

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 18, 2022

New and Noteworthy

Vestry Engages Chazin and Company for Accounting Services

After providing her accounting expertise to St. Martin's for many years, our Treasurer, Julie Knudsen, will be stepping down as treasurer in December. The Vestry considered a number of options and has decided to engage with Chazin and Company, an accounting firm that works with nonprofit organizations and is based in the Washington D.C. area. For more information on how the Vestry came to this decision and what using Chazin will look like for St. Martin's, we have a full explanation on our website: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/15/vestry-engages-chazin-and-company-for-accounting-services/>

News and Notes from the Social Justice and Outreach Committee

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."
(Matthew 25)

In their latest installment of a multi-part series, the Social Justice and Outreach Committee focuses on food support efforts, an area in which St. Martin's has a long history of engagement. **We have a real need for a St. Martin's rep at the Saturday lunch provided to those in need by Davis Community Meals and Housing; if you can serve even once a month, or want to learn more, please be in touch with the office.** For an update on that and other food-related ministries, including STEAC and Grace Garden, and more ways to get involved, see the full News and Notes article on our website: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/14/sjo-news-and-notes-9-14-2022/>

Fellowship at the Ranch

Fall is a particularly beautiful time at Forbes Ranch. Our Care for God's Creation team invites you to come for rest and restoration in the refreshing outdoors. Come see how the "ranch" is really an operating almond farm and stroll around the 15 acres that St. Martin is leasing. Invite family and friends. Plan your own leisure activity. Bring whatever you need to be comfortable in the wild: picnic chairs, blankets, other items.

September 24, 1:00 – 4:00pm: Lunch, hiking along the Winters canal, frisbee, or outdoor games. Ann Liu will give a tour of the planned oak grove, gathering dance circle, and pathway for dancers.

October 8, 6:00-9:00pm: Supper, sunset watch and star gazing. Rev. Pamela will lead Evening Prayer and Compline at the beginning and end of our time together.

Carpools are encouraged. Please contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org or 530-756-0444) to RSVP. We'll provide the address and directions if you need them (also available on the church website here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/16/have-you-heard-about-the-ranch/>). Contact Honna Steissberg (contact info in directory or office can help you connect) if you are willing to form a carpool or need a ride.

Class with Pamela: “How2Charist” Continues on Wednesday nights

Holy Eucharist: Even if it’s been a part of your life for as long as you can remember, there is always more to learn and understand. How2charist illuminates the liturgy's beauty and spirit. This video-based class will help us gain a deeper understanding of what happens when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Join us from 7-8:30 pm for a short video plus lots of discussion and reflection time, ending with the service of Compline. The class met this past Wednesday and will meet again on September 21, 28, and October 12 in Room 6/7. Masks encouraged. Contact Rev. Pamela with any questions.

Families Together Seeking Bilingual Volunteer to Teach Driving

Families Together, a program that has welcomed two Guatemalan refugee families to the Davis area, is looking for a Spanish-English bilingual individual who can help a young adult male learn how to drive once he gets his driver's permit. If you can help or would like additional information, contact Lynn Zender (email address in the church directory or contact the church office to help connect with Lynn).

Upcoming Events

Seeds of Justice Welcomes Professor Beth Rose Middleton Manning

THIS SUNDAY, September 18 at 4:00pm (in person in the church 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.

Advance Registration for Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvcuhrzwrE9Dy3JAoW_nqotlB70phX1Ea

Advance Registration for In Person Attendance

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7veaWe7b-4c2BE8BAcqdfuckg0ikVOP9sUyPTTAiZk7X1Ng/viewform>

Blessing of the Animals–Sunday, October 2

At 10:00am on Sunday, October 2, we will have an outdoor service. All of God’s creatures, large and small, are invited to come for a blessing in honor of St. Francis. We will be on the great lawn, with some chairs on the concrete for those who prefer that. We will not stream the 10:00am service but instead will stream our 8:00am Rite I service, which will be held indoors as usual.

“Revive” Discipleship Program

Revive is a small-group discipleship program to help individuals grow in confidence as spiritual leaders, have the chance to be re-energized with new ideas, and learn about yourself and the God we serve. This formation opportunity begins on October 28th with a retreat to St. Dorothy’s Rest in Meeker, CA, which combines with our All Parish Retreat (see below for more information).

