

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023**

***This Week***

**Saturday! Spirituality in Nature Gathering, January 14**

Join Rev. Pamela and Stan Forbes for our third monthly Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING!), on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00am for a gentle, 60-minute walk in the Wildhorse area of Davis. We will meet up at Duchamp Park (2620 Duchamp St.), where you can park on the street. The hike is on gravel and is level, so it hasn't been too muddy. Those who wish may want to head to a nearby coffee shop for a conversation afterward, with a focus on what the experience of nature in dreary or challenging weather is like, and how it speaks to our souls. *This will be a "rain or shine" event—but please don't come out if the weather is dangerous! We will find a new date if necessary.* If you're worried about accessibility or the cost of coffee/lunch or have any questions, please be in touch with Rev. Pamela or the church office asap. Hope to see you there for some time in nature and good fellowship!

**This Sunday! Godly Play at 10:00am**

This Sunday, January 15, we'll have Godly Play for children ages K - 6th grade in Room 4. We have **Godly Play three times a month – the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – during the 10:00am service**, with the first Sunday of the month designated as a "First Sunday" service. This month, we have **Godly Play on January 15, 22, and 29**. If you have children but have not joined us in Godly Play, we would love to see you! For questions, contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) or Sheri Reynolds.

**The Nursery is Open**

The nursery is open on Sundays from 9:30 - 11:30am. We invite parents to bring infants through age 5 to Room 2, where our nursery care staff will welcome you and answer any questions you may have. If you'd like to come take a look at the nursery anytime, just let us know. For questions, you can also talk to Rev. Pamela—and don't worry, children of all ages are always welcome in church!

**This Sunday! An Epiphany Tradition: Chalking the Doors of the Church, after 10am Service**

Stick around after the 10:00am service on January 15 to "chalk the doors," an Epiphany tradition that you can incorporate in your own home. Tis the season for house blessings, too!

**An Online Public Reading of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail**

If you would like to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by listening to an online reading of *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, you can join the BTS Center and the Maine Council of Churches on January 16 at 12:15pm (Eastern) for a reading of this letter by multiple voices along with contemplative music and space for reflection.

Learn more HERE: <https://thebtscenter.org/committed-to-listen-mlk-day-2023/>.

Register HERE: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5035177>

## **Annual Meeting**

### **Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 5 and Call for Convention Delegates**

Save the date so that you can attend our annual meeting on Sunday, February 5 after the 10:00am service. Among other activities, we will elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates, as well as explain the 2023 budget.

**If you are interested in being a nominee for convention delegate**, please let the office know as soon as possible ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org); 530-756-0444). Delegates attend a Saturday half-day, pre-convention convocation (usually offered on Zoom) and then the 2023 Diocesan Convention in person on November 3 - 4 at Faith Episcopal Church in Cameron Park.

### **Annual Meeting Reports due January 23**

If you are a ministry leader (e.g., chair of a committee, commission or group), your annual meeting report is due via e-mail to the church office by Monday, January 23. Please submit reports as Word documents, if possible. These reports will go in a document available to all before the Annual meeting; all chairs of ministries and groups should submit a report. For questions, contact the office.

## **Happening Soon**

### **Learning Opportunities during Epiphany**

**Brigid of Kildare—A Special Class on Wednesday, Feb 1:** Want to learn about one of history's most intriguing holy women? St. Brigid's feast day is February 1. Brigid of Kildare is known as the patron saint of poets, scholars, midwives, and farmers. Her hagiography is intertwined with that of a Celtic goddess and many of the legends and rituals associated with her inhabit that liminal zone between pagan and Christian beliefs and practices. We'll start with a candlelight labyrinth walk at 6:30 and then start the class and conversation at 7 in Room 6/7. Weather permitting, we might even have a small bonfire in her honor and toast with a glass of beer (or root beer!). This will be an in-person event led by Rev. Pamela; please contact her with any questions.

**The Gospel of Matthew—Feb. 8 & 15:** The liturgical year that began in Advent is Year A, meaning that from now until December the primary source for our Gospel readings on Sunday will be the Gospel of Matthew. We'll hold two online classes about this Gospel on Wednesday, Feb. 8 & 15, from 7 -8 pm, followed by Compline. Please let the church office know if you're interested so we can send you the Zoom information.

### **Racial Reconciliation Workshops at Trinity Cathedral and St. Martin's**

**Saturday, January 21, Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento, 9:30am - 4:30pm**

Register: <https://forms.gle/tAa9a3Wmij2e3PsL9>

**Saturday, February 18, 2023, St. Martin's in Davis, 9:30am – 4:30pm**

Register: <https://forms.gle/zRz2d3T6jfyAEVG59>

### **I Will, with God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice**

This one-day, in-person workshop focuses on forms of historic and contemporary racism and how to engage in ministry with sensitivity and respect for all. Note that due to the nature of the program, attendance is limited to 30 participants. Lunch donation of \$10 on the day of workshop is requested. Attendance fulfills the racial reconciliation requirement needed for certain ministries in the church.

