

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 20, 2024

Día de los Muertos, All Saints' Sunday, and Remembering our Loved Ones
Día de los Muertos, Belfry Sunday, and Stewardship Celebration - All on October 27

On Sunday, October 27, we will celebrate Día de los Muertos, our Stewardship Ingathering, and Belfry Sunday. We will welcome the Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins, chaplain of The Belfry, to preach. Plan to stay for a Dos Coyotes lunch after the 10am service (hosted by St. Martin's) and join in the festivities, which will include making sugar skulls and other activities. You won't want to miss this big celebration!

Ofrenda for Día de los Muertos

For Día de los Muertos, we will have a traditional *ofrenda* (an altar). Please bring photos or mementos of loved ones who have passed away. We will display these for one Sunday only, so you can bring them and place them on the *ofrenda* and take them with you at the end of the morning. If you don't have a picture or memento you wish to remember on that day, there will still be an opportunity for remembrance during the service.

Please Send Names for All Saints' Day Necrology

We invite you to submit names of those who have passed into eternal life since November 1, 2023 to be included in our All Saints' Day Necrology. We will read this list of departed loved ones at both **All Saints' Day services on Sunday, November 3. Please submit names of anyone you wish to have included by Wednesday, October 30** to the church office (530-756-0444; info@churchofstmartin.org). Please note that even though we will not have Godly Play or our First Sunday approach to worship on All Saints' Day (November 3), we will still have activities for children during the 10am service.

This Week

Music Notes for Sunday, October 20

On October 20, the choir's offertory anthem is "One at the Feast," by Craig Courtney, an American composer, pianist, and educator. His compositions feature lyrical melodies and accessible harmonies, usually set to a sensitive piano accompaniment that lends emotional depth to the vocal lines. In our Gospel passage today, Jesus admonishes his followers against engaging in power struggles with each other, and for trying to impose hierarchy among the faithful. Courtney's anthem, "One at the Feast," addresses this directly with themes of communion and inclusion, emphasizing the idea that, in the spirit of Christ's love, all are welcome and that true leadership in the faith requires humility rather than power. Our communion hymn, "The servant well-pleasing to God" (words and music by AnnaMae Meyer Bush), is from *Voices Found*, an Episcopal hymnal featuring compositions about, for, or by women. "The servant well-pleasing to God" reminds us that our service and offerings best please God when given freely, without ego, and with no thought of acknowledgement or return.

"Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse," Sunday at 11:30am

On October 20, Rev. Pamela will offer another class in a series designed to be helpful during the election season and the generally contentious times in which we find ourselves. **We'll meet in Room 6/7 at 11:30am** to watch and discuss short videos on topics such as "Context Matters"

and “Tenets for Civil Discourse.” Grab coffee and a treat at coffee hour and then join us at 11:30 for one hour. This is a drop-in class; come when you can, as you are, ready to listen deeply and be heard with respect. We will NOT hold class on October 27, so that everyone can enjoy the after-church festivities that day. The last two classes will be on November 3 and 10.

Walk in Love: Stewardship Speakers and Mapping Our Progress

During church, we are currently hearing short reflections from parishioners about what St. Martin’s means to them. We have already heard from James Hochbrueckner, Dian Vorters, and Francis David. **This Sunday, we welcome Jerry Hulbert as our speaker.** To see videos of these reflections, go to <https://churchofstmartin.org/2024/10/03/stewardship-2024/>.

We have received 55 pledges toward our goal of 150 total pledges. You will see our progress mapped on posters at the front of the parish hall. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail, we have them on the welcome table at church. Fill one out and put it in the offering plate. You can also email us your pledge at stewardship@churchofstmartin.org. **Please turn in your pledges by Friday, October 25, if possible.** St. Martin’s is supported almost entirely by the financial gifts of our parishioners and friends. We are very grateful for all pledges and for all of you who are considering pledging.

