

## PARISH GROUPS

<b>Altar Guild &amp; Flowers</b>	This group maintains the vestments, linens, silver and other objects used during the Services, and arranges the flowers.
<b>Book Club</b>	Discusses selected books that stimulate questions and ideas about our Christian life and witness.
<b>Choir</b>	Our choir sings at 11:00 Sunday Services and holds an annual Lessons and Carols Service during Advent.
<b>Christian Education</b>	Includes Advent and Lenten Study programs.
<b>Church School and Nursery</b>	Staffs the Church School and Nursery and ensures a loving, happy environment in which our children learn about the Christian faith.
<b>Coffee Cohorts</b>	Prepares and serves coffee and refreshments after the 11:00 Sunday Service throughout the year.
<b>Fall Book Sale</b>	The Book Sale team organizes an annual event with fascinating books and lots of shoppers.
<b>Garden Group</b>	Tends the Parish gardens, including design, maintenance including watering, and spring and fall clean-up.
<b>Green Committee</b>	Works to help the parish to follow environmentally sustainable practices
<b>Helping Hands</b>	Ensures that we are caring for our parish family by providing support when and where it's needed. Includes Lychgate Limos - car pool for Services and other occasions.
<b>Heritage &amp; Archives Committee</b>	Researches parish life over the past decades, maintains collections and archive files and holds special exhibits of St. Martin's history
<b>Hospitality Committee</b>	Supports fellowship by organizing special events, including the Pancake Supper, Easter Eve and our Parish Picnic.
<b>Library</b>	Oversees the continuing growth of the library collection and supports ongoing spiritual growth in the parish
<b>Management Board</b>	Manages the property and finances of the parish, ensuring that we are good stewards of the heritage of gifts that we have received.
<b>Martin's Basement</b>	For youth 11 to 14 years, activities include participating in special occasions in the life of our parish, fun outings and Diocesan youth events.
<b>Martin's Table</b>	Dinners held at parishioner homes throughout the year; brings newcomers and St. Martin's "veterans" together for an informal evening of fellowship.
<b>Newcomers Committee</b>	Develops and implements programs and events to ensure newcomers are welcomed and drawn into fellowship with other parishioners and parish life

<b>Newsletter Editors</b>	The Lychgate newsletter keeps us informed about past and upcoming events, current projects, people in our parish, questions and answers about our faith, our history and plans for the future.
<b>Nutcracker Fair Committee</b>	Organizes our annual Christmas bazaar, including publicity, making/growing/baking items for sale, decking the hall, refreshments, set up and clean up.
<b>Outreach Committee</b>	Identifies needs and develops plans to extend our ministry into the surrounding community. Coordinates Faithworks activities including arranging speaker visits and fundraising.
<b>Parish Council</b>	Coordinates the programs and events to enrich the life of the parish through Christian education, fellowship, stewardship, outreach and worship.
<b>Parish Development</b>	Works with the results of our Natural Church Development survey to strengthen our parish community and outreach
<b>Prayer Group</b>	The group meets alternate Thursday evenings following the Eucharist for intercessory prayer.
<b>Quiet Garden</b>	Quiet Gardens, held in St. Martin's or other gardens, offer participants an opportunity to "Be still, and know that I am God". Led by a facilitator, they are enriching opportunities for spiritual growth.
<b>Readers</b>	Proclaim the scripture at Services. Our readers are unamplified, and use good projection, phrasing and diction to ensure this part of the liturgy is accessible to all.
<b>Servers</b>	Support the clergy during Services - Crucifers, torchbearers, thurifers, boats, servers, sub-deacons and masters of ceremony - all play an integral role in our liturgy.
<b>Sidespeople</b>	Welcome and assist parishioners and visitors by attending to special needs and facilitating reverent participation in the liturgy.
<b>South Africa Twinning Committee</b>	Supports our relationship with the parish of St. John the Evangelist in East London, South Africa.
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>	Organizes the annual Stewardship Campaign including preparing materials, recruiting visitors or hosts for luncheons, and reporting back to the parish on results.