

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 14, 2023

This Week

Rogation Sunday This Sunday, May 14

This Sunday, May 14, is Rogation Sunday. According to the Anglican Compass (www.anglicancompass.com), “Rogation Days call Christians beyond the sacred spaces of the nave and sanctuary to bless the good earth God has given.” The word “rogation” comes from the Latin verb “rogare,” which means “to ask.” On Rogation Day, we ask God for good weather and healthy crops and to bless all those who work to produce our food. Immediately after the 10am service, we will bless the St. Martin’s campus and process around the block. This is a time of ongoing healing and restoration in Davis, and our prayers will be for the whole community. Please join us!

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. All children from K through Grade 6 are welcome. Note that the last Sunday of Godly Play for this program year will be Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday. 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.

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.

“Red Altar” Film Showing, Friday, May 19 at 6:30pm

Davis Phoenix Coalition invites all to attend the film showing of “Red Altar” on May 19 at 6:30pm at the Fellowship Hall, 412 C Street in Davis. Wondering what the movie is about? Hundreds of Chinese communities dotted the West Coast for decades starting in 1849. “Red Altar” focuses on the cultural history and the people who started the Monterey Peninsula’s fishing industry.

Information about the Rector’s Sabbatical

Rev. Pamela will be on sabbatical from June 19 to September 18. This is an important time in the life cycle of a parish; every five years, per diocesan letters of agreement, the rector is expected to take a three-month break from the daily routine of running a parish in order to come back with fresh eyes and a renewed spirit. A sabbatical is different than a vacation or retreat time, although it may look similar in some respects. Pamela will be writing more in upcoming newsletters about the spiritual opportunities of a sabbatical and how it can be a time of transformation for both the parish and their priest.

The Vestry has approved the hiring of our own priest associate the Rev. Debbie Hawkins to serve as “clergy in charge under special circumstances” during Pamela’s sabbatical. That fancy title means that Debbie will do most of the preaching and presiding on Sundays and help coordinate important ministries like pastoral care. It is important to note that Debbie will be half

time, meaning that the Vestry—and especially the wardens—will have more duties and responsibilities during this time. Please support them through your prayers, your own offers of help, and your patience if things feel a little different from time to time. All of us who have benefited from Rev. Debbie’s stellar preaching and grounded presence know we are in good hands this summer!

Other Important Updates

A Second All-Parish Conversation on May 21 after 10 o’clock Service

We will have our next all-parish conversation on Sunday, May 21 after the 10am service. The purpose of this conversation is to share priorities and generate ideas about the direction of our parish, especially considering the challenges and opportunities presented to us as we move more fully into a post-pandemic era. We want all voices to be heard—including yours! We will keep our Zoom meeting open for those who want to join us remotely.

At our first 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.” After the talk, we had a question and answer session with the treasurer, rector, and vestry members. If you missed any of the first conversation, you can find the sermon, the presentation and the budget document on our website here: <https://churchofsmartin.org/2023/04/25/budget-presentation-apr-23-2023/>. We hope to see you at the second of these important discussions!

A Place at the Table Groups Have Formed

Thank you to everyone who signed up for our fellowship program, A Place at the Table. If you signed up, you should have been contacted by a representative from your assigned group. If you have not been contacted yet, be on the lookout for an email or phone call. Check your spam box too! If you have questions, please contact Gabe at communications@churchofsmartin.org.

A Talk on Climate Science, Dr. Howard Spero, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, UC Davis

The Climate Crisis Action Team at the Unitarian Church of Davis invites you to join them on Sunday, May 21 from 2pm to 4pm at the Unitarian Church of Davis Library for “A Talk on Climate Science” by Dr. Howard Spero, Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Earth and Planetary Sciences at UC Davis. A dynamic speaker, Dr. Spero will discuss why Earth’s climate system changes on geologic timescales and how this understanding helps us prepare for the effects of human-induced global heating. A climate-change savvy listener reported that when she attended one of his talks, he skillfully engaged the audience, made the science accessible, and shared fascinating information new to her.

To register go to <https://uucd.schoolauction.net/springfling2023/homepages/index>. Select “After auction sale: catalogue.” Then scroll down until you find Howie Spero Item #915.

Spirituality in Nature Gathering, Saturday, May 27: Rogation at the Ranch

Join with friends from St. Martin’s at the Forbes Ranch in Esparto to explore themes from the season of rogation. We’ll begin with a gathering and reflection, tend to the oak grove, go for a walk, or simply enjoy the lovely shade offered by the numerous almond trees, and end with a

short service based on the work of the ecumenical community of Taize in France. The Ranch is a very casual, rustic environment—sturdy shoes, a hat, and a water bottle are all a good idea!

Time: 9-10:30am; **Ranch Address:** 19100 County Road 86A in Esparto 95627

Attention All Graduating Seniors!

St. Martin's loves its graduates and it's that time of year. If you're graduating from high school, college or another secondary program, or from a graduate program, we'd love to know so that we can recognize you. Please let the office know at info@churchofstmartin.org as soon as you can.

Volunteer Opportunity: Readers of World Languages for Pentecost

For Pentecost, it's been a tradition to include parishioners reading in world languages. If you'd like to help with this on May 28, 2023 at the 10am service, please contact Carole Hom or the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org). Let us know the language so that we can track down the passage. Deadline: noon Monday, May 22.

Rev. Betsy's Ordination to the Priesthood, June 18 at St. Martin's

We are happy to announce that, God willing and the people consenting, Deacon Betsy McElroy, will be ordained to the priesthood here at St. Martin's on Sunday, June 18 at 4pm. A reception will follow. Congratulations to Betsy as she takes this next step in her ministry!

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. 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.

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 will be offering an information session on Advance Directives on Sunday, July 16 after the 10am service at St. Martin's. Louise Joyce from Yolo Cares will be here to facilitate. Additional details will follow closer to the date.

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!

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

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, May 18 at 7pm (in the church)

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

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

Worship Commission: Wednesday, June 7 at 2pm

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

Care for God's Creation: Monday, June 12 at 7pm (on Zoom)

Rector's Office Hours Now on Tuesday Afternoon

For the next few weeks Rev. Pamela's office hours will be on Tuesday. She will be away at Clergy Conference this week, so **her next office hours will be held on Tuesday, May 23 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 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.