

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**August 21, 2022**

**New and Noteworthy**

**Today We Welcome Our New Seminarian!**

We are delighted to welcome our new seminarian intern, Betsy McElroy. This Sunday, August 21, is her first Sunday at St. Martin's. Betsy's primary role with us in the fall will be in the area of pastoral care and helping us connect with the Belfry campus ministry. See this link for more information and for a letter from Betsy: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/08/05/welcome-to-our-new-seminarian/>

**Blessing of the Backpacks, August 28**

For most of the parents, teachers, and children in our community, this is back-to-school season and we want all of them to feel loved and supported by their parish throughout the year. Next 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!

**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. After worship, join us for cake and several fun events for adults and children, including soccer on the great lawn, the Kona Ice truck, and face painting.

**In-person Godly Play Begins September 11 at 10:00am**

Godly Play also begins on Sunday, September 11 and will meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Sundays at 10:00am. The class will meet in person in Room 4. Children Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome. Kids who attend will be back in church in time to take communion with their families. You may also register your children in person at church on Sunday, September 11. We will also provide an online registration link by next week. For additional information contact Sheri Reynolds or Helen Campbell (email in church directory or the office can help you connect).

**Rector's Office Hours and Away Next Week**

Pamela continues to hold office hours on Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm outside near the prayer chalkboard (weather permitting) or indoors in the church library. Pamela will be away this coming week from Sunday, August 21 - Saturday, August 27, taking her younger daughter to college. So **her office hours will resume on Tuesday, August 30**. If you want to arrange to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the office to set something up.

### **Parish Prayer List Reminder**

Please know that people you have placed on the Parish Prayer List are being prayed for. The clergy pray the list regularly. We also pray the list every Friday night at Compline (8:30pm on Zoom). Individuals may also request a copy of the Prayer List if you would like to pray it on your own. Just contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) and we will send it to you.

If you have someone you would like us to pray for, please let us know through our online prayer request form, which is simple to fill out and can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIq15C4OurynsauPSpbsts2kAjHjt5Lq9hBcQQomb1TGY5a2A/viewform>.

We work hard to keep the Prayer List updated, but we need your help. We generally leave people on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless you tell us to do otherwise. If you placed someone's name on the list more than 4 weeks ago and wish them to stay on the prayer list, please let the office know. To have prayer requests, celebrations, or milestones read aloud during Sunday services, please contact Deacon Margaret ([margaret@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:margaret@churchofstmartin.org)).

Sometimes prayer requests that come to us through the online form or other avenues don't have all the information we need; if you think someone has been left off or removed that you would like to see on the prayer list, please check in with the office so we can sort it out. Thank you!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Link for Individual Registration (not the watch party)**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_VA2AGhckTdOsj26viD0xjQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VA2AGhckTdOsj26viD0xjQ)

Visit [www.norcalects.org](http://www.norcalects.org) for more information.

### **Seeds of Justice, Program Year 2, Continues**

Mark your calendar **for our Seeds of Justice Program, Year 2.** Please see the link for registering below each talk. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

#### **Sunday, September 18 at 4:00pm (in person and on Zoom)**

*"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. **Register in advance for this meeting:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvcuhrzwrE9Dy3JAoW\\_nqotIB70phX1Ea](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvcuhrzwrE9Dy3JAoW_nqotIB70phX1Ea)

#### **Sunday, October 16 at 4:00pm (on Zoom)**

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf--tpzssHtICxGY1NktNIDBFB-7NNy2V>

#### **Sunday, November 13 at 4:00pm (on Zoom)**

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

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdOmgpjssH9wZg6WMbo4T4J2UN9\\_7vECh](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdOmgpjssH9wZg6WMbo4T4J2UN9_7vECh)

For more information about these events, please see our website::

<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.

***Three 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>

**Saturday, September 24, 9:30am - 4:00pm, Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa**

**Register:** <https://forms.gle/PFhqthoixtXYG3Vi6>

**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 start Friday, September 23, 2022 and run through March of 2023. The deadline to register is September 2, 2022. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/BSBC22-23>.

**Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network (YIIN) Seeking Board Members**

The Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network (YIIN) is seeking new participants on its board of directors. YIIN is a nonprofit consisting of a diverse group of concerned volunteers responding to the needs of our immigrant and refugee neighbors through financial, nutritional, legal and educational advocacy and support. If you are interested in getting involved or learning more, you can check out YIIN's website at [yiinyolo.org](http://yiinyolo.org) or contact the current board co-chairs, John Katonah or Ignacio Alarcon (St. Martin's office can help you be in touch with them).

**Fellowship, Fun, and Ways to Get and Stay Connected**

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sacramento is hosting two benefit concerts for Ukrainian Refugees. The second of these will take place on Sunday, August 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 sign-up 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. 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. 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).

### **Fun Summer Pickup “Family Choir”**

Interested in singing this summer? People 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!!

### **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.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**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

**Vestry:** Monday, September 19 at 4:30pm (possible alternate date Sunday, September 18 at 12:00pm)

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).

### **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](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 [margaret@churchofstmartin.org](mailto: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](mailto: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***

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