

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

This Week

This Sunday! Godly Play at 10:00am

This Sunday, January 22, we'll have Godly Play for children ages K - 6th grade in Room 4. We are now holding **Godly Play three times a month – the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays – during the 10:00am service**, with the first Sunday of the month designated as a “First Sunday” intergenerational service. In January, we'll have Godly Play next Sunday on the **29th** also, since we did not start this month until later than usual due to the New Year holiday.. 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) 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!

2022 End of Year Tax Statements Available

If we have an email address for you, you should have received an end of the year giving statement from us on Wednesday, January 18. The email is from Realm and begins "Your giving statement from Church of St. Martin." It provides a link to your giving report. Some security programs may flag the email as "unsafe" to open, but it is legitimately from us. If you did not receive your statement via email and would like to or if you are getting an error message and would like to receive the pdf of your statement directly, or if you have questions, please email communications@churchofstmartin.org. If we don't have your email but have your street address, we will mail your statement to you. We thank you all for your gifts throughout the year!

Annual Meeting

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

Plan to 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; 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.

Activities for Children/Childcare during Annual Meeting: After the 10:00am service and during the Annual Meeting, we will offer activities and childcare for children 12 and under in our classrooms and outdoors, weather permitting.

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–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 rootbeer!). 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.

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://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejl6sj9vd2695721&oseq=&c=3eb95ed8-2869-11ed-af19-fa163e37a129&ch=3ee4a930-2869-11ed-af19-fa163e37a129>

Racial Reconciliation Workshop at St. Martin's

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 was specially developed for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California by the Commission on 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. Please note that due to the nature of the program, attendance is limited to 30 participants. Lunch donation of \$10 (cash or check) on the day of workshop is requested. Attendance at this workshop fulfills the racial reconciliation requirement needed for certain ministries in the church.

Revive Retreat, February 24 and 25

Sign-ups have closed for the Revive Retreat which will be happening at St. Martin's on Friday evening, February 24 and all day Saturday, February 25. We do have just a few spots left, though, so if you still think you may be interested in participating, please contact the office or talk to Rev. Pamela.

Other Updates

A Note from Rev. Pamela with a Request

I'm writing with information about an important leadership transition in our parish and with a request. You may already know that our long-time treasurer, Julie Knudsen, is stepping down when her term on the Vestry ends next month. She gave us ample notice, and yet finding someone to fill her shoes has proven exceptionally difficult. Fortunately, another very capable member of our Budget and Finance Committee (and former Junior Warden), Jessie Ann Owens, has agreed to serve as Interim Treasurer for the coming year.

First and foremost, we should all extend our heartfelt thanks to Julie for her extraordinary and generous service. And next goes our thanks to Jessie Ann, who has always shown herself to have a steady, insightful, and strategic approach to her work on behalf of the parish.

Now for the request: we are looking for more members for our Budget and Finance Committee and our Investment Committee. You don't need to be a financial wizard, but it's best if spreadsheets don't send you running! During this time of transition, we really need more people putting their oars in and helping to keep us moving forward.

One important resource at our disposal is that we have contracted with Chazin & Company for management of the accounting and reporting functions that have taken much of Julie's time. This does not negate the need for a Treasurer, as well as the committees named above, but it does mean we have significant assistance in the necessary tasks involved in running a church of this size.

As Jessie Ann says, “By instinct and training I am more at home with Word documents than with spreadsheets, though as a former administrator I have had considerable experience with budgets. I think that the combination of Chazin and our two wonderful administrative staff, Gabe and Janet, will make it possible for a humanist like me to take on the role of treasurer; indeed, the changes in our systems are an opportunity to rethink the functions of the treasurer. But I can’t do it alone.”

It will only take a few more volunteers to fill in these two important committees—perhaps people who have served as treasurers for other organizations or who have experience with investments or who understand the importance of a budget as a mirror of priorities. Jessie Ann’s promise: “These jobs will not be overly time-consuming and they will be interesting and rewarding. What better way to be a good steward for a church we all hold dear?”

Please reach out to Jessie Ann or to Rev. Pamela if you are interested and willing to learn more. Other current members of the Budget and Finance Committee are Julie Knudsen, Neil Willits, and Chris Reynolds.

Grace Garden Seeking Volunteers

Grace Garden grows food for the hungry. Over 1200 volunteers signed in to work side by side in 2022. Coming from many backgrounds and abilities, generations and ages, we embrace all people equally with compassion. Anyone in need can take home food directly from the garden. Anyone seeking rest or spirituality in nature can find a place here. If you are drawn to community service, come be a steward of God’s Creation. We meet in the backlot of Davis United Methodist Church on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9:00-11:00 AM to harvest, prune, weed, sheet mulch, and turn compost. Address: 1620 Anderson in Davis; [http:// site.google.com.gracegarden](http://site.google.com.gracegarden).

Thank You!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the 117 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). 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!

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

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

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, January 26 at 7:00pm (in the church)

Worship: Monday, February 6 at 5:00pm

Ministry Council: Thursday, February 9 at 10:00am (church library)

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, February 24, 2023

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.

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

Rev. Pamela will be out of town from Friday, January 20 through Tuesday, January 24. She 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 25.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the church office (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.