

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

This Week

This Sunday! First Sunday Intergenerational Service at 10:00am and Godly Play Schedule

This Sunday, January 8, we'll hold our "First Sunday" intergenerational service at 10:00am. This is a more informal, more interactive service for children and all ages. Starting this month, we will hold **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. This month, we have a slight shift in the schedule due to the New Year's holiday. After our "**First Sunday**" intergenerational service on **January 8**, we'll 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) 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!

Spirituality in Nature Gathering, Saturday, January 14

Join us for our third monthly Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING!) on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00am for a gentle, 60-minute hike here in Davis. Those who wish may want to head to a nearby coffee shop for a conversation afterward. A recent nationwide survey of American spiritual and religious practices confirmed what most of us already know: people connect with the Holy when they spend time in nature. **This will be a "rain or shine" event**, and if appropriate we'll talk about what it means to experience nature during dreary or challenging weather. If you're worried about accessibility or the cost of coffee/lunch, please be in touch with Rev. Pamela. **Contact the office for information or to let us know you're interested so we can share meet-up details with you!**

Epiphany Season Continues

Join Us for Several Events

Stick around after the 10 o'clock 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! And save the date for two more winter feast days: we'll celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid with a special outdoor activity on February 1, and recognize Candlemas at our "First Sunday" service on February 5 (yes, Annual Meeting Sunday). Stay tuned for more details soon.

Save the Date

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; 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!

Upcoming 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 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.

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.”

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

A Stewardship Message

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the 115 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!

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

Care for God's Creation: Monday, January 9 at 7:00pm

Worship Committee: Tuesday, January 10 at 5:00pm

Ministry Council: Thursday, January 12 at 10:00am, in person in the church library

Choir Practice: Thursday, January 12 at 7:00pm (in the church)

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

Vestry: Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, January 24 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'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 11. 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.