

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 16, 2023

This Week

This Sunday! Workshop on Advance Directives, July 16 at St. Martin's

Caring Ministries is offering an information session on Advance Directives today, Sunday, July 16 after the 10am service. Louise Joyce from Yolo Cares will facilitate. 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.

Sunday Bible Study Continues 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. Drop-ins are welcome. Vestry member Colette Chabbott will facilitate the discussion.

Join Us at Picnic in the Park, Wednesday, July 19, 5pm

On Wednesday, July 19, from 5pm - 8pm you are invited to join a group of St. Martin's parishioners at Picnic in the Park. Come for a few minutes or a few hours. The City of Davis has revived the summer tradition of gathering downtown on Wednesday evenings to enjoy the Farmers' Market, live music, food trucks and each other's company. Central Park fills up with dogs, children, hula hoops, lawn games, musical instruments and friends just hanging out. Bring your own food and drink or pick them up from onsite vendors. We will try to snag a picnic table in a handicapped accessible area near the NW corner of the park; look for a bright tablecloth or maybe even a banner. Table seating will be limited, so bring folding chairs or a picnic blanket if you can. Parking is limited but not impossible.

Eagle Scout Project at the Ranch

We welcome Tyler Staub, who is doing his Eagle Scout project at Forbes Ranch where he is creating a bee and butterfly garden. He chose the Ranch location, in consultation with us, as he was looking for a large area of full sun. Tyler raised \$570 at St. Martin's last Sunday (thank you, St. Martin's!) and this combined with other monies he has raised totals \$1,295. He is still hoping to raise additional funds as he anticipates spending \$3,500 on topsoil, decomposed granite, plants, informational sign and a sitting bench. This Sunday, he will be at the 8am service, but you can stop by his table after either service at church to hear the details! Donations will go directly to Tyler at <https://tinyurl.com/StMartsEagleScout> via check written to Troop #466 with memo "Tyler Staub Eagle Project."

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!

Zoom Coffee Hour After the 10am Service for Those Attending Online

We are holding Zoom coffee hour after the 10am service. Those who are online are welcome to join us by staying on the Zoom call after the service ends. Come and catch up with fellow parishioners! The plan is to start off by having a parishioner share their "Summer Adventures" each week. This coming Sunday, Chris Reynolds and Alessa Johns will lead off by recounting exploits and experiences in Berlin. We hope to see you there! And for those of you coming to church in person, we have coffee hour each week after the 10am service.

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>

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 (<mailto:margaret@churchofstmartin.org>). The same guidelines above (a and b) will apply to the names read in church.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, August 25 at 4pm on Zoom.

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 19.** 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.