

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 2, 2023

This Week

“First Sunday” Service at 10am

Our “First Sunday” services on the first week of each month continue through the summer. The 10am service on the first Sunday of the month is more interactive than usual, and time will be taken during the sermon to address the youngest in the congregation. We also encourage as much participation as possible from the congregation in joining the Pop-Up Choir (information below).

Pop-Up Choir Through July 9

This summer our Sanctuary Choir is on break, and we have a Pop-Up Choir on “First Sundays” and every Sunday through July 9 at the 10am service. This means that anyone can join the choir to sing the anthem. If you want to join in, just come at **9:15am on Sunday morning** to practice the anthem and some of the hymns. If you cannot be here for rehearsal, you are still welcome to sing in the Pop-Up Choir, although being at the short rehearsal is very helpful.

Nursery Open

Our nursery is open on Sundays all summer from 9:30 - 11:30am for infants through age 5. Godly Play will not be meeting this summer and will be back again for children K - 6th grade in the fall. The front left pews in church are for families with children who wish to sit up front; we also have coloring materials plus quiet toys in this front area. Children of all ages are always welcome in church!

Memorial Service for Kenneth Morlock, Friday, July 7 at 4:00pm

The memorial service for parishioner Kenneth Morlock will take place here at St. Martin’s on Friday, July 7 at 4pm. Kenneth will be missed, especially by his fellow choir members. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Note from Rev. Betsy

It is with a full heart that I send my deepest gratitude to everyone at St. Martin’s who made my ordination spectacular. It was a day I will remember forever, thanks to all of your support and love. Thank you to all those who participated: Pamela, who led everything so it ran perfectly and smoothly; Janet, who made sure that people could attend from afar; Oliver and the choir, who offered beautiful music to carry us through; Elise, who led the Litany; Carole, who led us in and out with her wonderful waving of the Spirit ribbons and arranged the flowers; and the acolytes, Ben, Claire, and Kathleen, eucharistic ministers, Bob and Kimo, and ushers, Joan and Ben. Thank you to Maria and all those who welcomed our guests with a wonderful reception. And, thank you to all who attended either in person or online. It was your presence that made the day even brighter!

I also want to thank everyone who donated toward my very generous ordination gift. The beautiful stole that Carole created is a stunning part of that gift. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your kindness. I promise the remaining part of that gift will be used to get something special for my ministry that will always remind me of my time at St. Martin’s. I will be sure to share with you what I choose!

My time with you at St. Martin's has been wonderful and I am so grateful to you all for your support and kindness over the last year. I look forward to being with you all a few more times until things are clear about my first call and to continue working in collaboration with you toward God's vision for the world through the diocese.

Next Week

Brown Bag Bible Study Starting Sunday, July 9 after 10am Service

The first readings from the Lectionary for June, July and August 2023 mainly feature stories from the book of Genesis. We will gather after coffee hour each Sunday July 9-August 27 to discuss these often puzzling, foundational stories in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Bring a brown bag lunch or just a coffee and an extra cookie to Room 6/7; drop-ins are welcome. Vestry member Colette Chabbott will facilitate the discussion.

Parish Garden and Work Day, Saturday, July 15, 8:00 - 12pm

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will host a Parish Garden and Work Day on Saturday, July 15, from 8am - 12pm. We are starting early in case it is hot, but feel free to come when you can and to stay for all or part of the time. We will be weeding, raking, trimming, and adding mulch. All the work will be outdoors, so bring a hat and sunscreen. We have some garden tools, but if you have gloves or garden tools you are willing to bring, that would be helpful. We will provide water and hydration drinks as well as light snacks. Come lend a hand and enjoy fellowship at the same time! For questions, talk to Janet Lane or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

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. Caring Ministries 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.

Eagle Scout Project at the Ranch

Next Sunday, July 9, we look forward to welcoming Tyler Staub, from Scout Troop #466 (the troop St. Martin's sponsors). He will have a table after the 10am service to talk about his butterfly and pollinator garden Eagle Scout project at Forbes Ranch. He chose the Ranch location, in consultation with us, as he was looking for a large area of full sun. Tyler is trying to raise some of the \$3,500 he anticipates spending on the project; he will provide details next week on exactly what he is doing and how to donate. Donations will go directly to Tyler.

