

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 8, 2023

This Week

Student Welcome Sunday and Blessings of the Bikes and Backpacks

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 pizza, donuts, and soft drinks along with prizes, so be sure to stick around and invite friends, even if they just want to come at 11:15 for the festivities. All are welcome!

Music Notes for Sunday, October 8

Keith Getty's exuberant hymn "In Christ Alone" connects today's second reading and Gospel passage with an emphatic declaration of the confidence gained through the power of Christ, who is the Chief Cornerstone. Today's version was arranged by Libby Larsen, and takes us through a series of key changes till we "arrive" at a triumphant quotation from the hymn "The Solid Rock." Keith Getty is a Northern Irish singer-songwriter who is known the world over as a composer of dynamic, Celtic-flavored hymns and hymn tunes.

In Loving Memory

With heavy hearts, we inform you of the death of parishioner Nancy Nesbit-Crummey. Nancy was involved in many St. Martin's ministries. Many of you may remember her long service as chair of the Altar Guild. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 11am at the Davis Cemetery; all are welcome. Please keep her 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)

Next Sunday and Beyond

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 15 during the 10am service, we'll be blessing animals of all kinds. This service will be outdoors on the Great Lawn. Bring yourselves and your pets! Bring lawn chairs too (although we will have chairs available). The 10am service will not be livestreamed; instead the 8am Rite 1 service will be livestreamed for this week only.

St. Martin's Young Adult Gathering

Join us for the inaugural Young Adults group gathering on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30pm. If you're in your late teens, 20s, or 30s (small children also welcome with their parents!), join us for casual board games and dinner at the Belfry (216 A St), hosted by parishioners Ben and Sarah Eustis-Guthrie.

One-Day Racial Reconciliation Workshop

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.” The next workshop will be as follows:

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](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Collecting Diapers for Yolo Diaper Bank in October

During the month of October, St. Martin’s will participate in the Yolo Diaper Bank’s annual drive to collect disposable diapers and wipes. We will have a box in the narthex, where you can place diapers on Sunday during church or on weekdays from 9am - 12pm. The Yolo Diaper Bank distributes diapers and baby wipes to community agencies that serve families in need. Many families in Yolo County are forced to choose between buying diapers and buying other essentials, particularly since the cost of diapers has increased by 18% since January 2023. Question? Contact parishioner Nancy Anderson or the church office.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Events in October

We need a few extra hands to help at the following events:

8/15 Blessing of the Animals: 9am set-up (2 volunteers needed); 10am (2 extra ushers needed); 11am clean up (2 volunteers needed)

8/23 Set up Ofrenda for Día de los Muertos (On Monday, but time is flexible for volunteers)

If you can help, please sign up on the easel in the narthex or contact the church office.

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.

Seeking Matthew 25 Grant Selection Committee Members

It is time once again to bring together a team to identify and recommend to the Vestry organizations to receive our Matthew 25 outreach grants this year. The organizations selected must operate in ways that are consistent with the precepts of Matthew 25 (feed the hungry, clothe the needy, care for the sick, visit the prisoner); some vetting is required as well. We are seeking one or two parishioner representatives for this committee who would be willing to attend no more than three Zoom meetings. Ideally, the committee will conclude its work by mid-November. Interested? Contact the church office or Bob Polkinghorn.

Other Important Announcements

Please Send in Names for All Saint's Day Necrology

All are invited to submit names of those who have passed away in the past year (November 1, 2022 - present) to be included in our All Saints' Day Necrology. This list will be read at both All Saints' Day services on Sunday, Nov. 5. Please submit names of anyone you wish to have included by Monday, October 30 to the church office (530-756-0444; info@churchofstmartin.org).

Save the Dates for St. Martin's Events in October/November

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

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

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

Choir Practice: Thursday, October 12 at 7pm in the church

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, October 23 at 5:15pm on Zoom

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

Vestry: Monday, October 30, at 7pm in the church library

Nursery Open on Sundays

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.

Rev. Pamela's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Tuesday most weeks. **Her next office hours will be on Tuesday, October 10 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) or contact the church office.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in-person or contact the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org.