

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 29, 2024**

**This Week**

**One Service Only at 10am: Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols and Baptism**

This Sunday, December 29 at the 10am service, we will baptize Sydney Isheanesu Kuodza and welcome him into the household of God. Sydney is the son of Fadzai Matsika and George Kuodza. We hope many of you will be here to be part of this wonderful event! **Please note that we have only one service at 10am on December 29**, and the nursery will be closed. Children of all ages are always welcome in church.

**Special Morning Prayer on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 8:30am**

Start the New Year with a 20-minute Morning Prayer service with Rev. Pamela. We'll meet in the church near the Christmas tree! We offer Morning Prayer every Wednesday at 8:30am, including on this special day.

**Prayer Trees in the Narthex**

In the narthex, you may have noticed two prayer trees. On a table next to the tree on your left as you walk into the narthex, you will find white circles on which you can write a prayer request or share a thanksgiving or memorial. You can hang your prayers on the tree using the attached blue ribbon.

**Hands-On Service Opportunity: Meals for the Davis Winter Shelter, January 12-18**

St. Martin's is joining a rotation of faith groups and other organizations in providing one week of food for guests of the Winter Shelter. The Winter Shelter is located at Paul's Place (1111 H Street) this year and houses eight people per night. **Starting this Sunday, 12/29, sign up in the church narthex or online with the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org))** for one dish to serve 10 adults for an evening during the **week of January 12 - 18**. For each night, we need a main dish, a side dish, a salad, dessert, and to-go breakfast items. Food can be home-cooked or purchased and needs to be delivered to Paul's Place between 6pm and 6:15pm on your day. We will also provide microwavable food for a few guests being housed at a Davis motel and who cannot get out to buy their own food (e.g., pop tops of chili, soup, oatmeal, microwavable meals). Thanks for considering this opportunity to serve. Questions? Talk to Janet Lane.

**Huge Thanks to Our Music Staff and Guest Musicians**

We give thanks to our music ministers, Jeffrey and Suzanne Jubenville, for all their work in providing such beautiful music for Christmas. We also want to sincerely thank our guest musicians. Jessie Ann Owens (parishioner and Distinguished Professor of Renaissance Music, emerita at UC Davis) played the organ for Blue Christmas. Chris Reynolds (choir member and Distinguished Professor of Music, emeritus at UC Davis) played the organ for the 3pm Christmas Eucharistic with Pageant. Michael Smith (UC Davis student in Biological and Agricultural Engineering) played trumpet at our 7pm and 10pm Christmas Eve services. Pierre Gianferarra (choir member, and Post-doctoral Researcher in Neuroscience at UC Davis) played piano on Christmas Day. This coming Sunday, 12/29, Oliver Steissberg will be our guest musician. Oliver is currently doing his master's in Organ at the University of Michigan School of

Music. We are fortunate to have all of you here and are very grateful for your part in making our Christmas services so wonderful!

### **Next Week**

#### **Los Tres Reyes Magos (The Three Wise Kings): Epiphany Evening Prayer and Bonfire**

On January 5 at 5pm, join Rev. Pamela for an Epiphany Evening Prayer service, with a special visit from Los Tres Reyes Magos (the Three Wise Kings). At the end of the service, we'll celebrate together by making s'mores around the bonfire. If possible, RSVP to the church office so we know how many bags of marshmallows to buy! We'll be done by 6:15pm, so that those who have school or work the next day can get home and tucked in early.

### **Happening Soon**

#### **In Loving Memory - Upcoming Memorial Services**

A memorial service for parishioner **Gail Gong** will take place on Saturday, January 4 at 3pm at St. Martin's with reception following. A memorial service for parishioner **Marguerite (Margy) Spencer** will be at St. Martin's on Saturday, January 11 at 3pm with reception following. Please keep Gail's and Margy's families and friends in your prayers. *Loving God, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen. (BCP p.504)*

#### **Principal Conservator of Nzilani Glass to Give Talk January 19**

St. Martin's has an extra reason to be thankful this Christmas season! We have returned to worshipping in the church after being in the parish hall for three months while our ceiling stained-glass window was being cleaned and restored by Nzilani Glass Conservation. The window is stunning after having been cleaned, cracks filled, and broken pieces reinstalled. Ariana Makau, the principal conservator for Nzilani, will be at St. Martin's to give a presentation to all in the congregation who are interested on **Sunday, January 19 after the 10am service. She will have pictures and will talk about our window and the restoration work that has been done.** You will not want to miss this chance to learn more about our beautiful ceiling window!

