

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 25, 2023

This Week

A Note from Rev. Debbie, Priest in Charge under Special Circumstances

I am looking forward to spending this summer in a different role for me at St. Martin's. I first arrived here as a parishioner in the 1990s. Walking in the door, I immediately felt like I had come home. That still rings true. After ordination to the priesthood in 2010, I went to the Bay Area to serve two congregations that eventually merged into one, now known as SEA Episcopal Church (Saints Elizabeth and Andrew), until retiring in the spring of 2020 and returning to Davis.

Some people have asked what "Priest in charge under special circumstances" means. The best image I can think of is from my childhood. My father had a sailboat on San Francisco Bay. Usually he was at the tiller, but occasionally he needed to attend to something else. He would ask me to take the tiller for a moment and would point to a landmark in the distance to which I was to keep us headed. That is the role of "priest in charge under special circumstances."

In the boat which is St. Martin's, the Rector and the Vestry determine which way we are headed. There are multiple tillers held by different committees and groups keeping the various parts of us sailing in the chosen direction. I will be focused primarily on liturgical and pastoral concerns. Don't be surprised, however, if, out of an abundance of love, I show up and "stick my oar" in a few other places now and then just to see how things are going.

Rev. Pamela on Sabbatical

Rev. Pamela's sabbatical began Monday, June 19 and will continue until September 18. A sabbatical is different from a vacation or retreat, although it may look similar in some respects. Pamela has written a "From the Rector" note that has details about what she will be doing on her sabbatical. See <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/06/09/message-from-the-rector-june-2023/>.

Guest Organist

We welcome Oliver Steissberg as our guest organist from June 11 - July 9 while our music ministers, Suzanne and Jeffrey, take a summer break. Oliver was raised as a parishioner at St. Martin's and just graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. We are grateful to have him here this month!

Pop-Up Choir Through July 11

This summer our Sanctuary Choir is on break and we have a Pop-Up Choir on Sundays through July 11 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!

A Huge Thank-You to All Who Helped with Rev. Betsy's Reception

We want to sincerely thank all who helped with the wonderful reception after Rev. Betsy's ordination. Thanks to Maria Acuna-Feldman for organizing it all and to Carla Harris, Katheryn Graham, Garda Johnson, Margaret Hill, and Bob Holm for setting up, serving and cleaning up. We also appreciated the help of all those who pitched in and helped clean-up, including Kimo Kimokeo, Craig Harris, and Rev. Debbie. A festive time was had by all!!

Happening Soon

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 for the morning, 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. Additional details will follow closer to the date.

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/>

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 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 are seeking one or two more individuals or families 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 three 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.

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 helping. To read Bishop Megan's letter about the ongoing situation, click here:

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

To make a monetary donation, donate to Cathedral Dean Matthew's discretionary fund here:

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

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.

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 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

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

Vestry: Tuesday, July 25 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

Rev. Debbie's Office Hours

Rev. Debbie will be holding office hours while Pamela is away on Wednesdays (except for July 26) from 4 - 5pm in the church library. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, June 28.** If you wish to see Debbie at a different time, please write Debbie directly (debbie@churchofstmartin.org) or contact the church office.

Church Office Hours

The church office is open Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in-person or you can also reach the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org.