

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 28, 2023

This Week

Sunday is Pentecost!

This Sunday is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Don't forget to wear red! At the 10am service we'll have an astonishing array of languages represented, from Chinese to Swahili to Ukrainian. Please plan to stay for a special coffee hour, featuring activities for all ages, including face-painting, the Kona Ice truck, and soccer on the great lawn for any kids (and adults) who want to play.

Godly Play and Nursery

We have Godly Play on Sunday at 10am in Room 4 for children K - 6th grade. This Sunday is our last Godly Play session for the 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.

Chamber Music Society Concert, Saturday, June 3

On Saturday, June 3, St. Martin's is pleased to host the Chamber Music Society of Sacramento's Season 35 Finale Concert. Featured will be songs by Nadia Boulanger, Clara Schumann, and Franz Schubert sung by soprano Clarissa Lyons, a Davis High School alum who has performed with the Metropolitan Opera. The concert will end with the "Trout" quintet for piano and strings by Franz Schubert. For more information and tickets, see <https://cmssacto.org/>. \$30 regular/\$25 seniors/\$12 students. St. Martin's parishioners receive a \$5 discount using the code MARTIN online or at the door.

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, 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.

Congratulations and Blessings

Bishop Barry Beisner Installed as Bishop of Navajoland

Congratulations to the Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner upon his investiture as provisional Bishop of Navajoland. To watch the investiture ceremony, please see this YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMWBZZkpnHM>.

Rev. Betsy's Graduation from Seminary

Many congratulations to the Rev. Betsy McElroy, who received her Master of Divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) on Saturday, May 20. She also received the Rt. Reverend Richard Millard prize for Excellence in Preaching. The sermon she submitted for the award was the first sermon she preached at St. Martin's in Fall of 2022. How wonderful is that! To watch the CDSP commencement ceremony, see <https://cdsp.edu/commencement-2023/>

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.

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

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!

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

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>.

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.

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.

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 bring, if possible, 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

Worship Commission: Wednesday, June 7 at 2pm

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

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, June 9 at 4pm (on Zoom)

Vestry: Tuesday, June 13 at 7pm (in the church library)

Rector's Office Hours on Tuesday Afternoon

Rev. Pamela's office hours are currently on Tuesday afternoon. **Pamela will be on retreat for much of next week so her next office hours will be held on Tuesday, June 6 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.

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