

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 1, 2025

This Week

First Sunday with Pop-Up Choir

This Sunday at 10am is a First Sunday service, meaning the service is a little shorter and more accessible to all ages, especially the youngest in our congregation. This Sunday, Rev. Pamela will ask everyone to help us wake up our sleeping alleluias! Children and adults will also have a chance to share what they are thankful for. We always have a Pop-Up choir on First Sundays, meaning anyone can come up and join the choir for the offertory anthem. Please see the music notes below for more details. At 8am, we'll have our Rite I service as usual, including a regular sermon.

Music Notes for Sunday, June 1, 10am Service

In our Gospel passage for June 1, Jesus prays to his Father for the future of his followers, asking for unity among them on earth and a place with him in heaven. In contrast, the other Gospels present Jesus making these promises directly to his disciples rather than praying for them. John's version is less declarative about the future, but more relational; it underscores Jesus' connection to us and to his Father, and his role as our intermediary. The synoptic Gospels are concerned with *events* of the future; John's is concerned with *relationships*; these two theological approaches complete each other. Such weighty thoughts do not confound our Pop-Up Choir, however! Our Offertory anthem is "Soon and Very Soon," by gospel artist Andraé Crouch. Its repeated refrain, "We are going to see the King!" echoes Jesus' promise—and prayer—that his followers will one day be with him. The song's simplicity and energy proclaim this assurance so that anyone of any age can understand and feel the joy. If you want to sing in the Pop-Up choir, we practice at 9:30am—those brave enough to sing without rehearsal may join us during the Offertory. All are welcome!

Vestry News and Review

Click [HERE](#) to see the latest issue of *Vestry News and Review* written by Vestry member Tony Miller. This issue highlights some of the many ways our campus is connected to the broader Davis/Yolo County community.

Next Week: Pentecost Sunday, Formation, and Honoring Graduates

Pop-up Webinar: Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories' on June 5, 7am

Join The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations for a conversation with the Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell, dean of Saint George's College in Jerusalem. He will speak about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, ongoing violence and oppression in the West Bank, and the plight of Palestinian Christians. Registration is required and the webinar will not be recorded. The webinar is at 7am Pacific time and is expected to last 45 minutes. You can find the registration link on the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations web page under "Event": <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/events>

EfM - Education for Ministry Returns to St. Martin's! Information Session on June 8

Have you heard about EfM? Education For Ministry (EfM) might be called Exploration for Ministry. It's a small-group seminar where you'll explore the Bible, Christian history and Christian ethics and spirituality. You may also explore what YOU believe and what Ministry means for you in today's world.

Though the bible and other books are read, EfM is not just a bible study or book group. Along with prayer and study, through a process called Theological Reflection, you'll have guided conversations on a wide variety of topics that will help you understand your faith, views and values. As the group becomes a community, a lively sacred space forms where everyone participates.

EfM is not intended as a path to ordination; rather, EfM encourages participants to ask, "What is my personal ministry? How do I interact with the world?"

On Sunday June 8 after each church service there will be an information session in the church library. Come and find out more about this wonderful program! You can also contact Jim Jordan, one of our EfM mentors, for more information. If you'd like to be on a mailing list for those interested in joining EfM this fall (no commitment required), please email info@churchofstmartin.org.

Seeking Readers in World Languages for Pentecost

Can you read aloud in a language other than English? We are looking for people to read Acts 2:4 (one verse) in world languages that are meaningful to them on Pentecost, June 8, 2025. We will provide the verse in the language of your choice. **You will attend a brief rehearsal on the morning of June 8** (7:45am for the 8am service and 9:40am for the 10am service) to test the microphone and get instructions on where to stand. **Please notify the office by Monday, June 2 if you can read and let us know in which language.**

Attention Graduates: We'd Love to Honor You on June 8!

If you or one of your loved ones is graduating from high school, college, or any other level of school or program of study, **please let the office know by Monday, June 2.** We will be honoring our graduates on June 8, Pentecost Sunday.

