

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 28, 2024

This Week

Sunday! St. Martin's Annual Meeting and Report—One 10am Service Only

This Sunday, January 28, we will have ONE service only, at 10 am. Immediately following the service, you'll be invited to grab a snack and a cup of coffee from the narthex and then head back to the pews for our Annual Meeting. Be there to hear updates on our ministries and our budget and to help elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates. **As Rev. Ernie said in his sermon last week, let's all participate—together!**

While the 10am service will be in-person and livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook live, and recorded in the usual manner for YouTube, the Annual Meeting will be in-person and only streamed on Zoom with no recording. Many thanks to all who signed up to bring food; there will be tables in the narthex ready to receive your goodies before church starts at 10am. See you there!

The 2024 Annual Meeting Report can be found [HERE](#). It includes ministry reports, the 2024 Vestry-approved budget, and bios of our Vestry and Diocesan Convention Delegate nominees. We will have just a few hard copies of the Annual Report in the narthex.

Music Notes for January 28

In our Old Testament lesson for January 28, Moses assures his people that a great prophet shall arise from among them, one who will carry God's own message—a prophet, we are warned, who should be taken seriously. Our Gospel reading shows us Jesus in the synagogue at Capernaum, teaching and healing with just such a prophetic authority. Our Communion hymns address Jesus as both healer and teacher. Our offertory anthem, "I Hear the Prophet Callin'," by Pepper Choplin, is based on passages from Isaiah 35 and 40, familiar to us from Advent: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf will hear, the mute will shout for joy." Jesus, St. Paul reminds us in the New Testament reading, came to fulfill the law, freeing us for a new kind of relationship with God. Our closing hymn, "The Church's one foundation," is a fitting response, and reminds us of who we are as we move into the Annual Meeting immediately following.

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.

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.

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 31 at 8:30am.

This Saturday! Sacramento Chamber Music Society Concert, January 27, 7:30pm

On Saturday, January 27, at 7:30pm, St. Martin's is pleased to host a concert by the Chamber Music Society of Sacramento. They will be featuring pieces by Beethoven, Brahms, and Tchaikovsky. For more information and tickets, see <https://cmssacto.org/>. \$30 regular/\$25 seniors/\$12 students. St. Martin's parishioners receive \$5 discount at the door.

Next Week and Beyond

Celebrate Candlemas February 4

For our "First Sunday" service in February, we will celebrate the ancient church custom of blessing candles and learn about this meaningful time in the church year. Please bring a candle from home to be blessed (we'll have some on hand for those who forget). We'll even have some special snacks during Coffee Hour. All are welcome to the First Sunday service on February 4 at 10 o'clock and feel free to 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 will be available soon.

Inwardly Digest: A Study for Episcopalians and Seekers during Lent

"Have you ever wondered if there was some kind of guide to living a deeper, richer spiritual life that seamlessly incorporated scripture alongside the wisdom of the Church? There is—and you can find it in a pew rack near you! The Book of Common Prayer "...is a map to a deeper relationship with God, a framework for developing a more intentional and rewarding life of faith." So says the blurb for the excellent book, *Inwardly Digest* by Derek Olsen.

Join Rev. Pamela and others in this exploration of the book that is at the heart of what it means to be part of the Episcopal Church. Whether you consider yourself a seeker, a newbie, a "cradle Episcopalian" or somewhere in between, there should be something worth learning or re-learning in this class. As always, the discussion with other St. Martin's folks will likely be the richest part of the experience. We'll meet on Zoom on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7pm, starting on February 21.

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).

An Invitation to Lunch at Galileo Place, the New Adult Day Center in Davis

St. Martin's parishioners are warmly invited to lunch at Galileo Place, the new Adult Day Center located in south Davis, on Thursday, February 22 at 12pm. Galileo Place is a platinum-standard adult day program in a beautiful 6,000-square-foot facility with an accompanying therapy garden. It is a valued resource for caregivers and those they love. We will be served lunch, have an opportunity to interact with clients, and then tour the facility. If you wish to attend, please let

Diane Bamforth or the office know by February 18. For information about Galileo place, see their website at https://yolocares.org/our-services_trashed/adult-day-program/.

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. If you have questions, reach out to Rev. Pamela, Jr. Warden Beth Capell, or Janet Lane or Pierre Neu from Buildings and Grounds.

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

Next Sunday! 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 on Zoom

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 Office Hours

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Vestry: Sunday, January 28 after Annual Meeting

Choir Practice: Thursday, February 1 at 7pm in the church

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, February 23 at 4pm on Zoom

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, February 25 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays. Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, January 31 from 4 - 5pm in the church office. To reach Pamela at a different time, feel free to contact her directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or contact the church office.

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