

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
June 26, 2022

New and Noteworthy

New Class on Climate Change, Food, and Farming—Begins This Week

This summer the Russian River Deanery is piloting the course *Sacred Land: Food & Farming* for our diocese and they are looking for a few more people to participate. YOU could learn a lot, share your own knowledge, and also help us decide if this class is right for St. Martin's and our community.

The offering from JustFaith Ministries is an eight-session, small group program that explores our interconnectedness with the land and all who live here. Participants will learn how food and farming practices relate to the climate crisis, to marginalized communities, and to our own health and spiritual wellbeing. To learn more or to express interest in participating, please contact one of the facilitators: Misty Gay (misty@freestoneranch.com) or Deacon Phina Borgeson (phinaborgeson@gmail.com).

The introductory meeting via Zoom will be Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Vestry Listening Table Returns!

Do you want to meet or chat with some of our vestry members? The Vestry Listening Table is restarting after a long hiatus during the pandemic. At this table, which will be available after the 10am service, you will be able to talk informally with vestry members. Weather permitting, the Vestry Listening Table will be located on the patio outside of the narthex.

The Directory Is Almost Complete—But We Need Your Help!

Thank you everyone for all your survey responses! Based on your responses, we created a draft directory. This draft will be at the Vestry Listening Table during the next three Sunday worship services: June 26, July 3, and July 10. Please stop by and check the draft directory for any errors in your contact information. If you do not want to be included in the directory, please let the Vestry member at the table know and they will make a note of that.

If you attend our services virtually, or will be unable to attend the next few weekends, you can email communications@churchofstmartin.org to let us know if you do not wish to be included in the directory or if you have an update to your contact information. You can also stop by the office before July 10 during our regular hours—Monday through Friday from 9am to 12pm—to check your information. We will not be posting the draft directory virtually for editing. We look forward to having an up-to-date directory to share with you soon!

Fellowship, Fun, and Ways to Get and Stay Connected

Summer Class Begins This Week: *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams

A class led by Pamela will be meeting on four Wednesday nights in Room 6/7 from 7:00 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.

Fun Summer Pickup “Family Choir”

Beginning last Sunday, 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!

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, feel free to contact Gabe at communications@churchofstmartin.org.

We Continue Praying for St. Stephen's in Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Our hearts are with the victims of last week'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.

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!!

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).

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

Care for God's Creation: Monday, July 11 at 7:00pm

Ministry Council: Tuesday, July 12 at 1:00pm

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00pm

Vestry: Sunday, July 17 at 12:00pm

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, July 22 at 4:00pm

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 Policy

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).

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).

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 [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.