

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 2, 2022

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY! Blessing of the Animals, October 2 at St. Martin's

At the 10:00am service on Sunday, October 2, outdoors on the Great Lawn, all of God's creatures, large and small, are invited to come for a blessing in honor of St. Francis. Bringing a photo of your pet is another option. Bring blankets and chairs to sit on; we will provide some chairs for those who cannot bring theirs. The Family Choir (intergenerational) will be singing. Anyone can be part of the Family Choir—just come to the church at 9:30am to practice the anthem. We will not be streaming the 10:00am service this week.

Blessing of the Animals at the Belfry—October 6

Our seminarian intern, Betsy McElroy, and the Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins invite all at St. Martin's to attend the Belfry's Blessing of the Animals, Holy Eucharist, and cookout supper to be held right outside the Belfry on Thursday, October 6 beginning at 5:30pm. Bring yourself and your animals (or a photo) to receive a blessing; then share fellowship with each other and with university students who attend the Belfry. Schedule for the evening: 5:30-6:30pm Blessing of the Animals; 6:30pm Outdoor Eucharist; 7:00pm Cookout on the Patio. Animals welcome at all events. See you there!

Fellowship at the Ranch—Saturday, October 8, 6:00 – 9:00pm

Fall is a particularly beautiful time at Forbes Ranch. Our Care for God's Creation team invites you to come for rest and restoration in the refreshing outdoors. Invite family and friends. Plan your own leisure activity. Bring a picnic supper and whatever you need to be comfortable in the wild: picnic chairs, blankets, other items. Enjoy the sunset over the beautiful coastal range; there will be a full moon, too. Rev. Pamela will lead Evening Prayer and Compline at the beginning and end of the event; stay for as long or as short as you like.

Carpools are encouraged. Please contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org or 530-756-0444) to RSVP. We'll provide the address and directions if you need them (also available on the church website here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/16/have-you-heard-about-the-ranch/>). Contact Honna Steissberg (contact info in directory or office can help you connect) if you are willing to form a carpool or need a ride.

Processing the Pandemic, October 9

Join us for an opportunity to explore the lessons learned after living with a pandemic for over two years. Led by our seminarian, Betsy McElroy, after our 10:00am service.

Sneak Peek of Paul's Place

Paul's Place, a multi-functional housing center designed to serve the most vulnerable individuals living homeless in Davis by providing housing and wraparound services, will celebrate its grand opening in a few months. Would you like a sneak peek? Davis Community Meals and Housing is

hosting **drop in tours on Friday, October 7 from 4:00 - 5:30pm**. Please RSVP by October 5th to admin@dcmah.org. Then on **October 10 from 5:30 - 7:30pm**, there will be a **tour and panel discussion** about the vision and collaboration behind this project. Among those on the panel will be the architect, Maria Ogrydziak. For more information and to register, go to ea22-paulsplace.eventbrite.com.

Vestry News and Review

The most recent Vestry News and Review article written by Vestry Member, Diane Bamforth, "We Give Thanks for Volunteers" can be found on our website here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/28/vestry-news-and-review-we-give-thanks-for-volunteers-by-diane-bamforth/>

Stewardship Season Coming Soon

St. Martin's is supported entirely by the financial gifts of our members and friends. We are very grateful to those who provide regular financial support to our ministries, as well as special gifts and bequests. You should be receiving your fall stewardship materials in the U.S. mail soon, so be on the lookout for them. Stewardship season will begin in October and conclude with an ingathering on November 13, when we celebrate the Feast of St. Martin! Stay tuned for details.

Sign Up NOW for these Upcoming Events

"The Story You Need to Tell," (part 2 - writing)--begins October 12

We all have stories to tell, memories and events from our past that we need to tell in order to heal. Writing our stories can help us understand our life better, help us move on from stuck places, or bring joy for the memories that are brought to the light. Last spring a book discussion class was offered on Sandra Marinella's book *The Story You Need to Tell*. If you attended this session and were inspired to move on to writing some of your own stories, this next group is for you. If you were not able to attend the previous class, please consider joining this new group. Having a group to share ideas with and to have a regular time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere will be the focus of this class. **This class will meet for four weeks on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon beginning October 12** either on Zoom or in person at St. Martin's. We'll poll those who sign up and decide which to do. Email the office (info@churchofstmartin.org) or Susan Lugo to sign up.

