

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 24, 2023**

**This Week**

**Sunday! Homecoming/Kick-Off Celebration**

This Sunday, September 24, is Homecoming/Kick-Off Sunday, the day we celebrate our rector's return from sabbatical and the beginning of our program year. After the 10am service, stay for lunch and fellowship. We will have activities for children. We are hosting a raffle with an array of prizes (see below). Let's make this event a great way to start the program year! Please join in the celebration!

**Get Your Raffle Tickets!**

Raffle tickets for the September 24 Homecoming/Kick-Off will still be available for purchase on Sunday after both services. The raffle will take place after the 10am service during the Homecoming/Kick-Off Celebration. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. You may write a check or pay with cash. Ticket purchasers can put their ticket(s) in containers corresponding to the specific prize(s) they want. Prizes include tickets to an Aggie football game, a Get Fit Davis gym membership, a financial planning session, tickets to Golfland/Sunsplash, a mainstage subscription for two at the Sofia (home of B Street Theatre in Sacramento), a Tres Hermanas restaurant gift certificate, Mondavi Center tickets, a quilt, a table runner, a homemade jam package, an evening with the Pope of Foam, and more. The funds raised will go towards St. Martin's programs. Note that raffle ticket purchases are not tax deductible.

**Godly Play**

Godly Play for children in kindergarten through 6th grade began this month and meets **every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month**. Children are brought back to the sanctuary in time to have Communion with their families. **Register your child(ren) for Godly Play here:** <https://forms.gle/2Sa71iJs2NMEbsJm6> For in-person registration, we have hard-copy registration forms in the Godly Play room (Room 4). If you are interested in being part of the Godly Play teaching team or have other questions, talk to Rev. Pamela or Sheri Reynolds.

**Nursery Open**

Our nursery is open on Sundays from 9:30 - 11:30am for infants through age 5. Children of all ages are also always welcome in church! The front left pews in church are for families with children who wish to sit up front. We have coloring materials and quiet toys in this area.

**Music Notes for This Sunday, September 24**

Today's music not only reflects the Lectionary, but also celebrates the sabbatical return of our rector. We are opening with a processional that the clergy and staff think of as "our hymn" at St. Martin's, "Earth and all stars," whose text is perfect for a church in a university town. We have also included one of Pamela's favorite hymns, "I come with joy to meet my Lord," during Communion. Its tune, *Land of Rest*, is an American folk melody with deep roots in Celtic Britain. The choir anthem will comment upon issues raised in the readings with Mark Schweizer's contemporary setting of a poem by the 17th-century mystic, George Herbert.

## **Happening Soon**

### **The Story You Need to Tell - Writing Workshop in October**

We all have stories to tell, memories to put down on paper, 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 from the memories. Using prompts from Sandra Marinella's book *The Story You Need to Tell*, we'll spend time writing during class. Time will be allotted for those who wish to share a written piece. 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 meets in-person at St. Martin's on Fridays from 10am to 12pm for four sessions in October. Please send an email to the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) by September 30 to indicate interest. For questions, contact Susan Lugo (contact in church directory).

### **Heat, Health, and Racial Justice: A Free Online Discussion, Thursday, September 28**

The summer of 2023 was the hottest ever recorded, increasing the risk of heat-related illnesses. While the rising number of heat waves will affect everyone to some capacity, this discussion will dive into the impacts heat has on our public health and how BIPOC communities (Black, Indigenous, people of color) are disproportionately at risk due to the oppressive systems in our institutions and society. Join presenters from the Harvard School of Public Health and Northeastern University for this free online event on Thursday, September 28, 3-4pm (Pacific). To register or get more information, go to: <https://www.climatecrew.org> This event is sponsored by CREW (Communities Responding to Extreme Weather) and is part of Climate Prep Week.

### **One-Day Racial Reconciliation Workshops**

Most lay ministers, including Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Healing Ministers, Sunday School teachers, and Vestry, are required to complete a racial reconciliation requirement once every five years. One way to fulfill this requirement is by taking a one-day workshop, entitled "I will with God's help: Journey toward Racial Healing and Justice." Two workshops will be offered soon:

***Saturday, October 7, 9:30am to 4:30pm at St. Mary's, Napa (\$25 includes lunch)***

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/232274791754161> (Registration Deadline: Sept. 30)

***Saturday, October 28, 9:30 to 4:30pm at St. John's, Roseville (\$25 includes lunch)***

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/232397759732167> (Registration Deadline: Oct. 21)

For more information about these workshops, see the link [HERE](#). Talk to Gabe or the clergy for questions, particularly if you are not sure if your ministry requires you to take this training.

### **CDSP to Host Panel Discussion on Open Communion, October 9, 4-6pm**

On October 9th from 4-6pm, Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) will partner with the Diocese of Northern California in a discussion of the proposal to repeal CANON I.17.7 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, which states: "No unbaptized person shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion in this Church." The proposal, which never made it out of committee at the 80th General Convention, created much discussion and controversy. At this event, titled *Canon, Communion, and Controversy*, the panel of speakers will be Bishop Megan Traquair, The Rev. Br. Simeon (Lewis) Powell, The Rev. James Richardson, and the Rev. Stephen Shaver. To register to attend in person or online, please go [HERE](#).

### **Save the Dates for St. Martin's Events in October**

**Sunday, October 8:** Welcome back students! Blessing of backpacks and bicycles.

**Sunday, October 15:** Celebration of St. Francis Day! Outdoor service at 10am with blessing of the animals. The 8am service will be livestreamed on this date.

**Sunday, October 29:** Día de los Muertos! Special music, indoor and outdoor ofrenda, pan dulce during coffee hour.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Social Justice and Outreach:** Tuesday, September 26 at 5:45pm on Zoom

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, September 28 at 7pm in the church

**Buildings & Grounds:** Friday, September 29 at 4pm on Zoom

**Vestry:** Tuesday, October 3 at 7pm in the church library

**Caring Ministries:** Tuesday, October 10 at 7pm on Zoom

### **Rev. Pamela's Office Hours**

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Tuesday most weeks. **Her next office hours will be on**

**Tuesday, September 26 from 4 - 5pm.** Depending on the weather, she holds office hours in the church library or in the outdoor area on Hawthorn Lane near the prayer chalkboard. If you would like to see Pamela at a time other than her office hours, please write her directly

([pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org)) or contact the church office.

### **Church Office Hours**

The church office is open Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in-person or you can also reach the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).