFEVOLUNTEER. There is something for all ages, but children under six require adult supervision.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinseiscopal.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!

Aging with Grace—Legal Concerns of Aging
Monday, March 16
10–11:30 a.m.
HHC Room 204
Aging brings the reminder that we need to consider the legacies of our earthly possessions. However, there are other legal considerations of aging. Join us to understand the key considerations, including ways to bequeath your earthly possessions, as well as understand other documents that may be needed as we age.

Aging with Grace—Health Care Rights and Responsibilities
Monday, March 23
10–11:30 a.m.
HHC Room 103
When you go to a new doctor or hospital, you are given information about your rights and responsibilities as a patient. When was the last time you read this document? In this presentation we will review some of the key features, as well as explain ways that you can assure that your health care wishes will be followed.

Overview of Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMADS)
Wednesday, March 25
6:30–8 p.m.
HHC Auditorium
This presentation will provide an overview of symptoms, risk factors and treatment options for postpartum mood and anxiety disorders, including postpartum depression, postpartum anxiety and postpartum PTSD. This Continuing Education Unit (CEU) event is geared toward mental health professionals.