

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Zoom Coffee Hour after Today's Service: Invite, Welcome, Connect!

Please join us today for coffee hour on Zoom immediately after the service. We'll have a conversation about connecting and reconnecting to church and to one another in this strange era we're living through. Just stay on the same meeting link; we'll have a brief presentation and then time to talk in small groups or all together. See you there!

Vestry Slate Announced

With grateful hearts, your nominating committee would like to announce the 2022 Vestry Slate, as approved by the Vestry on Sunday, January 16.

The nominees for the four open three-year term seats are:

Diane Bamforth
Colette Chabbott
Ben Guthrie
Neil Willits

The nominees for the two open one-year term seats are:

Maria Acuna-Feldman
Beth Capell

Please extend a sincere "thank you" to those who are willing to serve faithfully on your behalf and for the good of the church. The parish will have the opportunity to vote on this slate at the Annual Meeting on January 30. Biographies for members of the slate will be published 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 email address is in the directory, or you can contact the church office to get it.

Convention Delegates Needed

At our Annual Meeting we will elect Diocesan Convention delegates, parishioners who will attend and represent St. Martin's at the Diocesan Convention, Oct. 21 – 22 in Redding. If you wish to serve, please contact the church office ASAP! Delegates will also need to attend Convocation on Saturday, Sept. 17 (virtual format).

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

Our Annual Meeting is fast approaching! It will take place on January 30th after the 10:00am service. Both the worship service and the Annual Meeting will be online. You can join the Sunday worship service at the usual Zoom link (see [this link](#) to find the join information for the Sunday worship service). However, the Annual Meeting will be on a DIFFERENT link and will begin at 11:00am. At the meeting, we will review the Annual Report, vote on a Vestry slate, and vote on Convention delegates. In order to attend the Annual Meeting, please follow the link below to register. Once you register, you will receive an email with the link to join the meeting at 11:00am. We look forward to seeing you there!

To register in advance for the Annual Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdO-vqzMjG9RVWhpBzOMLQyT1-z38PRS6>

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!

Formation and Fellowship Opportunities

Join us at the Ranch on Saturday, January 29

You may have heard that St. Martin's signed a lease with Stan Forbes that gives us use of 15 acres of his ranch in Esparto. It is a beautiful time to be out on this land! A small group of us has already begun envisioning where we will create a gathering space and other ways that we might make this a "church without walls" or a "home away from home" for St. Martin's and the wider community. Join us for our next outing on Saturday, January 29, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. If you need directions or want to learn more, you can contact Ann Liu, Chair of Care for God's Creation, Jim Schaal, Chair of the Landscape Committee, or Pamela Dolan, our rector.

Our Next Sacred Ground Circle is Forming

Sacred Ground is a discussion series on race, grounded in faith, developed by the Episcopal Church. Small groups use films and readings to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

Pastor Casey and Carole Hom will be facilitating a ten-session Sacred Ground circle on Monday evenings, beginning in late February, and meeting every three weeks. Due to the challenging nature of the material, the circle will be limited to 10 people, ages 16+, who can commit to all ten sessions.

An information meeting (not one of the ten sessions) will be held on Monday, February 7 at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you are interested, please email casey@churchofstmartin.org for more information or fill out the (non-binding) [interest form](#). You can also visit episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground to learn more about the curriculum.

Epiphany Discussion of *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus*

It is not too late to 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. This timely and engrossing book explores his theology of Native spirituality and its connections to Christianity. Our group will meet via Zoom for 90 minutes starting at 7 pm on Wednesday nights. At our first meeting we discussed the introduction and Chapter 1. We'll be trying to get through Chapter 4 by this coming Wednesday, the 26th! The discussion will be facilitated by our rector, Pamela Dolan and our formation chair, Helen Campbell. Please register at formation@churchofstmartin.org to get the Zoom links.

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.

Godly Play and TYGMOS Updates

Godly Play will continue to be on Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in February, even if worship returns to an in-person format. The next Godly Play session is today, Sunday, January 23 from 9:15 – 9:45am. Reach out to Casey with any questions!

In February, TYGMOS (our middle- and high-school youth group) will gather online for a movie night! If you or your teen are not currently receiving emails with TYGMOS updates, email casey@churchofstmartin.org to get on the list. Stay tuned for more info about which movie and which Sunday night—your input will be needed!

Ways to Give and Get More Involved

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.

"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.

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!**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Worship Committee: Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00pm

Care for God's Creation: Thursday, February 17, at 7:00pm

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 [Online Services and Communications Requests](#).