

Outreach Calendar of Events 2018

February

Family Promise – Feb. 4-11

For a week at a time, several weeks of the year, parishioners host families from Family Promise as guests at St. Martin's in our Youth Loft. Set up, grocery shopping laundering linens, cooking meals and hosting meals and overnights are required.

Contact: Parishioners Julie Mayson and David Jones, [Julie.t.mayson@gmail](mailto:Julie.t.mayson@gmail.com) or dcliftonjones@gmail.com

St. Luke's Ministry – Feb. 24, 2018

Six times a year, St. Martin's members work with St. Luke's Episcopal Church members to provide a hot meal to the homeless community in the St. Luke's Parish Hall.

Contact: Parishioner Frances Burns, burns4223@sc.rr.com

March

March Gladness – Throughout March

Parishioners are invited to fill out a bracket for men's or women's college basketball playoffs in March. A donation of between \$5-10 per bracket is made to the church. The person with the winning bracket will be invited to choose a charity or St. Martin's ministry to which the church will donate the funds donated for the brackets.

Contact: The Rev. Mitch Smith, mitch.smith@stmartinsinthefields.com

Family Promise – March 4-11

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Contact: Parishioners Julie Mayson and David Jones, [Julie.t.mayson@gmail](mailto:Julie.t.mayson@gmail.com) or dcliftonjones@gmail.com

Heart Walk – March 24, 2018

A St. Martin's Team will take part in this march to raise awareness about heart disease.

Contact: Bruce Carter, bdcarter52@icloud.com

April

Nami Walk – Saturday, April 7, 2018

Each spring, parishioners are encouraged to take part in this walk to raise awareness for mental health issues.

Contact: Parishioner Pam Hair, pamela.hair.rscm@gmail.com

St. Luke's Ministry – April 24, 2018

Six times a year, St. Martin's members work with St. Luke's Episcopal Church members to provide a hot meal to the homeless community in the St. Luke's Parish Hall.

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May

The School at Chapoteau, Haiti

From 2008-14, St. Martin's partnered with four other parishes in the Columbia area to support a school built in Chapoteau, Haiti. A gift of a prescribed amount can cover the cost of a year's tuition, uniforms, books and supplies as well as one meal per day.

Collections will be made on a single Sunday in May (TBA). An adult formation class will also be taught during the spring about Haiti and the Diocese's work there.

Contact: Paul Palmer and Galen McWilliams, paul@ptpalmer.com or GSMCW@aol.com

United Thank Offering – May 6, 2018

This offering is overseen at the national church level and is given in thanksgiving for all our blessings. UTO monies support compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, with Anglican provinces and dioceses. Blue cardboard mite boxes are this offering's trademark – we are encouraged to collect our pennies in these iconic boxes throughout the year and then place the boxes in the alms basin on UTO Sunday.

Contact: Outreach Commission, Chair Ann Barton, annbarton840@gmail.com

Rise Against Hunger – May 20, 2018

Since 2010, St. Martin's has hosted an annual Rise Against Hunger event. RAH is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The parish comes together to package the dehydrated, highly nutritious ingredients that are used in crisis situations and feeding programs for schools and orphanages in developing countries around the world.

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June

St. Luke's Ministry – June 23, 20187

Six times a year, St. Martin's members work with St. Luke's Episcopal Church members to provide a hot meal to the homeless community in the St. Luke's Parish Hall.

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July

The Annual School Supply Drive

Overseen by the Cooperative Ministry in Columbia, this drive is an effort to collect school supplies for the community's neediest children. The collection is taken up over a series of weeks prior to the beginning of a new school year. Notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors and other school supplies are collected in large boxes. St. Martin's collects supplies specifically for Crayton.

Contact: Outreach Commission

August

Crayton Backpack Program – August thru May

St. Martin's has maintained a relationship with its neighboring middle school for many years. Currently, our relationship involves collecting food for backpacks for 20 children each week during the school year. The packs are delivered on Fridays so students who have qualified to receive them through their guidance office will have enough food for the weekend.

Contact: Parishioners Genny McKenzie and Shannon Poteat, genmckenzie@bellsouth.net or

St. Luke's Ministry – Aug. 25, 2018

Six times a year, St. Martin's members work with St. Luke's Episcopal Church members to provide a hot meal to the homeless community in the St. Luke's Parish Hall.

Contact: Parishioner Frances Burns, bburns4223@sc.rr.com

October

Animal Blessing & Supply Drive – Oct. 7, 2018

Each year, on the Sunday closest to the feast day honoring St. Francis, the children of the parish host a Blessing of the Animals to which parishioners, neighbors and friends are invited to bring their pets for a blessing. This family-friendly event also included a supply drive for needy animals in our community.

Contact: Minister for Children and Youth Courtney Baker, Courtney.baker@smartinsinthefields.com

St. Luke's Ministry – Oct. 27, 2018

Six times a year, St. Martin's members work with St. Luke's Episcopal Church members to provide a hot meal to the homeless community in the St. Luke's Parish Hall.

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November

Giving Tree – Throughout Advent

St. Martin's Giving Tree goes up in the church narthex on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 25, 2018). Tags are placed on the tree with specific items needed by residents of the Tucker Center, a local retirement home for the disadvantaged, and the St. Luke's Ministry, which involves St. Martin's and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The two churches serve a meal to the homeless several Saturdays throughout the year and provide these gifts close to Christmas Eve. Parishioners purchase items and return them in time for special Christmas gatherings where the gifts are distributed.

Contact: Theresa Watts, joew0219@yahoo.com

December

Advent Festival – Dec. 9, 2018

Sponsored by the Outreach Commission, this event is held annually on the second Sunday of Advent, providing an opportunity for the parish to participate in alternative gift-giving opportunities and to learn about outreach at St. Martin's as well as local, national and international outreach efforts. The event raises funds to support outreach education.

Contact: 2017 Advent Festival chair to be named.

Charity Café at Advent Festival

This allows ministries at St. Martin's to "sell" cards to parishioners who wanted to donate to a St. Martin's ministry in honor of loved ones. Participants included Kanuga Parish Weekend, Stop Hunger Now, Haiti, Crayton Backpack Program, Harvest Hope, Gift of a Lift, St. Martin's Foundation.

Contact: Advent Festival chair to be named.

St. Luke's Ministry – Dec. 22, 2018

Six times a year, St. Martin's members work with St. Luke's Episcopal Church members to provide a hot meal to the homeless community in the St. Luke's Parish Hall. At the December gathering, gifts from the Giving Tree are given to those at the lunch.

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