

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 17, 2023

This Week

Godly Play

Godly Play for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade began last Sunday and meets **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) for Godly Play at this link:

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

If you prefer to register in person, we have hard-copy registration forms available in the Godly Play room (Room 4). If you are interested in being part of the Godly Play teaching team or have other questions, talk to Rev. Debbie or Sheri Reynolds.

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.

Raffle Tickets On Sale

Raffle tickets for the September 24 Homecoming/Kick-Off are available for purchase this Sunday and the following Sunday, after both services. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. 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 session, tickets to Golfland/Sunsplash, a Tres Hermanas restaurant gift certificate, Mondavi Center tickets, a quilt, a table runner, a homemade jam 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.

Music Notes for Sunday, September 17 from Our Choir Director

A portion of Sunday's Gospel reading was set to music by Sebastian Homo in the mid-17th century: "You wicked servant! I forgave you all [your] debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" All that we know of this composer are his dozen or so compositions included in a 1617 anthology—He was in good company; also included were works by Giovanni and Andrea Gabrielli, Philippe de Monte, and Palestrina, among others. Homo composed "Serve Nequam" in an old-fashioned, conservative style, perhaps as a gesture to the stark text. However, his own zeitgeist is apparent from the opening, in which chains of falling fourths evoke a sorrow too deep for the text alone to bear.

This Sunday! St. Matthew's Center 80th Anniversary - 1pm Open House

Founded in 1943, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church has served the Arden Arcade community of Sacramento County for eighty years. In 2016, the Diocese of Northern California established the Center at St. Matthew's as a diocesan community center and outreach ministry. The Center houses Highlands Adult School (offering English language and literacy classes to more than 300 refugees and immigrants every weekday) and River City Food Bank (serving over 3000 people per week). The Center also helps lead Arden Arcade HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team). The spiritual heart of the Center is the Mission at St. Matthew's, which has faithfully served the community for eight decades. All are cordially invited to help celebrate the mission's 80th anniversary. Worship will be at 10am, with Bishop Megan presiding, followed by a potluck. An open house and tours of the Center will begin at 1pm. **Address:** 2300 Edison Ave (at Bell Street), Sacramento, CA 95821

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!

The Story You Need to Tell - Writing Workshop, Four Sessions

We all have stories to tell, memories to put down on paper, events from our past that we need to tell in order to heal. Writing our stories can help us understand our life better, help us move on from stuck places, or bring joy for the memories that are brought to the light. We will use prompts from Sandra Marinella's book *The Story You Need to Tell* to spend time writing during the class session. Time will be allotted for those who wish to share a written piece. Having a group to share ideas with, to get inspired by, to hear feedback from, and to have a regular time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere will be the focus of this class. This class will be in-person at St. Martin's on Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon for 4 sessions in October. Please send an email to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) by September 30 to indicate interest. For questions, contact Susan Lugo (contact in church directory).

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)

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/232397759732167> (Registration Deadline: Oct. 21)

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.

A Note about Your Recent Giving Statement

If you have pledged or made any donations to St. Martin's in 2023, you should have received a giving statement for 2023 year-to-date. You actually received two statements as the first statement (sent at approximately 9am on 9/11) included only your pledge giving. The corrected statement, which includes all your giving to St. Martin's in 2023, was sent out at 10:30am the same morning (9/11). If you have any questions about your statement - or if you did not receive it - do not hesitate to contact either Gabe (communications@churchofstmartin.org) or Janet in the office (info@churchofstmartin.org). Thank you for your generosity!

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, September 21 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

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.