

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 4, 2023

This Week

“First Sunday” with Pop-Up Choir

June 4, the first Sunday of the month, is a “First Sunday.” With all ages in mind, First Sunday services at 10am are designed to be a little less formal and more interactive than usual. Whether a first Sunday or not, the front left pews are for families with children who wish to sit up front to see better; we also have coloring materials related to the Sunday lesson plus a few quiet toys. We have a Pop-Up Choir on First Sundays, which means anyone can join the choir to sing the anthem; just arrive about 9:30am to learn the anthem. Our nursery will be 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. Children of all ages are also always welcome in church!

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, please let us know so that we can recognize you. Please let the office know at info@churchofstmartin.org as soon as you can.

Choir Members, Godly Play Instructors, and Godly Play Door Keepers

We recognized and thanked our choir as well as our Godly Play instructors and door keepers for their service last Sunday at the 10am service. We have a gift for each of you. If you did not receive yours, stop by the church library weekdays 9am - 12pm or on Sundays to pick yours up. We are grateful for your service!

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>.

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 from 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

June is Pride Month

Davis Pride is an all inclusive family friendly celebration for members and supporters of the LGBTQ+ community. For information on events they are sponsoring this month, see <https://www.davispride.org/>. The Diocese of Northern California has also provided additional Pride Month resources here: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/site/pride-month-resources/>

Rev. Betsy’s Ordination to the Priesthood, June 18 and Gift for Betsy

God willing and the people consenting, the Rev. Betsy McElroy, will be ordained to the priesthood here at St. Martin’s on Sunday, June 18 at 4pm. A reception will follow in the parish hall. **We would like to give Betsy an ordination gift**, something she can use in her role as a priest. **If you would like to donate towards this gift**, you can write a check to The Church of St. Martin with memo “Gift for Betsy” and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. You can also donate on Tithely by going to the GIVE button at the top of St. Martin’s webpage (www.churchofstmartin.org). Choose the drop-down menu “Ordination Gift for Rev. Betsy.” Please note that gifts to individuals are not tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and congratulations to Betsy as she takes this next step in 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.

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. 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

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

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. **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.