

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 21, 2024

This Week

A Case for Love, a Movie Inspired by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Hundreds of theaters around the United States, including State Theatre in Woodland, will have a one-time showing of the feature-length documentary, *A Case for Love*, inspired by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's teachings and his sermon, "The Power of Love," given at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding. ***A Case for Love will be shown nationwide one night only, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.*** As the movie trailer says: "In a world often clouded by division and discord, we invite you to join us for a one-night-only transformative experience as we present the exclusive premiere of *A Case for Love*. At the heart of this film lies a crucial question: Can unselfish love serve as the healing force needed to mend our fractured society?" **The movie will play at 4pm and 7pm at Woodland's State Theatre.** More information about the movie: <https://acaseforlovemovie.com/>.

Music Notes for January 21

Our readings for January 21 open and close with a divine call delivered to ordinary people. These ordinary people lived in extraordinary times, eras of social chaos, violence, and uncertainty. Things were so bad that it felt to some like the end of the world was near. Our readings, taken all together, tell us two important things: first, if you want a better world, trust God, for only God is able, and only God has a plan. Second, if you want a better world, get up and put your faith into action, because only you can fulfill the particular plans God has for you in shaping a better world. Our offertory anthem, "Grant Peace," by David Herman, is a prayer to God acknowledging our helplessness in the face of such a huge task. Our closing hymn, "Lord, make us servants of your peace," assures us that we can do God's great work simply by the daily living of our ordinary lives.

Godly Play Schedule

Godly Play meets three times a month – the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays – during the 10am service. Children will return to the church in time to have Communion with their families. All children K - 6th grade are welcome.

Nursery Open on Sundays

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

Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8:30am

Rev. Pamela and others lead Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8:30am in the narthex. Meet in the narthex to begin your day with this 25-minute service. All are welcome. Next Morning Prayer: January 24 at 8:30am.

Sacred Ground Circle at St. Martin's - Begins Sunday

Sacred Ground is a film-and-readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith, created by The Episcopal Church. St. Martin's new Sacred Ground circle will start meeting on January 21, 2024, with biweekly in-person sessions on Sunday afternoons through mid-June. The series

is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings. Want to know more? Talk to co-facilitators Carole Hom or Kimo Kimokeo.

Next Week - St. Martin's Annual Meeting

St. Martin's Annual Meeting Next Sunday - One 10am Service Only

Our Annual Meeting is next Sunday, January 28, as part of the 10am service. We will have ONE 10am service only. Be there to hear updates on our ministries and to help elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates. The meeting will take place immediately following the 10am service. We will have snacks and coffee. If you can bring a finger food snack, please sign up on the easel in the narthex this coming Sunday.

Celebrate Candlemas on February 4

For our First Sunday service in February, we'll be celebrating the ancient church custom of blessing candles and learn about this meaningful time in the church year. We'll even have some special snacks during coffee hour. Come to the First Sunday service on February 4 at 10 o'clock and invite a friend.

Save the Date for Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14. We will have Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 7am and 7pm. The 7am service will be shorter than the usual Sunday service, to accommodate those who need to get to work. At 12 noon we will have a brief "ashes to go" prayer service on the labyrinth, weather permitting. Our full Lent and Holy Week schedule, including a book study with the rector, will be available soon.

Living Well Through Lent

Helen Campbell will offer Living Well Through Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and continuing on Wednesdays throughout Lent. The class will meet on Zoom from 10am - 11:30am. This year's theme is *Practicing Forgiveness With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. Please let the office know if you will be attending so that Helen knows how many to expect (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Save the Date—An Invitation to Lunch at the New Adult Day Center in Davis

St. Martin's parishioners are warmly invited to lunch at Galileo Place, the new Adult Day Center in Davis, on Thursday, February 22nd. Stay tuned for details.

Other Announcements and Updates

Update on the Ceiling Stained-Glass Window in the Church

You may have noticed signs of maintenance work being done on the ceiling stained-glass window in the church, including the scaffolding around the altar area that went up last week. The scaffolding will allow the glass maintenance specialists to work below the window as well as above in the cavity where the window sits. The damaged panel of glass, which will be used to determine what maintenance the entire window needs, will be removed on January 30. For a full update on the repairs and upgrades being done on the window, see [HERE](#). We also have copies of this update in the narthex. Please see the letter and if you have questions, reach out to Rev. Pamela, Jr. Warden Beth Capell, or Janet Lane or Pierre Neu from Buildings and Grounds.

Thanks to Those Who Signed Up for Meals for the Winter Shelter

All the slots for St. Martin's week of providing dinner and to-go breakfast at the Cold Weather Shelter are full. Thank you, St. Martin's for helping serve our neighbors in need during the winter. If you are interested in serving, there may be dates available outside of St. Martin's week. Contact the office for information.

Prayer Trees in the Narthex

We have prayer trees in the narthex through the month of January. On a table next to the tree on your left as you walk into the narthex, you will find white circles on which you can write a prayer request or share a thanksgiving or memorial. You can hang your prayers on the tree using the attached blue ribbon. After Annual Meeting Sunday, the prayer circles will be taken down and reverently burned at an appropriate time.

News from the Broader Community

This Sunday! Grace Garden - A Fundraising Poetry Event on January 21

Grace Garden will be having a fundraiser at The Veterans Memorial Center on Sunday, January 21 at 7pm. It will feature Rumi's Caravan performing mystical poems of Rumi, Hafez, Rilke, and others with musical accompaniment by Michael Grasso and Friends. Suggested donation is \$20. Grace Garden is an all-volunteer garden raising organic fruits and vegetables for people experiencing food insecurity. For more information or to donate, see

<https://sites.google.com/site/gracegardendavis>.

Celebration of Abraham Meets In-Person February 4

The Celebration of Abraham will be holding its annual interfaith community conversation in-person this year on February 4 from 3 - 5pm at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation. The theme this year is "Generous Listening" and will be a conversation on listening to and hearing each other. To reserve your seat: bit.ly/abrahamlistening. For more information:

<https://celebrationofabraham.net/>

Spirituality and the Twelve Steps Zoom Book Group Offered by Trinity Cathedral

Kenny Pierce and the Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever of Trinity Cathedral's Sobriety Support Ministry will facilitate a thirteen-week discussion group of Richard Rohr's book, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*. The group will meet Thursday evenings via Zoom, 7 - 8:30pm, from February 22 through May 23, except for March 28, Maundy Thursday. All at St. Martin's who are interested are invited to participate. The group is open to everyone in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. The group welcomes people who are sober, sober-curious, and/or supporting the sobriety journey of a loved one. To register for the group and to receive your free books and the Zoom link, please let the office know

(info@churchofstmartin.org), and we will put you in touch with the Rev. Anne McKeever.

Diocese of Northern California Fearless Faith Revival in April

On April 26 - 27, The Diocese of Northern California will be holding a Fearless Faith Revival. As explained by the diocese, an Episcopal revival is a series of gatherings that combine worship, teaching, faith-sharing, intensified prayer, and engagement with the mission of God — all for the sake of the spiritual renewal and transformation of people and of society. The Revival will take place at Trinity Cathedral downtown Sacramento and at St. John's in Roseville. It will consist of

workshops, a festival with food trucks and fun activities, and a revival service with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as the featured speaker. For more information, see the website [HERE](#).

Meetings and Church Office Hours

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, January 22 at 5:15 on Zoom

Vestry: Monday, January 22 at 7pm on Zoom

Choir Practice: Thursday, January 25 at 7pm in the church

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, January 26 at 4pm on Zoom

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 28 immediately following 10am service.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in person or contact the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org