

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

***This Week***

**Preaching this Sunday**

This Sunday, we welcome Anthony Amato as our preacher. Anthony will be leaving in August to begin his seminary studies at Virginia Theological Seminary, as he continues the discernment process toward ordination to the priesthood. You may recognize him as one of our vestry and choir members. What a wonderful opportunity to support and encourage one of our own!

***Seeking Your Participation***

**Seeking Readers of World Languages for Pentecost**

For our Pentecost services on May 19, we would like to include parishioners reading one line of scripture in a variety of languages. If you are willing to serve as one of these readers at either or both services, please let the church office know ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) no later than Monday, May 6. Carole Hom, who is organizing, will be in touch. Please plan on a short rehearsal after the 10am service on May 12.

**Graduating? We'd Love to Congratulate You!**

We would love to recognize any recent or upcoming graduates (high school, university, and any other) at our services on June 2. Please let us know about your accomplishment by emailing the church office at [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org) and, if you are comfortable, include what school you are graduating from and degree(s) earned.

**A Place at the Table: Sharing a Meal with Fellow Parishioners**

It's time to renew our fellowship program, A Place at the Table! We are seeking parishioners who would be willing to host potlucks at their house a few times a year. If you would like to host but don't have the space in your home, an outdoor location or a room at church is an option, as well, or perhaps you could partner with someone whose home is more accommodating. The number of potlucks may vary depending on the number of volunteer hosts. We hope to revise the format of these gatherings so that a potluck will be offered once a month and interested parishioners can RSVP. If you would like to join the group of hosts, please email the office at [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).

***Next Week***

**Sunday, May 5: First Sunday, Rogation Sunday, and Scout Sunday!**

Our first Sundays are an opportunity for the 10am service to be a more informal, intergenerational worship experience. Whenever possible, we have a special activity or sermon for children, and there's always a pop-up choir. In May, the first Sunday also coincides with Rogation Days, one of the times set apart by the Church to pray for farms, gardens, and church grounds. To top it all off, we'll also welcome our Boy Scout troop and renew our relationship with them, as well as recognize two recent Eagle Scouts.

**Seeds of Justice Discussion Group on May 7 from 6:30 to 8pm**

Seeds of Justice, our land-based ministry program, is partnering with YoloSol to discuss the book, *Know We Are Here: Voices of Native California Resistance*, edited with an introduction by Terria Smith, a tribal member of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. **The group met**

twice previously and will meet again on May 7. You are welcome to attend even if you were not at the first two sessions. The reading assignment for this last session is the “Solidarity” reading.

### **Happening Soon**

#### **Saturday, May 18: Rogation-themed Spirituality in Nature Gathering at Forbes Ranch**

Weather-permitting, we’ll have a short, informal worship service and opportunity for reflection in the beautiful almond orchard at the Forbes Ranch in Esparto, followed by a picnic dinner. More details to follow; let Rev. Pamela know if you’d like to help organize this event.

#### **Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday**

On Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles; this great feast day is also known as “the birthday of the church.” Wear red and bring cupcakes to share!

#### **Pentecost Family Gathering, May 19**

We invite all St. Martin's families with youth or children to a pizza party on May 19 after the service. We will meet in Room 6/7 or out on the Great Lawn. If you wish to bring picnic blankets and chairs, please do so. There will be some children's crafts and activities. At this event, we would like to hear your input on upcoming youth, children, and family activities and formation. Please help us plan accordingly by providing an RSVP to the office at [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org) as soon as possible.

#### **Sunday, June 2: Ministry Fair and End-of-Year Celebration**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, after a combined 10am service only, we will have a Ministry Fair and celebration as a way end our program year. If you are a ministry leader and want to show off the great work you do in and for the church and the world, here’s your chance. More details soon.

### **Other Announcements**

#### **Mostly-Hybrid Sacred Ground Circle for Wingfield Deanery Starts May 5**

Church of the Epiphany in Vacaville and Grace Episcopal Church in Fairfield will co-host a Sunday afternoon Sacred Ground Circle beginning May 5, 2024. Except for the final session, the bi-weekly sessions will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays **both on Zoom and in person at Epiphany Church in Vacaville**. The final session will be a full-day, in-person-only workshop on Saturday, Sept. 21, in Fairfield or Vacaville. Limited to 20 participants. For more information and to register: <https://forms.gle/MPpbbGqT2c8tfNw29>

#### **Join Interfaith Housing Justice Davis for Conversation on Housing Solutions, May 16**

On May 16 at 6pm at Davis Community Church, participate in a vital discussion by community leaders and others about the challenges and viable solutions to Davis’ housing crisis. The moderator will be Josh Chapman, City of Davis Mayor. He will be joined by other experts on housing issues. The event is free. Register to reserve your seat at <https://bit.ly/interfaithhousing>.

#### **Update on Ceiling Stained-Glass Window**

We are posting updates regularly on our website. You can read about the formation of a Stained-Glass Window Task Force and other updates here:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2024/02/16/upgrades-and-repairs-to-stained-glass-window#currentwindowupdate>

### **Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays**

**Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the narthex.** Join Rev. Pamela and others for this 25-minute service.

**Centering Prayer: Wednesdays, 5pm in Room 6/7.** Join Kim Andrup and others for this 60-minute session.

**Compline: Fridays, 8:30pm on Zoom.** Join Deacon Margaret and others for this 20-minute service. Find the Zoom link on our website under “Worship.”

### **Meetings and Office Hours**

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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

**Seeds of Justice Book Discussion:** Tuesday, May 9, 6:30pm in Room 8

**Buildings & Grounds:** Friday, May 10 at 4pm on Zoom

**Vestry:** Monday, May 20 at 7pm in the church library

**Social Justice and Outreach:** Tuesday, May 28 at 5:15pm on Zoom

#### **Rector’s Office Hours on Monday**

Rev. Pamela has office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm in the church library or outdoors, depending upon the weather. **Her next office hours will be on Monday, April 29.** To reach Rev. Pamela at a different time, feel free to contact her directly ([pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org)) or to contact the church office. As a reminder, Rev. Pamela’s usual day off is Friday.

#### **Looking for an Event? Check the Church Calendar**

Are you looking for a church service or event at the church? We keep our church calendar up-to-date and you can always find worship services and events by using the drop-down menu item “Calendar” on our website ([www.churchofstmartin.org](http://www.churchofstmartin.org)) or by clicking on this link:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/calendar/>

#### **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](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)