

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
July 10, 2022

New and Noteworthy

80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church is being held this weekend (July 8 - 11) in Baltimore, Maryland. The convention was postponed from 2021 due to COVID and later shortened from ten legislative days to four, with modifications also made to the number of attendees. General Convention is the ultimate governing body of the Episcopal Church and consists of deputies, both lay and ordained, from all the dioceses of the Episcopal Church. The convention normally takes place every three years for a two-week period. If you would like to see a convention schedule or get updates on happenings, you can visit the link below. We pray that the Holy Spirit guides the work of those at convention.

National Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs Convention Media Hub:

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/public-affairs/gc80/?mc_cid=68fac94e72&mc_eid=7d727b9569

Matthew 25 Giving Committee 2022

The vestry is putting together a short-term committee to make recommendations for the distribution of Matthew 25 funds in 2022. The committee will consist of a vestry member, a member of the Social Justice & Outreach Committee, and an at-large member of the parish. Would you like to be this at-large member? This committee is charged with identifying worthy organizations in our community and throughout the world that will make the best use of St. Martin's Matthew 25 funds, which our parish generously sets aside as a "mission title" each year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org). For questions, you can speak to Co-Sr. Warden Kimo Kimokeo (contact information in church directory).

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 Sunday worship on 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 on July 10, please email communications@churchofstmartin.org if you do not wish to be included in the directory or if you have an update to your contact 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!

Introducing Our Summer Visiting Music Minister

For six weeks in July and August, our Music Ministers Jeffrey and Suzanne Jubenville will take a break to recharge their batteries. During that time, Oliver Steissberg will substitute. Oliver is a much-beloved member of our parish: he grew up here, sang in the choir, and accompanied services occasionally. He's now an organ performance major and collaborative piano minor at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. We're delighted to have him back to share his gifts with us. Come rehearse with the family choir at 9:00am on Sundays, give a listen during the prelude and postlude, and say hello afterwards during coffee hour.

Vestry Listening Table after 10am Sunday Service

Do you want to meet or chat with some of our vestry members? Vestry members will staff the Vestry Listening Table after the 10am service and, when possible, after the 8am service. At this table, you will be able to talk informally with vestry members, ask them questions or give them input. Weather permitting, the Vestry Listening Table will be located on the patio outside the narthex.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Statements on Recent Supreme Court Decisions

Presiding Bishop Curry and the Office of Public Affairs of The National Episcopal Church recently released statements regarding two Supreme Court decisions. The court issued a decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned the constitutional right to abortion recognized in *Roe v. Wade*. In *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, the court struck down New York's regulation of the concealed carry of firearms. If you wish to read Presiding Bishop Curry's statements on these decisions, you will find links to them below:

[Presiding Bishop's Statement on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization](#)

[Presiding Bishop's Statement on NYSRPA v. Bruen](#)

Fellowship, Fun, and Ways to Get and Stay Connected

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

A class led by Pamela+ is meeting on Wednesday nights in Room 6/7 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. We will have two more sessions on July 13 and July 20. If you did not attend the first two sessions, do not worry as each chapter is a self-contained unit. All are welcome! **If you can, please read Chapter 3 (Eucharist) before class on July 13.** While not required, masks are strongly recommended for indoor events. Contact Pamela with any questions—you can call the church office or email pamela@churchofstmartin.org.

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!

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.

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

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 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).

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 margaret@churchofstmartin.org by 6:00 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.

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.