

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 21, 2023

This Week

Second All-Parish Conversation Sunday after 10am Service

We will have our next all-parish conversation this 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.

Godly Play and Nursery

We have Godly Play this Sunday and next Sunday at 10am in Room 4. All children from K through Grade 6 are welcome. Note that May 28, Pentecost Sunday will be the last Sunday of Godly Play for this program year. 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.

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

Next Week

Pentecost is Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday, May 28 for Pentecost Sunday. During the 10am service, we will have a special multilingual reading. After the 10am service, we will celebrate with activities for all ages, including a visit from a face-painter and the Kona shaved ice truck. May 28 will also be the last Sunday of choir and Godly Play for the program year. Remember to wear red for Pentecost!

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.

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

Quarter 1 2023 Treasurer's Report Available to View

If you go to the link listed below, you will find the treasurer’s report for the first quarter of 2023. If you have any questions, please email our treasurer, Jessie Ann Owens, at treasurer@churchofstmartin.org. <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/05/09/quarter-1-2023-treasurers-report-may-8-2023/>

Vestry News and Review—New Edition

To read a lovely and important reflection by Vestry member Diane Bamforth, please see the latest Vestry News and Review on our website here: <https://tinyurl.com/StMartinsVestryNews>

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 as soon as you can.

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.

Other Opportunities to Learn and Connect

A Talk on Climate Science, Dr. Howard Spero, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, UC Davis: Sunday, May 21 at 2pm

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.

Peace & Justice Film Series: May 24th at 7pm.

St. Martin's and Messiah in Santa Ana (Orange County) collaborate monthly to discuss documentaries that have social and/or environmental justice themes. Movies are available on Netflix. After viewing the selection independently, participants join discuss on Zoom for about an hour on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm. The upcoming discussion will be May 24th at 7pm. The next movie is *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson* (2017, 105 minutes). Biff Baker (Russian Studies) and John M. Liu (Asian American Studies and Sociology), two professors emeriti from UC Irvine will facilitate. Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pADsuuPd79E>

Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260425215?pwd=YzJGU3ZjTWRZMDdtNXlQQ1FLQWdGUT09>

Meeting ID: 892 6042 5215

Passcode: 878846

Workshop on Advance Directives, July 16 at St. Martin's

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.

Serving Others and Volunteering

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!

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 sign-up 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 24 at 5:00pm (on Zoom)

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, May 25 at 7pm (in the church)

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 on Tuesday Afternoon

Rev. Pamela’s office hours are currently on Tuesday. **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 (<mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org>) or contact the church office.

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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.