

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Happening This Week

The Feast of St. Martin and Ingathering, This Sunday November 13

Sunday we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St. Martin of Tours. Martin was a soldier and a conscientious objector, a great leader yet someone who did not want to be elevated to the order of Bishop. Martin is a complicated, wonderful saint who helps remind us there are many ways to follow Jesus and love our neighbor. We will also be recognizing Veterans' Day at both services with a special prayer at 8am and a national song at 10am. Come celebrate together!

Sunday is also our **stewardship ingathering day**, where we ask you to bring your 2023 pledges to church to submit them in person and have them blessed. Remember, a pledge is an estimate of what you will be able to contribute financially to the parish and is critical to our budget-planning process. If you have already submitted your pledge, thank you. You will still have an opportunity to come forward on Sunday and have your intention and commitment blessed.

Stay after the 10am service for a **special coffee hour** featuring French-themed foods and goose-shaped cookies. Why French food? Because St. Martin was from Tours, France. (Bien sur!) And why goose-shaped cookies? Well, come to coffee hour to find out! If you cannot attend and bring your pledge, you may mail or bring your pledge to the church office or send it in to our confidential Stewardship email address (stewardship@churchofstmartin.org).

Godly Play Meets This Sunday

This Sunday, November 13, children K - Grade 6 are invited to Room 4 at 10:00am for Godly Play. Godly Play meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Upcoming Seeds of Justice, Program Year 2, Speaker, This Sunday!

All are invited to our final fall Seeds of Justice talk, "*How Manifest Destiny Changed the Color of Labor.*" Our speaker is John M. Liu, Professor Emeritus in the Departments of Asian American Studies and Sociology, UC Irvine.

Register in advance for Zoom participation: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/ColorofLabor>

The registration link above is NOT the Zoom meeting link; once you register, that information will be given to you. If you have any problems with registering online, please reach out to the office so we can assist you.

Last Call for Thanksgiving Project Donations November 13

The Christine Blanchard Thanksgiving Project is gratefully accepting donations in any amount. Sunday, November 13 is the last day to donate. Through your generous contributions, we have collected \$3,375 to date. This leaves us significantly short of our goal of \$8,625, which would allow us to serve 80 families with \$100 gift cards and 25 students with \$25 gift cards. For over 30 years, we have collected donations at this time of year to help families in our community have an abundant Thanksgiving meal. To donate, send a check to St. Martin's with "Thanksgiving Project" in the memo line or use the "GIVE" button on our website and select "Thanksgiving Project" from the

dropdown menu. Questions? Contact Jerry Hulbert, Bob Polkinghorn or Diana Glick (contacts in directory) or the church office. Thank you for participating in this St. Martin's tradition!

New & Noteworthy

Vestry Nominations

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry will soon be accepting nominations for the 2023 Vestry. Parishioners may self-nominate or be nominated by others. The Vestry seeks diverse members to replace the three or four Vestry members whose terms are ending and are now called to other ministries. "Diverse" in this context means a balance with respect to age, gender and race/ethnicity as well as a mix of those new to St. Martin's and longtime parishioners. We also seek members with interest in different areas of ministry. The Canons of the Diocese explain that vestry members should be "stewards of their time, talent, and treasure for support" of the church. In other words, serving on Vestry helps ensure St. Martin's does its best to care for the parish, the larger church, and the community. For a glimpse of Vestry service, see the link to the Vestry page on our website [HERE](#), which includes meeting agendas, minutes and "Vestry News and Review" articles. You can also speak to any member of the Vestry or the Rector about what is involved in serving on Vestry. Look for nomination forms soon!

Matthew 25 Update

A committee of five members of St. Martin's—from Vestry, the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, and the parish at large—has been meeting to consider the recipients of the 2022 Matthew 25 grant program. If you have a worthy organization that you would like to see funded, please contact the office with your nomination as soon as possible. Past recipients include Davis Community Meals and Housing, STEAC (short-term emergency food aid), and other valuable organizations that help those in need, locally and farther afield. Many thanks to Kimo Kimokeo, Bob Polkinghorn, Jordan Roberts, and Ann and Walt Stone for organizing this important process.

Upcoming Office Closures

The church office will be **closed in observance of Veterans' Day on Monday, November 14**. We will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 - 25 for Thanksgiving. **If you have an announcement that you'd like put into the bulletin for Sunday, Nov. 27**, please email it to the office at info@churchofstmartin.org by Monday Nov. 21 at 10am.

Come See Us at Farmers' Market on November 19

The St. Martin's booth at the Farmers' Market is up and running. We plan to be there two or three Saturdays a month, from about 8:30am to 1pm, depending on volunteer availability. So far, we have talked to a number of people interested in St. Martin's ministries. We will be there next on November 19. Come see us! Thanks to Tim Williams and the Invite, Welcome, Connect group for getting this ministry off the ground. And if you want to volunteer, contact Tim or the church office.

Our Seminarian Betsy's Ordination Date

God willing and the people consenting, our seminarian Betsy McElroy will be ordained on December 3 as a transitional deacon on her path toward becoming a priest. The Rt. Rev. Betsey

Monnot will ordain Betsy at 2:00pm at St. Paul's Cathedral in Des Moines, Iowa. The service will be live streamed and we will make the link available when we have it. We all congratulate Betsy and pray for her as she begins this new stage in ministry. *Blessings on your journey, Betsy!*

Christian Formation & Social Justice Learning Opportunities

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.

