# The Episcopal Church of St. Martin EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 5, 2022

# Happening on Sunday, June 5, The Day of Pentecost

# Ministry Fair, Cupcakes, and Face Painting after church

After our single service at 10am, we hope everyone will stay to enjoy time together renewing commitments to our many important ministries and reconnecting with our parish family at the Ministry Fair. We will also have face painting and a cupcake station! 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!

#### Godly Play at 9:45: Last Godly Play until Fall

Godly Play meets this Sunday in Room 4 for the last time until September. Please drop off your kids by 9:45 and they will rejoin you in the sanctuary after the sermon. Because of children and adults who may be vulnerable to COVID, we are asking that all children and teachers wear masks during Godly Play. For questions, please contact Pastor Casey (casey@churchofstmartin.org).

#### **Congratulations to everyone in the Class of 2022!**

If you are in church on Sunday, June 5, please plan to come forward during announcements so we can celebrate you!

#### Davis High Madrigals Hold United Kingdom Tour Preview Concert at St. Martin's

This Sunday, June 5 at 3pm in the sanctuary at St. Martin's, the Davis High School Madrigals will hold a United Kingdom tour preview concert. All are invited to come hear the repertoire for their England and Scotland tour. Admission is free and the concert is expected to last about an hour. We wish them a wonderful and safe trip to the U.K.!

# New and Noteworthy

#### NEXT SUNDAY: Trinity Sunday, June 12: 8am Outdoor Worship, Pride Day, and More

On Trinity Sunday, June 12, we welcome the start of the summer! But due to predictions of very hot weather, we've slightly modified our plans. We will have <u>outdoor worship for the 8am Rite 1 service</u>. We will be on the patio with chairs set up for all attendees. The 10am service will remain inside, and attendees can enjoy our outdoor spaces after the service under shade structures. Trinity Sunday also coincides with Pride weekend and we will be honoring that as well during our services. We will also say goodbye to Pastor Casey on her last Sunday with us! This is a Sunday not to miss!

# <u>Matching Funds for the Center at St. Matthew's: Help Support The Center at St. Matthew's in their "Forward with Families" Fundraiser</u>

The Center at St. Matthew's, located in the Arden-Arcade area of Sacramento, is an outreach ministry of our diocese that provides critical services to families, including recent Afghan and

Ukrainian immigrants. Services available at the Center include food support in collaboration with the River City Foodbank, classes in English as a second language, and immigration legal assistance. The Center describes itself as, "a multi-service community center with a Spanish-English bilingual Episcopal mission at its heart."

The Center is holding a fundraiser, "Forward with Families," from Mother's Day until Father's Day. They have a commitment to match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000. This generous matching commitment means that every dollar given through June 18 will be doubled!

St. Martin's Social Justice & Outreach Committee, with Vestry's approval, is making a donation of \$3,500 to the Center. SJ&O is also planning to organize in-person visits to the Center this summer for all at St. Martin's who are interested in going. If you are moved to donate to this matching fundraiser, you may do so between now and Father's Day in one of the following ways:

To donate online, visit the diocesan website's online giving portal at:

https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/give/ Click on the red "Give" button and select "The Center at St. Matthew's" from the drop-down menu. You may enter "in honor of" or "in memory of" your loved ones in the "optional memo" field. To donate by check, make your check payable to "Episcopal Diocese of Northern California" and write "Center at St. Matthew's" in the memo line. You may enclose a note in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Mail your check directly to the Center at: The Center at St. Matthew's, 2300 Edison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821-1714. If you are donating from a Charitable Giving Fund, such as Schwab or Fidelity, they can mail your check directly to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. Make sure it has a designation for The Center at St. Matthew's. For more information, please contact Jim Schaal, Executive Director stmatthewsepiscopal@gmail.com; 916-927-0115.

#### Fun Summer Pickup "Family Choir"

Beginning on June 19 and lasting until our Kickoff Sunday in the Fall (September 11), anyone of any age can meet in the Sanctuary on Summer Sundays at 9:00am to learn a fun, easy song for the 10:00am worship service. You can sit with your own friends and family during the service, and come forward to sing the Offertory Anthem. We ask that participants be masked for this activity, and please be vaccinated and boosted if age or health circumstance permits. This is a fun nojudgment musical activity, and an opportunity for service. See you in the Family Choir this summer!

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

#### Summer Class: Being Christian by Rowan Williams

A class led by Pamela will be meeting on four Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm: June 29, July 6, July 13, and July 20. If you want to share a potluck supper, please arrive at 6:30 with a dish to share. (Or come without a dish to share and we'll see if we can recreate the miracle of the loaves and fishes on a smaller scale—somehow there's always enough to go around, even if we have to order emergency pizza!) We'll take one chapter a time and talk about Baptism, Eucharist, the Bible, and Prayer. Contact Pamela with any questions—you can call the church office or email pamela@churchofstmartin.org.

#### Weekly Food Drop-off Location Moving Back to Church

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee extends a huge thank-you to everyone who has continued to donate food each week throughout the pandemic for the three food closets we serve. Starting in June, we will be collecting nonperishable food items at the church only (rather than at the church and at Janet and Bob's home). Please bring your items to the Narthex on Sunday between 7:30am and 11:30am, when the church is open. If that time doesn't work for you, you can also bring items to the church office during open hours—Monday through Friday 9am - 12noon. The staff at the UCD Pantry, STEAC, and Dixon Family Services have been thankful for and amazed by our commitment to continuing food deliveries during the pandemic. Thank you all and special thanks to our parishioner volunteers who deliver the donated items to the three food closets. Let's continue with "Every Person...Every Week...One Item of Food."

#### **Update on Ministry Survey and Thanks for Participating!**

Our ministry survey is complete! Thank you to everyone who submitted a survey. We had 80 responses! We are grateful for your willingness to explore what ministries God might be calling you to right now. With your responses, we've been able to generate lists of those who are interested in our various ministries, such as Worship, Music, Hospitality, Formation, etc. We will soon reach out to you about the items you have indicated interest in. In addition, we are in the process of using your survey responses to update our directory. We hope to have a draft directory available for proofing soon. *Congratulations to our three raffle winners: Colette Chabbott, Janet Gebhardt, and Sheila Lewis.* Thank you again and we look forward to strengthening and expanding our ministries.

#### **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!

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.

#### **Volunteer Sign Up System: How to Get on the Schedule**

We have a new signup system for volunteers that was rolled out recently. 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 the link:

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.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Vestry: Monday, June 20 at 4:30pm

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, June 24 at 4:00pm

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

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, July 12 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.

#### **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 (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

St. Martin's Parish Hall hosts 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 St. Martin's 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.

### **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!

# Notes from St. Martin's Church Office

#### **COVID Masking Update and Clarification**

Masking is optional, although strongly recommended, in church. The exception to this is Godly Play. Since we have a number of young people in close proximity to one another and could potentially have children and teachers with health vulnerabilities, we will require masks during Godly Play. Additionally, as we see COVID numbers rise in our county, we may have to go back to requiring masks in worship at some point. A few reminders:

We have added a number of air filters in the sanctuary and office building.

We encourage you to wear a mask when inside any church building.

Choir members will continue to mask.

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, please contact Pamela (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 Margaret at by 5:00 pm on Friday (<u>margaret@churchofstmartin.org</u>).

#### 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+

#### **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.

#### **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 <u>Online Services and Communications Requests</u>.

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