

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 8, 2024

This Week

This Sunday! Kick-Off Program Year, One Service Only at 10am

This Sunday is Kick-off Sunday, the first Sunday of our program year. The Sanctuary Choir will sing, and we will all worship together at one 10am service. For those who wish to learn more about Godly Play for children K - 6th grade, Godly Play teachers will be available to talk to you in Room 4 after the service. We are also having a potluck. If you can, bring an item to serve 8 - 10 people. We are not taking sign-ups, so just bring whatever you wish. Davis Scales and Tails (Where Reptiles Rule) will also be here after the service. Come and be part of this special day!

Music Notes for Sunday, September 8

Music often provides landmarks for a congregation journeying through the church year, and on Kick-off Sunday, ever since we started our journey with St. Martin's, we have marked the beginning of most program years with the processional "Earth and all stars," a hymn well-suited to a parish in a university town, and dear to our hearts. We also usually include Marty Haugen's anthem "All Are Welcome," a joyful invitation to inclusive worship, and a musical reminder of what it means to be a loving community of faith. The choir will sing "All Are Welcome" as our offertory anthem; we invite you to join us on the last verse—or sing along on the melody throughout! All are welcome. We will also continue with the new Song of Praise introduced last Sunday, "We are a Part of All Creation," from the Episcopal hymnal *My Heart Sings Out*. This island-inspired song composed by Marty Haugen reminds us of our place in God's web of life and God's role in our lives as creator and sustainer. We will continue singing the first and third verses as our Song of Praise through the Season of Creation.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical (interdenominational) celebration spanning from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi Day. During this season, you will notice special emphasis on creation in our prayers and music during the 10am service. You can find more information on the Season of Creation and the resources we will be using here: <https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/>.

Next Week

Godly Play Resumes September 15

Godly Play is a Montessori-based program that invites children K - 6th grade to explore their faith through story, wonder, and play. We meet during the 10am service every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. To learn more about Godly Play, see Sheri Reynolds or Diane Bamforth. **You are also welcome to visit us in Room 4 after the 10am service on kickoff Sunday, September 8.** To register your child/ren, use <https://forms.gle/DyjR6HjWiZe2p5WH9> or complete a paper registration form available in the church office, the narthex, or Godly Play classroom. **For our first Godly Play meeting of the year, September 15, we invite parents/guardians to join us in Room 4 for the story of The Great Family.** Arrive a bit before the 10am service to get settled and explore and wonder with the children.

Happening Soon

New Christian Formation Opportunity - Starts September 24

Rev. Pamela and Miriam Casey of the Commission on the Environment will lead a new curriculum from the Presiding Bishop's office called, "*Love God, Love God's World.*" Sessions include compelling films and readings, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions. Participants will also discover ways to learn, pray, advocate, and conserve. The course will begin on September 24 and continue every two weeks on Tuesdays (with a break in December). All will be on Zoom, from 7 to 8:30pm. Please email pamela@churchofstmartin.org if you are interested; there are only 12 spots available, and this course is open to the whole Diocese, so please let us know if you want to take part.

Save the Dates

Sunday, September 29: Showing of the documentary film, *The Philadelphia Eleven*, about the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church at 4pm in the Parish Hall. This event is free and open to the public—please invite friends! We'll have a guest speaker, The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, the first woman ordained a priest in northern California; a short discussion; and refreshments after the film.

Sunday, October 6: Blessing of the Animals at 10am outdoor service.

Other Announcements and Updates

Ceiling Stained-glass Window Work Begins in September

The cleaning and restoration of our ceiling stained-glass window will begin on Monday, September 23. We hope that the project will be done by the end of October, if not sooner. The church will be considered "a work zone," meaning we will not be able to use the building while the restoration is underway. However, all of our Sunday services will continue in the parish hall, uninterrupted and at their regular times. Please see Rev. Pamela's "From the Rector" on our website (<https://churchofstmartin.org/2024/09/01/a-message-from-pamela/>) for more details.

Want a New Nametag?

If your nametag is getting old or if you do not have one, please put your name on the list at the welcome table. You will find your new nametag waiting for you on the welcome table the following Sunday.

"I Will with God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice"

This one-day workshop meets the requirement for licensing for Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, and unlicensed lay leaders (such as vestry members and ministry leads) in the Diocese. Other lay licensed ministries need to take Sacred Ground to meet Diocesan licensing requirements. *All Classes are on Saturdays from 9:30am – 4:30 pm*

Saturday, October 19 | St. Paul's, Healdsburg Registration deadline: October 12

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/240775631216152>

Sacred Ground Circle Starting in October

St. Martin's and St. Luke's, Woodland, will partner in offering a Sacred Ground Circle, a film-based series on race and faith, in the 2024-2025 program year. Meetings will be at St. Luke's, tentatively Sundays 12:50-2:15pm, starting October 20, with subsequent meetings on November

3 and 17, December 1, January 5 and 26, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 23, and April 5. Carole Hom and the Rev. Deborah Hawkins will co-facilitate. For more information or to register, contact Carole or email info@churchofstmartin.org.

Save the Date: Installation of Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe, November 2 at 8am PT

Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe's installation service will take place on Saturday, November 2 at 8am PT at the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City. A prelude will begin at 7am PT. As announced at General Convention, this installation will be a simpler, scaled-down event with a view toward reducing carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement and participation. We are hoping to have a watch party at St. Martin's. We'll provide details and links as soon as we have them.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food

The non-perishable food item collection, sponsored by Social Justice and Outreach, is one tangible way you can help those in need. We deliver food to four locations on a weekly rotating basis. The food goes to Dixon Family Services, The Belfry and CA House, STEAC, and the UC Davis Pantry. For The Belfry, please bring toiletries, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other such items. Our motto is *Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food*. Thanks for your support!

Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the church. Join Rev. Pamela and others for this 25-minute service.

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays, 5pm in Room 6/7. Join Kim Andrup and others for this 60-minute session.

Compline: Fridays, 8:30pm on Zoom. Join Deacon Margaret and others for this 20-minute service. Find the Zoom link on our website under "Worship."

Meetings and Office Hours

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

Vestry: Monday, September 16 at 7pm in the church library

Pastoral Care Team: Tuesday, September 17 at 2pm in the church library

Worship Committee: Wednesday, September 18 at 2:30pm in the church library

Social Justice & Outreach: Monday, September 23 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Buildings & Grounds: Tuesday, September 24 at 4pm on Zoom

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Mondays. Her next office hours will be Monday, September 9, from 3:00-4:15pm. If you'd like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, you can email her (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or the office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Prayer Request Submissions

If you would like to submit a prayer request, go to <https://tinyurl.com/StMsPrayerRequest> 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