

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

This Week

July Service Schedule Change

This Sunday, July 28, we will only have one service at 10am. We will not have an 8am service. See below for a Bible study opportunity before the 10am service with Rev. Pamela.

“Engaging in Scripture” with Rev. Pamela, Sunday at 8:45am in Room 6/7

Do you want to deepen your own connection to Holy Scripture? Rev. Pamela is offering one more session of “Engaging in Scripture” from 8:45 to 9:45am this Sunday, July 28. The class is designed to be interactive. In this last session we’ll be covering some ways to bring meditation and Bible reading together. Bring your Bible if you have one, a set of colored highlighters, and your curiosity.

Welcoming Guest Preacher this Sunday

This Sunday, we welcome Anthony Amato as our preacher. Anthony will be leaving on August 1 to begin his seminary studies at Virginia Theological Seminary, as he continues the discernment process toward ordination to the priesthood. You may know Anthony as one of our vestry and choir members. We will miss seeing him every Sunday but send him off with all our support and prayers.

Guest Organist, Oliver Steissberg

We welcome Oliver Steissberg as our guest organist through August 11 while our music ministers, Suzanne and Jeffrey, take a summer break. Oliver was raised as a parishioner at St. Martin’s and received a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. For the past year, he has been teaching English and music in southwestern Germany. After joining us at St. Martin’s, he will be moving to Michigan with his fiancée Sarah to begin his master’s in Organ at the University of Michigan School of Music. We are grateful to have him here!

A Note from the Treasurer

I am pleased to report that the financial outlook for St. Martin's at midyear is good: revenues are higher and expenses lower than budgeted, resulting in a small surplus. The allocation for capital expenses in the 2024 budget (\$60,000) has enabled us to pay for the unusually high capital expenses associated with the ceiling stained-glass window (engineering fees, installation of a fall-prevention system, scaffolding, reinforcement of the cross over the altar, preliminary assessments of the stained glass) from operating revenue (pledge, plate, facilities fees, and other revenue).

The restoration is likely to cost as much as \$130,000. We will be able to self-finance the project, at least in the short run, by using reserves, some of which are designated for capital expenses. We are particularly fortunate to be able to draw on the generous bequest from longtime parishioner Carol Boyer. The Vestry is currently assessing the possibility of beginning a capital campaign to address not only the costs of the stained-glass restoration but facilities needs more broadly. Gifts in any amount for capital expenses would be gratefully received.

With gratitude for our beloved community,
Jessie Ann Owens

Happening Soon

Parish Garden and Work Day, Saturday, August 3

On Saturday, August 3, Buildings & Grounds will host a garden and work day from 8 - 10:30am. Scouts from both troops that meet at St. Martin's will be here to help. We will be weeding, trimming, moving mulch, and doing a little painting. Most jobs are outdoors. Come for fellowship and to help us keep our grounds nice and welcoming for us and for those who use our space. Please bring gardening tools, if you have them. Water and snacks will be provided.

Seeking Volunteers to Improve Acoustics in St. Martin's Parish Hall

Mark Brothers, a parishioner and building contractor, is leading a project to improve the acoustics in our parish hall. The project will involve installing sound-absorbing acoustic panels to the existing parish hall ceiling. Work dates will be **Saturday, July 27 from 9am to 2pm**, **Saturday, August 3 from 1-5pm**, and **Sunday, August 18 from 1pm to 5pm**. Volunteers will work in teams. Below are brief descriptions of the tasks to be done:

Task 1: Cover panels with speaker cloth (Saturday, July 27, 9am - 2pm): Outside in a shady area, volunteers will spray the panels with adhesive, stretch cloth over the face of the panel, carefully fold the cloth around the sides, flip the panel, and staple the cloth to the back side. The panels contain fiberglass. We will provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). **3 to 6 volunteers are needed.**

Task 2: Attach panels to parish hall ceiling (Saturdays, August 3 and Sunday, August 18, 1pm - 5pm): Inside the parish hall, volunteers will attach the panels to the ceiling. Volunteers will need to work on a scaffold or ladder, wear hard hats, which will be provided, and with others lift 60 lbs. They will also operate battery screw guns. **4 to 6 volunteers are needed.**

For more information, please talk to Mark Brothers or contact the church office. If you can volunteer for one of these dates, please contact the church office via email or phone (info@churchofstmartin.org; 530-756-0444).