Other Important Updates

Grace Garden Seeking Volunteers

Summer is here! It's tomato, squash, and bean picking time at Grace Garden, and we need all kinds of help to provide food for Davis Community Meals, including donations from your own garden harvest. Come join us: Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8am - 10am.

Address: 1620 Anderson Road in Davis. All skill levels welcome.

<https://sites.google.com/site/gracegardendavis>

Questions? Talk to Joy Humphrey, Harriette Andrews, or St. Martin's office

(info@churchofstmartin.org) with questions.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Statement on Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action in College Admissions

As stated by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, "The Episcopal Church has long supported programs of affirmative action to address inequality wherever it exists. This work continues and our faithful witness is more important now than ever before." To read Presiding Bishop Curry's full statement, click here: <https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/statement-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-supreme-court-decision-declaracin-del-obispo-primado-michael-curry-respecto-al-fallo-del?e=7d727b9569>

Serving Others and Volunteering

Davis Community Meals and Housing Seeks St. Martin's Board Member

Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) is seeking a board member from St. Martin's. Jim Borchers has been serving in this role for several years, but is stepping down at the end of June. Rev. Pamela, as rector, serves as ex-officio on this board, but there is a dedicated seat for a parishioner, as well. You probably know that St. Martin's was one of the organizations involved in initially founding Davis Community Meals (its original name). We have had board seats ever since. Board members serve three years and may continue for a second term. The Board meets once a month at 5pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Each board member also attends two community meals per month at St Martin's where they provide oversight, count the meal attendees, and assist the dining room coordinator, if needed. Board members also help with fundraising. Contact the church office or Bob Polkinghorn (information in church directory) if interested or if you have questions.

Seeking St. Martin's Representative at Saturday Meals

We have one new volunteer and are still seeking at least one more individual or family to serve as a St. Martin's rep once a month at the Saturday DCMH meal. The task begins about 10:45am and you will be finished by 12:15pm. The St. Martin's rep is essentially the welcoming face of St. Martin's at the meals. We also lend a hand if needed, although DCMH arranges all the cooks, set-up, and clean-up volunteers. At the end of the meal, it is our job to ensure the doors are all locked properly and the appliances turned off. You would be joining a team of four others who have already committed to one week a month. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Janet Lane or the church office.

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 a non-perishable food item each week when you come to church. The collection basket is in the narthex. Your donations help us put our faith into action and are greatly appreciated!

Readers, Ushers, EMs, Crucifers

You may have noticed that we have several new acolytes at 10am! Are you interested in serving during worship? We need an array of liturgical ministers every Sunday 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. (Note that some ministry roles, such as Eucharistic Minister, require training and/or a license). If you are interested in serving or have questions, please talk to one of our deacons or to the church office. Here is the link to the scheduling sign up: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers>

Staying Connected with Each Other

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.

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 at Compline on Fridays and during the week. To have someone put on our written prayer list, use the form at the link below or contact the church office. A couple of reminders: a) **When you place people on the prayer list, they will remain there for four weeks. If you wish them to remain longer, please just submit another request.** b) Apart from prayers for the Repose of the Soul, we expect that you have the person's permission to put them on the prayer list. [HERE](#) is the link to the prayer request form. To have a person's name read in church during the Prayers of the People, please contact Deacon Margaret directly (margaret@churchofstmartin.org). The same guidelines above (a and b) will apply to the names read in church.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Pastoral Care Meeting: Thursday, July 6 at 10am in Room 6/7

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, July 14 at 4pm on Zoom

Vestry: Tuesday, July 25 at 7pm in the church library

Social Justice & Outreach: Sunday, August 20 at 11:30am in Room 8.

Ministry Council: Thursday, August 24 at 6pm in the church library

Vestry: Tuesday, August 29 in the church library

Worship Commission: Monday, September 25 at 5pm on Zoom

Rev. Debbie's Office Hours

Rev. Debbie is holding office hours on Wednesdays from 4 - 5pm in the church library. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, July 5.** If you wish to see Debbie at a different time, please write Debbie directly (debbie@churchofstmartin.org) or contact the church office.

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day. We will be open regular hours (9am - 12pm) all other weekdays next week. Reach us at (530) 756-0444 or info@churchofstmartin.org.