

Announcements – March 12, 2023

**New Announcements*

February 28, 2023 - Lenten Study – 5 Week Study – Preparing to Become the Beloved Community (From the Episcopal Church USA) – Rev Shelly will lead us in this 5 week study beginning on February 28, 2023 (on Zoom) at 7:00 PM and on March 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM (in person) after the 10:15 AM service.

Please let Shelly know if you plan to participate so she can send you the questions in advance. You can speak to Shelly or contact the church office at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca

[Lenten Study Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 874 5595 7559 Passcode: 442114

Session Three: Lent 3 – Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

- March 14, 2023, 2023 at 7:00 PM on Zoom
- March 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM in person at the church

Session Four: Lent 4 – Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

- March 21, 2023, 2023 at 7:00 PM on Zoom
- March 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM in person at the church

Session Five: Lent 5 – Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus

- March 28, 2023, 2023 at 7:00 PM on Zoom
- March 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM in person at the church

*** Lug-a-mug is Back!** - Did you know that most single-use coffee cups are not recyclable because they are lined with plastic and it takes 20 to 30 years for that coffee cup to breakdown in landfill?

Before the pandemic, a large percentage of the congregation were doing their part and bringing their own mugs to coffee hour to help decrease our carbon footprint. Now that the church is back to normal, we would like to get those numbers back up. A big THANK YOU, to those of you who have already been lugging your mugs since coffee hour was reinstated!

Starting Sunday March 12th, the Coffee Hosts will be handing out coloured slips of paper to those people who are lugging their mugs at coffee hour. If you receive such a slip of paper, please write your name on it, and put it in the Lug-a-mug draw box on the table at the back of the church.

Every 2 months the Green Team will draw a name from the box, and a prize will be awarded to that person. The more you lug your mug, the more chances you have to win, and the more our environment wins!

March 15, 2023 – 10:15 AM – Mid-Week Service – All are welcome to join us for a mid-week BCP Eucharist

***March 18, 2023- 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM - Hiking Church Lenten Walk** – This event is led by members of the Bishop's Committee on Creation Care for the Diocese of Toronto. During this 2 hour experience we'll hike for about 30 minutes and then gather for a simple service of communion in the woods. When we return (another 30 minutes of walking) we'll enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Please wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather. We will meet at Pine Ridge Secondary School (2155 Liverpool Rd, Pickering) at 11:45 AM for a 12:00 Start. For more information and to let them know you plan to attend (so they can plan for refreshments) call 905 683 7981 and speak to Rev Susan Spicer. There is a poster at the back of the church with all the details.

March 19, 2023 - Sunday School – We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM service.

***March 22, 2023 – Advisory Meeting 7:00 PM on Zoom**

[Advisory Meeting Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 861 0422 7404 Passcode: 880626

March 25, 2023 – In Person Earth Hour Event – Please join the St. Martin's Green Team on Saturday March 25th at 6:00 pm for this FREE event. Bring your favourite entrée OR salad OR side dish to enjoy at our potluck dinner. ****PLEASE** bring your own plates, cutlery and cups. ******

We will then enjoy a short nature film, and a quiz before we turn out the lights at 8:30 pm to read/listen to nature/Indigenous poems, stories, and sing folk songs by candlelight to celebrate Earth Hour.

Feel free to bring a story/poem/real-life life experience to share during lights out. All are welcome to attend.

March 26, 2023 Sign Up deadline – Social Committee Road Trip to Herrongate Barn Theatre - Please join us on Friday, May 12 at Herrongate Barn Theatre, 2885 Altona Road, Pickering. Doors open at 6pm for a delicious buffet dinner, including Top Choice Roast Beef followed by the hilarious play “There Goes the Bride”. The cost is \$79 person with further price discount for a larger group. The venue can accommodate mobility aids such as walkers but is not wheelchair accessible. Please make your own travel arrangements to and from the theatre.

In order to confirm a reservation at the theatre, the Social Committee will need a firm number of attendees by **Sunday, March 26** and payment on **Sunday, April 16**.

A sign-up sheet is available on the back table. We look forward to this exciting event! Please contact Lee L. for more information.

2023 Altar Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for the church altar, including making a special dedication, the Chancel Guild has put up a Flower Chart at the back of the church for 2023. Please contact Anne D. or the church office if you have any questions.

Donations for St. Paul on-the-Hill Community Food Bank - The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling the red wagon with your donations for the food bank. Please consider donating one or more items from the list below. An Outreach volunteer will take the donations to St. Paul on-the-Hill.

While all donations are appreciated, the items below are urgently needed: Kraft Dinner, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, canned fruit, canned tuna, small containers of instant coffee, tea, 2kg of granulated sugar, cooking oil, canned baked beans, dried beans, baby wipes.

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