

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 12, 2024**

**This Week**

**Welcome Guest Liturgical Ministers**

On Sunday, we welcome Chris Reynolds, parishioner, choir member, and professor emeritus of Music at UC Davis as our guest organist! We also welcome Ben Brophy, parishioner, graduating UC Davis senior in Genetics, and peer minister at the Belfry as our guest preacher!

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

Saturday, May 18, from 10am - 12pm, 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 an optional picnic lunch. It really helps to have a sense of the number of people coming, so ideally RSVP to the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) by Monday, May 13.

**A Mother's Day Prayer**

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today: for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all humans who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

(from *Women's Common Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated*. Morehouse Publishing, 2000)

**Next Week**

**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." As part of the celebration, we'll have streamers and readers in languages of the world during the first lesson. Before and after the morning services, you will also have a chance to enjoy the beautiful "Season of Courage" exhibit that was part of the Fearless Faith Revival. **Wear red and bring cupcakes to share!**

**Pentecost Family Pizza Party, 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 and out on the Great Lawn. Bring picnic blankets and chairs, if you wish. We'll have children's crafts and activities, and we'd also like to hear your input on upcoming youth, children, and family activities and formation. Please help us plan by providing an RSVP to the office at [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org) by Monday, May 13.

**Happening Soon**

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

We will have a combined First Sunday service at 10am only. After church we'll have a Ministry Fair, where you can find out about the many ministries going on at the church and talk to people participating in them! 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. This will be an all-generation event. We'll

have ice cream, a bounce house and Davis Scales and Tails visiting with reptile exhibits. We hope all will be here to be part of the festivities!

### **Other Announcements**

#### **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. **Please let us know by Tuesday, May 28.**

#### **Join Interfaith Housing Justice Davis for a 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>.

#### **A Place at the Table Fellowship Program—Seeking Hosts**

We are renewing our fellowship program, A Place at the Table—and in a slightly different way! We are seeking parishioners who would be willing to host potlucks at their house a few times a year. We hope to revise the format so that a potluck will be offered once a month and any interested parishioners can RSVP up to the number the host has given us. If you would like to host but don't have the space in your home, an outdoor location (weather permitting) 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. If you would like to join the group of hosts, please email the office at [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org) by May 15.

#### **AED Installed in Church**

St. Martin's received a grant to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) device and to train people to use it. The AED is located in a white box in the back of the church to the left of the doors leading from the church to the narthex. So far, eight parishioners, including vestry, choir members and parishioners at large, have received Red Cross training to use the equipment and perform CPR. We are hoping to have additional parishioners trained soon. For questions about this equipment or about training, talk to Gabe Avila.

#### **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, May 16 at 7pm in the church

**Spirituality in Nature Gathering:** May 18 at 10am at Forbes Ranch

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

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

**Buildings & Grounds:** Friday, May 31 at 4pm 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, May 13.** 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)

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.**