

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 29, 2023

This Week

This Sunday October 29, Día de los Muertos

Sunday we celebrate Día de los Muertos! At the 10am service, we have special music and, in the narthex, an ofrenda with photos and mementos of loved ones who have passed away. Please be sure to stay for coffee hour after the 10am service. We will have pan dulce and a piñata during coffee hour. Kids and adults alike are invited to wear a costume! See the announcement below for a wonderful music note about Sunday's offertory anthem.

Music Notes for Sunday, October 29

The Offertory anthem for October 29 is the "Credo" from Carol Barnett's "World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass," the entirety of which we will present this spring, accompanied by bluegrass instruments. Musically, this work fuses classical structure with folk idioms; poetically, the text, provided by poet Marisha Chamberlain, explores the love of God through the rich metaphorical language of creation. The "Credo," like many of the movements, cannot replace the liturgy; rather than our normal Creed, this "Credo" is a poetic statement of belief in the continuity of life, using the metaphor of a river. We offer this on Día de los Muertos as a reminder that, on the journey down the river of life, there will be people we leave behind and people we will meet again, and no one goes alone.

Godly Play This Sunday, October 29, at 10am

Godly Play for children in kindergarten through 6th grade meets every Sunday except the first Sunday of each month at 10am. Children are brought back to the sanctuary in time to have Communion with their families.

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!

Rooted in Abundance: Stewardship Season is Here

This Sunday, we welcome Maria Acuna-Feldman at both services to say a few words about stewardship from her perspective. Previous speakers this year have been Matt Campbell and co-Sr. Warden Neil Willits. For a script of all the stewardship speakers' thoughts and other stewardship posts going forward, please see [HERE](#).

Stewardship materials were mailed to your home address. If you did not receive a packet, we have a limited number of copies in the narthex. We request your pledges by November 5. Use your pledge card or our confidential stewardship email: stewardship@churchofstmartin.org. St. Martin's is supported almost entirely by the financial gifts of our members and friends. ***We are very grateful for all pledges and donations given to the church.***

Thanksgiving Gift Card Project Underway

Our Social Justice & Outreach Committee is once again asking for your help in purchasing grocery gift cards at Thanksgiving for our friends in need in Yolo County. Our goal is to raise \$8,000. Make checks out to the Episcopal Church of St. Martin with subject line "Thanksgiving Project," or use the GIVE button on our website (select "Thanksgiving Project" from the drop-

down menu). Place checks in the offering plates or mail them in. Social Justice & Outreach Committee members will be at a table after both services for the next two Sundays to answer your questions. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Evening! A Lighted Path in Memory of Karim Majdi Abou Najm

On behalf of his family and friends, all at St Martin's are invited on Sunday, October 29 to join in a celebration of the life of Karim Majdi Abou Najm, the young Davis man who was killed earlier this year. His family and friends will remember Karim on what would have been his 21st birthday by lighting a path from Sycamore Park to his nearby home. To attend the event, meet at 6pm in Sycamore Park at the bike path entry off Sycamore Lane and Villanova.

St. Martin's 70th Anniversary as a Congregation!

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! We will be having a potluck after the 10am service. Hospitality members will be at both services this Sunday to take your sign-ups for food. We will also need volunteers to set-up and clean up. Be sure to mark the date so that you can be here to celebrate!

New Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship, & Formation in November

All Saints' Morning Prayer on Wednesday, November 1, at 8:30am

The Feast of All Saints is November 1, although we celebrate it liturgically on the closest Sunday on or after that date (so, November 5 this year). Rev. Pamela will also be offering Morning Prayer on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 8:30am in the narthex. It does not take long and is a great way to start your day, especially for an occasion like All Saints.

Film, Food, and Conversation on Sabbath, November 8 and 15, at 6:30pm

St. Martin's is happy to present a free screening of a documentary produced for public television, *Sabbath*. On two Wednesday nights, we'll meet for a potluck dinner, watch an hour of the movie, and share some conversation. The evening should end by 8:30pm. Your RSVP to the church office will help us plan; please let us know if you're coming.

The film's website states: "Told as a collection of short stories, *SABBATH* explores the history of one of the world's most important spiritual practices and its timeless relevance for a stressed-out, modern world. From the Biblical accounts of Creation [...] to the contemporary practice of a "tech-sabbath" *SABBATH* ties together our collective history, our health practices, our response to God's invitation and the search for a more sustainable way of life." **Please join us and feel free to invite friends!**

Teaching Shabbat at Congregation Bet Haverim, November 10

This week, Rev. Pamela received a lovely note from Rabbi Jeremy Simons and Rabbi Bess Wohlner of Congregation Bet Haverim, welcoming all at St. Martin's to a special Teaching Shabbat on Friday, November 10, at 6:30pm. This will be a regular Friday night Shabbat service but with additional explanations of what is happening and why, and they are making a special effort to open it to the wider community. As they put it: "Everyone is welcome — no experience necessary! All community members are welcome." Please consider joining Rev. Pamela and others as we come together in worship with our neighbors at Congregation Bet Haverim!

Other Announcements and Updates

Last Call!! Send in Names for All Saints' 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 all of our All Saints' Day services. Please submit names to the church office (530-756-0444; info@churchofstmartin.org). **Deadline: Monday, October 30.**

Seeking Nominations for Organizations to Receive Matthew 25 Grants.

We are currently seeking nominations from the parish for organizations to receive Matthew 25 grants. The Vestry has identified four areas of priority for this year's grants: organizations dealing with homelessness, immigrant and refugee resettlement, food insecurity, and climate change. To nominate an organization, please send a paragraph or two to the church office. The email should contain the organization name, director, address, and contact information. It should describe the organization's core work and primary clients as well as which area/s of priority listed above the organization most closely aligns with. Nominations are due by November 5 to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org). Questions? See Bob Polkinghorn or the church office.

Memorial Service for Frank Brown

A memorial service for Frank Brown will be held on Friday, November 10 at 1pm at St. Martin's with a reception following in the parish hall. All are welcome to come and remember Frank and support his family who mourn.

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

Wednesday, November 1: All Saints' Morning Prayer, 8:30am in the narthex with Rev. Pamela.

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. All-parish potluck following the 10am service.

Sunday, December 3: Advent Lessons and Carols with Communion at 10am. Las Posadas, a reenactment of the Holy Family's search for lodging, after the 10am service.

Sunday, December 17: Blue Christmas Service at 4pm

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.

Sunday, December 31: One service only at 10am with Holy Eucharist.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, November 2 at 7pm in the church

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

Social Justice & Outreach: Monday, November 27 at 5:15 on Zoom

Rev. Pamela's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela's next office hours will be on **Tuesday, October 31 from 4 - 5pm**. If you would like to see Pamela at a different time, please contact her at pamela@churchofstmartin.org.

Church Office Hours: Weekdays 9am to 12pm. 530-756-0444; info@churchofstmartin.org

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, November 3 so that clergy and office staff can attend Diocesan Convention.