

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
August 14, 2022

New and Noteworthy

Farewell to Our Visiting Organist, Oliver

We have been blessed to have Oliver Steissberg as our guest organist for six Sundays during the summer. As summer winds down, Oliver is going back to school. This Sunday, August 14 is Oliver's last Sunday of the season with us. We thank Oliver for his assistance with the choir and for filling the church with joyous music. Next weekend, we welcome back our music ministers, Jeffrey and Suzanne Jubenville!

Introducing Our New Seminarian!

We are delighted to welcome our new seminarian intern, Betsy McElroy. Betsy's first Sunday serving at St. Martin's will be August 21. See this link for more information and for a letter from Betsy: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/08/05/welcome-to-our-new-seminarian/>

In-person Godly Play Begins September 11

Beginning on Sunday, September 11, Godly Play will begin meeting twice a month—on the second and fourth Sundays at 10:00am. The class will meet in person in Room 4. All children TK through 6th grade are welcome. Soon we will provide a link where you can register your children online, or you may also register them in person at church on Sunday, September 11. For additional information contact Sheri Reynolds or Helen Campbell (email in church directory or the office can help you connect).

Blessing of the Backpacks, August 28

On Sunday, August 28 during the 10:00am service, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpack, book bag, or briefcase to have it blessed!

Save the Date: Kick-off Sunday, September 11

We are excited to kick off our program year on Sunday, September 11. In honor of this event, we will hold only one service at 10:00am. Come join us at a service where we all worship together! The service will be livestreamed, as usual, on Zoom and Facebook Live, and posted later on YouTube. Stay tuned for more information about fun events happening after worship that Sunday!

Yolo County COVID-19 Transmission Level Signage

St. Martin's is now using Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's COVID-19 transmission-level signage. The signs posted at our main entrances indicate the COVID-19 transmission level in Yolo County based on case rates, testing positivity, and levels of the virus in the wastewater. We will be checking the levels on the County website daily and posting the

appropriate signage. At the time of writing, the level of COVID-19 in the community is HIGH; community transmission is also high. While not required, masks are strongly recommended indoors for everyone when COVID-19 levels are high. Yolo County has given St. Martin's a supply of high-quality KN95 masks; if you would like one when you come to St. Martin's, we will have them at the welcome table and in the office, or feel free to ask for one.

Memorial Service for Joanne Kay Overgaard, Saturday, August 20, 2022, 3:00pm

A memorial service will be held for Joanne Kay Overgaard (Lesley Stern's mother) on Saturday, August 20 at 3:00pm at St. Martin's. Pamela will be officiating and the Rev. Cliff Haggenjos from Joanne's home church, St. John's in Roseville, will be giving the homily. A reception will take place in the parish hall immediately following the service. Please see the following link for Joanne's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sacbee/name/joanne-overgaard-obituary?pid=202508777>

The family will create and share a memory book at the celebration and encourages guests and friends of Joanne to contribute a story and a photo. Memories can be brought in person or sent in advance to Lesley (contact church office for Lesley's email). May Joanne rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bibles Donated to the Organization Love Packages

We've been doing some cleaning out of the office, and one of the items we discovered was four boxes full of old bibles. Many of these bibles were in extremely good condition, and the others were still in usable condition. Instead of taking them to the landfill, we shipped them to Love Packages. According to their website, Love Packages is "a non-denominational, not-for-profit ministry that equips pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers all over the world with free bibles and Christian literature." Unfortunately, these boxes were very heavy (160 pounds!), so shipping was quite expensive. If you are interested in donating to help cover the cost of shipping these items, please contact the office at info@churchofstmartin.org. For more information about Love Packages, go to <https://lovepackages.org/>.

Episcopal Community Services and Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health Webinar

Sister Joan Chittister

A Monastic Heart: How to Live an Ordinary Life Extraordinarily Well

September 10, 2022, 10:00am – 12:00pm

This webinar is intended for lay and clergy to nurture your monastic heart and empower your ministry to bring an extra measure of Jesus' healing to our world. With this webinar, Sister Joan "... sounds the call to create a Monastery within ourselves—to cultivate wisdom and resilience so that we may join God in the work of renewal, restoration and justice right where we are."

Because registration space is limited and Sister Joan is a beloved and important speaker, **St. Martin's will host a watch party for this event.** That means you do not have to register as an

individual but can simply RSVP to the office (info@churchofstmartin.org) that you will be coming to watch this event in the sanctuary. Feel free to bring your coffee, tea, or cold drink with you and to stay for a brief discussion after the webinar, if desired. There is no cost for the event, but we will be collecting a voluntary donation for Episcopal Community Services.

