

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 12, 2023

This Week

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

This Sunday, November 12, is a big day for St. Martin's! We will celebrate both the Feast of St. Martin and our 70th anniversary as a parish! Special guests will be joining us in celebration, including Liane Moody (Executive Director of STEAC), Bill Pride (retired Executive Director of DCMH), Mark Eschbach (Scoutmaster Troop #139), Lucas Frerichs (Yolo County District 2 Supervisor, Sheila Allen (Yolo County District 4 Supervisor's Deputy), and Gloria Partida (Davis City Council Member). We will also have short video messages from former St. Martin's clergy. We hope you will stay for the potluck after the 10am service. If you wish to bring a dish to share, please do. We hope all will be able to be here to celebrate!

Music Notes for Sunday, November 12

Today's processional hymn was inspired by the Gospel parable of the wise and foolish virgins. The melody was composed by Hans Sachs, but the structure, harmonization and striding bass-line in our hymnal were written by J.S. Bach, for his cantata BWV 140, "Wachet auf." It is a joyful hymn but carries a note of forthright caution (its very title means "Wake up!" or "Look out!"). Our offertory anthem revisits this chorale; composer John Horman lightens the cautionary tone with a graceful counter-melody and cheerful accompaniment. One of our Communion hymns, "Cuando pobre nada tiene," was chosen in honor of St. Martin and his acts of charity. "When the poor one who has nothing shares with strangers," the hymn tells us, "then we know that God is still with us."

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

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, 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). We are very grateful for all pledges and donations given to the church.

From the Treasurer's Desk

From the outside, everything looks fine: music, worship, a well-cared-for campus, a whirlwind of activities every week, an active and loving congregation passionate about living into the baptismal covenant. But I am staring at a budget projection for next year that shows a deficit of \$38,000. The Budget and Finance Committee, the staff and the Vestry will work hard to find

ways to close this gap—yes, even looking under cushions. But if every individual, every family could increase their pledge by 10%, we'd balance the budget. We know that not everyone is in a financial position to make this increase; whatever increase or one-time gift you can afford will be most appreciated and put to good use. —Jessie Ann Owens

Last Chance to Donate to Thanksgiving Gift Card Project

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!**

A Community Conversation on Housing and Climate Issues: November 12 at 2:00pm

Davis Community Action Network is a new community organization led by Robb Davis (former mayor of Davis), NJ Mvondo (Chair, Yolo County Climate Action Commission), and many others. DCAN's first project, **Community Voices: The future of Housing & Climate Action**, will take place on Sunday, November 12, and all are invited to participate. From their announcement: "We want to hear from you about needs, challenges, opportunities, and aspirations for addressing our affordable housing and climate crisis right here in Davis. Join us to connect with speakers presenting on housing and climate issues, and engage in facilitated small group discussion. All are welcome to this free event from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Da Vinci Tech Hub, 1400 East 8th Street, Davis, CA, 95616. RSVP at <https://www.daviscan.org/events>"

Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship & Formation

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

St. Martin's is happy to present a free screening of the documentary *Sabbath*. 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. Feel free to come to the second week even if you missed the first. 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." **Please join us and invite friends!**

Advent Living Compass Class

Helen Campbell will offer an Advent series using *Living Compass* materials on four Tuesdays in Advent—November 28, December 5, December 12, December 19. The class will meet on Zoom. The focus of this Advent is on *wonder*. Booklets can be picked up in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks, or you can email Helen, and she'll send you a PDF version. If there is enough interest in a Tuesday evening group, she'll also offer that, so be sure to sign up with the church office at info@churchofstmartin.org by Nov. 25 if you are interested in this class.

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

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

Choir Seeking People to Play Small Drums, Shakers, Sticks for Lessons and Carols

The choir is learning an interesting work from 17th-century Guatemala, and we need people to play percussion (small drums, shakers, sticks). If you know how to read rhythm and are interested in helping us out on Sunday December 3 at the 10am service for Advent Lessons & Carols, please let Suzanne or Jeffrey Jubenville know as soon as possible. We are meeting with the instrumentalists on Monday, November 27 at 7pm, and we would need the percussionists there, but of course we would practice with you before then.

In Loving Memory

With heavy hearts, we inform you of the recent deaths of beloved parishioners Bob Crummey and Gwen McGrath. We hope you will join their families at their memorial services as we remember lives well lived.

Bob Crummey: A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 11am at the Davis Cemetery (820 Pole Line Rd in Davis).

Gwen McGrath: A funeral will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 2pm at St Martin's with a reception immediately following in the parish hall.

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

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 at 10am. One service.

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, November 16 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 is changing her office hours to Wednesday. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, November 15 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

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, November 13 in observance of Veterans' Day.