

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 9, 2023

This Weekend! Holy Week and Easter at St. Martin's

Join with your church community as we gather to practice the ancient traditions of our faith during the holiest days of the year: Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. For more details, see: <https://churchofstmartin.org>.

Good Friday, April 7

Good Friday is when the church remembers in a particular way the crucifixion and death of Jesus. There are a variety of ways within our tradition to understand these events, but all of them have their meaning firmly grounded in the reality of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. We invite you to walk the Way of the Cross in community with other members of our church and in solidarity with all who suffer.

12 – 3pm Way of the Cross self-guided prayer walk

3:00pm Stations of the Cross inside the church, with an 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. We'll experience an "Ecological Stations of the Cross" together. In the narthex and meditation garden.

Easter Vigil, 8pm Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist. This service is the heart of the liturgical year and is one of the most ancient and meaningful traditions in the Church. We begin with the lighting of the New Fire and process through darkness into the light of Easter. Dramatic readings, beautiful music, and baptisms will move us through the story of salvation. This is truly a night not to be missed, and the perfect beginning of the Easter season.

Easter Sunday, April 9

8am Service Festive Choral Rite II Holy Eucharist

10am Service Festive Choral Rite II Holy Eucharist, followed by brunch, an Easter Egg hunt, and kid-friendly egg dyeing.

Fun Activities for All Ages and Fellowship after 10am Service on Easter Day

The Easter Egg hunt is back! Following the 10:00 am service, we'll gather outside for the traditional St. Martin's Egg Hunt for children through 6th grade. Bring your baskets, invite your friends, all are welcome. **After the hunt, we'll enjoy a church brunch along with some kid-friendly egg dyeing.** If you can, bring your own hardboiled eggs in their shells; we will provide all the coloring items (and have some extra eggs on hand, just in case). If you signed up to bring snack items for the brunch, please bring them to the kitchen to drop off.

Easter Plate Offering

It is a long-time tradition at St. Martin's that our two biggest annual "plate offerings," Christmas and Easter, go to worthy organizations doing work in line with our values and priorities. This year's Easter Plate offering 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. Please make checks out to The Church of St. Martin and add “Easter Offering” to the memo line. You may also give online using the blue GIVE button on St. Martin’s website. After clicking GIVE, use the drop-down menu to select “Easter Offering 2023” Thank you in advance for your generosity! See the organizations’ websites for further information. Aggie House: <https://aggiehouse.org/> World Relief Sacramento: <https://worldrelief.org/sacramento/>

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>

Earth Day on the Ranch: Saturday, April 22, 12pm to 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.

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*. 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.

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 mark your calendars and 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 - 8:00p 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=YzJGU3ZjTWRZMDdtNXlQQ1FLQWdGUT09>

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.

More Opportunities to Connect, Reconnect, and Learn Together

Last Call! Sign Ups for "A Place at the Table"

Would you like to meet new people at St. Martin's 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. **Deadline to sign up: Easter Day, April 9.** The program will start after Easter with groups meeting for about 6 months or so. All are welcome!!

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 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.

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 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>

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

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)

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays, but is also available at other times too. **She will be taking some time off during Easter Week, so her next office hours will be on Wednesday, April 19 from 4pm - 5pm.** If you would like 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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10 in observance of an Easter Holiday.

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?”).