

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 3, 2022

New and Noteworthy

Holy Week is April 10th-17th!

Join us for several services as we journey with Jesus from Jerusalem to the cross to the empty tomb.

Palm Sunday, April 10th

8am - Traditional Spoken Eucharist (in-person only)

10am - Hybrid Holy Eucharist with Palm Sunday Procession (including donkeys!)

Come meet our four-legged friends before the service, starting at 9:30. Children will gather in Classroom 4 for Godly Play after the procession. All are welcome to dye Easter eggs after the service!

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

7pm - Hybrid Holy Eucharist

Optional foot washing commemorates Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

Good Friday, April 15th

12pm - Outdoor, self-guided Stations of the Cross prayer walk (Spanish and English)

3pm - Indoor service and guided Stations of the Cross

The church will be open from noon to 3pm for individual contemplative prayer.

Great Vigil of Easter, April 16th

8pm - Hybrid Holy Eucharist

This Easter service includes an outdoor fire, procession into the church, and several dramatized scripture readings. An optional gathering afterward includes festive sparkling beverages in celebration of the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday, April 17th

8am - Holy Eucharist (in-person only)

10am - Hybrid Holy Eucharist

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with the choir at both services.

Palm Sunday is Next Sunday!

Join us for Holy Eucharist (8am and 10am) plus lots of festivities. Our donkey friends will be here, starting at 9:30am. They come to us from the nonprofit Rural Veterinary Experience, Teaching and Learning. After the 10am service, all are welcome to dye Easter eggs.

Save the Date: Summer Day Camp for K – 6th

Save the date for Day Camp! June 13-17, kindergarten to sixth graders are invited to Lutheran Church of the Incarnation for a community day camp! Counselors from Mt. Cross Ministries, along with local volunteers, will provide fun and safe activities all week long! Stay tuned for registration info. Contact Lindsey Burns at LCI or Pastor Casey casey@churchofstmartin.org with questions.

Invitation to Reading of Dr. King's Beyond Vietnam Speech

You are invited to attend a virtual (Zoom) reading of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's seminal speech titled "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence," at 5 pm on Monday, April 4. When Dr. King

delivered this speech at Riverside Church on April 4, 1967, there was a war raging in Vietnam and social injustice and unrest here at home. Today, 55 years later, there is a war raging in Ukraine and social injustice and unrest here at home. His prophetic message has relevance to us today. This virtual reading is sponsored by the Commission for Intercultural Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California and the Poor People's Campaign. To register, please send a note to EDNCBBC@gmail.com.

Godly Play Volunteer Training

In order to enrich the return to in-person Godly Play this spring, we are seeking interested volunteers for storytelling and doorkeeping roles. If you would like to receive training from Diane Bamforth, our longtime leader, please come to **Classroom 4** after the **10:00 service on Sunday, April 3rd**. Diane will introduce you to the classroom set-up, demonstrate a story, assist you in practicing, and answer questions you may have about the program. Please let Pastor Casey know you intend to come by emailing casey@churchofstmartin.org and including whether or not your Safe Church certification is up-to-date (within the last 5 years) so you can recertify as needed.

Godly Play for April will meet in-person on the second and fourth Sundays of the month—April 10 and 24—in Room 4.

Registration Open for Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course

Registration is open for upcoming sessions of the Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course, an innovative intensive course, designed for diocesan staff, clergy, lay leaders, and seminarians to gain practical knowledge and cultural competency for Latino/Hispanic ministry.

Virtual May 16 – 20, 11am to 5:30pm, \$300

In Person at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee August 15 – 22, \$1600 double occupancy; \$2000 single occupancy

The five-day virtual course in May includes 20 hours of online classroom presentations, worship services, and group dialogue, with breaks and lunch factored in, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT each day. The eight-day, in-person August course will be at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee. These popular sessions are offered by The National Episcopal Church's [Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries](#) and taught by seminary faculty, clergy, and lay leaders with extensive experience in Latino and intercultural ministry. The courses will be taught in English.

