

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**June 19, 2022**

**New and Noteworthy**

**Prayers for St. Stephen's in Vestavia Hills, Alabama**

Our hearts are with the victims of Thursday evening's shooting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, and with all their family and friends who mourn and grieve. Alongside our Diocese and the National Episcopal Church, we pray for them. Below are links to a video message and a written pastoral statement from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

Link to Presiding Bishop Curry's video message:

<https://www.facebook.com/episcopalian/videos/1226369098184746>

Link to Presiding Bishop Curry's written pastoral statement:

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/pastoral-word-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-shooting-at-st-stephens?e=7d727b9569>

**We at St. Martin's also offer this prayer:**

Almighty God, we pray for our siblings in Vestavia Hills. We ask for your comfort and protection over them as they mourn. You call us all to turn our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, to sow seeds of justice and freedom rather than destruction and despair. Change the hearts of those who seek to harm; transform their desire for violence into love of neighbor. Change our hearts, O God, whenever we turn away from the suffering of your beloved children. Embolden us to speak truth to power, renounce violence, and instead bring peace on earth. In the name of your Son, Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

**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. Please mark your calendars now and plan to start the day with this prayerful, centering experience. One of our newest members, Carol Lucic, is a trained labyrinth facilitator and will be on hand to help orient those who are new to the practice of labyrinth walking. You will be given some basic information about the labyrinth, ideas about how to set an intention, and more. 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.

**LGBTQ+ Welcome and Ministry Conversation**

**Saturday, June 25 | 9:00am - 10:30am**

The Diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries invites you to join us for a planning and dreaming conversation about how we can support churches in our diocese in being welcoming to the LGBTQ+ community, and to dream what ministry opportunities there may be.

Join us on zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83777220021>. For more information contact Miriam Casey, Co-Chair Commission for Intercultural Ministries at [norcalcim@gmail.com](mailto:norcalcim@gmail.com).

**The Deadline is Here 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 19 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 8:30pm: 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. **If possible, please read Chapter 1 (Baptism) before our first class.** We plan to start with an optional potluck at 6:30pm; no signup required, just show up with something to share! Contact Pamela with any questions—you can call the church office or email [pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org).

#### **Pride Month: Living Classroom and Prayer Chalkboard on Hawthorn**

You are made in the image of God and you are beloved! Celebrate the love of all God's children! We invite you during this month of June—Pride Month—to visit our outdoor classroom on the Hawthorn side of the campus. You are welcome to add prayers celebrating our community's and the world's beautiful diversity to the prayer chalkboard. You can also add strips of paper or colorful fabric to our banner (near the prayer chalkboard) to enhance our pride celebration. In this area, you will also see a donation of beautiful wood from Alessa Johns and Chris Reynolds. We are hoping this space will eventually become a place for contemplative prayer, for outdoor scavenger hunts with our children, for lectures and book circles, even for movie screenings. 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, our rector, 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).

### **Every Person...Every Week...One Item of Food**

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. Please continue bringing non-perishable food items as the three food pantries we serve are always in need of items. You may 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 clients and staff at the UCD Pantry, STEAC, and Dixon Family Services thank you very much!!

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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

**Ministry Council:** Thursday, June 23 at 4:00pm

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

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

**Care for God's Creation:** Monday, July 11 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. 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).

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, June 20, in observance of Juneteenth.**

### **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**

#### **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.