

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

***This Week!***

**Godly Play This Sunday**

We have Godly Play this Sunday - and every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month - at 10am in Room 4. 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!

**NO Episcopal 101 This Sunday—Class Resumes on March 19**

We're taking a brief hiatus this week, but you won't want to miss next Sunday when Rev. Betsy will lead the class on "Faith and What We Believe." 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. Future class topics include Sacraments, Worship, and Scripture.

**Rescheduled!! Spirituality in Nature Gathering Moved to Saturday, March 25**

The next Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING) has been moved to March 25 (postponed from March 11 due to rain). Join Rev. Pamela and Stan Forbes to enjoy the almond blossoms at the Forbes Ranch in Esparto. Come for one or both of the following: From 9:00 am to Noon: Learn about Native American building techniques and get hands-on experience with peeling bark from cedar tree poles. At noon, enjoy a picnic (bring your own lunch!) and a wander through the spring blossoms. We'll end with a low-key Taizé service in the barn. Address: 19100 County Road 86A, Esparto CA 95627. More information <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/TheRanch>

**Vestry News and Review for February**

To read about a very eventful February, including a retreat and potential change to our ByLaws, see Neil Willits' latest edition of Vestry News and Review:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/03/07/vestry-news-an-eventful-february/>

**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>

**Lent Project: Project (Re)Start Off to Good Start - Only 8 Shopping Lists Left**

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee wishes to express their gratitude for the very supportive response to our Lenten Giving Project, [Project \(Re\)Start](#). 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. All but eight item lists were spoken for after last Sunday’s services. The items and the list can be delivered to church any Sunday between now and March 26. We will have bins available for this purpose. **We hope to distribute the final eight lists on Sunday. Our table is in the Narthex.**

### **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://churchofmartin.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:***

**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 (Patwin Wintun Culture Bearer), Mark Brothers (parishioner and general contractor), 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).

### ***New and Noteworthy***

#### **Casting Call: We need actors for our Passion Play & Easter Vigil!**

On Palm Sunday, April 2, we will be offering a short play during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10 o’clock service. This draws on the ancient tradition of the Passion Play, a dramatic way to experience the passion story. We are also dramatizing some of the readings at the Easter Vigil (8pm on April 8). There will be rehearsals for the Passion Play, although we want to work around your schedule as much as possible so no times have been set yet. **Please contact the office right away if you are interested in learning more.**

#### **Invite-Welcome-Connect Needs Your Help!**

The Invite-Welcome-Connect program at St. Martin’s focuses on making sure the community knows that, indeed, all are welcome. IWC is looking for a few souls who want to build up a stronger sense of community in our parish, both inside and outside our church walls. In the past year, Invite-Welcome-Connect activities have included relaunching coffee hour, creating pew cards, organizing several special events including two newcomer brunches, and hosting a St. Martin’s table at the Davis Farmers’ Market. If you enjoy meeting new people and planning fun community building events, please contact Colette Chabbott (information in church directory) or the church office to learn more about Invite-Welcome-Connect. The commitment is not enormous, but fun will be had!

#### **A Spring Cleaning Opportunity: Forbes Ranch Seeking Outdoor Furniture and Tools**

Want to declutter your stuff? Have something that's too good to throw away but you no longer need? The Ranch is very rustic and could use some used benches, chairs, and tables for outdoor

seating as well as for inside the barn. Have good folding chairs? We can use them. For our soil restoration work, we need donations of push brooms, brooms, shovels, digging forks, rakes, hand trucks, and wheelbarrows. We won't turn down saws and pruners of any type if they still cut well. Have ladders? We'll take them. Together, let's make the ranch a place we can all enjoy. Please contact the church office if you have items to donate and you will be referred to Ann Liu regarding how to get the items to the Ranch.

### **A Thank-you from Belfry Student, Ben B.**

On behalf of all the students at the Belfry, I wanted to thank our incredible prayer shawl makers for the time, energy, and, most importantly, the love they poured into their shawls. Winter quarter is often the most difficult and isolating for students. These shawls are a beautiful reminder that we are, in fact, not alone and are deeply loved. The shawls are like a warm hug, especially during these cold nights and all-nighters. We are so grateful for these prayer shawls and for the love and support of this community! We hope to see you back at the Belfry soon :) Blessings, Ben.

### **Holy Week and Easter at St. Martin's**

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 will be blessed and distributed 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 and optional veneration of the cross; 8:30pm Compline (online only) with Good Friday prayers.

***Holy Saturday, April 8, 11am - 12pm:*** Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING). Join us for one hour of prayer and reflection on God's good creation and what it has to teach us about loss and the hope of resurrection. In the narthex and meditation garden.

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

***Easter Sunday, April 9:*** Festive Choral Holy Eucharist at both services, 8am and 10am. **The 10am service will be followed by brunch and an Easter Egg hunt!**

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

#### **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. 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](mailto: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!!

### **Pub Theology on Tuesday, March 21**

The next Pub Theology gathering will be Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00pm at Pizza and Pints. Join Rev. Portia Hopkins of the Belfry, and Pastor Dan Smith of Lutheran Church of the Incarnation as we discuss theology and what a difference it can make in our lives. This program takes place on the first and third Tuesday of the month during the academic year.

### **Peace and Justice Film Discussion, Wednesday, March 22**

In collaboration with Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana, you are invited to a Peace and Justice film discussion every 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00p on Zoom. Watch the movie first on Netflix and then come to a discussion led by John Liu, Sociologist, and Biff Baker, Russian Studies. (St. Martin and Messiah parishioners). The March 22 movie will be [Descendant](#) (Margaret Brown; 2022; 109 min.). Join the Zoom meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260425215?pwd=YzJGU3ZjTWRZMDdtNXlQQ1FLQWdGUT09>

(Meeting ID: 892 6042 5215; Passcode: 878846). The April 26 movie will be [Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America](#) (Emily Kunstler, Sarah Kunstler; 2022: 117 min.), Watch the movie on Netflix before coming to the Zoom discussion.

### **Youth and Parents Take Note: Deadline to Register for Pathways Extended to March 29!**

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 29. Participants apply [HERE](#). Any questions? Contact the Missioner for Church Life, the Rev. Mack Olson, [Mack@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:Mack@norcalepiscopal.org).

### **Tours of Paul's Place, Friday, March 31 at 3:00pm**

If you would like to learn more about Paul's Place, tours are available on Friday, 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](mailto:billpride@dcmah.org).

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

***Vestry Essentials: Tools for New and Seasoned Members***, March 25, In Person at Grace. St. Helena, 10am - 2pm, \$25 per person (includes lunch)

***WordFest! – Psalms: Lament, Listen, Laugh***: Lay Reader Training, May 6 on Zoom only. \$10

***Stewardship for All***: June 3 on Zoom only. \$10

***Disaster Readiness Expo***: St. John's, Roseville, September 16, \$25 (includes lunch)

**For registration:** <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**

#### **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 especially 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 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>

### **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 Important 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>

#### **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](http://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**

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

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, March 16 at 7:00pm (in the church)

**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](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. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, March 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](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).