

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 9, 2022

Interested? Please Let Us Know by October 17

“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! **We need to hear from you by October 17 if you want to attend the retreat** (see registration link in next announcement). 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 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! Register for the retreat [HERE](#). **We need to hear from you by October 17 if you plan to attend the retreat.**

Happening This Week

Today: Godly Play, October 9 at 10am

Godly Play meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. In October, that is today, October 9, and again on October 23. Children ages Kindergarten through Grade 6 are all welcome to join the Godly Play teachers in Room 4 at 10:00am. The children will be back in church in time to have Communion with their family members.

Today: Processing the Pandemic, October 9 after the 10 o’clock Service

Join us for an opportunity to explore the lessons learned after living with a pandemic for over two years. This session will be led by our seminarian, Betsy McElroy, after the 10:00am service. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and meet Betsy in Room 6/7 for a thought-provoking discussion.

Sneak Peek of Paul's Place, October 10

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 a **tour and panel discussion** about the vision and collaboration behind this project on **October 10 from 5:30 - 7:30pm**. Project architect, Maria Ogrydziak, will be one of those on the panel. For more information and to register, go to ea22-paulsplace.eventbrite.com.

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

Writing our stories can help us understand our life better, help us move on from stuck places, or bring us joy from the memories brought to light. This class is based on Sandra Marinella's book *The Story You Need to Tell*. If you attended and were inspired to move on to writing some of your own stories, this next group is for you. If you did not attend, you are still welcome. 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. **The class will meet for four weeks on Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon starting October 12** We'll meet in person or on Zoom, depending on what is best for those enrolled. Email the office (info@churchofstmartin.org) or Susan Lugo to sign up.

Class with Pamela: "How2Charist" Wraps Up on October 12

Have you ever wondered about what an "instructed Eucharist" is? How2charist is a video version of that, offering information, history, and reflection questions that illuminate the liturgy's beauty and spirit. This 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. Contact Rev. Pamela with any questions.

Stewardship Season is Here: "More than Enough"

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. The theme of our stewardship campaign this year is "More than Enough." Read about it in a letter from Co-Sr. Warden Neil Willits that was mailed out to you this week in the U.S. mail. Stewardship season will conclude this year with an ingathering on November 13, when we celebrate the Feast of St. Martin!

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://tinyurl.com/StMartVestryNews>

Sign Up NOW for these Upcoming Events

Seeds of Justice Welcomes Melinda Adams (San Carlos Apache) on October 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**. The registration link below is different than the meeting link, which you'll

receive after you register. If you have any trouble registering, please reach out to the office; we're happy to help.

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/>

Newcomers' Brunch–October 23

Newcomers (and anyone else who wishes!) 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, contact 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.

Half Day Work Party with Sierra Service Project–November 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 for families in transitional housing. All we have to do is show up with a can-do attitude, wear sturdy shoes, and pack a lunch. We will leave St. Martin's parking lot on Sunday morning at 11 am. **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. For more information or to participate, contact Tim Williams **by October 30 via** email or cell phone (info in the new directory) or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

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/>

More Formation, Education, and Fellowship Opportunities

Talking Through Political Divisions: Having Hard Conversations With Compassion

Facilitator: 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/D6Q2ENHrqz6wo6F8>.**

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.

Rector's Office Hours

Pamela holds office hours most weeks on Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm outside near the prayer chalkboard (weather permitting) or indoors in the church library. **Her next 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 Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Please know that people you have placed on the Parish Prayer List are being prayed for. Please see the information on our website about how to make a prayer request (i.e., to have someone put on our written prayer list). You will also find other useful information, such as how long we keep people on the prayer list. [HERE](#) is the link (scroll down to the section that says "Do you have a prayer request?").

Prayer Requests, Celebrations and Milestones for Sunday Services

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

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

Worship Commission: Tuesday, October 11 at 5:00pm

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, November 4 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? 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. Tables will be put up for you. We also need people to sign up to bring snacks. 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. 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

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 Rev. Pamela (pamela@churchofstmartin.org).

Church Office Hours

We are open in person Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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](#).