

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
September 4, 2022

New and Noteworthy

St. Martin's To Be Part of Pilot Project: Developing Spirituality in Nature Groups

St. Martin's has been accepted as one of 10 congregations nationwide to participate in a year-long pilot project sponsored by the Center for Spirituality in Nature in Arlington, VA and Try Tank, an experimental lab for church growth and innovation. The 10 partners will develop Episcopal Spirituality in Nature Groups (SINGs). As stated by the project developers, "Nature offers us a glimpse of God's creative love and invites us to experience together renewal, healing, and peace. This project responds to that call." We will be hearing more about this project as it gets underway. But if you are interested in more information now, please talk to Pamela (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or Jim Schaal or Alessa Johns.

Kickoff Sunday Is Almost Here!

Next Sunday: Kick-off Sunday, September 11

We are excited to kick off our program year next Sunday, September 11. In honor of this big day, we will hold only one service at 10:00am. Come join us at a celebratory 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, the Kona Ice truck (first 50 servings are free!), and face painting. If you are able to bring a savory snack item to balance out the sweet items at our "special coffee hour" after the service, please sign up at church on Sunday, September 4 or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) to let us know.

In-person Godly Play Begins on Sunday, September 11 at 10:00am

Godly Play also begins next 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 from kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome. Kids who attend will be back in church in time to take communion with their families. You may register your children online using the form below or you can 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).

Online Godly Play Registration

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcYYohikY6wZN43GpLr_J2_juBsGsXCRJA7T4w2HfVzCUEjw/viewform

The Sanctuary Choir Resumes on September 11, too!

The Sanctuary Choir, the choir that brings beautiful singing to our church during the program year at the 10:00am service, will begin again on September 11. **The first choir practice will be**

on **Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary**. For questions about the choir, contact our music ministers, Jeffrey and Suzanne, at jubenvilles@churchofstmartin.org.

Save the Date

Save the Date! Blessing of the Animals at 10am Outdoor Service on October 2

On Sunday, October 2, at the 10:00am service, we will have a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets of any kind (dogs on leashes, please). The service will be held outdoors. Details will be forthcoming, but we will probably be on the Great Lawn (with some seats on the concrete for those who want them). **The 10:00am service will not be streamed, but we will stream the 8:00am service that day.** The 8:00am service will be indoors as usual. Stay tuned for additional details.

Staying Connected with Each Other

Vestry Agendas, Minutes, and News and Review Available to You

Did you know that the Vestry's monthly agendas and minutes are available every month after they are approved by the Vestry? Similarly, Vestry News and Review articles, written several times each year by Vestry members, are also available. You will find all of these items on our website on the Vestry page here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/vestry/>. If you prefer to read a hard copy, we keep a printed copy of each item in a clearly-marked binder in the church library on the bookshelf. You are welcome to sit down in the library and read the printed versions during our open hours (M - F 9:00am - 12:00pm) or on Sunday mornings.

Rector's Office Hours

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. **Her upcoming office hours will be on Tuesday, September 6.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) to set something up.

2022 Directory Completed!

Recently, we emailed out a digital copy of the St. Martin's 2022 Directory to everyone for whom we have an email address. We did get several bounced emails, so if you did not get a digital copy and would like one, please email the office (info@churchofstmartin.org) and we will email you a copy.

If you are not listed in the directory but wish to be, we would love to list you! Just contact us and we will add you. If you prefer a physical copy of the directory, we have printed copies available at the church office from 9am-12pm Monday through Friday and at church on Sunday mornings. If you would like a printed version and cannot pick one up, just contact us and we will find a way to get one to you.

Thank you so much for your patience as we've updated our information and created the new directory. We are happy to be able to provide this useful resource to you.

Parish Prayer List Update

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) 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 four weeks, unless you tell us to do otherwise. If you placed someone's name on the list more than four 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).

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 that we can sort it out.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm (in the Sanctuary)

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

Worship: Tuesday, September 13 at 5:00pm

Vestry: Monday, September 19 at 4:30pm

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00pm

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, September 30 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.

Formation and Education Opportunities Happening SOON

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. 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. We need to know by Tuesday, September 6 at 12:00pm if you want to come to the watch party so that we know if we have a group that wants to watch it at St.**

Martin's. Coming to the watch party 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. Visit www.norcalecs.org for more information.

Link for Individual Registration (not the watch party)

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

An Invitation to Learn About Refugee Resettlement in Our Area

Do you want to learn about the Ukrainian and Afghan refugees arriving in our area and the many opportunities to help them make new homes among us? If so, please join friends and neighbors at a Zoom presentation on **Thursday, September 15 at 1:00pm** on refugee resettlement efforts in Yolo County. Bob Wohlsen, Refugee Resettlement Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, will discuss the many ways—both large and small—that we can help families who have traveled here to escape war in their home countries. Congregations of various faiths in Woodland and Davis are exploring ways to help.

An opportunity to join in a group effort to help a refugee family will be discussed, but attending a meeting does not commit you to volunteer. All are welcome to join us simply to learn about the many groups working together to welcome refugee families to Northern California. Contact Molly Hillis if you have questions or would like the Zoom link (email address in the church directory or the church office can help you make contact).

Seeds of Justice, Program Year 2, Continues

Our Seeds of Justice Program, Year 2, begins soon. The first event will take place on September 18 both on Zoom and in person in the church. If you plan to attend on Zoom, please use the registration link given below the event. If you wish to attend in person, contact the church office to let us know you will be there (info@churchofstmartin.org or (530) 756-0444).

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 Zoom participation:**

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvcuihrzwrE9Dy3JAoW_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 Zoom participation:**

<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 Zoom participation:

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.

Two More Workshop Dates/Locations:

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 9, 2022 (note new deadline). **Register here:**

<https://bit.ly/BSBC22-23>.

Ways to Be More Involved

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 signup system for volunteers that allows 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. If you might be interested in serving in one of our ministries but want additional information first, 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 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. Just 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 (contact information in the church directory or the church office can help you connect).

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. We have added a number of air filters in the sanctuary and office building. We also post signs showing Yolo County's COVID-19 transmission level (currently high). We encourage you to wear a mask when inside any church building and have high quality (KN95) masks to offer, if needed. 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. For 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 Pamela at pamela@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.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.
We will resume our regular hours on Tuesday, September 6.**

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](#).

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