EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Home Communion Pick-Up

If you would like to receive pre-consecrated Home Communion in advance of this Sunday's service, please come by the entrance doors of the church on Saturday from 2:30 to 3 pm. Beginning on Monday, January 17, you will also be able to pick up Communion from the office during our usual hours of 9-12 noon, Monday through Friday. Just as with any business you have with the office right now, please call first to make an appointment. Just let us know that you will be coming in to pick Communion, and at approximately what time, and we will have it ready for you. Blessings!

Zoom Coffee Hour after Today's Service

Please join us today for coffee hour on Zoom immediately after the service.

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 30 after the 10am Service on Zoom

St. Martin's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 30 after the 10am service on Zoom. We hope that all will join us for this important meeting where we will elect Vestry members, review the budget for 2022, and do other important church business. **The Vestry slate will be announced next week.** If you want to self-nominate or "nominate from the floor," you need to do so in advance by sending an e-mail to Senior Warden Bob Polkinghorn by Jan. 25 at 5pm. His e-mail is in the directory, or you may contact the church office to get it. Please note that at the beginning of meeting we will need to vote on holding it remotely, as we did last year. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful participation!

Convention Delegates: We will also elect Diocesan Convention delegates, parishioners who will attend and represent St. Martin's at the Diocesan Convention, Oct. 21 - 22 in Redding. Delegates will also need to attend Convocation on Saturday, Sept. 17 (virtual format). If you wish to serve as a delegate, please contact the church office by January 19 at the latest.

Annual Reports Due Jan. 19: If you are a ministry leader, please submit your report for the annual meeting by January 19 to the church office. Word files would be appreciated.

Epiphany Discussion of The Four Vision Quests of Jesus

During the season of Epiphany, please join us in a discussion of the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston's book, *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus*. Bp. Charleston is a former bishop of Alaska and a Native American of the Choctaw Nation. In his book he explores his theology of Native spirituality and its connections to Christianity. Our group will meet via Zoom for 90 minutes starting at 7 pm, from January 19 through February 23. The discussion will be facilitated by our rector, Pamela Dolan and our formation chair, Helen Campbell. During the first session, we'll introduce you to the book so you can decide if you're interested in participating. Please register at formation@churchofstmartin.org to get the Zoom links.

Godly Play and TYGMOS Update

We are offering Godly Play on Zoom for the winter months. Our next Godly Play will be on Sunday, January 23, on Zoom from 9:15-9:45am.

Our youth group, TYGMOS, will be gathering via Zoom at 5pm TODAY (January 16) for a conversation centered around Martin Luther King Day and the continued work for justice.

Contact Pastor Casey if you need the link for either Godly Play or TYGMOS or if you have other questions (casey@churchofstmartin.org).

Saturday Meal Reps Needed!

For many years, St. Martin's Parish Hall has hosted community meals three times a week, which are prepared by volunteers working with Davis Community Meals & Housing (DCMH). Currently, hot meals are prepared in the kitchen and boxed up "to go." We are in need of Saturday meal representatives who are willing to dedicate a couple of hours on one Saturday per month to greet and organize folks who come by to get their meal to go, oversee clean-up, and lock up afterwards. The Saturday commitment is from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm. Please reach out to Diana Glick (email in the church directory) if you have questions or think you might be able to give some of your time to this worthy activity.

Mission: JOY featuring Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama!

Woodland Ecumenical Multi-Faith Ministries is proud to host this deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny FREE film screening! Mission: JOY is a documentary with unprecedented access to the friendship of His Holiness the Dalai Lama & Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In their final joint mission, they give a master class on how to create more joy in our lives. The screening will be held on January 29th at 2pm at St. Luke Episcopal Church (515 2nd St., Woodland) Masks Required -- Vaccines Encouraged. If you have any questions, please email stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com or call (530)-662-7152.

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 so that we can include your contribution in our budget for 2022. Huge thanks for your generosity!

Ways to Give and Get More Involved

"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 these items 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 during the month of January 2022: Janet Lane's front porch (address in church directory or contact church office for address)—you may leave items there any day and any time OR you may contact the church office to arrange an appointment to leave food items in the office. The food closets also need toilet paper and diapers. Thank you for your generous donations!!

Readers Needed

If you are interested in being a reader during church services, please contact the church office. We can give you more information and send you a poll where you can give us your availability.

<u>Grace Garden Volunteering Opportunity</u> 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!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Caring Ministries: Monday, January 17 at 7:00pm

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00pm

Worship Committee: Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00pm Care for God's Creation: Monday, February 14 at 5:30pm

All meetings are on Zoom at present; for a link, contact communications@churchofstmartin.org
If you wish to schedule a meeting on the calendar, contact the church office info@churchofstmartin.org.

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 <u>Online Services and Communications Requests</u>.