

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

Annual Meeting TODAY, Sunday, January 30, after the 10am Service

Our Annual Meeting is TODAY after the 10:00am service. While both the worship service and the Annual Meeting will be online, you will go to a different link for the Annual Meeting. Join the Sunday worship service at the usual Zoom link (see [this link](#) to find the Sunday worship service). Then, the Annual Meeting will be on a DIFFERENT link and will begin at 11:00am. You need to register in advance for the Annual Meeting and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

To register in advance for the Annual Meeting, go to:

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

At the meeting, we will review the Annual Report, vote on a Vestry slate, and vote on Convention delegates. At the beginning, we will also vote on holding the meeting remotely, as we did last year. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your thoughtful participation!

Below are the lists of nominees you will be voting on. **You can find all of their bios in the Annual Report**, a link to which was sent to you in Friday's Constant Contact e-mail.

Vestry Nominees for 3-year Terms

Diane Bamforth
Colette Chabbott
Ben Guthrie
Neil Willits

Vestry Nominees for 1-year Terms

Maria Acuna-Feldman
Beth Capell

Diocesan Convention Delegate Nominees

Maria Acuna-Feldman
Helen Campbell
Carole Hom
Elise Keddie
Janet Lane
Lynn Zender

Let us extend a sincere "thank you" to those who are willing to serve faithfully on our behalf and for the good of the church. We still need an additional Diocesan Convention delegate (St. Martin's has seven) and an alternate as well. The convention will take place on October 21 – 22 in Redding, CA. If you are interested in serving, please contact our rector, Pamela.

Invite, Welcome, Connect Digital Gathering February 9

Invite, Welcome, Connect provides tools and strategies for congregations who wish to deepen their relationships with their current members and their communities. You will be hearing more about these tools during the annual meeting and in the coming weeks. In addition, *Invite, Welcome, Connect* is holding a digital gathering to discuss two timely topics on February 9 from 12 – 1:30pm PST. Several St. Martin's parishioners will be attending. The focus questions will

be: “How do we Welcome and Connect those who are on our congregation's Digital Front Porch, those whose initial contacts are online and invisible? How do we Re-Connect with parishioners who are no longer as active as they were in their pre-pandemic faith communities?”

The panelists, made up of both clergy and lay leaders, will discuss creative solutions and ways to address these questions in your congregation. You can sign up by contacting the church office and we will register you and pay the \$20 fee.

If you want more information or to sign up on your own, you can visit the [Invite, Welcome, Connect website](#).

Formation and Fellowship Opportunities

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.

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 Sunday, February 13, 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 can 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

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, February 15 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 Friday**.

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](#).