

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**May 22, 2022**

**New and Noteworthy**

**This Sunday, May 22—Join Us for a Variety of Events for All Ages after the 10am Service**

This Sunday, May 22, we will have our regular 8am and 10am services. The 10am service will include a Rogation Blessing and Procession. We also have **in-person Godly Play in Room 4**, beginning at 10am. Your children will join you after the sermon in church.

**After the 10am service, please join us for any or all of the following activities:**

**An In Person Family Gathering:** After the 10am service, we invite families with children 18 and under to join us in rooms 6/7 to socialize. We will have the doors open and utilize the patio space as well. Some snacks will be provided but if you would like to bring a snack, we would appreciate that as well. The soccer goals will be set up so that children (and willing adults!) can play. For more information, contact [communications@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:communications@churchofstmartin.org).

**A Game of Croquet with TYGMOS:** Also after the 10am service. Join Pastor Casey on the lawn to set up and play—no previous experience required!"

**A Meeting with the Rector during Coffee Hour:** This Sunday during the Coffee Hour after the 10am service (which begins as soon as the Rogation Procession is over), Pamela will be holding a short meeting to talk with anyone who wants be part of **a four-part conversation this summer about the basics of our faith**, suitable for newcomers and long-time members alike. We'll use *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams to help structure our time; Pamela has a few copies of the book so you can check it out in advance. Meet Pamela in the library at 11:30 and we'll figure out logistics. If you want to take part in the in-person discussion times but can't be there this Sunday, be sure to email Pamela asap with your interest and availability ([pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org)).

**Ministry Survey—Last Chance and Raffle Added**

We hope everyone will take a minute to fill out the Ministry Survey, available here:

<https://forms.gle/rp7QU5HytY87RTpu7>

We have extended the deadline until Monday, May 23, and when you participate, your name will be included in a raffle for items such as a Peet's or Dos Coyotes gift card. Your participation will help us gauge interest in various programs and will also give you an opportunity to learn about more ways to get involved! We are also using this survey to update our church directory so hope for 100% participation. We also have hard copies of the survey in the narthex of the church.

**Pentecost Sunday is June 5**

Join us for a single service at 10am as we bring the whole parish together to celebrate the "birthday of the church" and the joy of worshiping, serving, and learning together. After church, enjoy fun activities for all ages as we renew our commitment to our many important ministries and reconnect with our parish family at the Ministry Fair. We will also have face painting! Our 10am Eucharist (again, the only service that day!) will be in church; all other activities will be out on the lawn or the

patio. Invite friends, bring the kids or grandkids, and let's make it a grand celebration! And don't forget to wear RED!

### **Trinity Sunday, June 12**

We are planning outdoor worship for Trinity Sunday to welcome the start of the summer season and enjoy our beautiful Great Lawn together. The 8am service will remain inside; the 10am service will move outside and be picnic-style—bring your own lawn chairs or blankets if you can and wear comfy clothes and shoes. We will provide some chairs for those who need them.

### **Calling on Readers in Languages of the World for Pentecost, June 5**

For Pentecost, it has been our tradition to have parishioners read in as many of the languages of the world as possible. If you would like to be one of these readers at the 10am service on June 5, please contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) or Carole Hom (contact information in directory). Let us know the language and we will get you the short passage. We would appreciate hearing from you by Monday, May 23 at noon.

### **Anti-Racism Training Being Offered by the Diocese**

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California is offering an in-person anti-racism training. **An approved anti-racism training is required every five years for many lay leadership and volunteer positions, including Vestry, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Healing Ministers, Godly Play leaders, and TYGMOS leaders.** If you have not taken this course recently, or are interested in taking it to learn more about racial reconciliation, see the information below. The course is open to all, whether required or not.

*I Will With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice*

When: Saturday, June 4, 9:30am – 4:00pm

Where: Faith Episcopal Church, Cameron Park, CA

This one-day anti-racism workshop was specially developed for our diocese by the Commission for Intercultural Ministries. During the workshop you will have the opportunity to renew your Baptismal Covenant as we learn about forms of historic and contemporary racism and how to engage in ministry with sensitivity and respect for all. Use this link to register for the workshop.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJHAqr06GDEjqQ-CadlzbLWR4op9AiKGTPI9Ijh3rNFKhh3g/viewform>

If you have questions or want more information, please write to [norcalcim@gmail.com](mailto:norcalcim@gmail.com).

### **Living Classroom and Prayer Chalkboard on Hawthorn**

The newest addition to our outdoor classroom on the Hawthorn side of the campus is a donation of beautiful wood from Alessa Johns and Chris Reynolds. We're now entering a period of discernment—of living with the wood and listening to the space—as we decide on the best placement and use of this generous donation. The largest stumps may eventually be used as an altar or pulpit, or perhaps even as benches. It could become a place for contemplative prayer, for outdoor scavenger hunts with our children, for lectures and book circles, even for movie screenings. We'll see how the Spirit moves us!

At a practical level, we still have money left in that fund to continue to work on this area and shape it in a way that invites a wide variety of uses and users—or better, co-creators!

We hope you'll all find a moment to visit the space, enjoy the shade, and maybe talk with a neighbor who happens to be walking by. Weather permitting, Pamela also holds her Tuesday office hours there, and she'd love for you to stop by.

### **New Volunteer Sign Up System!**

We have a new signup system for volunteers that was rolled out last week. At the end of each month we will open up dates for the next month, allowing you to pick the days and ministries in which you would like to volunteer. Here is this month's list.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49acaa2ea3fecf8-may2022>

At the link, you will find a Signup Genius form with several dates and times. Under each date/time option, there is a list of ministries for which we are looking for volunteers and the number of volunteers needed for each ministry.

