

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 30, 2023**

***This Sunday***

**We Welcome Bishop Megan on Sunday! One Service Only at 10am**

On Sunday, we welcome the Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California, who will be preaching and presiding! We also congratulate those being confirmed and received into the church. Please join us after church for a reception with cake, snacks, and beverages. This will be a wonderful time for fellowship and a chance to meet and/or greet our Bishop, as well as congratulate those who are being confirmed or received. All are welcome to this special occasion!

**Project (Re)Start a Great Success**

Many thanks to all who participated in filling up our ten bins during Lent. We had an outpouring of people wanting to help, and it was all made so easy and accessible due to the great work of our Social Justice and Outreach Committee, especially project managers Diana Glick and Bob Polkinghorn. We are so pleased that Bishop Megan will be blessing our bins this morning!

**Good News Garden Straw Bales**

Our straw bale garden is back! The straw bales that so successfully grew zucchini last summer have been turned into mulch, and now we have two new straw bales ready to grow a summer harvest. If you can help water over these next few months, please let us know. Straw bale gardens do not need weeding and can be watered very efficiently. Good News Gardens is a program of the Episcopal Church; we join with friends around the country in promising to pray, plant, and

**Godly Play and Nursery**

We have Godly Play this Sunday—and every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month—at 10am in Room 4. Our nursery is open from 9:30 - 11:30am every Sunday for infants through age 5. Children of all ages are also welcome in church.

***Next Sunday***

**“First-Sunday” Service at 10am on May 7**

On the first Sunday of each month, we have a “First Sunday” service at 10am in the church. This service is more interactive than usual and accessible to all ages. We also have a Pop Up Choir on First Sunday, meaning anyone, any age, can join the choir for the anthem. Arrive at 9:30am to quickly learn the anthem with our music and choir directors. Our Nursery will still be open for infants through 5 years.

***Other Important Updates***

**Follow-Up to Last Sunday’s All-Parish Conversation**

On April 23, our treasurer, Jessie Ann Owens, presented the final financial results from 2022 in order to help us understand our structural deficit. The framework for the talk was provided by the rector’s sermon, “Walking the Walk.” If you missed any of this, the sermon, the presentation and

the budget document are all available on our website. A second all-parish conversation will take place on Sunday, May 21. Please plan to attend and be part of this important discussion.

Here is the link: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/04/25/budget-presentation-apr-23-2023/>

After the talk, we had a question and answer session with the treasurer, rector, and vestry members. A second all-parish conversation will take place on Sunday, May 21. Please plan to attend.

### **Encouraging All to Wear Name Tags**

Now that we have returned to church in person in larger numbers, we hope all will wear name tags so that we can learn (or re-learn) each other's names. Wearing a nametag this Sunday will also help our Bishop with our 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. We have temporary name tags that you can fill out on-the-spot, too.

### **Memorial Service for Carol Boyer, Friday, May 19 at 3pm**

The memorial service for beloved, long-time parishioner Carol Boyer will take place here at St. Martin's on Friday, May 19 at 3pm with a reception following. Carol will be missed by all. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Difficult News**

We are shocked and saddened to learn of the violent death in Davis' Central Park on Thursday of David Henry Breaux, known to many in our community as the "Compassion Guy." David once wrote, "Live as Love through the compassion in your heart." D.H. Breaux

Loving God, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 504)

### **Thank You for Your Generosity - Easter Plate Offering**

Thank you for your generosity. The Easter Plate offering amounted to \$3,338 and will go 50% to Aggie House, a student-run transitional housing shelter that provides rent-free housing, meals, and case management services for UC Davis students experiencing homelessness and housing difficulty, and 50% to team with World Relief Sacramento in providing financial assistance for an Afghan refugee family of seven, who are resettling in Sacramento. See the organizations' websites for further information. Aggie House: <https://aggiehouse.org/> World Relief Sacramento: <https://worldrelief.org/sacramento/>

Thank you one and all!

### **Do you have an advance directive? Do you know what an advance directive is?**

Advance Care Planning is the process by which you consider what matters most to you if you become seriously ill; what medical treatments you want or don't want, where you want to be at the end of your life, and how you want the end of your story to go. This process is not just for older adults; unexpected medical situations can occur at any age. The Caring Ministries Commission would like to offer an information session on Advance Directives on a Sunday

morning after services at St. Martin's. Before further planning can take place, we would like to gauge your interest. Please fill out this three-question survey, and let us know if you are interested. <https://forms.gle/DaVVYWh8xFXzK3K9>

### **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!

### **Help Needed**

#### **Every Person...Every Week...One Item of Food**

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee would like to remind 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 help us put our faith into action and are greatly appreciated!

#### **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.

#### **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>

### ***Staying Connected with Each Other***

#### **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?”).

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, May 4 at 7pm (in the church)

**Caring Ministries:** Tuesday, May 9 at 7pm (on Zoom)

**Social Justice & Outreach:** Tuesday, May 16 at 5:15pm (on Zoom)

**Vestry:** Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm (in the church library)

**Buildings and Grounds:** Friday, May 26 at 4pm (on Zoom)

**Ministry Council:** Thursday, June 8 at 6pm (church library)

#### **Rector’s Office Hours Now on Tuesday Afternoon**

For the next few weeks Rev. Pamela’s office hours will be on Tuesday. Her next office hours will be held on Tuesday, May 2 from 4pm - 5pm. If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her ([pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org)) or contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)).

#### **Church Office Hours**

We are open Monday-Friday 9am to 12pm. 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).