

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 23, 2022

Happening This Week

Newcomers' Brunch This Sunday, October 23

Newcomers are invited to attend our Newcomers' Brunch, held right 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 just want to meet new people, you are welcome. Room 6/7 patio.

Godly Play This Sunday, October 23

Godly Play meets this Sunday, October 23 in Room 4 at 10:00am. Children ages K - Grade 6 are welcome! Godly Play meets twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays.

Send in Names for This Year's Necrology by October 30

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).

Diocesan Annual Convention Happening This Week October 20 - 22 in Redding

Diocesan Annual Convention is taking place this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Redding, California. This is the first in-person convention in two years. Rev. Pamela, Deacon Margaret and our seminarian Betsy McElroy will be attending along with seven lay delegates who were elected at our 2022 Annual Meeting (Maria Acuna-Feldman, Helen Campbell, Francis David, Carole Hom, Elise Keddie, Janet Lane, Lynn Zender). We ask that you pray for our convention attendees as well as for all in the Diocese who will be attending convention. For convention information, see the 2022 Convention on the Diocesan website [here](#).

Information Session on St. Martin's Next Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle, October 23

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 October 23 at tinyurl.com/StMSGDCzoom, or contact Carole (info in church directory or email office to connect).

Chamber Music Society of Sacramento Concert at St. Martin's, Saturday, October 29

St. Martin's is hosting a Chamber Music Society of Sacramento concert on Saturday, October 29 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. The concert will feature pieces by Beethoven, Mozart, and Nielson. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$12 - \$30 and go to support their programs (such as the

Davis Young Artists one-week workshop offered each summer). Tickets and more information are also available on the group's website: <https://cmssacto.org/>

Other Noteworthy

It's Stewardship Season: "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 find a transcript of Neil's short talk and Vestry member Diane Bamforth's talk given in church the last Sundays [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!

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 or info@churchofstmartin.org). For a fuller explanation, please see a letter from Rev. Pamela posted on our website: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/communion>

"Revive" and All Parish Retreat Postponed to the New Year!

We have postponed these offerings and will start Revive small groups in the New Year. Please see the letter below from Rev. Pamela.

Dear Ones,

They say that in real estate, location is everything. In the rest of life, it seems to be all about timing!

Our very busy fall schedule has perhaps been a tad overly ambitious. (There are times when my enthusiasm gets the best of me!) I've received lots of feedback that people are interested in a retreat and in the Revive program but the timing is just not right. So, we are regrouping with a new plan.

We will start Revive small groups in the New Year. We will still begin with a retreat, but it will be nearby (or maybe onsite) and not require an overnight. This will also help accommodate people who still need to be extra careful about COVID precautions, or for whom a long drive is not feasible. It will also cut down on expenses.

Meanwhile, there will be different offerings for Wednesday nights in November and December. Keep your eyes open for that information, coming soon! And we'll send out the specifics about Revive and the retreat very soon as well, so that everyone has plenty of time to plan ahead.

Many thanks to all who have responded to my requests for more feedback and advice. I appreciate all of you and your wisdom and insights.

Meanwhile, please keep everyone who is off to Convention this weekend in your prayers!

Blessings,
Pamela+

Encouraging All to Wear Name Tags

Now that we are returning to church in person in larger numbers and since many joined us during the pandemic lock-down, we hope all will wear name tags so that we can learn each other's names. If you need a name tag (new or replacement), just put your name on the list on the welcome table at church. Your new name tag will be available the following Sunday. In the meantime, we have stick-on name tags at the welcome table.

Happening Soon

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; see below for more information.

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>

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>.

Half Day Work Party with Sierra Service Project–November 6

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, wear sturdy shoes, and pack a lunch. We will leave St. Martin's parking lot on Sunday morning at 11am. **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 information or to participate, see Tim Williams at church on Sunday, email him **by October 30** or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

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>

A Conversation about Housing, November 17, 6:30pm, Congregation Bet Haverim

On Thursday, November 17, at 6:30pm Interfaith Housing Justice Davis and The League of Women Voters Davis Area invite you to a discussion about solutions, in our own communities, to undo racial segregation and begin to repair the harms it has caused. Leah Rothstein will set the stage with her soon to be published book, *Just Action: Creating a Movement That Can End Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein and Leah Rothstein. She will provide descriptions and examples of strategies and policies a community can use to challenge racial segregation and promote inclusive housing. Davis Mayor Lucas Frerichs will make opening remarks. There will be audience Q&A and refreshments.. To reserve a seat and/or make a donation, go to bit.ly/JustActionHousing. All proceeds will go to the City of Davis Housing Trust Fund. In-person at: Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Road in Davis.

Staying Connected with Each Other

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.

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 25.** 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

Vestry: Monday, October 24 at 4:30pm

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, October 27 at 7:00pm (in the church)

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 Become 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 <mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org>. To see more information on how to join our online services, please see our [Online Services and Communications Requests](#).

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