

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 10, 2023

This Week

Godly Play Begins

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

You can register your child(ren) in advance for Godly Play at this link:

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

If you prefer to register in person, we will have hard-copy registration forms available in the Godly Play classroom (Room 4). For more information about Godly Play, go to the registration link above and click on “What is Godly Play?” You are also welcome to visit our Godly Play classroom (Room 4) any time. If you are interested in being part of the Godly Play teaching team or have other questions, talk to Rev. Debbie or Sheri Reynolds.

Sanctuary Choir Returns

After the summer break, the Sanctuary Choir is back! Have you thought about singing in the choir? The Sanctuary Choir sings at 10am on Sundays and practices on Thursdays at 7pm. If you enjoy singing and are looking for a way to serve, come join the choir. For questions, talk to our music and choir directors, Jeffrey and Suzanne.

Music Notes for Sunday from Our Choir Director

This Sunday, we open our service with Hymn 420, “When in our music God is glorified,” to honor the return of our choir. The choir provides leadership in Psalm and Service Music, and they will support us in learning “A Song of Praise,” Frank Bole’s setting of our Church’s Canticle 13, which we will use in place of the Gloria. We will also learn a bilingual setting of the Sanctus from Joel Martinson’s Missa Guadalupe. The Offertory anthem, “I give to you a new commandment,” by Peter Nardone, was chosen to underscore Sunday’s Gospel lesson. The anthem juxtaposes John 13:34 with the ancient Latin chant, “Ubi caritas,” reminding us that when we gather together in Love, God is in our midst: “I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (Ubi caritas: Where there is love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad.)”

Raffle Tickets On Sale

Raffle tickets for the September 24 Homecoming/Kick-Off are available for purchase starting this Sunday and continuing through September 24. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and will be sold at the church on Sundays. You may write a check or pay with cash. If you want to purchase tickets during the week, you may do so during regular office hours (M-F, 9am - 12pm) but with a check only. Ticket purchasers will be able to put their ticket(s) in jars corresponding to the specific prize(s) they want. Prizes include tickets to an Aggie football game, a Get Fit Davis gym membership, a financial planning sessions, tickets to Golfland/Sunsplash, a Tres Hermanas restaurant gift certificate, a quilt, a table runner, a homemade jam and bakery/coffee package, an evening with the Pope of Foam, and more. The funds raised will go towards St. Martin’s programs. You do not have to be present on September 24 to win. Note that raffle ticket purchases are not tax deductible.

Nursery Open

Our nursery is open on Sundays from 9:30 - 11:30am for infants through age 5. Children of all ages are also 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.

Happening Soon

Homecoming/Kick-Off Celebration, Sunday, September 24

September 24th is Homecoming/Kick-Off Sunday, the day we welcome our rector back from sabbatical and begin our program year. After the 10am service, stay for lunch and fellowship. We will have activities for children. We will also host a raffle with a variety of prizes (see announcement above). 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 (\$25 includes lunch)

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

Saturday, October 28, 9:30 to 4:30pm at St. John’s, Roseville (\$25 includes lunch)

(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

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

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, September 14 at 7pm in the church

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 13 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.