

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
July 31, 2022

New and Noteworthy

Join Us in Watching *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*

Join us on August 10 from 7 - 9pm for the film *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. Producer/director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey that brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise. After learning her family history, Browne went on to help develop the Sacred Ground program, which some of you have experienced. Please join us as we watch the film via Zoom and discuss it briefly after viewing. If interested, you can get the Zoom link from Gabe at communications@churchofstmartin.org.

For Parents of Youth Entering Grades 7 - 12

Hello parents of youth entering grades 7 - 12! We're gathering TYGMOS (This Youth Group Meets on Sundays) parents together to do some brainstorming and planning for the upcoming year of TYGMOS after church at 11:30am on August 7. We'll meet in Room 6/7. If you have youth entering grades 7 - 12 please plan on joining us for a brief meeting. We promise to keep it to an hour or less.

Lambeth Conference Update

The Lambeth Conference is an international meeting of bishops from across the Anglican Communion and is convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This conference is held once every ten years. According to the Lambeth Conference's website, "the conference discusses church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead." The conference that had been scheduled for 2020 was delayed by two years because of the pandemic but began July 26, 2022.

Earlier this week, the Lambeth Conference put out a Lambeth Calls study guide for bishops affirming a 24-year-old resolution opposing same-sex marriage. At the conference, bishops would be asked to indicate their views on the Calls, selecting one of two choices, "This Call speaks for me. I add my voice to it and commit myself to take the action I can to implement it." Or "This Call requires further discernment. I commit my voice to the ongoing process."

After significant uproar from bishops worldwide, particularly from the Episcopal Church, news that the Lambeth Calls were revised was announced on July 26, 2022. Among other items, the language opposing same-sex marriage was eliminated. Additionally, a third response option was added, which states "This Call does not speak to me. I do not add my voice to this Call."

Our rector Pamela+ wants to assure anyone who has concerns that we are absolutely committed to continuing our practice of full inclusion at St. Martin's, including unwavering support for marriage equality and upholding the equal worth and dignity of all members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

We at St. Martin's affirm the words of our Statement of Action and Commitment, which begins: "All are welcome at our church. We at St. Martin's are a faithful people intent on living into the words of our Baptismal Covenant, respecting the dignity and worth of every human being." To see the full Statement of Action and Commitment, please go to <https://churchofstmartin.org/a-statement-of-commitment-and-action/>.

A statement from Bishop Megan can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/megan.traquair/posts/pfbid0nM6RiBy6s2soxbktpExNvxPNBvKEXpPY2Z5T4hQWDFP6xcVPvutE4R4QeK75DkmlI>

A statement from Presiding Bishop Curry can be found here:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/statement-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-lambeth-calls/>

For more about the Lambeth Calls for this year's conference, you can read an article by the Episcopal News Service here:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/07/26/lambeth-conference-planners-revise-calls-document-acknowledging-differences-on-same-sex-marriage/>

Church Directory Update

Good news! We are very close to completing our new directory! This directory will go out via email as a .pdf file as soon as possible after we add any final changes. If you need a printed copy, please let the office or Gabe know. Thank you for your patience as we work to create this community resource.

Changes in Church Office Staff

As we approach the end of summer (already!) Michael Goos, our Interim Church Operations Coordinator, is going off to seminary. Please join us in sending him prayers and thanks for his time with us. Michael's last day was Thursday, July 28. On Sunday, July 31, at the 10am service, we will give a sending blessing to Michael. As we say goodbye to Michael, we say hello to our new Administrative Assistant, Janet Lane. Janet has been serving in this role on Fridays and is now taking on the role as a staff member. She will be in the church office Monday - Friday, 9am - 12pm. Contact her at info@churchofstmartin.org.

Fellowship, Fun, and Ways to Get and Stay Connected

Concerts to Benefit Ukrainian Refugees at St. Paul's, Sacramento

Join St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sacramento for two benefit concerts for Ukrainian Refugees. The concerts will take place on August 14 and 21 from 2:00 – 4:00pm. See details below.

Oleksandr Savchenko, Pianist

Music by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, and Rachmaninov.

Songs by Oleksandr Savchenko.

1430 J St. in Sacramento

Tickets: \$20.

Additional information: <https://benefitconcertforukrainianrefugees.ticketleap.com>

We Need Readers, Ushers, EMs, Crucifer for Upcoming Sundays!

We are in need of readers, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and crucifers for the next several Sundays. If you wish to volunteer, 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 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.

Fun Summer Pickup "Family Choir"

Beginning late June 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!

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](#)

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

Care for God's Creation: Monday, August 8 at 7:00pm

Ministry Council: Tuesday, August 9 at 1:00pm

Worship Committee: Thursday, August 11 at 5:00pm

Vestry: Monday, August 15 at 4:30pm

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00pm

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, August 26 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 on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We need additional Saturday St. Martin's meal representatives who can 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 contact Diana Glick (email in church directory) if you have questions or 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 the church office at info@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.