

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 17, 2022

EASTER SERVICES this weekend

Great Vigil of Easter, April 16

8pm - Holy Eucharist (hybrid: in person and online)

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

Easter Sunday, April 17

8am - Holy Eucharist (in person only)

10am - Holy Eucharist (hybrid: in person and online)

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with choir and preaching at both services. We will have Coffee Hour after both services, with a more festive and extensive Coffee Hour on the lawn after the 10 o'clock. Children are welcome to continue decorating the Alleluia banner that we hid away on the last Sunday of the Epiphany season.

Our 2022 Easter Offering: Please give generously!

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.

New and Noteworthy

Faith Climate Action Week is April 22-May 1 2022

The theme of 2022's Faith Climate Action Week, sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light, is "Sacred Trust: Our children's right to a livable future." During this season we are invited to examine our responsibility to safeguard our Earth for future generations, and how our faiths call us to respond with bold and just solutions to climate change.

"Our children and grandchildren will bear the brunt of climate change, and their voices have an outsized impact in the halls of power when they speak about how climate change affects their future. IPL invites you to lean into this sobering and hopeful paradox and work alongside the youth in your congregation or community to speak up for their rights to a stable climate."

We will have multiple activities and events related to this effort. For Earth Day itself (Friday, April 22), there will be morning prayer at the Ranch in Esparto and at church on the labyrinth, from 9 to 10am in both locations. Other offerings will be a showing of the documentary "Youth v Gov," described as a climate change superhero movie, a demonstration of straw-bale gardening, and a signing event for our rector's book, *Contemplative Gardening*. Stay tuned for more details next week!

Formation, Fellowship, and Ways to Get and Stay Connected

New Families Gathering Group

We have recently started a Families Gathering group 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 Wednesday, May 4 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.

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 open to two shifts on Sat. and Wed. so the time commitment is manageable for Ambassadors.

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](#) 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).

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!**

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

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.

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](#).