

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2021

Thank You for Your Christmas Offering Generosity!

The 2021 Christmas Offering Committee would like to express our gratitude to all of you who have responded so generously to the call for donations to Opening Doors, Inc. This Sacramento-based nonprofit is working 24/7 to help 1,000 recently arrived refugees from Afghanistan adjust to their new life in our diocese and surrounding communities. For those of you still interested in donating, the pledge window will be open through Epiphany, January 6th. You may donate online on the St. Martin's website (<https://churchofstmartin.org>), send a check to the church office, or place your check in the Offertory Basket at upcoming services. Please specify Christmas Offering on the memo line of checks. Thank you so much! Bob Polkinghorn, Lynn Zender, and Alessa Johns.

Epiphany Candlelight Labyrinth Walk

Join us on Thursday, January 6 from 5 - 7pm for an Epiphany candlelight walk on our labyrinth.

Let's Bring Back In-person Coffee Hour on Sundays

We all miss in-person coffee hour! To bring it back, we need your help! We are simplifying the tasks by having the church office order and pre-pay for the coffee at Peet's at the Marketplace. Here's what we need:

- a) A volunteer to pick up the coffee at 8:20am and bring it to church and set it out on a table (which will already be set out for you) for the 8am service.
- b) A volunteer to clear the table at about 9:15 or so.
- c) A volunteer to pick up the coffee at 10:30 or so and bring it to the church and set it out on the table (which is already there) for the 10am service.
- d) A volunteer to clear the table at 11:45 or so. Someone will put the table away for you.

Sounds easy, right? You can sign up for any of these tasks for any Sunday date on our poster sign-up sheet outside the narthex on Sundays, or you can write the church office indicating your willingness to help with any of these tasks (make sure you provide the date and for which service). Many hands make things possible. Can you be part of the solution to getting this important welcoming and fellowship ministry off the ground? For questions, contact the church office or Lynn Zender.

Stewardship Update

Our profound gratitude goes out to everyone that turned in a pledge for the 2022 Stewardship Campaign! To date, we have received just short of \$450,000 in pledges for the coming year, a number that represents 70% of St. Martin's members increasing or maintaining their pledges, or pledging for the first time. This is remarkable and very encouraging, although it does not quite get us to our goal.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please email info@churchofstmartin.org with your name and the total amount that you would like to pledge as soon as possible so that we can include your contribution in our budget for 2022. Merry Christmas to all, and huge thanks for your incredible generosity, as always!

Save the Date—Annual Meeting

St. Martin's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 30, 2022 after the 10am service. The format will be hybrid, with attendance both in-person and on Zoom.

Worship and Leadership Updates

Singing in Church

Now that congregational singing is back, you may be dusting off your hymnal and wondering how to find the hymns! In your service bulletin on Sunday, each hymn that is in the hymnal will be listed with a number, like Hymnal 59, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding." The hymns are in numerical order in the hymnal, so all you'll need to do is flip to the right page. Songs that are not in the hymnal will be printed in the bulletin. You may find that singing in your mask is fairly difficult; take it easy, and make a small, joyful noise to God.

Help Wanted: Ushers and Readers

Ushers: If you are interested in serving as an usher for the 8:00 am or 10:00 am service, please contact Joannie Cavanagh for more information or to add your name to the rotating schedule. Please note: as a security precaution, we are no longer including personal email addresses in our announcements. You can contact Joannie via the office or you may use her contact information that can be found in the parish directory.

Readers: We are in need of readers at both services! If you can read **in person** at any 8:00 am or 10:00 am service, please call or email the office **or** fill out your availability on the Doodle Poll: https://doodle.com/poll/s5c2t9isxyakdwue?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link **January options are live!**

Please note: 8:00 am readers need to arrive at 7:45 am. While the 10:00 am service is hybrid, we will request readers to read in person from the Sanctuary and arrive at 9:40 am. If you want to read but need to do so from home, drop a line to the office and we will let you know when we can make that happen. **The church office selects people to read each week based on a rotating schedule and availability. Those who are selected for any given Sunday will receive an email from the church office near the beginning of that week.**

Zoom Coffee Hour: If you are worshipping with us via Zoom, we will make Coffee Hour time available to you after the worship service ends. We do need someone in the meeting to volunteer to take over "host" duties, which just means ending the meeting when the time comes. If you are at all familiar with Zoom, this could be a wonderful new ministry opportunity. **If you can volunteer for the very easy but important task of playing host for half an hour on Zoom, please contact communications@churchofstmartin.org to let us know what schedule would work best for you: once a month, twice a month, etc. Many thanks!**

Ways to Give and Get More Involved

Grace Garden Volunteering Opportunity Grace Garden (located on Anderson Road at the United Methodist Church) grows vegetables and fruits to help feed those in our community who are facing food insecurity. You, too, are invited to join in the fun on **Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00am to 11:00am!**

"Every person...Every week...One item of food"

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee reminds us that our local food banks are in great

need, and we continue to support them with our collection of non-perishable items. We deliver food and other non-perishables to STEAC, The UC Davis Pantry, and Dixon Family Services on a weekly rotating basis. You have two options for where to bring your items: Janet Lane's front porch (address in church directory or contact church office for address) OR the donation basket in the narthex. Drop-off at Janet's is any day, any time, but we can only accept donations in the narthex at the Sunday in-person services (Sunday, 8:00 – 9:00 am and 10:00 – 11:00 am). The food closets also need toilet paper and diapers. We know of a particular need for size 4 diapers but will accept any size. Thank you for your generous donations!!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, January 7 at 4:00pm
Ministry Council: Sunday, January 9, at 11:45am
Care for God's Creation: Monday, January 10 at 7 pm
Vestry: Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm
Caring Ministries: Monday, January 17 at 7:00pm
Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00pm

All meetings are on Zoom unless otherwise indicated; contact communications@churchofstmartin.org if you need a link. To add or change a meeting on the church calendar, please contact info@churchofstmartin.org. Please be sure to send the Zoom link, if applicable.

Ways to Stay Connected to the Larger Community

Healthy Davis Together: FREE COVID-19 Testing and Other Resources Available

Thanks to Healthy Davis Together, residents can get tested in less than 10 minutes at absolutely no cost. To do your part in regularly monitoring your COVID status, you can register [here](#) and schedule an appointment. The test is also effective in recognizing new mutations of the COVID-19 virus. In addition to regular testing, Healthy Davis Together is encouraging all who are able to get the COVID vaccine to do so. Vaccines are currently available to those over 12 years of age. For a variety of resources concerning vaccination, contact tracing, and other monitoring efforts, visit [Healthy Davis Together](#).

The Diocese of Northern California: Connect with Us

Visit the Diocese of Northern California [website](#) and sign up to get good, updated information from the Diocese straight into your inbox.

Notes from the Church Office

Prayer Requests, Celebrations and Milestones

If you would like to submit a prayer request, celebration or milestone to be read during Sunday services, please send it to Deacon Margaret at margaret@churchofstmartin.org by **5:00 pm on the Friday before the services.**

Virtual Office Hours

Our "virtual" office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can reach the office by calling us at 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org. The physical office space remains closed for the time being. If you need to come to the office to drop something off or pick something up, please contact the office in advance to schedule an appointment.

Church Grounds Open

Our grounds are open, and we continue to work hard to keep them up to our standards of beauty and safety. We are delighted to know that people are using outdoor venues like the labyrinth, the redwood path, and the meditation garden to find peace and comfort in these trying times.

Online Services and Communications Requests

Please note that our web page with online service information has a new title, streamlined content, and now includes a link to submit communications requests. See [Online Services and Communications Requests](#).