

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**June 12, 2022**

**New and Noteworthy**

**Today We Say a Fond Farewell to Casey**

Please join us after the 10 o'clock service for a final Coffee Hour with Casey (and cake!). We wish her well as she and her husband move to sunny southern California to be close to family and explore new possibilities. Casey's joyful presence, passionate preaching, and supportive, collaborative leadership have been true blessings to our community!

**Celebrate Pride With Us This Sunday**

You are made in the image of God and you are beloved! Celebrate the love of all God's children this Sunday with us. You are welcome to add to the prayer chalkboard with prayers celebrating our community's and the world's beautiful diversity. You can also add strips of paper or colorful fabric to our banner (near the prayer chalkboard) to enhance our pride celebration.

**Join us for a Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk**

On Tuesday, June 21, at 8 o'clock in the morning, we'll hold a labyrinth walk to greet the longest day of the year. We'll have more information and details coming out next week, but please mark your calendars now and plan to start the day with this prayerful, centering experience. A labyrinth walk can be completed in as little as 15 minutes or you can spend all the time you want in our lovely space and walking the grounds of the church, including the meditation garden and prayer chalkboard area.

**Matching Funds for the Center at St. Matthew's: "Forward with Families" Fundraiser**

The Center at St. Matthew's, located in the Arden-Arcade area of Sacramento, is holding a fundraiser, "Forward with Families," from Mother's Day until Father's Day. A generous donor has committed to match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000. This generous match 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: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/give/> Click on the red "Give" button and select "The Center at St. Matthew's." 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. Mail your check to: The Center at St. Matthew's, 2300 Edison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821-1714. For more information, contact Jim Schaal, Executive Director ([stmatthewsepiscopal@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewsepiscopal@gmail.com); 916-927-0115) or Janet Lane, Center Committee Member (information in church directory).

**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 no-judgment 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. 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](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org).

#### **Weekly Food Drop-off Location Has Moved 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."**

#### **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 from 4 – 5pm, 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](mailto:communications@churchofstmartin.org).

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Care for God’s Creation:** Monday, June 13 at 7:00pm

**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](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).

### **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**

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](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 Margaret at by 5:00 pm on Friday ([margaret@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:margaret@churchofstmartin.org)).

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

Pamela continues to hold office hours on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 pm. She is also available at other times by appointment, as she has been throughout the time of COVID restrictions (although not always in person). The best ways to reach her to make an appointment are to email or call the church office and Pamela will get back to you. For urgent matters, call her cell phone (number in the church directory).

### **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](#).

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