

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 23, 2023

This Week

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 through August 27 to discuss these often puzzling, foundational stories in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Bring a lunch or just a coffee and an extra cookie. Drop-ins are welcome. Vestry member Colette Chabbott will facilitate the discussion. **Meet in Room 6/7.**

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 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 have 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. One parishioner will start off by sharing their "Summer Adventures" each week. And for those of you coming to church in person, we have coffee hour after the 10am service either on the patio or in the parish hall.

Please Note! Davis Police Using St. Martin's Front Parking Lot for Training This Week

This coming Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (7/25, 7/27, 7/28) from 7am to 2pm, the Davis Police and Fire Departments will be conducting a training exercise near St. Martin's. The training itself will take place in the Oxford Circle area, but the police will be parking and doing some preparation in our parking lot. **All church activities will proceed as usual, and our office will be open.** But we will only be able to enter our parking lot from Anderson Road, through the medical center parking lot. The Hawthorn entrance to our parking lot will not be open. **The back section of our parking lot will be open and available.** Hawthorn Lane street parking will be limited to the side across from the church. The city will be announcing the training widely.

Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Connect

Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING), Saturday, August 12, 2023

The next Spirituality in Nature Gathering will be at Forbes Ranch from 8 - 9:30pm on August 12 and will be a stargazing event. Join Stan Forbes and others from St. Martin's who will be there on a perfect day to see the Perseid meteor shower. It will be a particularly good day to see this phenomenon as the moon will only be 10% illuminated. Hope to see you there! **Ranch Address:** 19100 County Road 86A, Esparto CA 95627. For more information about The Ranch and this event: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/16/have-you-heard-about-the-ranch/>

Workshop on Wills and Planned Giving, Sunday, August 13 after 10am Service

Everyone, regardless of age, should have a will! If you die without a will—and truth be told, none of us knows the day nor the hour—state laws will govern how your estate is managed, and

it might not be what you would have wanted. Caring Ministries is offering an information session led by Susan Soesbe, MBA, EA, CFP® (Soesbe Financial manages a portion of St. Martin's investments) about estate planning and tax-advantaged ways of making charitable donations.

Follow-up to Advance Care Workshop, Sunday, August 27 at 11:30am

As a follow-up to the July 16 Advance Care Workshop, Caring Ministries will host a drop-in session for those with questions about advance directives or for those wishing help filling one out and/or obtaining two witnesses. Feel free to drop in between 11:30am and 1pm in Room 6/7.

Other Updates

Thank You to Those Who Came to the Garden Day

The Buildings and Grounds Committee extends a huge thank you to those who came out last Saturday for our Garden Day. About 50 people, both from St. Martin's and from the two Scout troops that meet here came together and were a perfect example of "many hands make light work." Some of our accomplishments include probing the redwoods for moisture level, adding mulch to prevent weeds and keep moisture in, trimming trees, and weeding. We also made progress in preparing the ground to improve the area in front of the office/parish hall on Hawthorn (the outdoor living classroom area). Thank you one and all!

Eagle Scout Project at the Ranch

Tyler Staub, from Troop #466, the troop St. Martin's sponsors, 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 has been in person at St. Martin's for the last two Sundays where he has raised over \$600 toward the \$3,500 estimated cost of his project. Thank you St. Martin's for your support! Tyler will be using the money on topsoil, decomposed granite, plants, informational sign and a sitting bench. If you want to donate to his project, you may do so directly at <https://tinyurl.com/StMartsEagleScout> or via check written to Troop #466 with memo "Tyler Staub Eagle Project."

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 are 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

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 will not be holding office hours this week. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, August 2 from 4 - 5pm.** 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.