**Fall Newsletter September 2017**

**ST. MARTIN’S CHURCH NEWS**

 **The Rector’s Message for Homecoming Sunday**

Summer is fast ending. I do hope most of you found time for recreation and change of scene or at least a slower pace. We enter the season memorialized by Keats in his *Ode to Autumn* as the *season of mists and mellow fruitfulness*. Labor Day marks the transition point from the ease

of the summer schedule rapidly ramping into the a new program year. As we peer into the mists of autumn, what might we expect? This message accompanies the autumn calendar of events, so please pin this up on your fridge door. On Homecoming Sunday, in lieu of a sermon, we will hear in Church from the spokespersons of our significant ministry groups, followed by ministry tables at coffee hour. This fall we launch a brand new initiative of the East Side Choir School, our new music outreach ministry to children in the wider community. On September 19th, we will hold the first of monthly healing services.

The major initiative for the fall will be our annual renewal or *spiritual inventory of tender competence.* Between October 15th and November 5th, we will hold Adult Forum presentations and discussions on *the economics of happiness*, which also happens to be the title of Mark Anielski’s groundbreaking book on building genuine wealth. More on that in due course.

November and December are also packed months with: Ingathering Sunday on the morning of November 12th with St Martin’s Day Choral Evensong and Feast in the afternoon and evening; Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Beth-El November 21st; December 2nd is our Advent celebration - this year a dramatic performance by the [Rev. Joseph Morris](Rev.%20Joseph%20Morris) of Mark’s Gospel - check out http://www.gospelofmark.us/ followed by an afternoon tea reception; and on December 17th we will host our second annual Carol Sing.

We remain a magnetic community, reconfiguring ourselves for those who are not yet our members. Through your involvement in the coming year, help us to continue to punch above our weight in the service of the Gospel message of hope and courage to a world in transition.

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**Mark your Calendars!**

**NOVEMBER**

**Saturday, November 4**Knitting Ministry 12:30pm

**Sunday, November 5  
All Saints’ Sunday**  
Daylight Savings Time ends   
(move your clocks *back)*Youth Skip Church Breakfast 9:30am in the kitchen

**Saturday, November 11**Memorial Garden Clean-up 10am

**Sunday, November 12**

**St. Martin’s Day**Stewardship Sunday

Evensong 4:30pm

Potluck Supper 5:30pm  
  
**Tuesday, November 14**  
Women Spirituality Group at 6pm  
  
**Sunday, November 19**

Children/Youth sing during the 9:30am serviceAdvent Outreach Project Launch

**Tuesday, November 21**  
Healing Service at 5:30pm

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Beth-El   
at 7pm  
  
**Thursday, November 23**Community Thanksgiving Dinner 1pm

**SEPTEMBER**

**Wednesday, September 6**East Side Choir School first rehearsal 6:30pm  
  
**Thursday, September 7**  
Weekly Meditation resumes 5:30pm  
Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30pm

**Sunday, September 10 – Homecoming Sunday!**8am & 9:30am services resume  
Nursery at 9:15am  
10:30am Ministry Fair

Coffee Hour hosted by the Vestry

**Wednesday, September 13**The Thrifty Goose reopens 10am-2pm

**Sunday, September 17**Church School begins 9:15am

Adult Forum 10:45am

**Tuesday, September 19**  
Healing Service at 5:30pm  
  
**Friday, September 22**  
TGIF (Thank Goodness it’s Friday) 6pm  
Mingle with friends, new and old, over hors d’oeuvres   
  
**Sunday, September 24**Children/Youth sing during the 9:30am service  
  
**Tuesday, September 26**  
Women’s Spirituality Group 6pm

**DECEMBER  
  
Saturday, December 2***Mark’s Gospel Live* with the Rev. Joseph Morris 2pm  
followed by Advent Tea

**Sunday, December 3**

Youth Skip Church Breakfast

Visit from St. NicholasAdvent Festival with Advent wreath making  
Pageant Sign-ups  
  
**Tuesday, December 5**  
Women’s Spirituality Group at 6pm  
  
**Sunday, December 17**  
Community Carol Sing 4:00pm  
  
**Tuesday, December 19**  
Healing Service at 5:30pm  
  
**Thursday, December 21***‘Blue Christmas’* Service at 5:30pm

**Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

8:00am Spoken Eucharist

4:00pm with Brass and Pageant

9:00pm with Strings and Choir  
  
**Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day**Eucharist with Carols 9:30am

**OCTOBER  
  
Sunday, October 1**Youth Skip Church Breakfast 9:30am in the kitchen  
Youth/Parent meeting 10:45am in the Stearns Room  
Blessing of the Animals 4pm

**Friday, October 6**American Guild of Organists Evensong 6:30pm  
  
**Saturday, October 7**“Voices that Matter” Workshop with Ray McGinnis 9:30am-noon  
Knitting Ministry at 12:30p  
  
**Sunday, October 15**  
Children/Youth sing during the 9:30am service  
  
**Tuesday, October 17**  
Healing Service at 5:30pm  
  
**Tuesday, October 24**  
Women’s Spirituality Group 6pm

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