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Babies, Babies, Babies!

A baby is God's way of saying the world should go on.

A truer cliché was never made, and the community of St. Martin is doing its part to make sure the world keeps right on turning on its axis. There are at least five expecting families in the community right now, and all of their babies are due in the next six months. What a blessing! For three of the couples this will be their first child: Dayna Cordano and Bill Martinez are expecting their first in the middle of July, Bayu Kristianto and Eva Nugraheni their first near the end of July, Andrea and Matthew Bublitz their first in September. That's not all though. Nicholas and Kylie Podsakoff are expecting their second child in August, and Nick Buxton and Juliette Beck their second child in November.

We are blessed with an abundance of witness to God's gra-

cious gift of children. Not only with the expectation of newborns, but also with the multitude of children who are involved in the children's and cherub choirs, Godly Play Sunday school, TYGMOS (Youth Group), acolytes, lectors, musicians, and a variety of outreach activities. The vitality young people bring to the life of the community is palpable, and we must continue to do everything possible to support and encourage ministry to children and their families. Ask yourself how you might help, and when someone calls to ask you if you can, don't just reject the idea without prayerful consideration. Jennifer Maloney, our Youth and Children's

Ministry Administrator, is looking for ministers to help with a variety of different tasks, both small and large.

Back to the babies, please keep these five families in your prayers over the next six months and beyond. All of us who have had infants remember, if only vaguely, that having the babies was sometimes the easiest part. Helping Hands may be asking for volunteers to provide some meals after the arrivals. If you have any of the multitude of equipment needed for a newborn, don't have that yard sale just yet. Some of our expecting families are a long way away from family and we want to do

whatever we can to support them in the wonderful journey they are about to undertake. Look for more information in the months ahead.

Mark+



From the Belfry—Pastor Jocelyn Hughes

Apartment Wish List

Help us furnish the Belfry Apartments for our LEVN Volunteers! We are seeking these items. Large items we will be able to take in late July/August.

This September, we will welcome six young adult volunteers to live at The Belfry and spend a year working in the community. We will need to fully furnish the apartments in preparation for their arrival. We are looking for furniture and other items to accomplish this task. Here is a list of items we need:

- A gas stove/microwave combination
- Couches
- 2 sets of twin bunk beds
- 3 twin beds
- Plates, bowls, etc.
- Cups, mugs
- Utensils, knives
- Pots and pans
- Bake ware
- Dining table and chairs
- Bikes
- Ultimate wish: one or more cars



Save the Date

3rd Annual “Birdies for the Belfry” Golf Tournament.
Saturday September, 29th.
1:00 p.m. shotgun start.
6:00 dinner.
Wildhorse Golf Course.
To register, visit
www.thebelfry.org or call
(530) 756-1550.

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

Scripture calls us to care for everything that God has created. At St. Martin’s, a group of parishioners and clergy have begun to gather to discuss how we, as a parish, might live out this call.

In meeting, we have been spurred by our conviction that we can make a difference in the stewardship of our world by both individual and collective action. We are working together to discern what we might do here on the St. Martin’s campus and in our homes to lessen our impact on the earth.

We next will convene on a Sunday in mid-July, after the 10am service. Watch the bulletin for info on the date and location.

Won’t you join us??

Did you know?

St. Martin’s last water bill was \$1,400 for two months. If we could reduce the amount of lawn in our landscaping, we’d save both water and money.

Rev. Mark Allen thanks the acolytes for their service.



One-Day Volunteer Opportunity with Citizens Who Care

Join the St. Martin's volunteer day for the Time off for Caregivers Program which offers site-based social respite activities at the Davis Senior Center, giving caregivers a five-hour break each program day. A healthy lunch and stimulating activities are provided. You don't need any special skills to participate, the day is totally planned out and supervised by the professional staff. The clients are elderly members of our community. Please join fellow parishioners on Saturday, July 28, 9:45-3:00, for a rewarding day. Looking for 10 volunteers. Contact: Susan Lugo susanlugo@yahoo.com or call [530-400-5107](tel:530-400-5107).



A Biblical/Theological Reading Group

Beginning in September, Will Benware will be hosting a reading group that will concentrate primarily on the writings of Paul. Most of the readings will consist of articles by the British New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright (former Bishop of Durham). Wright is an engaging writer and speaker whose series 'Paul for Everyone' gives a good introduction to his thoughts. His two-part study on Romans is especially enjoyable (Westminster Press 2004).

All the articles can be found on the N.T. Wright website (www.ntwrightpage.com). The series will probably begin with "New perspectives on Paul" followed by "Romans and the theology of Paul."

The group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month for two hours. The first meeting will be September 11th, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 909 Miller Drive. Please contact Will at wabenware@ucdavis.edu with any questions.





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