

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 16, 2022

Interested? We Need to Know by Monday, October 17

“Revive” Discipleship Program

Many of us are looking for ways to re-connect with one another and God and to find renewal and re-engagement after a period of so much communal change and anxiety. Exhaustion, burnout, or even a sense of disorientation ("What's next? What matters? Do I still care about the things I used to care about?") are rampant across communities and organizations today, including the church.

Revive is a small-group program designed to engage us in ways that are revitalizing. It can help individuals grow in confidence as spiritual leaders, become re-energized with new ideas, and learn about ourselves and God. **This formation opportunity begins on Friday, October 28 with a retreat to St. Dorothy’s Rest in Meeker, CA** (see 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. The focus for these six weeks will be on prayer, meditation, and various spiritual practices. This is not a class where we just *talk about* prayer, but an actual opportunity to practice and explore, both individually and in a supportive, small-group environment.

If you want to be part of the Revive program, please sign up for the Retreat and indicate your interest on the form (see registration link in next announcement). **We need to hear from you by October 17.** This is a small-group program and so is limited to 12 people, but we can form additional groups if needed. **If you have questions, or really want to participate but the timing doesn’t work for you, contact Rev. Pamela by email or speak with her after church on Sunday.**

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](#). **Let us hear from you by October 17 if you plan to attend the retreat.**

Happening Soon

This Sunday! 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://bit.ly/3TIN3Q9>

Godly Play Next Week, October 23

Godly Play continues to meet twice a month in Room 4 on Sundays at 10:00am. The next Godly Play Sunday will be October 23. Children ages K - Grade 6 are welcome!

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.” You should have received a letter with a pledge card in the U.S. mail from Co-Sr. Warden Neil Willits. As Neil explains, your pledges help us plan responsibly for next year. You can also find a transcript of Neil’s short talk given in church last Sunday launching this year’s stewardship season [HERE](#). **You may return your pledges to us in one of several ways:** mail your pledge to the church office, send in your pledge to our confidential Stewardship email address (stewardship@churchofstmartin.org), or bring your pledge to church on the day of our ingathering on November 13, when we celebrate the Feast of St. Martin! If you cannot make it to the ingathering, you are welcome to bring your pledge to church any Sunday and place it in the offering basket. Thank you one and all!

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>

New and Noteworthy

Eucharistic Visitor Ministry Replaces Shared Home Communion

Shared Home Communion (the distribution of pre-consecrated wafers for consumption at the appointed time while participating in a live-streamed service of Holy Eucharist) was a pastoral response to the public health emergency that required churches to stop holding in-person worship services due to the threat posed by COVID. But fortunately we are in a different phase of the pandemic and have resumed not only in-person worship but also our Eucharistic Visitor ministry. We are thus ending the Shared Home Communion program, with deep gratitude to all who made it possible. Hybrid worship, the St. Martin’s Messengers, and other ways to stay connected to those who can’t be at church in person are all continuing and, in some cases, may even expand as needed. To request a Eucharistic Visitor visit or to learn about the St. Martin’s Messenger packets, contact the church office (530-756-0444 orinfo@churchofstmartin.org). For a fuller explanation, please see a letter from Rev. Pamela posted on our website: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/communion>

All Saints Day and Dia de los Muertos

All Saints’ Day, Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00pm: Join us for an All Saints’ Day Holy Eucharist and a reading of the Necrology (which commemorates our loved ones who have departed in the past year). At this time we will also begin creating our *ofrenda* in anticipation of our November 6 Dia de los Muertos celebration.

St. Martin’s Ofrenda for Dia de los Muertos: We will have both an indoor and outdoor *ofrenda* which we will create beginning November 1. You may bring items (photos or

memories of loved ones) to place on the *ofrenda* starting at the All Saints' Day service (Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00pm). You may also bring items on Sunday or any weekday during office hours (Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm). Please put your name on the back so that we can return items to you after November 6.

Sunday, November 6: Dia de Los Muertos: We will celebrate Dia de los Muertos at both services and have a special coffee hour with pan dulce after the 10am service. We will also read the Necrology at both services. Join us! For more information, see our article on "Día de Los Muertos and How it Relates to All Saint's Day" at this link:

<https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/DayoftheDead>

Please Send in Names for This Year's Necrology

All are invited to submit names of those who have passed away in the past year (November 1, 2021 - now) to be included in our All Saints' Day Necrology. This list will be read both on All Saints' Day at our 7:00pm service and on November 6 at both Sunday services. Please submit names of anyone you wish to have included by October 30 to the church office (530-756-0444; info@churchofstmartin.org).

A Note about Our Website

There are changes afoot with the website! We are working on making the website more up to date. It's not quite done, so please bear with us. If you have any questions, please email communications@churchofstmartin.org.

Sign Up NOW for these Upcoming Events

Newcomers' Brunch—October 23

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, contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) to let us know you'll be attending.

Coming Soon: St. Martin's next Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle

Sacred Ground is a discussion series on race, grounded in faith, developed by the Episcopal Church. Small groups use films and readings to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The Rev. Ernie Lewis and Carole Hom will co-facilitate a new Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle to start in November and end in May, dates and times TBD. For more information, see the flyer on the Vestry Listening Table at coffee hour, come to the Zoom info session at 4pm on 23 October at tinyurl.com/StMSGDCzoom, or contact Carole (info in church directory or email office to connect).

Half Day Work Party with Sierra Service Project—November 6

Parishioners are invited to join Tim Williams on 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 11am. **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).

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

In our increasingly politically polarized world, it is difficult to have conversations across political divisions. 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 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>.**

Upcoming 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://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/ColorofLabor>

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 18.** 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

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm (in the church)

Vestry: Monday, October 24 at 4:30pm

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

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

Ministry Council: Tuesday, November 2 at 10:00am (at the church)

Worship Commission: Tuesday, November 15 at 5:15pm

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

Volunteers are essential to most of our ministries. 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](#).