

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

This Week!

“First Sunday” Service at 10:00am

This Sunday, March 5 at 10:00am, is a “First Sunday” service. “First Sunday” services are more interactive than usual and designed to be 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 resume on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of March. Our nursery is also open from 9:30 - 11:30am every Sunday for infants through age 5. Children of all ages are always welcome in church too!

Episcopal 101 Continues

Meet in Room 6/7 at 11:30am and for most Sundays between now and the Bishop’s visit on April 30 for Episcopal 101. 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.

Living Well Through Lent Discussion Group with Helen Campbell

Living Compass is offering its Lenten reflection series, *Living Well Through Lent*, with a focus this year on compassion. Helen Campbell is facilitating a discussion group on Wednesdays during Lent from 10:30am to approximately 11:30 via Zoom. It is a drop-in class, so you don’t have to commit to attending every session. Here is a Zoom link to attend the discussions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81109316578?pwd=YWlkV3BvV1pZa29Ka210SzNITTdDQTo9>

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>

Sign Ups Open for “A Place at the Table”

Would you like to meet new people at St. Martins or get to know people better? Consider signing up for our fellowship program, "A Place at The Table." You will be placed in a small fellowship group (we are aiming for 6 - 8 people per group) that will meet monthly for a simple meal or coffee. When and where will be up to the group. You can meet in each other’s homes, a restaurant, or a park; you can share a potluck, order food, or eat out. If you feel unable to host or have financial constraints, please don’t let this deter you from joining a group. You can contribute in other ways, such as by helping the host to prepare and clean up, or by driving other members. We share what we have to offer, whatever it may be. Please sign up in person on Sunday after church in person or at this link: <https://forms.gle/U5nU1ZfLF6JSfCxZ7> For questions, contact communications@churchofstmartin.org. We hope to start the program in late March or early April with groups meeting for about 6 months or so. All are welcome!!

Lent Project: Project (Re)Start Kicks Off

The Social Justice and Outreach (SJ&O) Committee is asking you to participate in [Project \(Re\)Start](#), this year’s Lenten giving project. This project is an initiative of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. Our commitment is to fill 10 bins with specific bathroom supplies to help

those who have been displaced because of the kinds of disasters we see so frequently in Northern CA—fires, floods, earthquakes and other disasters. The contents of each bin have been identified by the Diocese as the most appropriate for distribution in a crisis and in numbers that will allow them to fit inside a 27-gallon plastic tub. We are asking members of the congregation to sign up to shop to fill the bins with these specific items. We have created illustrated shopping lists that you can take with you to the store. Look for SJ&O members after church on Sunday to get more information on how you can be a part of this important initiative!

Sunday Night! Sinfonia Spirituosa Baroque Chamber Orchestra at St. Martin's

On **Sunday, March 5** 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://sinfoniaspirituosa.org/performances/>

Spirituality in Nature Gathering on Saturday, March 11

Join Rev. Pamela, Stan Forbes, 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, led by Steve Ackley. A perfect activity 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

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 worshiping 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.

Pub Theology on Tuesday, March 7: Constructing Theology

Join Lutheran Church of the Incarnation Pastor Dan Smith and Pastor Portia Hopkins of the Belfry Campus Ministry for Pub Theology this Tuesday at 7:00pm at Pizza and Pints. Rev. Pamela is hoping to join in as well! We will be discussing theology itself, what goes into it, what it means to each of us personally, and how it can be a constructing and engaging topic for each person as they ask the big questions in life about meaning, values and becoming people of justice and mercy in the world. Beverages of all kinds are available. This program takes place on the

first and third Tuesday of the month during the academic year. we look forward to seeing you there!

Tours of Paul's Place, Friday, March 10 and 31 at 3:00pm

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.

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/>

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.

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, see <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/02/26/ranch-volunteers-needed/> For questions, contact Ann Liu, Co-Chair, Care for God's Creation.

Help is needed on the following dates:

Saturday, March 4—9:00 am - noon, Demonstration of tree peeling. (Please bring your own gloves and water bottles).

Saturday, March 11—9:00am - noon, Peeling of tree bark. Bring a lunch, then enjoy a Taizé service at 1:00pm with music provided by Steve Ackley and Hariette Andrews.

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, Join Diana Almendariz (teacher, mentor, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation) and others in constructing the arbor (12 - 15 volunteers needed each

day). Need gloves, shovels, 12' ladders, hammers, hard rakes, and power tools for screwing. Lunch will be provided. Bring your own water.

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

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, please click it! It is a legitimate link and your clicks help us maintain our grant!

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 needed this year and are greatly appreciated!

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>

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.

Holy Week Is Fast Approaching

Join us during this holy week! For details on each offering, see: <https://churchofstmartin.org>.

Palm Sunday, April 2: 8am Rite I and 10am First Sunday Service with Pop Up Choir, a passion play, and donkeys on the great lawn. Palms at both services.

Labyrinth Walk, Wednesday, April 5: Guided evening labyrinth walk at 8pm.

Maundy Thursday, April 6: Holy Eucharist at 7pm with optional foot washing.

Good Friday, April 7: 12 – 3pm: Way of the Cross self-guided prayer walk; 3pm Stations of the Cross inside the church; 8:30pm Compline (online only) with Good Friday prayers.

Daytime, Saturday, April 8: Daytime Spirituality in Nature Gathering (details available soon).

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8: Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist at 8pm.

Easter Sunday, April 9: Holy Eucharist Rite 1 at 8am and Festive Choral Eucharist at 10am.

Other Important Updates

Congratulations to Jessie Ann Owens

We congratulate Jessie Ann Owens, distinguished professor emerita of music, for receiving the 2022 – 23 Lifetime Achievement Award in Renaissance Studies. The award honors “a lifetime of uncompromising devotion to the highest standard of scholarship accompanied by exceptional achievement in Renaissance studies.” Congratulations, Jessie!!

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>

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 (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!

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, March 9 at 7:00pm (in the church)

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

Vestry: Sunday, March 19, at 12:00pm (church library)

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

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

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, March 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, March 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.