

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023

This Week!

First Sunday of Lent - Episcopal 101 Begins

We will meet in Room 6/7 at 11:30am starting today and for most Sundays between now and the Bishop's visit on April 30. All are welcome! You don't have to be a newcomer to take part. *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.

Godly Play and Nursery Open Today, "First Sunday" Next Week

We have Godly Play in Room 4, during the 10:00am service. We offer Godly Play every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month for children ages K through 6th grade. On March 5, all ages are invited to attend "First Sunday," a more family-friendly intergenerational service at 10am. There's always room for you on the rug at the front of the sanctuary! Our Nursery is open from 9:30 - 11:30am every Sunday for infants through age 5.

Lent Project Announced: Project (Re)Start

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee is excited to announce that for this year's Lenten giving project at St. Martin's, we will be participating in [Project \(Re\) Start](#), an initiative of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. This project involves putting together bins of disaster relief supplies for deployment when there is a natural or man-made disaster in Northern California. There will be a brief announcement this Sunday that will give more details on how this how this project actually works and then look for us after church starting Sunday, March 5 to get more information on how you can be a part of this important initiative!

Other Formation Opportunities for Lent

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 10:30am 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81109316578?pwd=YWlkV3BvV1pZa29Ka210SzNlTTdDQTo9>

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). We have two opportunities that day:

- (1) From 9:00 am to Noon: Learn about Native American building techniques and get hands-on experience with peeling bark from cedar tree poles. See our announcement from Care for God's Creation below for more information.
- (2) At noon, enjoy a picnic (bring your own lunch!) and a wander through the spring blossoms. We'll end the day with a beautiful, low-key Taizé service in the barn—perfect for Lent, for time outside, for creating community. All are welcome—rain or shine!

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

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

The Belfry invites all parishioners and friends 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!

Two Upcoming Concerts at St. Martin's

On **Friday, March 3**, UC Davis senior and **classical guitarist Tom Phillips** will play for his graduation concert. 8pm in the Sanctuary. All from St. Martin's are welcome. A free-will donation will be taken for Bayanihan Clinic, a UC Davis nonprofit student run health clinic serving uninsured patients needing medical care.

On **Saturday, March 4** at 4:00pm, we host **Sinfonia Spirituosa** for their concert "An Afternoon in Italy." The concert will be a high-energy program featuring Italian baroque music. They will be collaborating with 11 talented students from the Davis Senior High Baroque Orchestra. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for students). For information, <https://tinyurl.com/StMartsSinfonia>.

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

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California, will be at St. Martin's on Sunday, April 30. This is your opportunity to be **confirmed, received, or baptized** by the Bishop, as visitations occur only every couple of years. You do have to attend preparatory sessions in advance of any of these sacramental rites; please contact Rev. Pamela for more information and to let her know of your intentions.

Congregational Leadership Conferences Offered by the Diocese, Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Vestry Training: on Zoom on March 4; in person at Grace, St. Helena on March 25

WordFest! – Lay Reader Training: on Zoom on May 6

Stewardship: Incarnation, Santa Rosa, June 3

Disaster Preparedness: St. John's, Roseville, September 16

For registration, see <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/congregational-leadership-conferences/>

Help Needed

Forbes Ranch Work - Seeking Volunteers

Exciting things are happening at Forbes Ranch, St. Martin's "second home" in Esparto. You are invited to come to the Ranch and have a unique opportunity to build an open arbor around a gathering circle. The circle is intended for Native dances, church services, wedding ceremonies, meditation, and other opportunities for restoration as guests look out to the beautiful coastal hills to the west. For more information, contact Ann Liu, Co-Chair, Care for God's Creation. Help is needed on the following dates:

Saturday, Feb. 25—9:00am - 2:00pm, Begin initial peeling of tree pole bark. Bring gloves and old butter knives.

Saturday, March 4—9:00 am-noon, Demonstration of tree peeling.

Saturday, March 11—9:00am-noon, Peeling of tree bark. Bring a lunch, then enjoy a Taizé service at 1:00pm

Tuesday, March 14—1:00pm-4:00pm, Measure and mark placement of holes for tree poles in inner/outer circles.

Saturdays, March 18 and 25—9:00am-4:00pm, Constructing the arbor

Need gloves, shovels, 12' ladders, hammers, hard rakes, and power tools for screwing. **We need as many volunteers as possible for these last two dates.**

Ranch address: 19100 County Road 86A in Esparto 95627 (Look for the tall white water tower at the entry).

City of Davis Request for Cold Weather Items

We got word from the organizers of the food for the Winter Shelter that the City of Davis has put out a request for the following items, in anticipation of extremely cold weather coming our way: sleeping bags, tents, warm hats (beanies), gloves, and hand warmers. They are also requesting men's jeans, sizes 34, 36, and 38 (average length). Please contact Sandy Alvarez-White to arrange for drop-off or pick-up of your donated items. Contact information: **Sandy Alvarez-White** 530-761-2180. Drop off items at 604 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95616.

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.

Other Updates

Click to Help Us with Our Google Ad Grant

Have you ever searched for something on Google and been given a result that matches pretty well and has the word "Ad" next to it? That's a Google Ad. When people search for something with keywords that match a Google Ad (say you're looking for "Episcopal churches in Yolo County"), Google shows ads that might be relevant (ads whose keywords show "Episcopal," "church," and "Yolo County"). It's a way to bring users relevant content more easily. We applied for and received a Google Ad grant which allows us to put ads on Google. However, keeping the grant requires people to click on our ad. If you ever search for St. Martin's (or use similar search

terms like Episcopal church near me) and you see a search result from St. Martin's with the word "Ad" next to it, go ahead and click it! It is a legitimate link and your clicks help us maintain our grant!

Exciting News from Pathways!

This summer, Pathways will be joining hundreds of Episcopal youth from all across the United States at [EYE 2023](#) in College Park, Maryland! Youth ages 15-19 (as of July 4, 2023) are invited to join us on our journey to the east coast to participate in learning, laughing, and worshipping with EYE. EYE only happens every three years, and we are excited to attend the second-largest event in the Episcopal Church. Applications for participants and chaperones are open now and close on March 15. Participants apply [HERE](#). Any questions? Contact the Missioner for Church Life, the Rev. Mack Olson, Mack@norcalepiscopal.org.

Tours of Paul's Place

As many of you know, Paul's Place had its grand opening ceremony earlier this month. If you would like to learn more about Paul's Place, additional tours are available on Friday, March 10 and March 31 at 3:00pm. Paul's Place and Davis Community Meals and Housing helps low-income and homeless individuals and families with housing, food, and human services to help them rebuild their lives. Location: 1111 H Street, Davis. CA 95616. For information, contact Bill Pride billpride@dcmah.org.

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>

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 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/>.

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. 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. 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

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

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

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

Worship Committee: Monday, March 6 at 5:00pm

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

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, March 24 at 4:00pm

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, 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).

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.