

Outreach Calendar of Events 2019

February

Rise Against Hunger – Feb. 3

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.

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

Family Promise – Feb. 3-10

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.com or dcliftonjones@gmail.com

St. Luke's Ministry – Feb. 23

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

April

St. Luke's Ministry – April 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.

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

June

St. Luke's Ministry – June 22

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

Camp AIR – July 15-19

This weeklong camp is a spinoff of the Fellowship of S.C. Bishops' residential camp by the same name held at Camp Gravatt for a week in June. St. Martin's hosts rising 5th- and 6th-graders for a week, providing intensive reading instruction in the morning and fun camplike activities in the afternoon.

Contact: St. Martin's staff member Allison Askins, allison.askins@smifsc.com

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

St. Luke's Ministry – Aug. 24

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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October

Animal Blessing & Supply Drive – Oct. 6 or 13, 2019

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@stmartinsinthefields.com

St. Luke's Ministry – Oct. 26

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

November

Giving Tree – Throughout Advent

St. Martin's Giving Tree goes up in the church narthex on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving (Dec. 1, 2019). 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: Penny Thomas, pennythomas29@gmail.com

United Thank Offering – Nov. 17

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

December

Advent Festival – Dec. 8

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: 2019 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. 28

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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