Biography: Joan Chittister, OSB is an internationally known writer and lecturer and the executive director of Benetvision, a resource and research center for contemporary spirituality in Erie, Pennsylvania. She has authored sixty books and received numerous awards for her work on behalf of peace, justice and women in church and in society. For more information: <http://www.JOANCHITTISTER.ORG>

Due to copyrights, there will be no recording of this webinar. If you choose to register as an individual, please do so early. For questions about registration contact Ann Stoltz (contact church office for Ann's email).

Link to individual registration:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VA2AGhckTdOsj26viD0xjQ

This webinar is being offered as a gift. A free will offering to Episcopal Community Services to go towards their Grant Program would be very much appreciated. The grants go towards supporting congregations in development of health and social ministries in their communities. See www.norcalects.org for more information.

News and Notes from the Social Justice & Outreach Committee

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee is excited to launch a new monthly installment in our bulletin, where we plan to bring you information about the church's efforts around social justice and outreach and share opportunities to get involved. We would like to kick-off this new segment by spending some time "unpacking" that Bible passage that you have probably heard congregation members refer to so frequently, Matthew 25:35-36. Please click to read the first installment: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/08/03/sjo-news-and-notes-first-installment/>.

SAVE THE DATES: Seeds of Justice, Program Year 2, Continues

Mark your calendar and **save these dates for our Seeds of Justice Program, Year 2.**

Sunday, September 18 at 4:00pm

"In Relation to Water: Indigenous Leadership in Restoring and Re-envisioning Watershed Stewardship." Beth Rose Middleton Manning, Professor, Dept. of Native American Studies, UC Davis.

Sunday, October 16 at 4:00pm

"Cultural Fire, Storytelling, and Reclaiming Indigenous Land Stewardship Practices." Melinda Adams (San Carlos Apache), PhD Candidate in Dept. of Native American Studies, UC Davis.

Sunday, November 13 at 4:00pm

“How Manifest Destiny Changed the Color of Labor.” John M. Liu, Professor Emeritus in Depts. of Asian American Studies and Sociology, UC Irvine.

Registration will be forthcoming from the Care for God’s Creation committee soon. For more information: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/08/03/save-the-date-seeds-of-justice-continues/>

I Will, With God’s Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice

Anti-Racism Workshops for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

This one-day in-person workshop was specially developed for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California by the Commission for Intercultural Ministries. Renew your baptismal covenant as we learn about forms of historic and contemporary racism and how to engage in ministry with sensitivity and respect for all. Due to the nature of the program, attendance is limited to 30 participants at each workshop.

Two Workshop Dates/Locations:

Saturday, August 27, 9:30am - 4:00pm, Christ Church, Eureka

Register: <https://forms.gle/xfp4P2ZKKBE4hDc79>

Saturday, September 10, 9:30am - 4:00pm, All Saints Episcopal Church, Redding

Register: <https://forms.gle/mSy9wu2etPhEm7f27>

Best Skills, Best Churches: Earn a Certificate in Nonprofit Management

Have questions about volunteers in service? Legal aspects of governance? Effective communication and handling conflict? How about marketing and community presence? Financial management and fundraising? If you answered yes to any of these, the Best Skills, Best Churches program is just what you're looking for! This course is offered by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, in partnership with Arizona State University and the Nonprofit Management Institute. Leading to a certificate in nonprofit management, the course meets online one weekend a month for 6 months. Classes are on Friday night and Saturday morning. The next available course will take place 09/2022 - 03/2023. The deadline to register is September 2, 2022. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/BSBC22-23>.

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.

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!

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 9:00am – 12:00pm. The clients and staff at the UCD Pantry, STEAC, and Dixon Family Services thank you very much!!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Vestry: Sunday, August 14 at 12:00pm

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

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, August 26 at 4:00pm

Care for God's Creation: Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00pm

Ministry Council: Thursday, September 8 at 10:00am

Worship: Tuesday, September 13 at 5:00pm

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.

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 11:00am to 1:00pm. 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 and have high quality (KN95) masks to offer, if you would like one. 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.

Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Lambeth Call on Human Dignity

If you would like to hear or read Presiding Bishop Curry's remarks on the Lambeth Call on Human Dignity, you will find a video and written transcript at the link below:

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/message-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-lambeth-call-on-human-dignity?e=7d727b9569>