

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2023

This Week!

Demographics Survey—Please Respond this Week to this Important Request

The National Episcopal Church requires all parishes to fill out a “Parochial Report” annually that tracks attendance, finances, ministries, membership, and other factors. This year, the report requires us to submit demographic information, including percentages of racial/ethnic categories and ages in our congregation. The purpose of this is to help the Church improve diversity.

Additionally, we are beginning a birthday card ministry (We'd love to wish you a happy birthday!) but only have a very small number of birthdays in our records.

Please help us gather the information we need by filling out the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/KCwfcuJGb2LggMFc7>

You can complete the survey of *four questions* by submitting only racial/ethnic group and age range OR you can also include your birthday and name. The survey is optional but we strongly encourage everyone to fill it out. Note: Any information provided to St. Martin's will be used solely by St. Martin's for the purposes of our Parochial Report and Birthday Card Ministry. St. Martin's will not sell, trade, or transfer an individual's personal information to any third party or entity. Questions? info@churchofstmartin.org. Please complete the survey by Fri., Feb. 17, Thank you all!

Godly Play This Sunday

We have Godly Play Sunday at 10:00am in Room 4, during the 10:00am service. We now offer Godly Play every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays (February 12, 19, and 26) of the month for children ages K through 6th grade. Our nursery is also open from 9:30 - 11:30am every Sunday for infants through age 5.

Rector and Vestry on Retreat

Rev. Pamela and the Vestry have been on retreat this weekend at St. Dorothy's Rest in Meeker, CA. We pray for safe travel and God's guidance as they plan for the coming year and beyond.

The Gospel of Matthew—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. Join Rev. Pamela and Helen Campbell for the second of two online classes about this Gospel on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 7:00-8:00pm, followed by Compline. You are welcome to attend even if you did not attend the first session.

Zoom Link for Matthew Class

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82768895404?pwd=ZlovNnhIVGZOeDduRUFZaUZDYmh1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 827 6889 5404; Passcode: 987011; Dial by your location: +1 669 444 9171

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.

How to Help with Earthquake Relief in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria

One way to help with earthquake relief in the face of so much devastation in Turkey and Syria is to give to Episcopal Relief and Development. Their website contains information on what they are doing to help and how you can donate. Just go to <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>. We join in offering our heartfelt prayers for all the people and communities affected by this disaster.

Happening Soon!

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.

Dinner at the Belfry with Rev. Pamela and Rev. Betsy, Thursday, March 2, 6:30pm

The Belfry invites all at St. Martin's to their Thursday evening Eucharist followed by dinner on Thursday, March 2 at 6:30pm. A number of St. Martin's prayer shawls will be blessed and dinner will be cooked by Rev. Pamela and Rev. Betsy. The Belfry offers Eucharist every Thursday at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Location: 216 A Street in Davis. All are welcome!

Congregational Leadership Conferences Offered by the Diocese

In 2023, the Diocese of Northern California is offering six Congregational Leadership Conferences open to everyone in the Diocese. They are all one day or part of a day and are on Zoom or both on Zoom and in person. The two upcoming sessions are as follows:

Faith Formation Resources for the Post-Pandemic Church, Saturday, Feb. 25, 10am - 12pm.

This session, **on Zoom only**, is hosted by the Rev. Mack Olson, Diocesan Minister for Church Life. It will cover the latest tools, trends, and resources, including resources for vacation Bible school. Cost: \$10 per person. Register here: bit.ly/2023FaithFormationCLC. For more information, contact mack@norcalepiscopal.org.

Vestry Essentials: Tools for New and Seasoned Members, Saturday, March 4, 10am - 2pm

This session, **in person at St. John's, Chico and on Zoom**, Bishop Megan and Diocesan staff will cover the basics and nuances of Vestry service. Cost: \$25 per person for in-person (includes lunch); \$10 per person on Zoom. Register here: bit.ly/2023VestryEssentials1CLC. For more information contact julie@norcalepiscopal.org.

Save the Date! Bishop Megan Traquair at St. Martin's on Sunday, April 30

Bishop Megan, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California, will be at St. Martin's on Sunday, April 30. We will hold classes during March for anyone who wishes to be confirmed, received, or baptized; please contact Rev. Pamela for more information.

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!

News and Notes from St. Martin's Social Justice and Outreach Committee

"I was in prison and you visited me..." This month's discussion about Matthew 25 focuses on what it means to answer the call of visiting a person in prison. Social Justice and Outreach Committee member Bob Polkinghorn has been visiting men in a prison hospice setting and shares his experience on our community blog. See the blog post at <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/02/07/i-was-in-prison-and-you-visited-me/>.

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.

A Note about Our Offering

St. Martin's is supported entirely by the financial gifts of our members and friends. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. The ushers pass collection plates on Sundays during church (where you may place cash or a check written to The Episcopal Church of St. Martin). You may also mail us a check to 640 Hawthorn Lane, Davis, CA 95616 or give online by using the blue GIVE button on our website www.churchofstmartin.org. Thank you one and all!

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>

Grace Garden Seeking Volunteers

Grace Garden grows food for the hungry and is seeking volunteers. Coming from many backgrounds and abilities, 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. 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>

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 Retreat: February 10 – 12 (off site)

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, February 16 (in the church)

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, February 24, 2023

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

Worship: Monday, March 6 at 5:00pm

Ministry Council: Monday, March 20 at 6:00pm (church library)

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 15 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.