

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 3, 2023

This Week

First Sunday at 10am Service

This Sunday, September 3, at 10am, we have a “First Sunday” service. First Sunday services are as interactive as possible and designed with all ages in mind. The sermon is titled, “What we do at the Table Altar.” The sermon will include an invitation to children to help set a “practice” table. We also have a Pop-Up Choir on First Sunday, meaning anyone who wishes can come up to sing the anthem with the choir. If you’d like to do this, it is very helpful if you come to a rehearsal at 9:15am on Sunday to practice the anthem.

Choir Practice Begins This Thursday, September 7, at 7pm

Have you thought about singing in the choir? The Sanctuary Choir provides joyful music at 10am on Sundays. After a summer break, choir practice begins this week, on Thursday evening, September 7, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. If you enjoy singing and are looking for a way to serve, come join us! Our first choral service is on Sunday, September 10.

Nursery Closed Sunday, September 3

Our nursery is closed this Sunday so that our nursery staff can take the long weekend off. But children of all ages are always welcome in church! 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.

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 by staying on the Zoom call after the service ends. 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.

Seeking Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Interested in what happens at our Diocesan Convention? Want to actively participate in diocesan decision making? St. Martin’s is looking for one or more people who are interested in serving as alternate convention delegates. If one of our elected delegates is not able to serve, an alternate replaces them. Requirements to serve are being a member at St. Martin’s, attendance at the Deanery Convocation on September 30 on Zoom (typically only part of the day), and, if needed as a delegate, attendance at Diocesan Convention November 3 & 4, at Faith Church, Cameron Park. (Alternates are welcome, but not required, to attend convention.) If you are interested, contact Rev. Debbie, Sr. Warden Neil Willits, or the church office.

Next Week

Godly Play Begins September 10 - Registration Open Now

Godly Play begins on September 10, 2023 for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. Godly Play meets at 10am in Room 4 every Sunday except the first Sunday of each month. Children are brought back to the sanctuary in time to have Communion with their families.

Please register your child(ren) for Godly Play at this link:

<https://forms.gle/2Sa71iJs2NMEbsJm6>

If you prefer to register in person, we have registration forms available in the narthex. You can give completed forms to Rev. Debbie, Gabe Avila, Janet Lane, or Sheri Reynolds. For more information about Godly Play, go to the registration link above and click on “What is Godly Play?” There you will also find a YouTube video of a Godly Play lesson. You’re also welcome to visit our Godly Play classroom any time. Questions? Talk to Rev. Debbie or Sheri Reynolds.

Happening Soon

Homecoming/Kick-Off Sunday, September 24

September 24th is Homecoming/Kick-Off Sunday, the day we celebrate the beginning of our program year and welcome our rector back from sabbatical. After the 10am service, stay for lunch and fellowship. We will have activities for children. We will also host a raffle with prizes including tickets to an Aggie football game, a Get Fit Davis gym membership, two financial planning sessions, tickets to Golfland/Sunplash, a Tres Hermanas restaurant gift certificate, a quilt, a table runner, and more. Raffle tickets will be sold starting on Sunday, September 10 until the day of the celebration. Stay tuned for more information. We look forward to making this event a great way to start the program year! Please plan to join us!

One-Day Racial Reconciliation Workshops

Most lay ministers, including Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Healing Ministers, Sunday School teachers, and Vestry, are required to complete a racial reconciliation requirement once every five years. One way to fulfill this requirement is by taking a one-day workshop. Three workshops, entitled “I will with God’s help: Journey toward Racial Healing and Justice,” will be offered soon:

Saturday, September 23, 9:30am to 4:30pm on Zoom only

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/232118584394158>

Saturday, October 3, 9:30am to 4:30pm at St. Mary’s, Napa

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/232274791754161> (Registration Deadline: Sept. 30)

Saturday, October 28, 9:30 to 4:30pm at St. John’s, Roseville

(Registration link will be posted when available.)

For more information about these workshops—and about other ways to fulfill the racial reconciliation requirement—see the linked information provided by the Diocesan Commission on Intercultural Ministries [HERE](#). Talk to Gabe or the clergy for questions, particularly if you are not sure if your ministry requires you to take this training.

Disaster Readiness from the Diocese

How ready are you for a disaster? Join the diocese for the Be Ready Disaster Expo on September 16 from 10am to 3pm at St. John’s in Roseville. The Expo will consist of several workshops including Stop the Bleed, Building an Emergency Kit, and Building Your Own First Aid Kit. There is no cost to attend. The event is in person only.

Click this link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/232054155754151>

Serving Others and Volunteering

Ways to Give to Hawaii Relief

Bishop Megan issued a statement on the fires that ravaged Hawaii, took the lives of more than 110 people, and left hundreds unaccounted for. Among the destruction is the loss of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Lahaina. Bishop Megan calls for us to pray for all affected by these fires and to give as we are able.

Bishop Megan's Full Statement: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/hawaii-fires/>

Donate to the Bishop's Disaster Fund [HERE](#).

Donate to Episcopal Relief and Development [HERE](#)

Donate to the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii [HERE](#).

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

We hope all will wear name tags so that we can learn and use 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 too.

Parish Prayer List Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Please know that people you have placed on the 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, contact Deacon Margaret (margaret@churchofstmartin.org). The guidelines above will also apply to names read in church.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, September 7 at 7pm in the church

Pastoral Care: Thursday, September 14 at 1pm in the church library.

Worship Commission: Monday, September 25 at 5pm on Zoom

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, September 26 at 7pm on Zoom

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, September 29 at 4pm on Zoom

Vestry: Tuesday, October 3 at 7pm in the church library

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, October 10 at 7pm on Zoom

Rev. Debbie's Office Hours

Rev. Debbie holds office hours on Wednesday most weeks. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, September 6 from 4 - 5pm.** If you would like 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.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4
in observance of Labor Day.**