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## ***DID YOU KNOW ST MARTIN'S HAS STEPHEN MINISTERS?***

Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers ready to provide comfort and support to people facing difficult times in life. Difficult times can mean many things including divorce, grief, job loss, health issues, spiritual crisis, or any circumstance that might leave someone feeling upset or troubled. Stephen Ministry is a ministry of caring, compassion, and listening.

St. Martin's plans to run a Stephen Ministry training class in the spring of 2017. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact the Rev. Margaret Grayden.

## ***MANY THANKS FOR SUPPORTING TYGMOS***



Whether you got up at 5:30 a.m. to start cooking bacon, came early to help set up or serve, stayed late to clean, or made a donation to cover the cost of your delicious pancake (the blueberries were a nice touch!), bacon, and scrambled eggs Shrove Tuesday (Sunday) breakfast, TYGMOS would like to thank you.

Final tallies aren't in yet for last Sunday's event, but the donation baskets were overflowing and we'd like to thank everyone who helped make this successful event possible.

## ***NEW COMMUNION BREAD MAKERS***

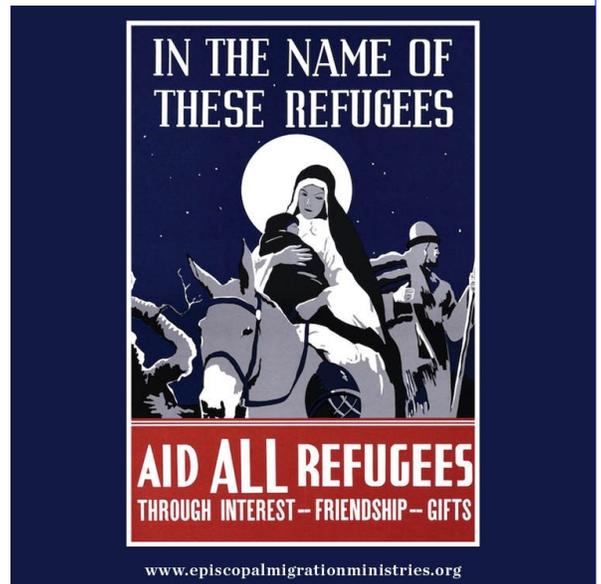
When you see them, please thank Rick Holmes and Corrine Bressler for volunteering to join the St. Martin's bread-making brigade. If you too would like to join the team that bakes Communion bread for our services, please contact Mary Ann Lewis.

## ***SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH COMMISSION NEWS*** by Adam Russ

### Lenten Project

The United Nations reports that there are more than 65.3 million refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced people worldwide, the highest level ever recorded. Of the 65.3 million displaced, 21.3 million are refugees, over half of whom are children. This has been deemed the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. While the crisis in Syria has dominated the news, it is important to remember, hold in prayer, advocate for, and support refugees from conflict zones across the globe, as well as the countries that host them.

For this year's Lenten Project, we are raising funds to support the life-saving work of Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), the refugee resettlement service of The Episcopal Church. Each year, EMM provides a wide spectrum of services to thousands of refugees, asylees, special immigrant visa holders, and Cuban/Haitian entrants through a network of 30 local organizations. EMM's activities include resettlement, employment, intensive medical and mental health services, and volunteer programs to enhance community navigation and integration. Refugee resettlement and welcome have long been ways that we, as Episcopalians, live out our Baptismal Covenant.



### How can we help?

The money we raise from each donation, no matter what size, provides necessary support and resources for the important ministry of providing a safe haven to those fleeing lives of persecution and violence. During this season of Lent, we invite you to join in support of the ministry of refugee resettlement and welcome. Please stop by our table after services March 12th through Palm Sunday. We will be glad to answer your questions and accept donations. Your donations are tax-deductible. Checks can be made out to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, noting "EMM" on the memo line. We look forward to talking with you about this important ministry. Visit [www.episcopalmigrationministries.org](http://www.episcopalmigrationministries.org) to learn more.

### Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network

YIIN's annual fundraiser will be held at the Veterans Memorial Center on Wednesday, April 26. The cost is \$40 per ticket and \$20 for students. The theme is Celebrating Our Immigrant Neighbors. YIIN is planning to use the money raised this year for a legal defense fund. If you have contacts with local businesses that might be willing to donate items for the silent raffle fundraiser, please contact Alison Pease ([alisonmp@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmp@gmail.com)) or Janet Lane ([jrlane@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jrlane@ucdavis.edu)).

### Upcoming

- Interested in finding out more about the Interfaith Homeless Advocacy Group in Davis? We are looking for a volunteer to serve as St. Martin's liaison with this new and active group. Contact Alison Pease for more information ([alisonmp@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmp@gmail.com)).
- The Social Justice & Outreach Commission meets on the first Sunday of each month after the 11am service. Please join us for our next meetings on March 5th and April 2nd. If you can't make those, be sure to join us on May 7th when Andrea Gaytan, Director of the AB 540 and Undocumented Center at UC Davis, will be our guest speaker. With your input, we can continue to discern the best ways to use our resources and be the hands and heart of God in the world.

## Summer Youth Camping Opportunities



The diocese is near and home to several Episcopal summer camps where young people can explore their relationship to God through all the natural beauty northern California has to offer. Swimming, hiking, boating, rock climbing, worship services, camping, and the chance to make friends for life, are just some of the activities offered by summer church camps. (All of these camps have discounted rates and/or scholarships available.)

### **Camp Living Waters - Arcata**

A week-long Episcopal summer camp in the heart of Redwood Valley, Camp Living Waters is based at St. Alban's parish in Arcata and draws staff members from the faith communities of the North Coast. Visit [www.camplivingwatershumboldt.org/](http://www.camplivingwatershumboldt.org/) for more information on their programs.

### **Camp Galilee - Glenbrook, NV**

Last year's partnership between the late, great Camp Noel Porter and Nevada's Camp Galilee on the shore of Lake Tahoe led to many fun memories and new friendships (and getting to know the awesome Rev. Austin Leininger again). Camp Galilee's summer camping program helps youth develop deep relationships with their peers, caring counselors, the natural world, and God. For more information on Camp Galilee, visit [www.galileetahoe.org/summer/](http://www.galileetahoe.org/summer/).

### **St. Dorothy's Rest - Camp Meeker**

Beautifully located in the heart of a redwood forest just miles from the Pacific Ocean and the Russian River, St. Dorothy's offers a summer camp experience that celebrates the natural world. Visit <http://stdorothysrest.org/camp/> for more information on summer camp programs.

### **Bishop's Ranch - Healdsburg**

BREAD Camp is set among the forest, farms, and vineyards of Sonoma County, where campers can discover community and spirituality, and participate in summer camping activities. For more on camp programs at Bishop's Ranch, visit [www.bishopsranch.org/programs-retreats/camps/](http://www.bishopsranch.org/programs-retreats/camps/).

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Mark your calendars, **vacation Bible day camp** will be hosted at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Davis June 19-23, 2017.

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### **Pathways: Reconciling with the Earth and Each Other**

Now in its second year, this is a pilgrimage led by Bishop Barry Beisner and young people from our diocese. This year, we will explore the stories of oppression, struggle, and healing that the Yosemite and Central Valley areas of our state have to offer. Part of a larger pilgrimage movement that has visited other sites in Northern California, as well as North Carolina and South Africa, the journey promises to help all who join to become ministers of truth, peace, and reconciliation. Scholarships are available, so cost shouldn't stand in the way. Questions? Contact Rev. Anne Clarke at [anne@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:anne@norcalepiscopal.org) or visit [www.norcalepiscopal.org/pathways-2017-reconciling-with-the-earth-and-each-other](http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/pathways-2017-reconciling-with-the-earth-and-each-other).

- Dates: June 18-23, 2017
- Location - ECCO: Episcopal Conference Center, Oakhurst, CA
- Participants: Those finishing grades 7-12
- Young adult leaders: Ages 18-30

