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UPCOMING EVENTS

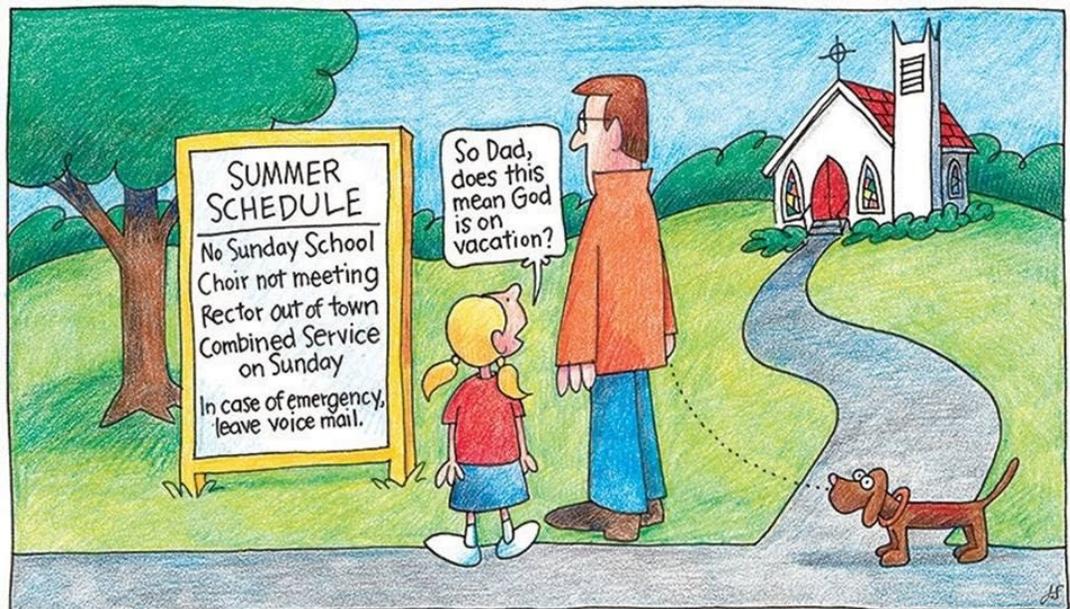
The Feast of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, June 4, 10:00 am, we will enjoy *one service only*. We'll celebrate this great feast day in as many ways as we know how with:

- Holy Baptism
- Installation of our new parish commission leaders
- Blessing the Rev. Art Lillicropp for his retirement
- Celebrating John Reeves' decades of service and his new role
- Marking the progress of children & youth in Christian formation

After church, for children only, the children's choir hosts a party with food, Quidditch games, and more in the Parish Hall.

(For the rest of the spring/summer, our Sunday schedule will consist of two services at 7:45 am and 10:00 am only.)



To submit an item to the newsletter, please email it to newsletter@churchofstmartin.org or contact the parish administrator Jan Sanders at (530) 756-0444. The deadline is usually the 20th of the previous month.

Newsletter Credits

Interim Rector - Rev. Carren Sheldon
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Social Justice & Outreach Special Guest Speaker Sunday, June 4th, 12:30 pm, Rooms 6/7

Find out about UC Davis' AB540 and Undocumented Center and its important work with undocumented students. Director Andrea Gaytan will be the guest speaker.

WHAT IS A BLUE “UTO” BOX?

- 1) It is a simple coin bank to help you count your many blessings.
- 2) Keep it in a visible place in your home or office, as a constant reminder to thank God for your many blessings. It may be a successful day at school, a new friend, a winning team, or just at good day.
- 3) The contents, when collected each year, are used to support many outreach programs through the National United Thank Offering Program. (Note: St. Martin’s has twice received grants from UTO to assist in kitchen renovations for the Davis Community Meals program.) Please keep counting your blessings with a few coins each day/week.

If you need a UTO box, they are available in a basket in the narthex. If you have any questions, let me know.