June Is Pride Month

Pride at St. Martin's and Booth at Davis PrideFest, June 7

We are kicking off Pride Month this Sunday, June 1! We will recognize Pride Month with special Prayers of the People this Sunday, June 1. Stop by our booth at Davis PrideFest on Saturday, June 7 from 3-5pm at Davis Civic Center Park (6th and B Streets) behind Davis City Hall. We'll have giveaway items (such as bracelets and stickers), a timeline of milestones in LGBTQ+ welcome in the Episcopal Church and at St. Martin's, and information about our church. We hope to see you there. For more information about Davis PrideFest: <https://davispride.org/>

Sing with Pride: Considering Matthew Shepard at the Mondavi Center, June 5

On June 5 at 7pm, the Department of Music will present *Considering Matthew Shepard* at the Mondavi Center. The event features the Choruses of UC Davis (Nicolás Dosman, director) and the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (Alex Heetland, director). First performed in 2016, *Considering Matthew Shepard* is a full-concert length modern-day oratorio, which honors and

celebrates the life of Matthew Shepard. The choral work features different styles. The texts are from poets, including Rumi and Hildegard von Bingen, along with words from Shepard's own journal. Tickets \$12 students and children; \$24 adults. Information: <https://www.mondaviarts.org>

Join the Rainbow Ministry and Monthly Oasis Support Group, Starting June 18

Diocesan Rainbow Ministry is excited to announce the launch of the monthly Oasis Support Group for 2S/LGBTQIA+ members of the diocese, a safe online space for gathering, reflection, and sharing. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, June 18, and the gathering's topic will be "Coming Out: LGBTQ+ and Christian—On Claiming our Christian Identities." This group will meet online on the third Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 8:30pm and will be facilitated by a rotating team of four trained facilitators. More information [HERE](#).

Happening Soon

Reflections and Lessons from Tule Lake, June 7

In 1942, the US Government removed over 125,000 people of Japanese descent from the Western US and imprisoned them in concentration camps in remote areas. No charges, trials, or due process. Learn more about the incarceration and the camp at Tule Lake in this workshop on June 7, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, and Via Webinar. Our own Rev. Ernie Lewis is one of several speakers you'll hear from. Registration is free but is required. See <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/tule-lake-workshop/> for registration and more information.

Education and Formation Starting Later This Summer

Rev. Pamela will be offering a summer read and discussion on *The Serviceberry*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Kimmerer thoughtfully weaves together insights from her Patawatami culture and her work as a botanist. We'll have a certain number of books available to give out and will be announcing dates and times soon. EfM (see information in announcement above) will start in early Fall.

In Loving Memory

With sadness, we inform you of the passing into eternal life of long-time parishioners Susan Youmans and Bruce Carswell. A memorial service for Bruce will be held at St. Martin's on Friday, June 20 at 2pm. The memorial service for Susan will take place on Saturday, June 21 at 11am at St. Martin's. Please keep the Youmans and Carswell families in your prayers. *Loving God, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Adults and Teens: Join the Fun at Vacation Bible Camp

St. Martin's is teaming up with other churches in Davis to hold a super fun Vacation Bible Camp from June 16-20. We still need some volunteers for a variety of positions. You can help for one day or for up to five; there are leader positions, which require training, and more supportive, "behind the scenes" positions. Please contact the church office if you're interested and we'll get you more information. **Also, it's not too late to sign up campers!** There are morning sessions on creation care, including fun water activities and a petting zoo (!), while the afternoon sessions are all about musical theater. **Contact the office or see our website for more information [here](#).**

Looking for “A Place at the Table” Potluck Hosts

Our June “A Place at the Table” potluck is full. We are seeking hosts for July and beyond. As a host, you decide the time, date, and number of guests. You can host at your home or at the church. Please contact Janet in the church office if you are interested or have questions about hosting.

