

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 19, 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!

Episcopal 101 This Sunday after 10am Service

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.

Bring Your Project (Re)Start Items This Sunday and Next

Thanks to everyone who took a shopping list for our Lenten project, [Project \(Re\)Start](#). Your donations will fill 10 bins of bathroom items that the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California will be able to deploy in case of a disaster in our area. Please return your items to church by **Sunday, March 26**. You can return them on Sunday mornings at our table in the narthex or weekdays from 9am - 12pm when the church office is open. Thank you one and all!

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, Pastor Dan Smith of Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, and Rev. Pamela 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. Beverages of all types are available.

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=YzJGU3ZjTWRZMEdtNXlQQ1FLQWdGUT09> (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.

Spirituality in Nature Gathering at the Ranch on Saturday, March 25

The next Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING) will be on 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 with music in the barn. Address: 19100 County Road 86A, Esparto CA 95627. More information <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/TheRanch>

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=YWlkV3BvV1pZa29Ka21oSzNITTdDQTOg>

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>

New and Noteworthy

Easter Offering - Seeking Your Input

We are once again looking for worthy organizations with which to share the bounty that you offer at Easter, the holiest day of the year. If you have a nomination for our "Easter plate" or "Easter offering," please let the office know by **Sunday, March 26**. A committee including a Vestry member, a Social Justice & Outreach Committee member, and a parishioner at large will evaluate the nominations and then send a recommendation to the Vestry for approval. We are looking for organizations that are in alignment with the values of the Episcopal Church and St. Martin's, whether local, national, or beyond. They can focus on any number of issues, from hunger and homelessness to protecting human rights or the environment. Please submit the name of the organization, a link to a website, and a one-paragraph explanation of why you are nominating them to info@churchofstmartin.org or call the office to leave a message with the same information (530-756-0444). The recipient of this year's Easter offering will be announced during Holy Week. All "plate" donations given to St. Martin's at any of our Easter services will be collected for this offering. If any of you are interested in becoming involved in the special offering selection committees, please talk to Rev. Pamela, a vestry member, or the church office.

Easter Flower Donations

We are accepting Easter flower donations in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate toward the Easter flowers, you can do so using the blue GIVE button at the top of our website or you can write a check to the Episcopal Church of St. Martin with memo line "Easter Flowers," and mail us the check or drop it in the plate on Sunday. Make sure you send your memories or thanksgivings to the office as we will print them in the Easter bulletins.

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.**

Volunteers Needed for Good Friday Outdoor Prayer Walk, 12 - 3pm

Could you lend a hand on Good Friday? We are having an outdoor Prayer Walk from 12pm to 3 pm, Good Friday, April 7. We are hoping some of you are willing to volunteer with set up, take down or docenting. We need two volunteers for each task. Please let Joan Cavanagh or the church office know if you are able to help with any of the following: Set up 11am to 12pm; Docent 12 - 1pm, 1-2pm, 2 - 3pm; Take down 3-4pm. Many thanks for considering this request.

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/>

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!

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 still needed on Saturday, March 25—9am - 4pm, Join Mark Brothers (parishioner and general contractor), and others in constructing the arbor (12 - 15 volunteers needed). Need shovels, 12' ladders, and hard rakes. Bring your own water and gloves. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers are also needed to make salads and/or soup for 8 - 10 people. **Ranch address:** 19100 County Road 86A in Esparto 95627 (Look for the tall white water tower at the entry).

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.

Third Act "Banking on Our Future"

Want to know more about the Third Act "Banking on Our Future" event this Tuesday, March 21? Ann Liu, chair of Care for God's Creation, will have flyers and more information available after the 10 o'clock service. The event is sponsored by Yolo Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice, of which we are a member, and is part of a nationwide effort to get major banks to divest from fossil fuels in response to the increasing climate emergency.

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. We hope to start the program in late March or early April with groups meeting for about 6 months or so. All are welcome!!

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.

Join a Tour 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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 22 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.