Other Announcements

A Place at the Table November Potluck

Looking to meet and spend time with fellow parishioners? Our next monthly potluck is on **Sunday, November 3 at 5:30pm** with host Diane Snow at her home. Three spaces are still available. If you are interested in attending contact the office (info@churchofstmartin.org; 530-756-0444), indicating the number of adults and children in your party and any allergies.

Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Labyrinth Walk on November 6

If you would like to pray with others in your local community on November 6, the day after Election Day, we have two opportunities. At 8:30am, we will hold our weekly Morning Prayer service, led by Rev. Pamela. This is a brief service based on the Daily Office, as found in the Book of Common Prayer. We will include a litany for our nation. That evening at 5:30pm, we will offer Evening Prayer outside (again, a brief service) and will also make the labyrinth available for a candlelight walk. Whether the results of the election lead you to lament or rejoice, or even if we are still awaiting the results, prayer is always a faithful response to the circumstances.

Election Night Virtual Prayers

Everyone is invited to join Election Night Virtual Prayers hosted by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations from 5 - 7pm PT on November 5. Bishop Sean Rowe, who will become presiding bishop on November 1, will offer an opening reflection and prayer. Episcopalians from around the church will hold silence and lead participants in prayers for peace, the nation, and all people and countries. Join the Zoom event by registering [HERE](#) or watch a livestream on The Episcopal Public Policy Network’s Facebook page [HERE](#). (If you would like simultaneous Spanish interpretation, please register for Zoom.)

Volunteers Needed for November Set-up in the Parish Hall

We now know that we will be in the parish hall for the months of October and November and hopefully back in the church for the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. **We have all the volunteers that we need to help with set-up for October; however, we still need one volunteer to help at 2pm each Saturday in November** (so four open spots). You will work with three others. Please let the office know if you can help.

Watching St. Martin's Services via Zoom and Facebook Live

We are livestreaming our 10am service on Zoom and Facebook Live. We post it on YouTube on Sunday afternoon or Monday. For those joining us online, we are working hard to make the video and audio clearer and more effective. We know it is not the quality you are used to when we are in the church. Please let us know if there are aspects of our parish hall worship you think we could improve.

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Give Your Input on Linda K. Frost Outreach Grants - Two Ways

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Vestry seek a parishioner to serve on the Linda K. Frost Grant Committee that will meet to recommend to the Vestry nonprofit organizations that help others in need to receive financial support from St. Martin's in 2024. The overall time commitment is roughly three hours, beginning in early November, with all meetings on Zoom. Please let the office know if you are interested in serving.

We also invite parishioners to nominate nonprofits to the above committee to receive financial support through the Frost Grant program. Typically, the organizations are local (within the Diocese of Northern California), although some outside-of-diocese nonprofits may be chosen. To nominate a nonprofit, provide a one or two-paragraph summary of your rationale for nominating this organization, including its key work and goals. Include leadership, contact information, website, and any other useful information. **Nominations are due Sunday, November 3.** Submit all nominations to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org). For questions, contact Bob Polkinghorn or the church office.

Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) Requests Support

Our Social Justice and Outreach Committee has informed us that DCMH, one of our longtime mission partners, is asking for assistance from St. Martin's and other religious organizations in Davis. With winter coming soon, they need donations of the following: pop-top soups, new men's boxers (sizes S, M, L, XL), sweatshirts, tarps, and men's jeans (sizes 32, 34, 36). Drop off items at Paul's Place (1111 H Street) on weekdays from 8am - 1:30pm. For additional information: <https://pantry.daviscommunitymeals.org/?tab=Priority%20Items>.

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 library. 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

Vestry: Monday, October 21 at 7pm in the church library

Choir Practice: Thursday, October 24 at 7pm in the Dona Brandon Room

Social Justice & Outreach: Monday, October 28 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Worship Committee: Monday, November 4 at 10am in the church library

Pastoral Care Team: Thursday, November 7 at 2pm in the church library

Buildings & Grounds: Tuesday, November 12 at 4pm on Zoom

Rector’s Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Mondays. Her next office hours will be Monday, October 21, from 3pm - 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 emailing info@churchofstmartin.org.