

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 5, 2023

This Week

Music Notes for Sunday, November 5

On First Sundays of each month, members of the “choir” do not take part in the procession, do not wear vestments, and many of the singers choose to sit out in the congregation rather than the chancel. The reason is the Sanctuary Choir has a “day off” on First Sundays, and we open the anthem up to anyone who wants to join in. Whoever shows up makes up the “Pop-Up Choir,” and those who participate may sit in the congregation with their friends or families, or they may try out the choir stalls and see what the view is like from there. The Pop-Up Choir rehearses before the service at 9:30, but many brave Popper-Uppers enjoy the thrill of winging it without attending practice. Anyone of any age and any level of talent and/or enthusiasm is welcome! This Sunday, our Pop-Up Choir will celebrate All Saints; come add your voice!

Rooted in Abundance: Stewardship Season

This Sunday, we welcome Kimo Kimokeo, Co-Sr. Warden to say a few words about stewardship from his perspective. Previous speakers this year have been Maria Acuna-Feldman, Matt Campbell, and co-Sr. Warden Neil Willits. To see a script of all the stewardship speakers’ thoughts and other stewardship posts going forward, please go here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/10/17/all-stewardship-2023-posts/>.

We are hoping to have your pledges in by Sunday, November 19. You may fill out the pledge card sent to you or write to our confidential stewardship email address to tell us your pledge amount (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 – Request Your Donations by Sunday, November 12

The Social Justice & Outreach Committee invites you to make monetary donations to allow them to purchase grocery gift cards at Thanksgiving for our friends in need in Yolo County. We have raised \$2,400 so far, but our goal is \$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). Social Justice & Outreach Committee members will be at a table after both services on Sunday to answer your questions. **We request your donations no later than November 12 so that we can get the gift cards to individuals and families before Thanksgiving Day!**

Teaching Shabbat at Congregation Bet Haverim, Friday, November 10, 6:30pm

Rabbi Jeremy Simons and Rabbi Bess Wohlner of Congregation Bet Haverim invite all at St. Martin’s and in the greater community to a special Teaching Shabbat on Friday, November 10, at 6:30pm. It will be a regular Friday night Shabbat service but with additional explanations of what is happening and why. As they put it: “Everyone is welcome — no experience necessary! This Teaching Shabbat is for those who attend Shabbat services regularly as well as those who have never been to one. All community members are welcome.” Consider joining Rev. Pamela and others as we come together in worship with our neighbors at Congregation Bet Haverim.

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!

Next Week

St. Martin's 70th Anniversary, Sunday, November 12

Sunday, November 12 is a big day for St. Martin's when we will celebrate both the Feast of St. Martin and our 70th anniversary as a parish! Representatives will be joining us in celebration from STEAC and DCMH as well as from Yolo County and the Davis City Council. We will be having a potluck after the 10am service. Hospitality members will be at both services this Sunday to take your sign-ups to bring food. We will also need volunteers to set up and clean up. We hope all will be able to be here to celebrate!

Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship & Formation

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 conversation. The evening should end by 8:30pm. Your RSVP will help us plan; if possible, please let us know if you're coming by contacting the church office. We will meet in the sanctuary. 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!**

The Belfry Weekly Offerings - All Are Welcome!

On Tuesdays at 5:20pm, the Belfry offers Evening Prayer/Evensong. This service lasts 20 - 30 minutes. On Thursdays, the Belfry offers Holy Eucharist at 6:30pm followed by dinner, if you would like to stay. Address of the Belfry: 216 A Street in Davis.

Volunteer Opportunities

A Big Thank-You - Diaper Drive Is Over

Thank you to the people of St. Martins for your donations of diapers during our Yolo Diaper Bank Diaper Drive. The Diaper Drive is over, but we still collect packages of diapers and partially open diapers once the child has grown out of them. There are two drop off sites in Davis for your convenience: 426 Del Oro Davis, CA 95616 and 1415 Nutmeg Lane, Davis CA 95618.

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.

Other Announcements and Updates

Last Call! 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 (info@churchofstmartin.org) with the organization's name, director, address, and contact information. It should describe the organization's core work and primary clients. Please note which area/s of priority listed above the organization most closely aligns with. Nominations are due no later than November 5. Questions? Contact 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 to be there with his family and friends.

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

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 4:00pm

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 at 10am. One service.

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, November 9 at 7pm in the church

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, December 1 at 4pm on Zoom

Vestry: Monday, Dec 4, at 7pm in the church library

Rev. Pamela's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela currently holds office hours on Tuesday; later this month they will change to Wednesday. **Her next office hours will be on Tuesday, November 7 from 4 - 5pm.** The following week they will be on **Wednesday, November 15, also 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