Peace and Justice Film Series Beginning

Two Episcopal churches in different parts of California, Messiah in Santa Ana and St. Martin's in Davis, will collaborate monthly to discuss documentaries that have social and environmental justice themes. We hope connecting congregations from different geographic locations will enrich discussions. Doing so can sharpen perceptions and help us appreciate our common humanity.

The movies chosen will be available on Netflix. After viewing the selection independently, participants join on Zoom for about an hour-long discussion on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Contact the office for the Zoom information. Biff Baker (Russian Studies) and John M. Liu (Asian American Studies and Sociology), two professors emeriti from UC Irvine will facilitate.

The first movie in this shared program will be:

[Ayotzinapa - El paso de la Tortuga](#): Wednesday, November 23, 7:00pm. This is a documentary on the 2014 forced disappearance of 43 students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers' College and the highly controversial government investigation that followed. Produced by Guillermo del Toro. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Next month's selection will be:

We Steal Secrets - The Story of WikiLeaks: Wednesday, December 28, 7:00pm

Please contact Ann or John Liu with any questions. All are welcome to join in these discussions, which are sure to be fascinating and informative!

New Sacred Ground Circle Starting in November

Sacred Ground is a discussion series on race, grounded in faith and 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 that will meet in person on Sunday afternoons, starting in late November, and meet approximately every two weeks (with breaks for holidays) until the last session in May. Interested? Contact Ernie or Carole (contact info in church directory) or the office to help you connect (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Advent is Almost Here!

Advent Wreath Making in Godly Play on November 27

Children in Godly Play will have an opportunity to make an Advent Wreath on November 27. We will do this during class time and then bring our creations into church to be blessed. Materials will be provided and we will plan for one wreath per family. Donations of \$5 for candles would be appreciated but not expected. If you think that your children or grandchildren will be attending on this day please let the office or Diane Bamforth know by November 21 so that we can plan to have enough materials. All parishioners are welcome to bring their own wreaths to church to be blessed at the end of the service.

Journeying the Way of Love: Advent Formation Opportunity beginning on November 27

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 27, after the 10 o'clock service to learn about our upcoming class on Journeying the Way of Love in Advent. We'll spend an hour together getting acquainted with the curriculum and learning about the seven spiritual practices in the Way of Love, what we mean when we talk about a Rule of Life, and how the scripture passages we associate with Advent can help us draw closer to God and one another. Come to this first gathering and then decide if you want to participate in the four Wednesday night sessions that will follow. Either way, go home with a special Advent calendar! To check out the Advent curriculum we will be using, you can find it here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/journeying-way-love/>.

Next Spirituality in Nature Gathering on Saturday, December 10, from 10am to 12noon

A recent nationwide survey of American spiritual and religious practices confirmed what most of us already know: people connect with the Holy when they spend time in nature. We are planning monthly Spirituality in Nature Gatherings (known as SINGs!) at various locations in the area, where we can learn from the earth and from one another. Generally, these will take place on the second Saturday of each month. In November we were at Forbes Ranch, planting trees, picking fruit, and learning about gratitude. This month we'll be right here on the St. Martin's campus, exploring the theme of incarnation and taking a prayer walk. Look for announcements on future Nature Gatherings. For questions, contact Rev. Pamela, Alessa Johns, Rev. Debbie Hawkins, Stan Forbes, Jim Schaal, or the church office.

Save the Dates for December Special Services

Blue Christmas, December 11 at 4:00pm: A service specially designed for those who might be experiencing grief or may not feel joyful during this Christmas season.

Advent Lessons and Carols, December 18 at 4:00pm: We join the Sanctuary Choir in singing songs of Advent and reading lessons.

Las Posadas, December 18 at 5:00pm: A traditional Latin American service commemorating the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem looking for shelter and a place for Jesus to be born. We will walk around the church grounds going door-to-door and end with a celebration and caroling in the Parish Hall.

Other Noteworthy Updates

We Need Your Help with Coffee Hour Hospitality!!

Do you enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship during coffee hour after the 10am service? Could you help host coffee hour once every month or two? You can sign up on SignUp Genius for the date(s) you wish to host: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/hospitality>

Tables will always be put up for you in advance. We have 3 different sign-up slots for volunteers a) Make coffee and put items out on the coffee and snack tables starting at 9 or 9:15am; b) Bring snacks; c) Clean up after coffee hour (starting about 11:45am). Let's continue to have a great coffee hour, with everyone's help!

St. Martin's, Sierra Service Project, and Safe Harbor Build a Community Garden

On November 6, a strong and mighty group of eight from St. Martin's traveled to Sacramento to work on the Safe Harbor Gathering Garden. The event was sponsored by St. Martin's Social Justice and Outreach and TYGMOS. Through God's loving and caring, it was rewarding to be able to work together to accomplish our task, build community, and help provide a hand up to a community that is trying to better themselves. Click on the link [HERE](#) to read more about this service project.

Staying Connected with Each Other

Encouraging All to Wear Name Tags

Now that we have returned 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.

Rector's Office Hours - Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most weeks on Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the church library.

Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, November 16. 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, November 14 at 4:30pm

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, November 17 at 7:00pm (in the church)

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00pm

Invite, Welcome, Connect: Thursday, December 1 at 7:00pm

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, December 2 at 4:00pm

Ministry Council: Thursday, December 8 at 10:00am (church library)

Caring Ministries: December 13 at 7:00pm

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.

Regular 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.

Upcoming Office Closures: Monday, November 14 in observance of Veterans' Day; Thursday – Friday, November 24 – 25 for Thanksgiving.

Ways to Become More Involved

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://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/worshpsignup>