

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 7, 2024

This Week

Nursery Closed for 4th of July Weekend

The nursery will be closed on Sunday, July 7 to give the nursery staff a 4th of July weekend. It will reopen on Sunday, July 14 and will be open for the summer and beyond. Infants through age 5 are welcome in the nursery between 9:30 and 11:30am.

Adult Formation after 10am Service, Sunday, July 7, 11:30am

Future seminarian Anthony Amato's class, "Understanding Our Roots," concludes this Sunday, July 7. The class has been exploring the rich and complex history of the Christian Church starting from the apostolic age, helping us understand how we as modern-day Episcopalians fit into the broader Christian landscape. Join Anthony on **Sunday at 11:30am in Room 6/7**. You are welcome, whether you have come to any of the other sessions or not.

Care for God's Creation Meeting, Sunday, July 7, 11:30am

After the 10am service this Sunday, Rev. Pamela will be holding a conversation in the church library about Care for God's Creation. As you know, doing our part to care for creation, and helping others to do so, is of critical importance to St. Martin's. Come learn about ways that this ministry has worked in the recent past and help shape its future. All are welcome!

Happening Soon

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. **On 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.

"Engaging in Scripture" with Rev. Pamela Begins on Sunday, July 14

Do you wonder about how Episcopalians approach and interpret the Bible? Do you want to deepen your own connection to Holy Scripture? Rev. Pamela will be offering "Engaging in Scripture" from 8:45 to 9:45am on Sundays July 14, 21, and 28 (the dates we have only one Sunday service). The classes are designed to be interactive and you may attend one, two, or all three. Bring your Bible if you have one, your curiosity and questions, and of course your coffee or tea, if you wish. Let's see what we can learn together!

What Really Happens at General Convention? Come Find Out on July 21

After worship on Sunday, July 21, grab coffee or tea at Coffee Hour and then come back into church for a presentation on General Convention 81. Rev. Pamela will share stories from being "on the floor" as a first-time deputy, explain what it takes to shepherd a resolution through the legislative process, and show pictures of some of the highlights of her time in Louisville. Come with questions or just to learn more about how our church works, what we value (as demonstrated by our budget and public statements), and what it's like to be represented by a mythical beast, Sasquatch, when you're from the Diocese of Northern California.

Social Justice & Outreach Fence Building Project - Seeking Volunteers

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJ&O) thanks the parishioners who donated to the fence-building project for Dixon Family Services. SJ&O is now shifting to the next phase of this project, building the fence. Work parties will take place on July 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 (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.

RSVP for A Place at the Table Potluck on July 28

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 5 - 6 spots left.** 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. Our next potluck will be on August 24 at 6pm. More details soon.

Other Announcements and Updates

Readers Needed 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 starting in August. 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.

Fire Information and Ways to Help

Multiple fires are burning in our region. As this is being written, the largest is the Thompson Fire near Oroville. The Diocesan Missioner for Disaster Resilience provides updates on fires in the diocese and suggestions for ways to help. The most useful way to help is to give money, which allows fire victims and evacuees to eat, travel to safety, settle down where it is safe and comfortable, and contact loved ones. The diocese has a disaster relief fund in which 100% of your gift will go to disaster relief: [DONATE HERE](#). To get information about current fires, go to the Cal Fire incident page [HERE](#). The smart phone app, Watch Duty is also useful for fire information.

Summer Chalk Prayers and Artwork

During the summer, we 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!

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

Care for God's Creation: Sunday, July 7 at 11:30am in the church library

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's Office Hours, Monday, July 8

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm. Her next office hours will be on Monday, July 8. If you would like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, feel free to email her directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or to contact the office (info@churchofstmartin.org)

Want to Submit a Prayer Request?

If you would like to submit a prayer request, click [HERE](#) 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