

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

***This Week!***

**This Sunday is Belfry Sunday**

Want to learn more about what's happening with campus ministry and show support for the Belfry? Join us this 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 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.

**Last Chance: Demographics Survey—Please Respond 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. 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](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org). Please complete the survey by Wednesday., Feb. 22. Thank you all!

***Lent 2023 Begins with Ash Wednesday***

**Ash Wednesday Schedule, Wednesday, February 22**

- 7:00am Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes—at St. Martin's. Service will be completed before 8am (no music or sermon).
- 11:00am - 1:00pm Ashes To Go at UC Davis on the Quad outside the M.U. with Rev. Betsy and Rev. Portia from the Belfry.
- 12:00pm - 3:00pm Outdoor, Self-guided Prayer Walk at St. Martin's (in Spanish and English).
- 1:00pm Holy Eucharist at URC (University Retirement Community), 1515 Shasta Dr., Davis, CA 95616
- 7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes—at St. Martin's, in person and online. To join online, please go to our website for details [www.churchofstmartin.org](http://www.churchofstmartin.org).

### **Help Needed for Ash Wednesday Prayer Walk**

Can you spare an hour to help on Ash Wednesday? We are looking for volunteers to help with our 3-hour outdoor prayer walk taking place from 12 - 3pm. Below is what we need. If you can help, please contact Carla Harris (information in church directory) or the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)).

*Set Up Stations:* 11am - 12pm

*Docents* (help participants find their way): 12 - 1pm, 1 - 2pm, 2 - 3pm

*Take Down Stations:* 3 - 4pm

### **Formation Opportunities for Lent**

#### **Episcopal 101 Returns—Perfect Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and More**

Do Episcopalians believe the Bible is the Word of God? Do we have two sacraments or seven? Did the Church of England really start with Henry VIII wanting a divorce? If you want answers to these and similar questions, or if you just enjoy being in a group with other curious seekers and friends, join us on (most) Sundays between now and the Bishop's Visitation on April 30. ***Our kickoff class is Sunday, February 26; we'll be meeting in Room 6/7 at 11:30.*** Grab coffee and a bite to eat and then join us for great conversation and learning. More information about dates and topics coming soon. **All are welcome:** you don't have to be a newcomer to take part—it's always fun to learn from one another! ***If you want to be confirmed, received, or baptized*** when the Bishop is here in April, this is your opportunity to be prepared for those milestones. You must also talk with Rev. Pamela to let her know of your intentions.

#### **Living Well Through Lent Discussion Group with Helen Campbell**

Living Compass is again offering its Lenten reflection series, *Living Well Through Lent* with a focus this year on compassion. Helen Campbell will be facilitating a discussion group on Wednesdays during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, from 10:30 AM to approximately 11:30 via Zoom. It is a drop-in class, so you don't need to commit to attending every session. Here is a Zoom link to attend the discussions:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81109316578?pwd=YWlkV3BvV1pZa29Ka210SzNITTdDQTOg>

**Passcode: Lent Meeting ID: 811 0931 6578**

*Living Compass Living Well Through Lent* booklets are available in the narthex OR you can get a PDF version at <https://tinyurl.com/LivingCompass>

#### **Spirituality in Nature Gathering on Saturday, March 11**

Join Rev. Pamela and others on March 11 to enjoy the almond blossoms at the Forbes Ranch in Esparto for our next Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING). Our gathering will begin at 1pm, but feel free to come out earlier and bring a picnic lunch. We'll have some tables and chairs out and waiting for you! The Ranch is located at 19100 County Road 86A, Esparto CA 95627. For more information about the Ranch go to this link: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/TheRanch>

### **More Opportunities to Connect, Reconnect, and Learn Together**

**Revive Retreat next Weekend (Feb 24 & 25): Three Spots Left**

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 have just a few spots left, though, so if you think you may be interested in participating, please contact the office or 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](https://bit.ly/2023FaithFormationCLC). For more information, contact [mack@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/2023VestryEssentials1CLC). For more information contact [julie@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:julie@norcalepiscopal.org).

***Vestry Essentials: Tools for New and Seasoned Members, Saturday, March 25, 10am - 2pm***

This session, **in person and on Zoom at Grace, St. Helena**, 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](https://bit.ly/2023VestryEssentials1CLC). For more information contact [julie@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:julie@norcalepiscopal.org).

***WordFest! Psalms: Lament, Listen, Laugh, Saturday, May 6, 10am – 2pm, Zoom Only***

Back by popular demand! If you are a lay reader or lay preacher, or just love to learn about scripture, join us for WordFest. This year, we are examining the Psalms – understanding them, and learning different ways to share them effectively in worship. Registration details to come. Zoom: \$10 per person

**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**

### **Read the Rector's Annual Meeting Report**

Did you miss the Annual Meeting? Or were you there and would like to revisit the Rector's Report? You can view the slides from the Rev. Dr. Pamela Dolan's address here:

<https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/RectorsReport>

### **Mujeres Ayudando a la Raza**

This 3-day weekend, the UC Davis student group, Mujeres Ayudando a La Raza, is using our kitchen to make tamales to raise money for the Madison and Dixon Migrant Centers. We are happy to support their efforts. If you see them, stop in and say "hi."

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

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee reminds us 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/>.

### **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.

### **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](http://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. 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! To talk over what this ministry involves, contact Maria Acuna-Feldman (Hospitality Chair) or the office to help you connect.

### **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>

### **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**

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, February 23 at 7:00pm (in the church)

**Vestry:** Monday, February 27, at 7:00pm (in person)

**Buildings & Grounds:** Friday, February 24 at 4:00pm

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

**Worship Committee:** 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](mailto:communications@churchofstmartin.org). If you wish to schedule a meeting on the calendar, contact the church office [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).

### **Rector's Office Hours**

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays, but will not hold them on Ash Wednesday. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, March 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).

**The church office will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day.**