

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 9, 2023

This Week

Pop-Up Choir Through July 9

This summer our Sanctuary Choir is on break, and we have a Pop-Up Choir 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 there for rehearsal, you are still welcome to sing in the Pop-Up Choir, although being at the short rehearsal is very helpful. The Pop-Up Choir will continue on the first Sundays of each month beginning in August.

Special Thanks to Our Guest Music Director

Today is the last Sunday this summer that Guest Music Director, Oliver Steissberg, will be playing and directing the Pop-Up Choir. It has been wonderful having Oliver here for the past month! After this Sunday, Oliver will be taking a few weeks off before flying off to Germany. For the coming year he will be working as a guest teacher for the Martin Luther Schule in Rimbach, Hesse, in southwestern Germany. While at the combined middle school and high school, his roles will include tutoring for English and music classes, acting as the on-call substitute, and leading an English conversation table. Oliver is very excited to learn more about German music, culture, and school. We extend a big thank you to Oliver and hope to see him back at St. Martin's again soon!

Nursery Open

Our nursery is open on Sundays 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 and quiet toys in this area. Children of all ages are always welcome in church!

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.

Eagle Scout Project at the Ranch

Today, we welcome Tyler Staub, from Scout Troop #466 (the troop St. Martin's sponsors). He will have a table after the 10am service to tell us about his Eagle Scout project for which he is creating a bee and butterfly garden 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 topsoil, decomposed granite, plants, informational sign and a sitting bench. Stop by his table after church to hear the details! Donations will go directly to Tyler at <https://tinyurl.com/StMartsEagleScout>

Parish Garden and Work Day, Saturday, July 15, 8am - 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).

Next Week

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.

Serving Others and Volunteering

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. Questions? Talk to Joy Humphrey, Harriette Andrews, or St. Martin's office (info@churchofstmartin.org) with questions. Grace Garden: <https://sites.google.com/site/gracegardendavis>

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 we have dedicated seats for one to two parishioners, 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. Board members help with fundraising and generally attend at least one community meal per month at St. Martin's. 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. We have temporary name tags that you can fill out on-the-spot, too.

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

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

Pastoral Care Meeting: Thursday, August 24 at 11am in the church library.

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 (except for July 26) from 4 - 5pm in the church library. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, July 12.** 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.