

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 11, 2023

This Week

Guest Organist

We welcome Oliver Steissberg as our guest organist for the next month while our music ministers Suzanne and Jeffrey take a summer break. Oliver just graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Oliver was raised as a parishioner at St. Martin's and has played the organ and piano here on various occasions in the past. We are grateful to have him here this month and hope you'll get a chance to say hello to him.

Pop-Up Choir This Summer

This summer our Sanctuary Choir is on break and we will have a Pop-Up Choir on Sundays at 10am. This means that anyone can join the choir to sing the anthem. If you want to join in, just come at about 9:30am on Sunday morning to practice the anthem with the organist!

Nursery Open

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. The front left pews in church are for families with children who wish to sit up front to see; we also have coloring materials plus a few other quiet toys in this front area. Children of all ages are always welcome in church!

Read Bishop Megan's Statement on the Migrants Dropped Off in Sacramento

You may have heard that two groups of migrants were recently brought to Sacramento and left stranded. Both Trinity Cathedral and the Office of the Bishop have been actively involved in meeting their immediate needs and helping them obtain legal assistance. Sacramento ACT (Area Congregations Together) is also involved in helping.

To read Bishop Megan's letter about the ongoing situation, please see here:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzGsmrJzSTDKJXLXVLPnNjWfKmxGV>

Bishop Megan suggests that if we wish to make a monetary donation, we donate to Cathedral Dean Matthew's discretionary fund here:

<https://onrealm.org/TrinityCathedral/-/form/give/DeansDiscFund>

Congratulations and Blessings

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to this year's graduating students from St. Martin's. Way to go!!

Paul Klavins, Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Sacramento State University

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Master of Divinity, Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP), Berkeley, CA

Oliver Emmanuel Steissberg, Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

If you are a graduating student or know of one, it is not too late to let us know. Just contact the office.

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!

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. 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!

Pamela has written a "From the Rector" note to the parish that has more details about what she is doing on her sabbatical. You can read the letter on our website or click the link here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/06/09/message-from-the-rector-june-2023/>

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/>

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, 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 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

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 Repose of the Soul prayers, 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 at church services during the Prayers of the People, please contact the deacons directly (margaret@churchofstmartin.org; betsy@churchofstmartin.org). The same guidelines above (a and b) will apply to the names read in church.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

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

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

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela's last office hours before she leaves for her sabbatical will be on Tuesday **June 13, from 4pm - 5pm.** Pamela will resume her office hours when she returns in September. Rev. Debbie will be holding office hours while Pamela is away on Wednesdays (except for July 26)

from 4 - 5pm in the church library starting on June 21. If you wish to see Debbie at a different time, please contact Debbie (debbie@churchofstmartin.org) or 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.