Service Opportunity: Half Day Work Party with Sierra Service Project--Nov. 6

On behalf of TYGMOS and the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, parishioner Tim Williams is inviting church members and their friends to participate in a Sierra Service Project (SSP) half workday in Sacramento on Sunday, November 6 from 11am to 4:30pm. The work will involve building a community garden to support Family Promise (4 tiny homes on an individual's property used as transitional housing for the homeless). We will be moving mulch and building planter boxes. All we have to do is show up with a can-do attitude, wear sturdy shoes, and pack a lunch and drink. SSP provides the skilled labor to train us, materials, tools, work gloves, and safety glasses, but bring any of these you may

have. We will leave St. Martin's parking lot on Sunday morning at 11 am (after communion at the 10am service to continue God's work) and will work from 11:30am to 3:30pm. **Ideally we would like to have a group of no less than 4 and up to 20 working together.** This opportunity is open to people of all ages. SSP requires that any youth under 18 years have a signed parent permission. Youth under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. **All participants must be fully vaccinated for COVID and test for COVID either at home that morning or at the SSP worksite using a home COVID test kit.** The work is all located outside. Tim has attended three SSP week-long camps and found that this organization does a great job of teaching how to give back to others in a Godly, loving way. For more information or to participate, contact Tim Williams via email or cell phone (info in the new directory) or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

“Revive” Discipleship Program

Revive is a small-group discipleship program to help individuals grow in confidence as spiritual leaders, have the chance to be re-energized with new ideas, and learn about yourself and the God we serve. This formation opportunity begins on Friday, October 28 with a retreat to St. Dorothy's Rest in Meeker, CA (see announcement below for more information about the Retreat). After the Retreat, we will meet on Wednesday evenings for six consecutive weeks; we ask for people to commit to all six weeks, at the end of which you will have a chance to discern whether or not to continue with another six-week module.

If you want to be part of the Revive program, please sign up for the Retreat and indicate your interest on the form. This is a small-group program and so is limited to 12 people; if more than 12 sign up we will have a waitlist or, if we have enough participants, form two groups. This is a wonderful program and we hope everyone who is interested will sign up!

If you have questions, or really want to participate but the timing doesn't work for you, don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Pamela for more information or a chance to talk it through.

All Parish Retreat–October 28 – 30

Spend a weekend on retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest in Meeker, CA. Organized curriculum will be provided for those participating in our Revive small group. But ALL are welcome to come to St. Dorothy's for your own self-guided retreat, or just for some down time, and to enjoy meals and social time with fellow parishioners. Retreat participants will gather after dinner on Friday (dinner not provided the first night) and we'll wrap things up after lunch on Sunday. Cost is \$260 per person, including meals and two nights of lodging. Financial assistance is available (contact Pamela). St. Dorothy's Rest is a retreat center in the woods in Sonoma County about two hours from Davis. Would you like to help coordinate the carpooling? Call the office to volunteer! Learn more about St. Dorothy's [HERE](#). Register for the retreat [HERE](#).

Newcomers' Brunch–October 23

All newcomers are invited to attend our Newcomers' Brunch, held directly after the 10am service on October 23. Help us get to know you better, learn about our ministries, meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a time of fellowship! If you are new or even new-ish or just want to meet

new people, call or email the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) to let us know you'll be attending. If you are willing to help set-up, clean-up, or bring savory food, look for Carla Harris after both services on Sunday to sign up.

Social Justice and Loving Our Neighbor as Ourselves

News and Notes from the Social Justice and Outreach Committee

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

(Matthew 25)

In their latest installment of a multi-part series, the Social Justice and Outreach Committee focuses on food support efforts, an area in which St. Martin's has a long history of engagement. **We have a real need for a St. Martin's rep at the Saturday lunch provided to those in need by Davis Community Meals and Housing; if you can serve even once a month, or want to learn more, please be in touch with the office.** For an update on that and other food-related ministries, including STEAC and Grace Garden, and more ways to get involved, see the full News and Notes article on our website: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/14/sjo-news-and-notes-9-14-2022/>

Seeds of Justice Welcomes Melinda Adams (San Carlos Apache) for Next Talk on Oct. 16

"Cultural Fire, Storytelling, and Reclaiming Indigenous Land Stewardship Practices."

