

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2023

This Sunday!

“First Sunday Service”

This Sunday, February 5 at 10:00am, is a “First Sunday” service. “First Sunday” of the month services are more interactional than usual and designed to be more accessible to a wide variety of ages. We also have a Pop-up Choir on First Sundays, which means anyone can join the choir to sing the anthem; just show up at 9:30 to learn the song. Godly Play will be on **the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays (February 12, 19, and 26) during the 10:00am service for children ages K through 6th grade.** Our nursery is also open from 9:30 - 11:30am every Sunday for infants through age 5.

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

Plan to attend our annual meeting this Sunday, February 5 after the 10:00am service. **You may attend the meeting either in person or on Zoom; but you must be present in person to vote.** 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 Annual Meeting Report and names and biographical statements of our vestry and convention delegate nominees, please see our website <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 children’s activities and childcare for children 12 and under in our classrooms, and outdoors (weather permitting). If you would like your children to participate, please go to Room 2 to check them in.

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. For more information about Celebration of Abraham, please visit CelebrationofAbraham.net.

Later This Week

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 7:00-8:00pm, followed by Compline. Please let the church office know if you’re interested so we can send you the Zoom information.

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. RSVPs have closed, so please contact DCMH <https://daviscommunitymeals.org/> or Jim Borchers (information in the church directory) if you are interested in attending.

Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING), February 11 at 10:00am

Our next SING event will be on Saturday, February 11 at 10:00am. Rev. Ernie will be leading about a one-hour walk at the Arboretum. The walk will be followed by reflection and discussion. Meet Rev. Ernie at the shovel gate entrance to the Arboretum near the parking lot behind Mikuni restaurant (500 First Street) at 10:00am to start the walk.

Happening Soon!

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.

Belfry Sunday February 19

Want to learn more about what's happening with campus ministry and show support for the Belfry? Join us on Sunday, February 19 for Belfry Sunday! Rev. Portia Hopkins will be at St. Martin's to preach and let us know about the exciting developments in this vital ministry.

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.

Building a Successful Vacation Bible School, February 25 at St. John's, Chico

The next workshop in the Congregational Leadership Conference offered by our diocese is at St. John's Chico on February 25 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The topic will be Building a Successful

Vacation Bible School. Share success stories and learn about fabulous resources available for children's summer bible schools. For more information, see www.norcalepiscopal.org.

Other Updates

Every Person.....Every Week.....One Item of Food

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee reminds you of our long-standing program at St. Martin's to help three local food closets on a rotating basis: STEAC (located on our campus), Dixon Family Services and the UC Davis Pantry. We ask that you do everything possible to bring a non-perishable food item each week when you come to church. The collection basket is located in the narthex. Your donations are especially needed this year and are greatly appreciated!

Wondering Why The Clergy 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 continue to pray for victims of mass shootings and for their families and friends who mourn.

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. For more information: <https://sites.google.com/site/gracegardendavis?pli=1>

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 sign-up 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

Worship: Monday, February 6 at 5:00pm

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00pm

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, February 9 (in the church)

Vestry Retreat: February 10 – 12 at St. Dorothy's Rest

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's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, February 8 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.