All Parish Retreat–October 28 - 30

Spend a weekend on retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest in Meeker, CA. Organized curriculum will be provided for those participating in our Revive small group. But ALL are welcome to come to St. Dorothy's for your own self-guided retreat, or just for some down time, and to enjoy meals and social time with fellow parishioners. Please save the date and be on the lookout for a registration form and more details soon. Financial assistance will be available. St. Dorothy's Rest is a retreat center in the woods in Sonoma County about two hours from Davis. Would you like to help coordinate the carpooling? Call the office to volunteer!

Newcomers' Brunch–October 23

All newcomers are invited to attend our Newcomers' Brunch, held directly after the 10am service. Help us get to know you better, learn about our ministries, meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a time of fellowship!

More Formation and Educational Opportunities

STEAC Speaker Series Presents Talk on Nutrition–September 20

The Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC), whose food distribution program is located at St. Martin's, is offering a web event on nutrition featuring Dr. Debbie Fetter from the UC Davis Nutrition Department speaking on topics related to diabetes and overall health. The talk will take place on Tuesday, September 20 from 6:00 - 7:00pm on Zoom. Specific topics to be addressed include food options for people dealing with diabetes, obesity, and high blood pressure, low-sugar and low-salt food choices for seniors, best food pantry options for clients with food restrictions, and how to make better food choices to maintain good health. **Zoom Meeting ID: 834 8055 2734 | Passcode: 196619.** For more information, contact STEAC directly (www.steac.org).

I Will, With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice–September 24

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.

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

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

Additional Seeds of Justice, Program Year 2, Speakers

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--tpzssHtlCxGY1NktNIDBFB-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 Seeds of Justice events, please see our website::

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/08/03/save-the-date-seeds-of-justice-continues/>

Staying Connected with Each Other

A Video Message from Pamela about Volunteer Opportunities at St. Martin's

We have many volunteer opportunities at St. Martin's to get involved in. To see a video of some of these ministries and to hear Pamela speak about them, please see the short video [St. Martin Volunteer Opportunities 2022](#).

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 20.** 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. 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. Thank you so much for your patience as we've updated our information and created the new directory.

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/1FAIpQLSeIql5C4OurynsauPSPbsts2kAjHjt5Lq9hBcQQomb1TGY5a2A/viewform>.

We have recently updated the Prayer List. 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).

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Vestry: Monday, September 19 at 4:30pm

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00pm

Choir Practice: Thursday, September 22 at 7:00pm (in the Sanctuary)

Invite, Welcome, Connect: Thursday, September 22 at 7:00pm

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

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, September 30 at 4:00pm

Care for God's Creation: Monday, October 10 at 7:00pm

Worship: Tuesday, October 11 at 5:00pm

Ministry Council: Thursday, October 13 at 10:00am

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.

Ways to Be More Involved

With the program year having just started, we have many volunteer opportunities. Would you be interested in serving in one of the ministries below? We are always willing to answer your questions and show you the ropes. Help us make our ministries shine by getting involved!

Readers, Ushers, EMs, Crucifers

We need an array of liturgical ministers every Sunday for worship at both the 8am and 10am services. 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>

Coffee Makers and Clean-up Help for Coffee Hour after the 10am Service

Are you interested in being part of our hospitality team? We need volunteers to make coffee for coffee hour after the 10am service. This involves coming a little early to church to get the coffee going in our coffee makers. We also need clean-up help as well as people to bring snacks. Sign-

ups are all on SignUp Genius, allowing you to choose the dates you wish to serve. Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49acaa2ea3fecf8-hospitality>

Altar Guild Members

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. Contact Carla Harris for details (contact information in the church directory or the church office can help connect).

Saturday Meal Reps

Do you want to be the welcoming face of St. Martin's at Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) meals? Serving as a St. Martin's meals rep might be for you! Hot, sit-down meals are offered on Tuesdays and Saturdays with a to-go meal on Thursdays. We need additional Saturday St. Martin's reps who can dedicate a couple of hours on one Saturday per month to greet meals guests, oversee clean-up, and lock up afterwards. The Saturday commitment is from 11am to 1pm. Contact Diana Glick (email in church directory) if you have questions or want to participate.

For more information about volunteering or about any of our ministries, contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) or talk to Pamela, Gabe or a Vestry or Ministry Council member.

Notes from St. Martin's Church Office

COVID Masking Update and Clarification

Masking is optional, although strongly recommended, in church. We have multiple air filters in the sanctuary, office building and Room 6/7. We also post signs showing Yolo County's COVID-19 transmission level (currently MEDIUM). We encourage you to wear a mask when inside any church building and have high quality (KN95) masks to offer. 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 Margaret at margaret@churchofstmartin.org by 6:00 pm on Friday.

Church Office Hours

We are open in person Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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](#).

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