#### **St. Martin's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 26, during 10am Service**

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26 during the 10am service. Please be there to have a voice in church governance and to help elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates. If you are a parishioner and wish to serve, please see the announcements below about how to nominate yourself or someone else. **If you are a ministry leader or chair of a committee, you should write an annual meeting report by January 10** (please submit to the church office).

#### **Nominate Yourself or Someone Else for Vestry**

The Vestry is accepting nominations for the 2025 Vestry. Serving on Vestry gives you a role in ensuring that St. Martin's does its best to care for the parish, the larger church, and the community. The Vestry seeks a diverse slate to replace the four members whose terms are ending. We hope for balance with respect to age, gender, and race/ethnicity, as well as a mix of those new to St. Martin's and longtime parishioners. If you wish to nominate yourself or another parishioner, please e-mail the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) and include as much of

the following information in your nomination as possible: a) the name of the nominee, b) the nominee's preferred email and phone, and c) the ministries the nominee has been involved in (at St. Martin's or elsewhere). Note that if you are nominating someone other than yourself, please talk to them first and get their permission to nominate them. **We request your nominations no later than January 5.** Questions? Speak to a Vestry member or contact the church office.

### **Seeking Diocesan Convention Delegates from St. Martin's**

At our annual meeting on January 26, we will be electing not only Vestry members but also lay delegates to Diocesan Convention. In 2025, the Convention will be November 7 - 8 in Redding. Delegates will also attend an online pre-Convention convocation on a morning in November. If you wish to serve as one of our six lay delegates to Diocesan Convention, please let the church office know of your interest by January 5.

### **Other Updates**

#### **Grants for Bilingual Signage and Website**

St. Martin's recently received two grants from the Diocese of Northern California, the first for \$1,000 to get us started on making our outdoor signage bilingual in Spanish and English. The second, for \$2,500, is to make our website multilingual with the target language being Spanish. St. Martin's celebrates Latino language and culture in various ways in our worship and events. These improvements will greatly enhance our welcome and visibility to the Latino population and highlight our value for cultural diversity.

#### **Christmas Special Offering Thanks**

Thank you for your generosity, St. Martin's! We raised just over \$4,000 via the Christmas Special Offering for the Belfry Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry on A Street in Davis. These funds will help The Belfry make needed upgrades to their kitchen, which is used regularly and has not been upgraded in decades. Thank you all!

#### **Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food**

The Social Justice and Outreach non-perishable food item collection is one way you can help those in need. We deliver food to four locations on a weekly rotating basis: 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. Bring your nonperishable items and put them in the basket in the narthex at church services or bring them to the office during the week (9am - 12pm). 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 Room 8.** Join Rev. Pamela and others for this 25-minute service. *(We will hold a special January 1 Morning Prayer at 8:30am in the church.)*

**Centering Prayer: Wednesdays, 5pm in Room 6/7.** Join Kim Andrup and others for this 60-minute session. *(We will not hold Centering Prayer on New Year's Day.)*

**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, Office Hours, Prayer Requests**

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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

**Vestry:** Monday, January 20 at 7pm in Room 6/7

**Social Justice & Outreach:** Monday, January 27 at 5:15pm on Zoom

### **Rector's Office Hours**

Rev. Pamela's office hours are taking a break for Christmas. She will be on vacation from December 30 to January 3 and again from January 6-9. Her regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 13. If you'd like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, you can email her ([pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org)) or the office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)).

**Prayer Request Submissions:** <https://tinyurl.com/StMsPrayerRequest> or contact the office.

### **Church Office Closures; New Year, Longer Hours**

The church office will be **closed Monday, December 30 and Wednesday, January 1.**

Beginning January 2, the church office will be open from 9am - 1pm (instead of 9am to 12pm)

Monday - Friday. Stop by in person or contact the office at 530-756-0444 or

[info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).