

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 1, 2023**

***This Week***

**First Sunday Service at 10am**

Sunday, October 1 is a “First Sunday” service at 10am. Godly Play does not meet on First Sundays. The 10am service is more interactive and informal than usual, and we strive to make worship accessible for even the youngest in the congregation. Anyone who wishes to sing in the choir may join the Pop-Up Choir for the anthem this Sunday and on all First Sundays. If you can, please join the short rehearsal at 9:15am on Sunday morning to practice the anthem. If you cannot be here for the rehearsal, you are still welcome to sing.

**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.

***Next Sunday and Beyond***

**Student Welcome Sunday and Blessings of the Bikes and Backpacks on October 8**

During both services on Sunday, October 8, we’ll be offering a big WELCOME to all students, especially those college students who are just getting started this quarter. After the 10am service we’ll have a Blessing of the Bikes and Backpacks out on the Great Lawn. Ride your bicycle to church, bring your backpack, and whether you’re in preschool, college, grad school, or just like to bike, we’ll make sure you’re blessed! PLEASE lock your bicycle before you come into church; we will also have a couple of people keeping an eye on our bikes during the service, just to be safe. Finally, there will be some prizes and food, so be sure to stick around and invite friends, even if they just want to come at 11:15am for the festivities. All are welcome!

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

We all have stories to tell, memories and events to put down on paper in order to heal. Writing our stories can help us understand our life better, move on from stuck places, or find joy from the memories. Using prompts from Sandra Marinella's book *The Story You Need to Tell*, we’ll spend time writing during class. Having a regular time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere will be the focus of this class. This class meets 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)) to indicate interest. For questions, contact Susan Lugo (contact in church directory).

**Blessing of the Animals - Two Opportunities**

***At The Belfry Campus Ministry:*** The Belfry's annual St. Francis Day outdoor service, dinner, and blessing of the animals is Thursday, October 5th. Animal blessing 5:30pm, service at 6:00pm, vegetarian BBQ dinner 6:15pm. All are welcome! Bring your pets (or a picture). 216 A Street, Davis. For additional information about happenings at the Belfry, please click [HERE](#) for a note from the Belfry’s Peer Minister, Ben Brophy. Ben also attends St. Martin’s.

***At St. Martin’s:*** St. Martin’s Blessing of the Animals will take place on October 15 during the 10am service. This service will be outdoors on the Great Lawn. Bring yourselves and your pets!

The 10am service will not be livestreamed this day; instead the 8am Rite 1 service will be livestreamed.

### **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](#).

### ***Other Announcements and Volunteer Opportunities***

#### **In Loving Memory**

With heavy hearts, we inform you of the death of parishioner Frank Brown. You may remember him as a reader, a Eucharistic Visitor, and a member of Social Justice and Outreach. Services are pending, and we will let you know the details as soon as we have them. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

*God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.* (BCP p. 504)

#### **St. Martin’s Flower Guild Needs You**

If you enjoy arranging flowers, we’d love to have you join the St. Martin’s Flower Guild. We’ll train you and reimburse you for flowers. For more information, please contact the flower guild chair, Carole Hom, or the church office.

### ***Dates to Note***

#### **Save the Dates for St. Martin’s Events in October/November**

**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 Rite 1 service will be livestreamed on this date.

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

**Sunday, November 5:** All Saints Day. Reading of the Necrology at 8am and after the 10am service in the columbarium.

**Sunday, November 12:** The Feast of St. Martin. Celebration of St. Martin's 70th anniversary.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Vestry:** Monday, October 2 at 7pm in the church library

**Worship Commission:** Monday, October 9 at 5pm in the church library

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

**Buildings and Grounds:** Friday, October 27 at 4pm on Zoom

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

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Tuesday most weeks. **Her next office hours will be on Tuesday, October 3 from 4 - 5pm.** Find her 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 different time, please contact 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).