

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 26, 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. Pamela will lead the class on the topic of Sacraments. 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.

Project (Re) Start: Final Call to Bring Items to Church on Sunday

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 morning at our table in the narthex or weekdays from 9am - 12pm when the church office is open. Thank you one and all!

Living Well Through Lent Discussion Group – Two Classes Left

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 no problem if you haven't attended before. The last two classes are on March 29 and April 5.

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>

Holy Week and Easter at St. Martin's

Join us during this holy week! For more details, 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. If you want to participate in the Pop Up Choir or spend a little time petting the donkeys, please arrive at 9:30am. *Both services will begin outside, rain or shine.*

Labyrinth Walk, Wednesday, April 5: Guided evening labyrinth walk at 8pm. Enjoy a contemplative experience by candlelight as we enter the heart of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 6: Holy Eucharist at 7pm with optional foot washing. This service will include music by the choir, the stripping of the altar, and will end in silence and darkness.

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!**

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**. 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). All "plate" donations given to St. Martin's at any of our Easter services will go to this offering. If 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.

Grounding Our Bodies, Grounding Our Souls: A Day in the Garden with Pamela Dolan

The Bread of Life Center in Sacramento is offering a workshop on Saturday, April 29, with Rev. Pamela, based on her book *Contemplative Gardening*. For more information and to register, please go to www.breadoflife.org and look for "Contemplative Gardening" in their programs list. Or you can call the center at (916) 648-1803 or contact Rev. Pamela for more information. The event will take place at Table Farm at 23rd Street & Anita Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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, on Good Friday, April 7. We hope some of you are willing to volunteer with set up, take down, or serving as a docent. We need two volunteers per hour 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.

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.

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 intend to start the program in April after Easter 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.

Peace and Justice Film Discussion, Wednesday, April 26

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). (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. Join the Zoom meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260425215?pwd=YzJGU3ZjTWZRMdDtNXlQQ1FLQWdGUT09>

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

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/>

Help Needed

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), Francis David (Life in Community Chair) or the church office.

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 9am - 11am 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>

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.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, March 28 at 7pm (on Zoom)

Choir Practice: Thursday, March 30 at 7pm (in the church)

Ministry Council: Tuesday, April 18, at 6pm (in the church library)

Vestry: Tuesday, April 25, at 7pm (in the church library)

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, March 29 from 4pm - 5pm.** She will *not* have office hours during Holy Week, but is available by appointment. 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.