

“New Commandment,” by Neil Willits, 10/15/2023

Today is the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, which measures the church year relative to the day that the Holy Spirit descended on a gathering of believers and inspired them to follow a calling. On some level, this story can be confusing, since the people in that gathering came from diverse backgrounds, and they each heard their calling in personal terms.

It’s the role of the church to support all of us in our personal callings, as well as to support those who haven’t yet discerned their callings. This is complicated work, which is why the role of the church is as important today as it has ever been.

As Jesus said, we need to love one another, and supporting each other is central to fulfilling his “New Commandment”. We’re about to embark on our annual stewardship campaign, the goal of which is to provide St. Martin’s with the resources it needs to do this work.

You’ll be receiving some details about those needs, and you’ll also be hearing from a number of voices, both in writing and in person, which will describe some of the roles that St. Martin’s plays.

Stay tuned!