

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 10, 2022

Easter Offering Announced

Helping Ukraine in Partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development

The world has watched in horror as war has raged for nearly two months now, with devastating consequences. Episcopal Relief and Development is deeply engaged in the response and is addressing humanitarian needs. International Program staff are in close contact with church and ecumenical partners on the ground. These organizations are coordinating immediate and long-term humanitarian responses through their local partners in Romania, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia.

It is a long-time tradition at St. Martin's that our two biggest annual "plate offerings" (the money collected at a service, as opposed to funds given as part of an annual pledge), Christmas and Easter, go to a worthy organization doing work that is in line with our values and priorities. This year's Special Offerings Committee recommended that we give our Easter plate offering to Episcopal Relief and Development, to be used for humanitarian aid to Ukraine. The Vestry has unanimously approved that recommendation. Now it is up to you to give generously!

Please make checks out to The Church of St. Martin and add "Easter Offering" to the memo line. You may also give online using the purple GIVE button on St. Martin's website. After clicking GIVE, use the drop-down menu to select "Easter Offering—Aid to Ukraine").

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Let us all continue to pray for peace and to work for justice at home and around the world.

Holy Week: We Walk Together on the Journey to the Cross and the Empty Tomb

Palm Sunday, April 10

8am – Rite I Holy Eucharist (traditional language, no music, in person only)

10am – Rite II Holy Eucharist with Palm Sunday Procession (including donkeys!). This worship service will be hybrid (in person with a simultaneous livestream). 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 14

7pm - Holy Eucharist. This service will be hybrid and includes choral music, the stripping of the altar, and an optional foot washing ritual that commemorates Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

Good Friday, April 15

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 16

8pm – Rite II Holy Eucharist (this worship service will be hybrid).

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

Easter Sunday, April 17

8am – Festive Choral Holy Eucharist (in-person only)

10am -Festive Choral Holy Eucharist (hybrid)

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with the choir at both services. After the 10 o'clock service, please stay for a fun and festive extra-special Coffee Hour!

New and Noteworthy

Readers needed for (dramatic) readings at the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil calls for more than our usual cast of readers. We want to reach out to anyone who enjoys reading in public or has a bit of a flair for the dramatic—now is your time to shine! In addition, during Holy Week there are important services that require ushers, crucifers, and other ministry duties beyond what we need on a regular Sunday. For the dramatic readings at the Vigil (which takes place on Saturday, April 16, at 8pm), or to help in other ways at any of the Holy Week services, we'd like to know by Monday morning at the latest. Please reach out to info@churchofstmartin.org! Your help is greatly appreciated!

Godly Play Meets This Sunday, April 10, Plus Donkeys and Egg Dyeing

We are gathering in person for Godly Play this Sunday right after the Palm Sunday procession (a few minutes after 10am). Since we will have some special guests for the procession—donkeys—we imagine your children will want to be part of the festivities with these four-legged friends. As the procession ends, you can steer your children over to Classroom 4, where Diane will be waiting to welcome them. Your storyteller this week will be the Rev. Debbie Hawkins. Afterward, they'll join you back in the sanctuary for communion. After the service, there will be Easter egg dyeing (please bring your own hard-boiled eggs, though we will have some extras) for kids and adults. We hope you'll stick around for coffee hour and this fun Holy Week craft! Let Pastor Casey (casey@churchofstmartin.org) know if you have any questions.

Summer Day Camp and New Families Gathering Group

Hello Families! As we head into summer you may have been left with the question of what to do with our children over the school break. If you're still looking for a summer camp, St. Martin's is partnering to offer a multi-faith day camp from June 13-17 for children entering 1st to 7th grades. For more information, please email casey@churchofstmartin.org. We have also started a Families Gathering on zoom. We invite all parents or guardians of children 18 and under to join us to socialize and discuss anything from naptime to college applications. Our next Families Gathering will be on May 4th at 8:30pm. We also know a lot of us are zoomed out and want some in person gatherings. We plan to meet in May in person at a park for a picnic, date TBD. For more information email communications@churchofstmartin.org.

TYGMOS Frisbee Golf Sunday Afternoon

Taking advantage of the nice weather we have been having, Tim will meet you at St. Martin's at 4:00pm this Sunday, April 10 for frisbee golf! You'll walk together to the frisbee golf course nearby, play a round, and head back over to church for some pizza. All you need to bring is shoes that walk well on grass. See you there!

Opportunity to Connect at Davis Farmers Market

As part of our efforts to Invite, Welcome and Connect (IWC) we are going to obtain a space at the Davis Farmers' Market to spread the word about what St. Martin's Episcopal Church is all about. The IWC committee will provide a sign and pamphlet material that we can offer to anyone who stops by our table. What we need now are volunteers willing to staff the table and serve as St. Martin's ambassadors. If you're interested, a member of the IWC committee will provide guidance; for now, just contact Tim Williams (info available through the directory) or send your interest to info@churchofstmartin.org and Tim will get back to you. Once we receive a group of initial volunteers, we will schedule a brief training session and schedule St. Martin's Ambassadors for Sat (8 am – 1 pm) and Wed (3 pm – 6 pm) at Central Park. We are also open to 2 shifts on Saturday and Wednesday so that the time commitment is manageable for Ambassadors.

St. Martin's Parishioner Awarded US National Science Foundation fellowship!

Katherine Brafford, a parishioner at St. Martin's and graduate student in Ecology at UC Davis, has received a fellowship from the US National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow Program. This is a wonderful accomplishment and we are all proud of her achievement! Great job, Katherine!

Formation, Fellowship, and Ways to Get More Involved

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@churchofstmartin.org) or call (212) 716-6073.

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).

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

Ministry Council: Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00pm

Invite Welcome Connect: Thursday, April 21, at 7:00pm

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

Vestry: Monday, April 25, at 4:30pm

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

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 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!**

Prayers for Ukraine

We 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.

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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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 18, the day after Easter.

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](#).