

EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 24, 2022

New and Noteworthy

COVID Masking Update

As our rector's message indicated last week, we are changing our masking rules to be more in line with state and county guidelines. As of this Sunday, April 22, 2022, masking will be optional, although still recommended. We will continue to keep our windows and doors open to increase airflow and will be adding some air filters. We encourage you to wear a mask if you feel inclined to do so, as we know choir members and others will choose to do. We understand that this move may be concerning to some and we will continue to offer our 10am online service on Zoom and on Facebook, or to view later on YouTube. If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please contact Pamela+ at pamela@churchofstmartin.org.

Faith Climate Action Week: Online AND In-person Film Screenings

This Sunday, April 24 at 4pm, we'll have a free showing of the "climate change superhero" movie Youth v Gov. This film tells the story of the 21 young Americans who filed a landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit against the U.S. government in 2015 and is made available to us through our friends at Interfaith Power and Light. **This first screening will be available online and you must register for the Zoom link (see below).**

There will be two more opportunities to see this film. On **Monday, April 25 at 7pm** we will have a second online only screening and **on Sunday, May 1 at 4 pm we will have an in- person only** screening. No registration is necessary for the May 1 in-person event, but RSVPs will help us plan and are most appreciated. RSVP to info@churchofstmartin.org or call the office.

To register for the April 24th event please go to the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpduygqjIjGdW0Oe5YH8L2fnsAXA0zOaMY>

To register for the April 25th event please go to the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApfu2rjqkqHNaoKtRr1FrtrwPQMv9YbZFo>

Book Signing and Author Event: Saturday, April 30 at the Avid Reader on Broadway

Join the fun and come support a first-time author: your rector! Pamela will be reading from and signing copies of her new book *Contemplative Gardening* on Saturday, April 30, at 2pm. This free event takes place at the Sacramento location of the Avid Reader bookstore. You can RSVP online at <https://www.avidreaderbroadway.com/events> or just show up. The Avid Reader is located at 1945 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. Questions? Contact Pamela or the office. See you there!

Easter Offering—Thank You for Your Generosity

This year's Easter plate offering will be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development to provide critical assistance to those affected by violence in Ukraine. Thanks to the generosity of the St. Martin's community, **together we have raised almost \$11,000 for this much needed cause!** We appreciate everyone who has made this possible. Thank you so much. To learn more about Episcopal Relief and Development's work in Ukraine, see the following link:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2022-press-releases/supporting-humanitarian-response-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>

Update from the Vestry

An update from Co-Senior Warden Neil Willits and the latest “Vestry News and Review” is now on St. Martin’s website here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/04/22/vestry-update-4-22-2022/>

Easter Season Devotional Available Online: Celebrate all 50 Days

Did you know Easter is a season? It lasts from Easter Sunday all the way until Pentecost, a full 50 days! AAPI Alive! offers an online daily devotional for this season, which you can find at the following link: <https://www.aapialive.org/devotionals>

Throughout the pandemic, the AAPI community (AAPI stands for Asian American and Pacific Islander) has seen a drastic rise in hate crimes. AAPI Alive! hopes that “through this devotional, we...enter into the Resurrection that brings us healing and celebrates who God created us to be – a diverse, vibrant, thriving community.” We are all, all children of God. Please check out this beautiful and important resource.

2022 Ministry Interest Survey

As part of our move into a practice of year-round stewardship, the Stewardship Committee, the rector, and several lay ministry leaders have collaborated to develop the 2022 Ministry Interest Survey. We see this as an invitation to all St. Martin’s parishioners to consider what other gifts – alongside the financial gifts that are pledged so generously each fall – we each have to offer.

In addition, this is also how we are going to update our church directory. We are really hoping for 100% participation in order to make sure that we have everyone’s correct contact information!

We invite you to take a few minutes to fill out the survey online:

<https://forms.gle/rp7QU5HytY87RTpu7> Hard copies are also available in the narthex for those who prefer them. Once completed, you may return these to the church office.

We are asking that everyone please complete the survey by **Monday, May 16** so that we have time to collate responses prior to the ministry fair that we will be hosting on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Thank you, in advance, for participating, and we hope you enjoy this chance to reflect of your own talents and interests as the gifts they are to our church community!

Formation, Fellowship, and Ways to Get and Stay Connected

Faith Climate Action Week is this week, from 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.”

In addition to the book signing and film screening events listed above, be sure to stick around after church on May 1. Coffee Hour will include a demonstration of straw-bale gardening.

Godly Play This Sunday in Classroom 4

Godly Play meets again in person this Sunday in Classroom 4. Your storyteller this week will be Sheri Reynolds, and she and the doorkeeper will meet you at the door a few minutes before the 10:00 service. Your kiddos will return to you during the service, in time for communion.

Parents! Please join our Families Gathering Group on May 4 on Zoom

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 will be obtaining 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 2 shifts on Sat and Wed so the time commitment is manageable for Ambassadors.

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

Care for God's Creation: Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm

Ministry Council: Thursday, May 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.

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](#).