If you would like to sign up for one of the slots, please click on the box next to the words "Sign Up." (Please note that Eucharistic Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers must be trained and approved to serve in this ministry.) Once you have selected what you would like to volunteer for, look at the very bottom of your screen for the words "Submit and Sign Up." Click that and you will be directed to the submit screen. Put in your name and email address, then click sign up now. You do NOT need to log in to sign up. You'll be reminded of your sign up automatically two days before the service.

Thanks so much for your willingness to try this new system and for your continued participation in these important ministries. You help make our liturgies shine! If you might be interested in serving in one of our ministries but want additional information, we would love to talk with you. Contact Gabe at [communications@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:communications@churchofstmartin.org).

### **Fellowship, Fun, and Ways to Get and Stay Connected**

#### **Creatives! We need you for a one-time project**

If you have ever taken pride in your science-fair posterboard prowess, we have an opportunity for you to relive your glory days! We are in need of an eye-catching tabletop display for our Farmers Market table, which we hope to start later this month. We can pay for any necessary supplies, help with finding photos, and so on. We just need some good old-fashioned artistic (but not fancy!) skill and we know it must be out there.

#### **Rector's Office Hours—Tuesdays 4 – 5pm**

As the office and church are now both fully reopened, I am making more formal in-person hours available. My outdoor office hours this Lent were a great success, so I want to keep those going; they will now be on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 pm.

I am also available at other times by appointment, as I have been throughout the time of COVID restrictions (although not always in person). The best ways to reach me to make an appointment are:

- Email me and I will email or call you back (let me know which you prefer) and set something up.
- Call the church office. If I'm not there, leave a message.

- Call my cell phone. The number is and has been in the directory for the last (almost) five years and is the very best way to reach me, especially if something is urgent.

I'll be exploring other ways to make appointments and other times to have drop-in hours, so stay tuned for more information. It is so wonderful to see people face-to-face again! And, I am very comfortable meeting via Zoom if that is best for you due to reasons of health or convenience.

Blessings, Pamela+

### **Spring is Springing at St. Martin's!**

In this phase of regathering, we are excited to share with you the new life and growth at St. Martin's in our longstanding ministries, and some new activities and efforts getting started through our Invite-Welcome-Connect initiative:

- Godly Play is back in person! Currently, all children in grades TK-6 are welcome to join in-person sessions held twice a month at the 10 am service. Our fearless leader, Diane Bamforth, has held an orientation session to welcome new and returning Godly Play leaders and doorkeepers and if you think you might be interested in serving, please reach out to her.
- From the early days of the pandemic, St. Martin's Messengers have delivered bulletins, sermons and communion wafers to those in our congregation who are homebound, isolating or quarantining, or ill, and unable to connect with us virtually. Messengers faithfully continue this important work and are now delivering altar flowers as well!
- New cards in the pews! You may have noticed some new written materials in the pews, which are there to provide newcomers and others information about St. Martin's and ways to connect with us.
- Thanks to the efforts of our Hospitality Committee, we have been able to enjoy Coffee Hour again, which is a wonderful way to welcome newcomers and to connect with each other. We look forward to seeing you there!
- For those of you who join us on Zoom, there is also a Coffee Hour after our hybrid service! The new Digital Greeter program is working on ways to reach out and connect with new and regular online attendees. If you attend online and might want to be a digital greeter, we would love to talk with you. Contact [communications@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:communications@churchofstmartin.org).

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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 (8am – 1pm) and Wed (3pm – 6pm) at Central Park. We are open to two 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). Hot, sit-down meals have resumed. We are in need of Saturday meal representatives who are willing to dedicate a couple of hours on one Saturday per month to greet folks who come to the meal, oversee clean-up, and lock up afterwards. The Saturday commitment is from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please reach out to Diana Glick (email in the church directory) if you have questions or might want to participate.

### **"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: 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 bring items during our in-person services on Sundays (8am and 10am). 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!**

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Caring Ministries:** Monday, May 23 at 7:00pm

**Buildings and Grounds:** Friday, May 27 at 4:00pm

**Vestry:** Monday, June 20 at 4:30pm

**Social Justice and Outreach:** Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00pm

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

### **Notes from St. Martin's Church Office**

#### **COVID Masking Update**

As of April 22, 2022, masking is optional, although still recommended. We will continue to keep our windows and doors open to increase airflow and we have added a number of air filters in the sanctuary and office building. We encourage you to wear a mask if you feel inclined; choir members and others will still wear masks for the time being. 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](mailto:pamela@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](mailto:margaret@churchofstmartin.org) by **5:00 pm on Friday**.

#### **Church Office Hours**

Our office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. **We are open in person.** We still strongly recommend wearing a mask indoors and when visiting our office. You can also reach the office by calling us at 530-756-0444 or sending an email to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).

#### **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](#).

### **Ways to Stay Connected to the Larger Community**

#### **31 Ways to Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in Northern California**

Join Asia Society Northern California in May for 31 Ways to Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Highlighting live programs—both in-person and virtual—local initiatives, community partners, and previous Asia Society offerings, their calendar features Bay Area events and activities, as well as virtual selections from our New York and Texas Centers. Download the calendar [here](#).

For more wonderful information about ways to connect with and support the beautiful diversity of cultures within our Diocese, please contact Lynn Zender, Chair of Intercultural Ministries for the Diocese of Northern California, and ask to be added to the CIM newsletter list!

#### **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.

**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 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 encourages all who are able to get the COVID vaccine. For a variety of resources concerning vaccination, contact tracing, and other monitoring efforts, visit [Healthy Davis Together](#).