

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 15, 2023

This Week

Blessing of the Animals

This Sunday, October 15, we are celebrating the Feast of St. Francis. During the 10am service, we'll be blessing animals of all kinds at the outdoor service on the Great Lawn. Bring yourselves and your pets, along with lawn chairs or blankets; we will also have chairs available. The 10am service will not be livestreamed. Instead, the 8am Rite 1 service will be livestreamed for this week only.

Music Notes for Sunday, October 15

Sunday's music was chosen to honor what St. Francis stood for and to celebrate creation. Our worship will incorporate two musical prayers attributed to Francis. The hymn, "Lord, make us servants of your peace," was paraphrased by James Quinn, and the Offertory Anthem, "O Brother Sun" was adapted by Sharon Anway and set to a traditional Scottish tune.

No Godly Play This Sunday, October 15

Because of the Blessing of the Animals service at 10am, we will not have Godly Play this Sunday 10/15. Godly Play will resume on Sunday, October 22.

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 too!

St. Martin's Young Adult Gathering Coming Up this Wednesday!

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.

Stewardship Season

Fall is in the air, which means that Stewardship can't be far behind. This Sunday, in addition to the Blessing of the Animals, we'll segue gently into Stewardship with a brief greeting from our co-Senior Warden, Neil Willits. Much more information about this year's stewardship will be headed your way in the coming weeks.

Next Sunday and Beyond

Thanksgiving Gift Card Project Begins on Sunday, October 22

We are called to feed the hungry ((Mathew 25:35). Our annual Christine Blanchard Thanksgiving Project allows us to share the abundance we have with individuals and families in Yolo County who lack sufficient food. Every dollar you give will be used toward the purchase of grocery-store gift cards, which we will distribute the week of Thanksgiving. Providing gift cards allows recipients to purchase the food that *they* want to eat. You can support this project by making a monetary donation of any amount through November 13. Write a check to St. Martin's Church (or put it in the offering plate) with "Thanksgiving Project" in the memo line or use the "GIVE" button on our website and select "Thanksgiving Project" from the dropdown menu. The

project is named after the late Christine Blanchard, who made it her ministry to provide to families in need in the area, and is sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Volunteer Opportunities

Collecting Diapers for Yolo Diaper Bank in October

During the month of October, St. Martin's is participating in the Yolo Diaper Bank's annual drive to collect disposable diapers and wipes. We have a box in the narthex for your donations. The Yolo Diaper Bank distributes diapers and baby wipes to community agencies that serve families in need. Questions? Contact parishioner Nancy Anderson or the church office.

Volunteers Needed to Set Up the Ofrenda for Día de los Muertos

We need a few extra hands to help set up the Ofrenda for Día de los Muertos. Set up will be *the week of 10/23*, but the date and time are flexible depending on volunteer availability. If you can help, please sign up on the easel near the welcome table at church 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 Bob Polkinghorn or the church office.

Grace Garden's Autumn Work Party, Sunday, October 15 at 2pm

Come help grow fresh veggies and fruit for Davis Community Meals and Grace in Action. It's time to add mulch and compost to the 20 beds and orchard! Grace Garden is having their autumn work party on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 2:00-4:30pm at 1620 Anderson Road in Davis. Come help in the garden while rocking to the live music of the band *Yolo Noteworthy* as they play folk, rock, country, jazz, and their own originals.

Other Announcements and Updates

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, November 5. Please submit names by Monday, October 30 to the church office (530-756-0444; info@churchofstmartin.org).

Sunday, November 12 is a Big Day at St. Martin's

On Sunday, November 12, we will celebrate both the Feast of St. Martin and, this year, our 70th anniversary as a parish! Be sure to mark the date so that you can be here to celebrate.

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

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.

Sunday, December 3: Las Posadas, a reenactment of the Holy Family's search for lodging. After the 10am service.

Sunday, December 10: Blue Christmas Service at 4pm.

Sunday, December 17: Advent Lessons & Carols during 10am service.

Sunday, December 24: 8am Advent Eucharist; 3pm Christmas Eucharist with Pageant; 7pm and 10pm Festive Choral Christmas Eucharists.

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day Eucharist with Christmas Carols.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, October 19 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

Rev. Pamela's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela will not hold office hours next week. **Her next office hours will be on Tuesday, October 24 from 4 - 5pm.** 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.