### **Fundraiser for The Belfry—January 28, 4:00pm at St. Martin’s!**

Support The Belfry Campus Ministry by attending “Cheers to the Belfry,” a guided beer tasting led by UCD Professor Emeritus Charlie Bamforth and Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Malting and Brewing Science Glen Fox. St. Martin’s parishioners serve on the Belfry board, and this is our local campus ministry. Please consider whether you can support it by attending. The event will take place on Saturday, January 28 at 4:00pm at St. Martin’s. \$50 per person. 21 and over only. To register, go to Eventbrite and search “Cheers to the Belfry.”

### **Paul’s Place Opening Celebration! February 8, 10:30am at 1111 H Street**

“We couldn’t have done it without YOU!” Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) invites all at St. Martin’s to join the Davis community on February 8 from 10:30am - noon to celebrate the opening of Paul’s Place, an innovative multi-use four-story building that includes a day-use resource center, and emergency, transitional, and permanent housing. A project of the nonprofit DCMH, Paul’s Place was created with broad input from the community as a local response to the national challenge of homelessness. The celebration will be held outside at 1111 H Street, with tours of the building following the opening. Parking is limited; please consider walking, biking, or carpooling. **RSVP by Friday, February 3:** <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/PaulsPlace>

### **SIGN UP NOW for “REVIVE” on February 24 - 25 and throughout Lent 2023!**

It’s time to sign up to be part of a small group committed to helping our spiritual lives deepen, renew, and thrive. “Revive” is designed to give lay leaders the chance to be re-energized with new ideas and to learn about yourself and the God we all love and serve. The program begins with a retreat on **Friday, February 24** from 6 to 9pm and all day on **Saturday, February 25**, here at St. Martin’s. After the retreat, the program meets on Wednesday evenings for six consecutive weeks. **Please call or email the church office by January 15** if you want to participate in the retreat—this does not obligate you to take the Wednesday night class. If you have questions, please reach out to Rev. Pamela. She’d love to talk with you about it!

### **Other Updates**

#### **Thank You!**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the 116 individuals and families who have already given us their pledge for 2023. **If you haven’t pledged yet, it’s not too late.** You can do so by filling out a pledge card (available in the narthex) and mailing or bringing it to the church office, by putting it in the plate at church on Sunday, or by writing to our confidential stewardship e-mail ([stewardship@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:stewardship@churchofstmartin.org)). Your pledge helps us plan as accurately as possible for 2023’s budget and ministries. If you have questions about stewardship and pledging, you can reach out to a Vestry member. The office can help you connect. Thank you!

#### **Yolo County Masking Recommendations and Signage**

Yolo County recommends that everyone two years of age and older wear a mask indoors this Winter as several respiratory viruses are spreading. The County also has new signage to reflect that masking recommendations are now based on combined respiratory virus levels rather than a single virus. While masking remains recommended only at St. Martin’s, we have masks available for

anyone who wants one (medical and KN95 masks). For more information:

<https://www.yolocounty.org/Home/Components/News/News/13197/4918>

### **Help Needed**

#### **We Need Your Help with Coffee Hour Hospitality!!**

Do you enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship during coffee hour after the 10am service? Could you help host coffee hour? You can sign up on SignUp Genius for the date(s) you wish to host:

<https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers>. Tables will be put up for you in advance. We have 3 different sign-up slots for volunteers a) Make coffee and put items out on the coffee and snack tables starting at 9 or 9:15am; b) Bring snacks; c) Clean up after coffee hour (starting about 11:45am). Let's continue to have a great coffee hour, with everyone's help!

**Note: We have a new sign-up link (above) for all Sunday ministry sign-ups. After going to the link, select the tab at the top for either Liturgical Ministers or Hospitality.**

#### **Readers, Ushers, EMs, Crucifers**

We need an array of liturgical ministers every Sunday for worship at both the 8am and 10am services. 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://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers>

### **Staying Connected with Each Other**

#### **Encouraging All to Wear Name Tags**

Now that we have returned to church in person in larger numbers and since many joined us during the pandemic lock-down, we hope all will wear name tags so that we can learn each other's names. If you need a name tag (new or replacement), just put your name on the list on the welcome table at church. Your new name tag will be available the following Sunday. In the meantime, we have stick-on name tags at the welcome table.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Healing Ministers Meeting:** Sunday, January 15 at 12:00pm (in the church)

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm (in the church)

**Buildings & Grounds:** Friday, January 20 at 4:00pm

**Vestry:** Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm and Monday, January 30 at 7:00pm

**Social Justice & Outreach:** Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00pm

**Worship:** Monday, February 5 at 5:00pm

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).

#### **Rector's Office Hours - Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm**

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most weeks on Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the church library.

**Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, January 18.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org))

### **Parish Prayer List Requests**

Do you have a prayer request? Please know that people you have placed on the Parish Prayer List are being prayed for. Please see the information on our website about how to make a prayer request (i.e., to have someone put on our written prayer list). You will also find other useful information, such as how long we keep people on the prayer list. [HERE](#) is the link (scroll down to the section that says “Do you have a prayer request?”).

### **Church Office Hours**

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

**The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**