“Combining academic learning with hands-on experience, the purpose of this multifaceted intensive course is to provide cultural competency of the history, culture, socio-demographic, and religious aspects of the Latinos/Hispanics in the United States,” said the Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén, Episcopal Church missionary for Latino/Hispanic Ministries. “Also, this course will provide the foundational tools necessary for church leaders to discern and explore the type of Latino/Hispanic ministry that best fits a congregational setting and its context.” For more information, email [Anthony Guillén](mailto:Anthony.Guillen@episcopalchurch.org) or call (212) 716-6073.

Formation, Fellowship, and Ways to Get More Involved

Help Needed for the Altar Guild!

Are you interested in a quiet, contemplative ministry inside the church? The Altar Guild needs additional volunteers to serve once a month. Duties include setting up the altar for services, clearing the altar after the service or washing and ironing the altar linens. We would love to show you the ropes and/or talk to you about this ministry if you just want information first. Please contact Carla Harris for details (get Carla's contact information from the church directory or the church office).

The Rector is In—on TUESDAY this week!

Our rector, Pamela, is holding "outdoor office hours" during Lent. **This week's office hours will be on Tuesday, April 5, from 4 to 5 pm, near the prayer chalkboard on the Hawthorn side of the church office.** She will be in the library if the weather is inclement; so, please check there if she is not outside by the prayer chalkboard. These office hours are a way to meet up with Pamela and other parishioners who stop in, without needing an appointment; of course, you are still welcome to make an appointment for a different time. See you there!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Care for God's Creation: Monday, April 11 at 7:00pm

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00pm

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, April 22 at 4:00pm

Meetings are on Zoom unless otherwise noted; for a link, please contact communications@churchofstmartin.org. If you wish to schedule a meeting on the calendar, contact the church office info@churchofstmartin.org.

Readers Needed for All Services

If you are interested in reading the Scripture passages or leading the Prayers of the People (in person) at either the 8am or the 10am services, please contact us at info@churchofstmartin.org. If you have never read before, we would be happy to give you some tips and show you how to use the built-in microphone on the reader podium. If you just want more information about reading, we would love to talk with you. **You can also sign up to read by filling out the Doodle poll [here](#).**

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 might want to participate in 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 three options for where to bring your items at this time: 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 OR you can bring items during our in-person services on Sundays. The food closets also need toilet paper and diapers. Thank you for your generous donations!!

Grace Garden Plant Sale

Grace Garden is having a plant sale on Saturday, April 9 from 9am to 1pm. In addition, there will be live music from 10am to 11am during that time! The sale will be held at the Davis Methodist Church on 1620 Anderson Road, Davis. Grace Garden is an all-volunteer garden that offers fresh vegetables and fruit to people who need them through Davis Community Meals, Grace in Action, and Bartlett Commons housing. Funds pay for seeds, plants, soil, water, and infrastructure.

What We Can Do for Ukraine

As the crisis continues to evolve in Ukraine, Episcopal Relief and Development is deeply engaged in the response and is addressing humanitarian needs. They are seeking immediate donations to assist them in providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance to families from Ukraine. If you wish to donate through Episcopal Relief and Development, you may donate via their website: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> You will be pleased to know that Bishop Megan has directed a significant contribution from her discretionary funds for this humanitarian crisis and Pamela will be committing discretionary funds as well.

Prayers for Ukraine

We can also continue to pray for Ukraine. [Presiding Bishop Michael Curry](#) and our diocesan [Bishop Megan Traquair](#) have shared messages of solidarity and hope.

We offer this prayer:

Almighty God, Prince of Peace, we pray for our siblings in Ukraine who are under siege. We ask for your comfort and protection over them as they cower underground, weighing impossible decisions in the darkness. For those who choose to gather their belongings and their children and flee their homeland, we ask that they find refuge in the open arms of their neighbors around the world. For those who remain, to stand and defend, we ask for courage and perseverance in the long nights ahead. You call us all to turn our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, to sow seeds of justice and freedom rather than destruction and despair. Change the hearts of those who roll their tanks through others' gardens; transform their lust for power into love of neighbor. Change our hearts, O God, whenever we turn away from the suffering of your beloved children. Embolden us to speak truth to power, renouncing violence and instead waging peace on earth. In the name of your Son, refugee and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

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!**

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.

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. For a variety of resources concerning vaccination, contact tracing, and other monitoring efforts, visit [Healthy Davis Together](#).

Notes from St. Martin's 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, but we are working on reopening soon. 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.

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](#).