Melinda Adams (San Carlos Apache), PhD Candidate in Dept. of Native American Studies, UC Davis. **On Zoom only.**

Register in advance for Zoom participation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf--tpzssHtICxGY1NktNIDBFB-7NNy2V>

For more information about Seeds of Justice events, please see our website::

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/08/03/save-the-date-seeds-of-justice-continues/>

More Formation, Education, and Fellowship Opportunities

Class with Pamela: "How2Charist" Wraps Up on OCTOBER 12 (no class this week)

Holy Eucharist: Even if it's been a part of your life for as long as you can remember, there is always more to learn and understand. How2charist illuminates the liturgy's beauty and spirit. This video-based class will help us gain a deeper understanding of what happens when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Join us from 7-8:30 pm for a short video plus lots of discussion and reflection time, ending with the service of Compline. The last class will meet on October 12 in Room 6/7. All are welcome. Masks encouraged. Contact Rev. Pamela with any questions.

Talking Through Political Divisions: Having Hard Conversations With Compassion

Communication Workshop facilitated by the Rev. Alex Leach

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. November 5, 2022, on Zoom

Increasingly, Election Day has become a day charged with heated conflict between neighbors, friends, and family. In our increasingly politically polarized world, it is difficult to have conversations across those political divisions. To bridge these divides, the Commission for Intercultural Ministries is hosting a workshop on building communication skills that can help us

have hard conversations with compassion and connection. The Rev. Alex Leach will lead the workshop. Alex has spent almost 10 years training, teaching, and coaching conflict navigation skills. Participants will explore spiritual practices that help us stay rooted in Christ's love and build skills around listening and speaking. **Register online at** <https://forms.gle/D6Q2tENHrqz6wo6F8>. Questions may be directed by email to NorCalCIM@gmail.com.

Additional Seeds of Justice, Program Year 2, Speaker, November 13 at 4:00pm

"How Manifest Destiny Changed the Color of Labor." John M. Liu, Professor Emeritus in Depts. of Asian American Studies and Sociology, UC Irvine.

Register in advance for Zoom participation:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdOmgpjssH9wZg6WMbo4T4J2UN9_7vECh

Staying Connected with Each Other

Vestry Agendas, Minutes, and News and Review Available to You

Did you know that the Vestry's monthly agendas and minutes are available every month after they are approved by the Vestry? Similarly, Vestry News and Review articles, written several times each year by Vestry members, are also available. You will find all of these items on our website on the Vestry page here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/vestry/>. If you prefer to read a hard copy, we keep a printed copy of each item in a clearly marked binder in the church library on the bookshelf. You are welcome to sit down in the library and read the printed versions during our open hours (M - F 9:00am - 12:00pm) or on Sunday mornings.

A Video Message from Pamela about Volunteer Opportunities at St. Martin's

We have many volunteer opportunities at St. Martin's to get involved in. To see a video of some of these ministries and to hear Pamela speak about them, please see the short video [St. Martin Volunteer Opportunities 2022](#).

Rector's Office Hours

Pamela continues to hold office hours most weeks on Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm outside near the prayer chalkboard (weather permitting) or indoors in the church library. She will not have office hours this coming week. **Her next upcoming office hours will be on Tuesday, October 11.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) to set something up.

Parish Prayer List Update

Please know that people you have placed on the Parish Prayer List are being prayed for. The clergy pray the list regularly. We also pray the list every Friday night at Compline (8:30pm on Zoom). Individuals may also request a copy of the Prayer List if you would like to pray it on your own. Just contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) and we will send it to you. If you have someone you would like us to pray for, please let us know through our online prayer request form, which is simple to fill out and can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIq15C4OurynsauPSpbsts2kAjHjt5Lq9hBcQQmb1TGY5a2A/viewform>.

We have recently updated the Prayer List. We generally leave people on the prayer list for four weeks, unless you tell us to do otherwise. If you placed someone's name on the list more than four weeks ago and wish them to stay on the prayer list, please let the office know. To have prayer requests, celebrations, or milestones read aloud during Sunday services, please contact Deacon Margaret (margaret@churchofstmartin.org).

