

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 16, 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!

Earth Day This Saturday, April is Earth Month

Kick Off your Earth Day 2023 Celebration with a Film Screening on Wednesday, April 19

The Diocesan Commission for the Environment and Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa are excited to invite you to a screening of the documentary film *The Ants & the Grasshopper* on **Wednesday evening, April 19**. The film, described by *The Guardian* as a “consciousness-raising documentary” that follows a Malawi farmer “in her efforts to change minds in her patriarchal village and beyond,” will be screened in-person at Incarnation at 6pm (PDT) and simultaneously broadcast over Zoom. Click [here](#) to view the trailer.

Below is the Zoom information to participate online (no reservations needed):

<https://tinyurl.com/AntGrasshopperFilm>

Meeting ID: 815 1656 3752 Passcode: 719100 Or dial in: +1 669 444 9171 US

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81516563752>

Two Online-Only Opportunities: Lament with the Earth and Earth Day Ecumenical Worship

On Thursday, April 20, at 4:30 pm (Pacific) Lament with Earth, one of five seasonal events

honoring the pain of loss through the liturgical year: The BTS Center (a center offering theologically grounded programs of continuing education and spiritual formation) invites you to explore our ecological grief in community, as we delve into themes of transformation during our April Lament with Earth offering. To create space for feelings of ecological grief, The BTS Center, in partnership with Creation Care Alliance, has teamed up with The Many, an extraordinary group of songwriters, spoken word artists, and liturgists to create Lament with Earth. These events are interactive, inviting you to pray and sing along. You are invited to bring your own sense of loss and sadness. We lament together and share that which has been a balm to our grief, strengthening us for the work we know awaits us. For more information and to register, go to <https://thebtscenter.org/lament-with-earth-series/>

On Friday, April 21, at 9:00 am (Pacific) Sowing Seeds: An Ecumenical Earth Day Service

Offered by Creation Justice Ministries (formerly the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program), this service will lead participants into a time of contemplation and prayer while considering the prophetic actions we might take on behalf of God's creation. Derrick Weston, theological education and training coordinator for CJM, will preach, using the parable of the sower as an encouragement to sow the seeds of creation justice wherever we might go. Find more information and a registration link at <https://www.creationjustice.org/events.html>

Earth Day at Forbes Ranch: Saturday, April 22, 12pm - 2pm

A lot of work has been happening on the Ranch; please come out and enjoy this beautiful patch of God's good Earth and join in practices that will ground you in community and creation. We will begin in the

Gathering Circle, a space being co-created with a Native California culture bearer, as we join with others from around the country who are praying for our planet at noon. There will be time for a walk in the shadows of the glorious Coastal Range or to just enjoy the beauty of the orchards. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch. The event will end with a contemplative, music-based Taize service at 1pm. Contact the church office or Rev. Pamela for more details.

Grace Garden Annual Plant and Pottery Sale, April 22, 9am - 12pm

Celebrate Earth Day morning at Grace Garden's Annual Plant and Pottery Sale. The sale will feature organic vegetables, flowers, succulents, pots, and homemade ceramics. Live music and garden tours will add to the festivities. Location: 1620 Anderson Road in Davis. Grace Garden is a volunteer garden with a mission to feed our food insecure neighbors. If you are drawn to community service, come be a steward of God's Creation by volunteering at Grace Garden. Volunteers meet on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (this Saturday will be the sale) 9am -11am to harvest, prune, weed, mulch, and turn compost. For more information talk to Ann Liu or see Grace Garden's website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/gracegardendavis?pli=1>

Grounding Our Bodies, Grounding Our Souls: A Day in the Garden on April 29

The Bread of Life Center in Sacramento is offering a workshop on Saturday, April 29, with Rev. Pamela, based on her book *Contemplative Gardening*. The workshop will combine hands-on work in the garden and contemplative practices, with the goal of enjoying a day of embodied spirituality. No prior experience of gardening or contemplation is required. A growing body of scientific evidence is teaching us that time spent "digging in the dirt" has profound positive impacts on our health.

The day will begin with a reflection on the nature of contemplative gardening and what it means to become grounded in a place. The morning will be spent doing hands-on work in the garden. All ability and skill levels are welcome! After a brown-bag lunch, the afternoon session will be based on a series of reflections from the book *Contemplative Gardening*, along with time to journal and pray individually. We'll end the day with group sharing and go home renewed, refreshed, and maybe even eager to spend more time in the garden and with God. The event will take place at Table Farm at 23rd Street & Anita Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822. For more information, talk to Pamela. To register, go to <https://www.breadoflife.org/contemplative-gardening/register>. Cost \$35. Scholarships available.

Connecting with Community

Celebrate the Completion of Paul's Place! Wednesday, April 19, 5 - 6:30pm

Join Davis Community Meals and Housing for heavy appetizers to celebrate the completion of Paul's Place, which provides emergency, transitional and permanent housing plus a resource center for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program will include a brief report from Bill Pride on how the community's financial support is transforming lives. Senator Bill Dodd and other special guests will be in attendance. Location of Event: University Park Inn and Suites, 1111 Richards Blvd. in Davis. No charge for this event.

Join us for an All-Parish Conversation on Sunday, April 23

The Vestry of St. Martin's invites you to a conversation about our budget, our ministry priorities, and how they are related. We'll begin with a presentation during both services on Sunday, April

23, followed by a conversation after the 10am service. The second conversation will take place on Sunday, May 21. Please plan to be part of this important conversation.

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 - 8:00pm 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=YzJGU3ZjTWRZMEdtNXlQQ1FLQWdGUT09>

Bishop's Visit to St. Martin's - April 30

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.

Other Important Updates

Thank You for Your Generosity—Easter Plate Offering

Thank you for your generosity. The Easter Plate offering amounted to \$3,213 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>

The Cosmos, Science, and Faith—Reflections by a St. Martin's Parishioner in *The Atlantic*

Readers of *The Atlantic* may have noticed that one of their writers posed a question earlier this month, "What role has outer space played in your life, your worldview, or your imagination?" and asked readers for responses. He selected a few for publication a few days later, including a

lengthy reflection by "Ben, a man of faith and science." We were delighted to learn that he's St. Martin's parishioner Ben Guthrie, a member of our Vestry. You can learn more at <https://www.theatlantic.com/newsletters/archive/2023/04/the-surprising-compatibility-of-science-and-faith/673611/>

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.

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. **Link:** <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers>

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

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.

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

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

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

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm (on Zoom)

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, April 28 at 4pm (on Zoom)

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

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays but is available at other times too. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, April 19 from 4pm - 5pm.** If you want to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Church Office Hours

We are open in person 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.