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*Where God can be found, and God can find you*

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### And on the Seventh Day...He Rested

*"And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done." (Genesis 2:2)*

Those familiar with the "Godly Play" curriculum will know of one of the lessons entitled "The Ten Best Ways to Live." The rest of us know them as the "Ten Commandments" or the "Law of Moses." I like "Godly Play's" title because it identifies the benefits we receive by following the ten precepts. "Commandments" and "Law" bring to mind restrictions and control. Actually the Ten Commandments are given by God to Moses to free us from fear and anxiety.

One of these "Ten Best Ways to Live" I would particularly like to reflect upon this month is: *"Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God: you shall not do any work." (Exodus 20:8-10A)* We as a culture, I as an

individual, are particularly bad at keeping one day holy. Keeping one day in which we rest from work, fast from the things we do on all the other days of the week. This is why taking time away from our routines is so important.



Jesus took time away to pray in preparation for important times of ministry. He would go to a deserted place, if only for a short while, to be alone with his God. Of course this "way of living" is best exercised regularly, at least once a week. But extended times of rest and relaxation are also important. We call them vacations, and I am about to

leave on one. (You see my ulterior motive for this reflection.) By the time you read this, Nancy and I will be sitting on the deck of our place on the Oregon Coast. This is the 39<sup>th</sup> summer we have gone to "Otter Crest" and it is truly a time of restoration and refreshment.

This summer we will also be going to a my high school reunion in Hood River, Oregon, an opportunity to reconnect with people I grew up with and haven't seen for 40+ years. It is good to be at an age when my vanity doesn't get in the way of things. Gerard will also be away for some much deserved rest. I give thanks that Ernie, Jan, Pierre and Janet will be holding down the fort in our absence. I will be back on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August and I will see you in church that Sunday.

God rested and gave us an example. I hope you find time of rest and refreshment each week.

Blessings,  
Mark+

## **St. Martin's Environmental Stewardship Working Group**

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. – Psalm 24:1-2*

St. Martin's Environmental stewardship working group met on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to continue our discussions about what we can do to care for God's creation. A group from the Davis Unitarian Universalist congregation spoke about their activities, and we talked about what other groups at St. Martin's have done. These include:

- Replacing paper goods at coffee hour with reusable cups and glasses.
- Purchasing fair trade coffee.
- Investigating the City of Davis commercial composting program.
- Pairing all our office trash cans with labeled containers for paper recycling.



We will meet again at 11:30 on Sunday, August 12, 2012 to prioritize our activities for the coming year. All are welcome!

### **Did you know?**

The photovoltaic solar panels on the roof of the St. Martin's administration building have generated 47,121 kilowatt hours of electricity in not quite eight years of operation. That's roughly equivalent to 3,642\* gallons of gasoline, or 339 round trips from St. Martin's to Camp Noel Porter (Lake Tahoe) in a car that gets 25 miles per gallon.

\*conversion factors from [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

## **Capital Campaign Financial Update**

As a result of last summer's building and renovation work, St. Martin's is blessed to have updated, more welcoming, and more energy-efficient buildings, space that will house St. Martin's ministries for many years to come. Many thanks to all of you whose donations of money and time serving on planning committees made the building project possible.

As of July 1, 2012 we are now two years into the three-year capital campaign pledge period. Of the \$1,084,389 pledged, we have received \$831,033 in pledges thus far, leaving a balance of \$253,356.

The construction budget, which includes a maintenance reserve fund of \$50,000, was carefully planned not to exceed the amount pledged plus additional gifts and grants (which amount to approximately \$124,000). However, in order to complete the work before the end of the three-year pledge period, the parish applied for and obtained a \$500,000 loan from the Diocese. It is a five-year loan, initially granted at an interest rate of 5.5% and monthly payments of \$9550.58. The interest on the loan was budgeted as part of the cost of the project and was expected to cost *\$73,036 in interest over the five years*.

The good news is that the loan interest rate went down on January 1 and is now 5%. Additional good news is that, two months ago, the vestry was able to make an early payment of \$200,000 toward the principal of the loan. This early payment will bring the overall interest to be paid on the loan down to \$35,201, a savings of \$37,835. In short, our loan has no prepayment penalties and *we can save significantly on interest the sooner we pay the loan off*.

