

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

This Week

This Sunday! Godly Play at 10:00am

This Sunday, January 29, 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 of the month – during the 10:00am service**, with the first Sunday of the month designated as a “First Sunday” service, which means it is more interactive and more accessible to a wide variety of ages. 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. In February, we'll have Godly Play on the 12th, 19th, and 26th.

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!

Wondering Why We Sometimes Wear Orange Stoles?

Orange stoles were designated by Bishops United Against Gun Violence as a sign that the church stands against gun violence and advocates for changes to laws and our culture—changes needed to make us safer. You will often see orange stoles worn after significant incidents of gun violence, whether local or not. We at St. Martin's pray for all the victims of the recent mass shootings in California and for their families and loved ones.

Yolo Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice (YIACJ) Information Session This Sunday

An initiative organized by “Third Act,” Bill McKibben's climate group for seniors, is encouraging people around the country to do all they can to stop four major banks (Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and Citibank) from continuing to loan money to fossil fuel companies. YIACJ Chair Lynne Nittler, and UCD Professor Emerita of Classics, Emily Albu, are spreading the word to increase participation in the upcoming initiative: It will involve members of congregations across the nation joining the March 23 action to cut up their credit cards from the four banks, who together have spent *three trillion dollars in loans to fossil fuel companies* since the Paris Climate Accord: <https://thirdact.org/our-work/banking-on-our-future/>. Lynne and Emily will explain the action, offer advice about preparing for it (how to close an account, how to choose a new “green” bank, etc.), and describe the YIACJ activities that will lead up to the March 21 event. **If you want to learn more, please come to Room 6/7 after the 10:00am service (about 11:30am) on January 29.**

Brigid of Kildare–Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30pm

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.

Annual Meeting Next Sunday

Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 5 - One Service at 10:00am Only

Plan to attend our annual meeting on Sunday, February 5 after the 10:00am service. We will elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates, as well as explain the 2023 budget.

We will not have an 8:00am service on February 5. For the names and biographical statements of our vestry and convention delegate nominees, please see our website here:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/01/21/annual-meeting/>

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.

Happening Soon

20th Annual Celebration of Abraham, February 5, 3:00pm on Zoom

The theme of this year's Celebration of Abraham Community Conversation is "Caring for Our Earth, Caring for Each Other." The program will feature reflections from the three Abrahamic faith traditions, breakout room discussions, and a sing-along of "Children of Abraham: with Randy Ferris. The collection this year will go to Grace Garden, an interfaith garden serving those in need. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/CeleAbraham20>. A Zoom link will be sent to you upon registration.

The Gospel of Matthew–February 8 & February 15 on Zoom

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.

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.

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 many ministries in the church, including staff, clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Healing Ministers, Messengers, Godly Play, Nursery, and Youth Volunteers, and Convention Delegates.

Other Updates

Seeking Budget & Finance and Investment Committee Members

We are seeking new members for both of the above committees. You don't need to be a financial wizard, but it's best if spreadsheets don't send you running! We have contracted with Chazin & Company, an excellent resource to help us manage many of the accounting and reporting functions we need. But this does not negate the need for us to have our own close oversight of the finances. We only need a few more volunteers to join the continuing members and to fill in these two important committees. We are grateful to Jessie Ann Owens, who will serve as Treasurer when our current Treasurer, Julie, steps down at the end of January. Please contact Jessie Ann or 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. See St. Martin's website for more information about this request:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/01/22/new-interim-treasurer/>

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>.

Thank You!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the 118 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 30 at 7:00pm

Choir Practice: Thursday, February 2 at 7:00pm (in the church)

Worship: Monday, February 6 at 5:00pm

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

Care for God's Creation: Monday, February 13 at 7:00pm

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, February 24, 2023

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00pm

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.

Rector Away This Weekend and Office Hours

Rev. Pamela is at a required Diocesan Board of Trustees retreat/meeting this weekend. We pray for the Board of Trustees as they engage in strategic planning for the Diocese. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, February 1 from 4:00 - 5:00pm.** 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.