

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 30, 2023**

***This Week***

**Sunday Bible Study 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" or some other interesting topic 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.

***Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Connect***

**Stargazing! 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. **Ranch Address:** 19100 County Road 86A, Esparto CA 95627. To learn about other SING events from August 2023 - April 2024, see <https://churchofstmartin.org/event/spirituality-in-nature-event/>

**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® about estate planning and tax-advantaged ways of making charitable donations. (Soesbe Financial manages a portion of St. Martin's investments.) Join us to learn and ask questions.

**Follow-up 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***

### **Education for Ministry (EfM)**

Do you want to explore the Bible, the history of Christianity, Christian theology, your ministry, or what you believe? If so, Education for Ministry (EfM) might be for you. EfM is a small-group seminar program, where everyone participates and contributes. Along with study and prayer, through a process called theological reflection, you'll enjoy guided conversations that you rarely have with others on topics as diverse as a loaf of bread and Black Lives Matter. EfM is not intended as a path toward ordination; rather, EfM encourages participants to ask, "What is my personal ministry?" Are you interested in learning more about EfM? Perhaps you did a year or two of the program, and would like to complete the course or you've heard about it and don't know where to go to join? For information or questions, please contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)), and we will put you in touch with Barbara Phillips-Barrett, EfM Coordinator for the Diocese of Northern California.

### **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 come to church earlier in the month to show us photos of what he is doing. Tyler is still working on raising the \$3,500 estimated cost of his project. 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](mailto: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**

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

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**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 holds office hours on Wednesday. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, August 2 from 4 - 5pm.** If you would like to see Debbie at a different time, please write Debbie directly ([debbie@churchofstmartin.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).