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, October 6 at 7:00pm (in the church)

Care for God's Creation: Monday, October 10 at 7:00pm

Vestry: Monday, October 17 at 4:30pm

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00pm

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00pm

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, October 28 at 4:00pm

Meetings are on Zoom unless otherwise noted; for a link, please contact communications@churchofstmartin.org. If you wish to schedule a meeting on the calendar, contact the church office info@churchofstmartin.org.

Ways to Be More Involved

With the program year having just started, we have many volunteer opportunities. Would you be interested in serving in one of the ministries below? We are always willing to answer your questions and show you the ropes. Help us make our ministries shine by getting involved!

Coffee Hour Hospitality

Do you enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship during coffee hour after the 10:00am service? Could you consider helping host coffee hour once every month or two? If you are willing to do this, you can sign up on SignUp Genius here for the date(s) you wish to host.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49acaa2ea3fecf8-hospitality>

Hosting coffee hour involves coming to church a little early to make coffee and staying to clean-up afterwards. Tables will be put up for you. We also need people to sign up to bring snacks at the same link. Let's continue to have a great coffee hour, with everyone's help!

Readers, Ushers, EMs, Crucifers

We need an array of liturgical ministers every Sunday for worship at both the 8am and 10am services. If you wish to volunteer, we have a signup system for volunteers that allows you to pick the days and ministries in which you would like to volunteer. Here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49acaa2ea3fecf8-may2022>

Altar Guild Members

Are you interested in a quiet, contemplative ministry inside the church? The Altar Guild needs additional volunteers to serve once a month. Duties include setting up the altar for services,

clearing the altar after the service or washing and ironing the altar linens. Contact Carla Harris for details (contact information in the church directory or the church office can help connect).

Notes from St. Martin's Church Office

Vestry Engages Chazin and Company for Accounting Services

After providing her accounting expertise to St. Martin's for many years, our Treasurer, Julie Knudsen, will be stepping down as treasurer in December. The Vestry considered a number of options and has decided to engage with Chazin and Company, an accounting firm that works with nonprofit organizations and is based in the Washington D.C. area. For more information on how the Vestry came to this decision and what using Chazin will look like for St. Martin's, we have a full explanation on our website: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/09/15/vestry-engages-chazin-and-company-for-accounting-services/>

COVID Masking Update and Clarification

Masking is optional, although strongly recommended, in church. We have multiple air filters in the sanctuary, office building and Room 6/7. We also post signs showing Yolo County's COVID-19 transmission level (currently LOW). We encourage you to wear a mask when inside any church building and have high quality (KN95) masks to offer. Choir members will continue to mask. We will continue to offer our 10am online service on Zoom and on Facebook, or to view later on YouTube. For questions or concerns, please contact Pamela (pamela@churchofstmartin.org).

Prayer Requests, Celebrations and Milestones

If you would like to submit a prayer request, celebration or milestone to be read during Sunday services, please send it to Pamela at pamela@churchofstmartin.org by 6:00 pm on Friday.

Church Office Hours

We are open in person Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We still strongly recommend wearing a mask indoors and when visiting our office. You can also reach the office by calling us at 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org.

Online Services and Communications Requests

Do you know what to do if you have communications requests, such as an event announcement or blog post? We have a deadline of 9am Thursdays for inclusion in that week's Friday eblast and/or the Sunday bulletins and announcements. Please submit your request to <https://bit.ly/3iLlpYW> or email the details to info@churchofstmartin.org. To see more information on how to join our online services, please see our [Online Services and Communications Requests](#).

How to Stay Connected to the Diocese

The Diocese of Northern California: Connect with Us

Visit the Diocese of Northern California [website](#) and sign up to get good, updated information from the Diocese straight into your inbox.

Diocesan Annual Convention–October 20 - 22

Diocesan Annual Convention will take place on the dates above in Redding, California. This will be the first in-person convention in two years. Clergy and St. Martin's lay delegates (elected at our 2022 Annual Meeting) will be attending. The convention is open to all who wish to attend, although only clergy and lay delegates can vote. For more information, see the 2022 Convention on the Diocesan website [here](#).