So thank you again for keeping the pledges coming in. We can see God's presence in so many aspects of this project—from the beauty that has been created to the spirit of cooperation that made it all happen.

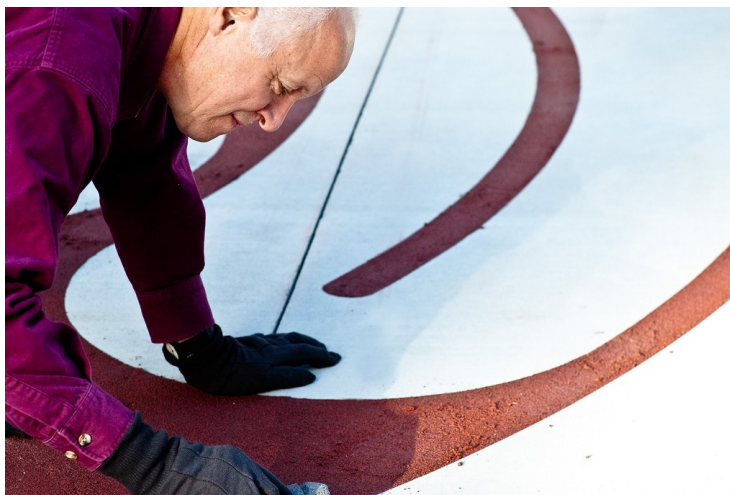
If you have any questions about your capital campaign pledge, please feel free to contact Jan in the church office or our treasurer Stephen Lawrence. For more specific details on the capital campaign finances, please contact Janet Lane or any vestry member.

Submitted by Janet Lane, Jr. Warden, Building Committee Chair

## **Public Lecture—An Afternoon with Labyrinth Artist**

Master labyrinth designer Robert Ferré will be at St. Martin's on **Sunday, August 19, 4:00 p.m.** to speak on labyrinths and their uses and on what has been happening in the labyrinth world in the past 15 years. He will answer audience questions and talk about his 16 years of experience as a full-time labyrinth maker.

In Fall of 2009, Ferré directed the design and construction of St. Martin's concrete and granite-resin labyrinth. He led a group of St. Martin's volunteers in constructing the labyrinth, which is the Chartres pattern, just over 42 feet in diameter, and the same dimensions as the labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France. Labyrinths are used in many ways, for meditation, reflection, prayer, and enjoyment. St. Martin's labyrinth is walked regularly by groups and individuals and is open to the public from dawn to dusk.



In addition to giving a public lecture, Ferré is in Davis to help us re-seal our labyrinth, a maintenance task required every three years. Based in St. Louis, Ferré will also be doing a workshop at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco on labyrinth making and sacred geometry.

Those who attended Ferré's previous talks at St. Martin's were highly impressed with his extensive knowledge of labyrinths and their uses and enjoyed his entertaining style and interesting stories. Ferré's talk is free and open to the public, and we hope to see you there. Also, feel free to stop by to observe the labyrinth resealing work being done on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact Janet Lane [jrlane@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jrlane@ucdavis.edu), (530) 219-0607, or any other member of the labyrinth committee: Ernie Lewis, Charlotte Sobeck, Nancy Allen, Charlie Bamforth, and Sharon Cucinotta.







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## Outreach Commission—August, 2012

Just a brief update on the status of the Matthew 25 Outreach Grant application process. Letters inviting programs to apply for Outreach Grants were sent out electronically at the end of June. We asked that applications be returned to St. Martin's (either electronically or in hardcopy form) no later than September 4th. We will begin the review process shortly after that date.

The Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network is looking for volunteers for their juvenile hall visitation program. This is another opportunity to reach out to those in need. Jesus said to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger and visit the prisoner. The Outreach Commission strives to provide different opportunities for the St. Martin's Community to live out the tenets of Matthew 25. Volunteering with this particular YIIN ministry is one such opportunity.

-Renee Crevelli-Gross, Co-Chair, Outreach Commission



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