-Carol Boyer

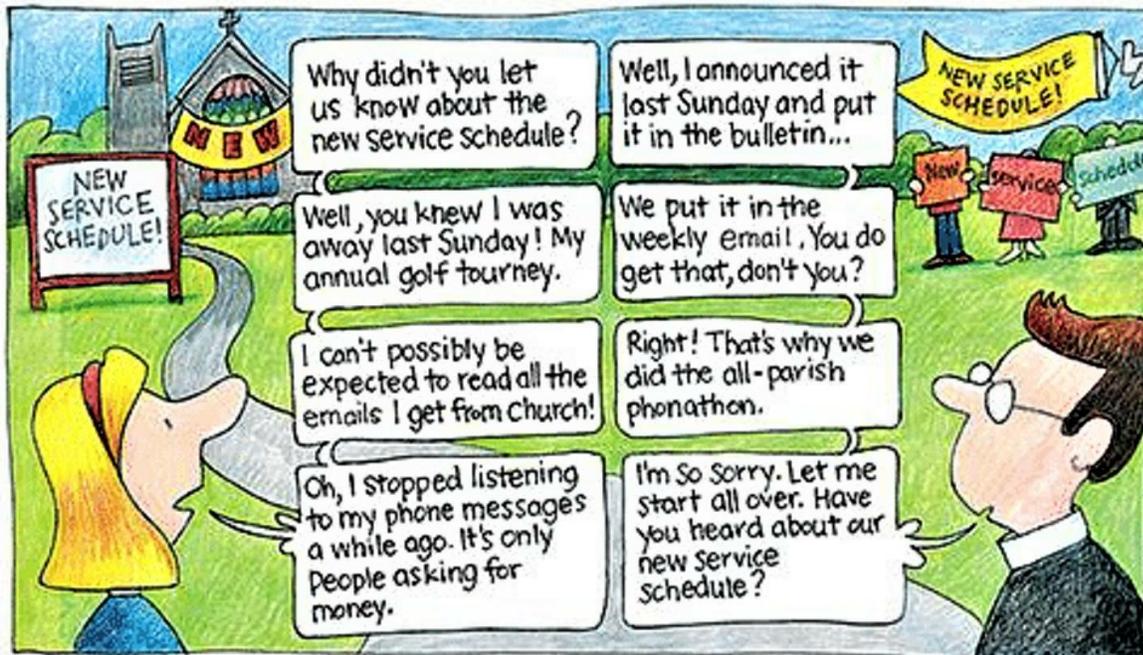
EYEGLASS MINISTRY

For years, St. Martin’s has collected used eyeglasses. If you are fairly new to St. Martin’s, please keep this in mind as you get new prescriptions.



We collect used glasses (or single lenses) and deliver them to the local Lions Club. Then, through the Folsom Prison Project, all of the glasses are cataloged by prescription, and used by local doctors and social service programs to provide glasses for children and adults who could otherwise not afford them. This a wonderful “outreach.”

As you replace glasses, please remember to bring your old ones to church. There is a donation box designated for eyeglasses on the lower shelf of the library, just inside the door. We recently delivered about 20 pairs, and they can always use more. Thanks to those who keep this ministry going. If you



have questions, please call Carol Boyer (530-756-0241).

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATES

Written by Janet Lane, Jr. Warden

As many of you are aware, during the winter, the heating in the sanctuary broke down and, despite many efforts, could not be fixed. Although the air conditioning is still working, the system is a combined unit, and we are in the process of looking for a new HVAC system. We formed a task force specifically to work on this project: Deborah Drechsler, Mike Hannon and Pierre Neu from Buildings and

Grounds; Gerry Braun from Care for God's Creation; Jill Deuser, a parishioner committed to helping us obtain PG&E rebates on qualifying equipment and upgrades; Carren Sheldon, Interim Rector; and Janet Lane, Jr. Warden. We asked task force members to submit names of companies we should contact that could provide us with proposals for replacing our non-functioning equipment. The vestry's policy is to replace equipment with the most sustainable option, provided that option is financially feasible.

To date, we have contacted 10 companies and out of these five have come to do site visits and talk to us. As of now, it appears that the following companies are likely to submit proposals: Intech Mechanical, Brower Mechanical, UBS Mechanical, CABS Heating and Air, and Villara. All are Sacramento-area companies.

Once we have written proposals in hand, the task force will meet to review them and determine whether we are ready to send a recommendation to the vestry or whether more work and research is needed. The vestry will make the final decision on which company and equipment is chosen.

This is a complex project and we ask for your prayers as we work to make the best choice for our situation. Our current heating and air uses a system of underground ducts that run under the concrete of the church. Many of these ducts are in disrepair and if we are going to continue to use them with a new system, it is clear that an important part of the job will be to have them cleaned, repaired, and sealed. Another complexity of the job is the large redwood trees growing around the existing outdoor equipment. In order to remove the old system and bring in the new, we will need to heavily prune some of these large trees. Getting close to the area where the equipment sits with a crane, etc. is also going to be a challenge because of the labyrinth and wrought iron fence between the equipment and the parking lot. None of these challenges are insurmountable, and we are hopeful that we will find the right company to do this work for us. We will keep you updated on our progress and timeline.

On a completely different note, our parish hall and kitchen floors were cleaned and resealed at the end of May. They look almost like new again! We are also aware of the fence around the children's play area looking a little (or a lot!) wobbly. A sub-group of Buildings and Grounds is looking into options for replacing this fence, and we hope to have more information soon.

There are many ways to become involved in Sacred Grounds (the new name for the ministry group focused on buildings-and-grounds-related matters). Consider coming to a Buildings and Grounds or Landscape Committee meeting (see service leaflets for meeting announcements), participating in a parish gardening day or just expressing interest to me, Carren, or Jan in the church office. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail or call (jrlane@ucdavis.edu; 530-219-0607).

