

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Zoom Coffee Hour after Today's Service

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

Chuck Salocks' Presentation Today, January 9 at the beginning of Coffee Hour and Care for God's Creation Update

The Care for God's Creation Committee will hold its next meeting on January 10th from 7 - 8:30pm. Contact communications@churchofstmartin.org for the Zoom link. We are developing Seeds of Justice events for the Spring; we are actively engaged in supporting Grace Garden's transition to a wider community effort. In addition, we continue to partner with the Yolo Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice and the Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition to promote awareness of environmental justice and climate issues in the region. Most recently, we have been involved in drawing attention to environmental hazards associated with a proposed mining project in our County. At the beginning of Zoom coffee hour, Chuck Salocks, fellow parishioner and career toxicologist, will speak briefly about the hazards of mercury contamination in Cache Creek and the impacts of mining projects there.

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 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 Sr. 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.

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.

Godly Play and TYGMOS Update

We are offering Godly Play on Zoom for the winter months. Our next Godly Play will be on Sunday, 1/23 on Zoom from 9:15 – 9:45am. Our youth group, TYGMOS, will be gathering via Zoom centered around Martin Luther King Day and the continued work for justice. Look for an e-mail next week from Pastor Casey with more information.

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 Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness 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.

Thank You for Your Christmas Offering Generosity!

St. Martin's parishioners generously donated over \$8,800 to the 2021 Christmas Special Offering. Thank you so much, one and all. These discretionary funds will go a long way to help the non-profit Opening Doors resettle newcomers. Expressing her appreciation, Jessie Tientcheu, Executive Director, asked us to convey this message to you: "Opening Doors is so grateful for the support of St. Martin's. A historic number of refugees are making their new homes in California, and by living in to the spirit of welcoming the stranger, your congregation is showing our newest neighbors that they are truly at home. Thank you." Our heartfelt thanks to all!

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.

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

Care for God's Creation: Monday, January 10 at 7:00 pm.

Vestry: Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm

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

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

All meetings are on Zoom at present; for a link, contact communications@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](#).