

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 30, 2024

This Week

Welcoming Sunday's Preacher and Presider

This Sunday, June 30, we welcome **The Rev. Dr. Jocelynn Hughes** as our preacher and presider. Rev. Jocelynn was at St. Martin's several times when she was campus pastor at the Belfry and is serving while Rev. Pamela is away at General Convention.

Music Notes for Sunday, June 30

Sunday's opening hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," is based on an original German hymn by Joachim Neander, published in 1680. Neander was an influential Reformation hymnist and theologian. For this hymn, Neander chose to adapt what was probably a pre-existing folk tune. Over the ages, the hymn and the tune (*Lobe den Herren*) have both undergone subtle changes but remain what is arguably Neander's best and most popular hymn. Our offertory anthem is an arrangement by Keith McCutchen of the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace." Keith McCutchen is a composer and distinguished educator, formerly of St. Olaf College and now of Kentucky State University, where he teaches music history, jazz performance, composition, and arranging. The hymn tune, *New Britain*, first appeared in the collection *Virginia Harmony* in 1831. The hymn itself was written by John Newton, captain for a slaving ship company. In 1748, his ship miraculously survived a terrible storm at sea, and Newton had a profound spiritual conversion which would lead him at last to give up his involvement in slave trafficking. "Amazing Grace" sums up and expresses the journey of a soul from remorse and repentance to acceptance and gratitude for God's grace and unconditional love.

This Sunday! Adult Formation Class after 10am Service

Future seminarian Anthony Amato's class, "Understanding Our Roots," continues this Sunday, June 30. The class explores the rich and complex history of the Christian Church from the apostolic age to the present day. Learn about the Nicene Creed, the Protestant Reformation, and the Anglican approach to reading scripture, while discovering how we as modern-day Episcopalians fit into the broader Christian landscape. The course is for all, whether you are new to the faith or just looking to deepen your understanding. If you are interested, join Anthony on **Sunday at 11:30am in Room 6/7**. You are welcome to join this week, whether you have come to any of the first three classes or not. The class runs through July 14.

81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church Elects 28th Presiding Bishop

The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church elected The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, as the 28th presiding bishop. He was elected on June 26 by the House of Bishops on the first ballot and was confirmed by the House of Deputies with 95% in favor. House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris, who was reelected to her position this week, announced the election of Rowe, who will begin a nine-year term on November 1. Rowe will succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and will serve as the chief pastor of The Episcopal Church. For more information, see the Episcopal News Service article here: <https://tinyurl.com/PresidingBishop>
The General Convention ends on June 28. For information and resources on the General Convention, see <https://media.episcopalchurch.org/video/>.

Other Announcements and Updates

July Service Schedule Change

On July 7, we will have our regular schedule of Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8am and a First Sunday Holy Eucharist at 10am. **For Sundays July 14, 21, and 28, we will only have ONE service at 10am. We will not have an 8am service on these three Sundays.** It will be a special July schedule where we have an opportunity to worship all together at one service for three weeks.

Taking RSVPs for July 28 “A Place at the Table” Potluck

We are taking reservations for our dinner fellowship program, A Place at the Table, which offers monthly potluck dinners. **Our second potluck will be on Sunday, July 28 at 6pm, hosted by Pamela Dolan at the church with 20 attendee spots. We currently have 10 people signed up.** If you wish to attend the July potluck, send in your RSVP to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org), indicating the number of adults and children in your party and any allergies. We will be announcing dates for August and September soon.

We Need Readers at the 8am Service

Are you interested in reading one of the Lessons, the Psalm, or the Prayers of the People in church on a Sunday of your choice? If so, we need readers at the 8am service. Readers receive the lessons or prayers in advance. We also provide training, if you'd like it. To sign up to read on the dates of your choice, go to <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers>. Or if you'd like more information, feel free to contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Summer Chalk Prayers and Artwork

During the summer, we will have chalk available after both services for anyone who wishes to write a message or do artwork on our outdoor prayer chalkboard or on the church walkways. Join in decorating our outdoor spaces in meaningful ways for summer!

Social Justice & Outreach Fence Building Project - Still Seeking Volunteers

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJ&O) thanks the parishioners who donated to the Dixon Family Services Fence-Building Project. SJ&O is now shifting to the next phase of this project, building the fence. Work parties will take place on July 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th (all Fridays and Saturdays) from 8am to 2pm. Please contact Tim Williams or the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) if you would like to sign up for any of the work days.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food

The non-perishable food item collection, sponsored by Social Justice and Outreach, is still going strong in the narthex every Sunday. We deliver food to four locations on a weekly rotating basis. The food goes to Dixon Family Services, The Belfry and CA House, STEAC, and the UC Davis Pantry. For The Belfry, please bring toiletries, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other such items. Our motto is *Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food*. Thanks for your support!

Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the church. 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

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, July 12 at 4pm on Zoom

Vestry: Monday, July 22 at 7pm in the church library

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, July 29 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, August 6 at 7pm in the church library

Rector Away at General Convention - Next Office Hours July 8

Rev. Pamela normally has office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm. But she has been away serving as a General Convention deputy and will be back the first week of July. Her next office hours will be on **Monday, July 8.**

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) 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

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.