Opportunities to Serve Others

St. Martin’s Volunteers for DCMH Meals on Saturdays, June 14 and July 5

Looking for hands-on service? St. Martin’s has signed up as the volunteer group for two upcoming meals in our parish hall sponsored by Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH).

We need three more volunteers for Saturday, June 14 from 9am - 1pm and one more for Saturday, July 5, from 9am to 1pm. RSVP to the church office. The DCMH meals welcome all for a hot meal in a community atmosphere.

Seeking St. Martin’s Representative at the Saturday Meal

We are seeking St. Martin’s Reps for the Saturday meals. Serve one Saturday a month from 11 - 1pm. The Reps are the welcoming face of St. Martin’s at the DCMH (Davis Community Meals and Housing) meal. The Reps also make sure clean-up and lock-up gets done correctly. If you are interested, let the office know and we will show you the ropes.

STEAC (Short Term Emergency Aid Committee) Food Drive: Join us in June!

World Caring Day (June 7) and Public Service Day (June 23) both fall in the month of June. STEAC hopes you will recognize these days contributing to their food drive during the month of June by bringing food to the STEAC pantry (in St. Martin’s back parking lot near the labyrinth) on the following dates: Tuesdays, June 10 and 17, 11am - 1pm; Friday June 13, 1pm - 3pm; Saturday, June 14, 9am - 11:15am. Most needed items include canned tuna and chicken; uncooked lentils; small bottles of cooking oil; pasta sauce; jam and jelly; peanut butter, canned fruit, fruit cups, Ritz and Saltine crackers. For more information: <https://steac.org>

YIIN Fundraiser, June 14 at Yolo Fairgrounds, Woodland, 5:30 - 9:30pm

The Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network (YIIN) is an interfaith ministry that had its roots many years ago at St. Martin’s and whose work is very much needed now and always. Their upcoming fundraiser includes an Indian dinner; Mexican dessert; beer, wine, and soft drinks; guest speakers Albert Vallecillo, Mayor of Woodland and Andrea Gaytan, Chief of Staff at University of California Global Affairs; a silent auction, and a performance by Mariachi Puente of the Davis Joint Unified School District. The money raised will support YIIN’s ongoing work supporting and advocating for immigrants and refugees. Suggested Donation: \$75 adults; \$30 students; children 12 and under no charge. Get tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yolo-interfaith-immigration-network-yiin-dinner-fundraiser-tickets-1351208865089>. St. Martin’s is a sponsor of this event and has at least two tickets available; please contact Rev. Pamela or the church office if you’d like a no-cost ticket.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food

The Social Justice and Outreach non-perishable food collection is one way you can help those in need. We deliver food to four locations on a weekly rotating basis: 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. Bring your nonperishable items and put them in the basket in the narthex at church services or bring them to the office during the week (9am - 12pm). Our motto is *Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food.*

Weekday Prayer Opportunities, In-person and Online

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. This 60-minute session consists of 30 minutes of silent meditation followed by reflection on contemplative readings.

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, Office Hours, Prayer Requests, Celebrations & Milestones

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, June 5 at 7pm in the church

Vestry: Wednesday, June 18, at 7pm in Room 6/7

Social Justice and Outreach: Sunday, June 22 at 1pm on Zoom

Buildings and Grounds: Tuesday, June 24 at 4pm on Zoom

Parish Garden and Work Day: Saturday, June 28 from 8 - 10:30am at the church

Rector's Office Hours: Rev. Pamela's Monday office hours are on hiatus for June. If you'd like to meet with her, please email (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or be in touch with the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org). Note: Rev. Pamela will be busy with Vacation Bible Camp for much of the week of June 16 and will be on vacation from June 22 to July 3.

Prayer Request Submissions: <https://tinyurl.com/StMsPrayerRequest> or contact the office.

Celebration and Milestones: If you have a celebration or milestone (such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any other) that you'd like to share in church on Sunday, please contact the office to let us know. See contact information below.

Church Office Hours: We are open 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday. Contact us at 530-756-0444 or info@churchofstmartin.org.

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