Attend Sacramento Republic Soccer Game with Group from St. Martin's

Come enjoy a festive night out with others from St. Martin's at the Sacramento Republic FC soccer game on **Saturday, September 14**. It is Noche Latina at the stadium, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, with ballet folklórico before the game, Mexican food trucks, and more. The game begins **at 7pm**, and after the game our group will be able to go down to the field and take photos. Tickets are at the group-discount price of **\$36 for adults and kids**. Our designated seating is in the shade.

If you want to come to this event, write a check to The Episcopal Church of St. Martin for the number of tickets you want with "soccer tickets" in the memo line. Or you can pay online by going to the GIVE button on our website and selecting the menu item "Soccer Tickets." Please note that your tickets are not tax deductible. **Please do not let the price of tickets be a barrier;** if an individual or family needs assistance with ticket costs, please let Rev. Pamela or the office know so that we can help you out. This will be a fun event for both adults and kids!

A Place at the Table Monthly Potlucks

The July A Place at the Table potluck is full. **Our next potluck will be on August 24 at 6pm and will be hosted by Susan Lugo** at her home. The total number for this potluck is ten, and four spaces are currently available. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org), indicating the number of adults and children in your party and any allergies. We are also taking reservations for two September potlucks: September 14 at

5pm hosted by Mark and Libba Brothers and Kimo and Deborah Kimokeo (8 spaces available) and September 28 at 6pm hosted by Diane and Charlie Bamforth (10 spaces available).

Other Announcements and Updates

Update on Ceiling Stained-Glass Window

We are very excited to tell you that we have signed a contract with Nzilani Glass Restoration to clean and restore our beautiful ceiling stained-glass window. Work is expected to begin on September 23 and to last approximately one month. Scaffolding will be installed throughout the church so that the Nzilani team can work from above and from below the window at the same time. The size of the scaffolding will require us to worship outside the church building while the work is being done. We will continue to post updates on this project in the announcements and on our website <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/window>.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food

The non-perishable food item collection, sponsored by Social Justice and Outreach, is one tangible way you can help those in need. 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!

News from The Episcopal Church

Interested in Serving on a Committee for the National Episcopal Church?

The Episcopal Church has opened applications for appointments to various interim bodies created by General Convention. These committees, commissions, and task forces are essential in carrying out the church's work between conventions and addressing key priorities for the next two to three years. Rev. Pamela is applying for the Environmental Stewardship and Creation Care Committee and is happy to talk to you about her experience working with committees leading up to this year's General Convention. If you are interested in applying for a committee, go to the following link, where you will find a list of committees and the application form: https://gco.formstack.com/forms/interim_bodies_application_2024?mc_cid=f9393b3b86&mc_eid=cf3c5246d7

Save the Date: Installation of Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe, November 2 at 8am PT

Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe's installation service will take place on Saturday, November 2 at 8am PT at the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City. A prelude will begin at 7am PT. As announced at General Convention, this installation will be a simpler, scaled-down event with a view toward reducing carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement and participation. We will let you know when we have online links and/or other information about this event.

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. **Centering Prayer is taking a 3-week summer break; it will resume August 14.**

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

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

Parish Garden/Work Day: Saturday, August 3 at 8am outdoors at the church

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

Vestry: Monday, August 19 at 7pm in the church library

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, August 30 at 4pm on Zoom

Pastoral Care: Tuesday, September 17 at 2pm in the church library

Rector's Office Hours, Monday, July 29

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm. Her next office hours will be this coming Monday, July 29. 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)

Prayer Request Submissions

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