

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 11, 2025

This Week

Music Notes for Sunday, May 11

This Sunday is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” named for the combination of our Gospel reading and the appointed Psalm, 23. The title is not an ancient one, but a devotional nickname that became popular in the 20th century. The Sanctuary Choir will sing “My Shepherd is Lord,” by Harrison Oxley (1933–2009), a British organist and composer known for his progressive approach to cathedral choirs. Oxley championed the inclusion of girl’s voices and began to phase them into the treble section of the St Edmundsbury Cathedral choir in the 1960s. By the early 1970s, the cathedral choir had a permanent mixed treble line. When a new Provost discontinued this practice in 1984, Oxley resigned in protest. Today, many English cathedrals include girls’ choirs, but mixed treble lines in the chancel choir was not the norm until the 1990s and 2000s. Although “My Shepherd is Lord” doesn’t explicitly reference the use of mixed voices, it is flexibly scored for various vocal combinations, aligning with Oxley’s commitment to inclusive choral participation. Jeffrey’s selections will include a Meditation on *Brother James’ Air*, a tune named after its composer, Scottish minister James Leith Macbeth Bain, and often associated with the 23rd Psalm.

Project (Re)Start Update: 29 Is the Magic Number!

Last Sunday, we announced that St. Martin’s is participating in Project (Re)Start, an initiative of Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. The project involves putting together bins of home supplies that are distributed to those who have been displaced due to a natural disaster. Our goal is to collect enough items to fill ten bins with bathroom products that will be ready when the next disaster strikes. **So far, just over half of the 60 tags have been spoken for—31 tags were picked up by parishioners and 29 tags remain.** When you take a tag, you are committing to purchasing and bringing back to church the items on the tag that will go into one of the bathroom bins. The cost of the items on one tag (e.g., hand soap, hand towels) is approximately \$15. If you could take just one tag you would be helping a family that has lost everything to a fire, flood, or other unforeseen event. Bring back the items you have purchased to the narthex on Sundays or to the church office during the week (9am - 1pm) by May 25. Questions? Social Justice & Outreach members will be in the narthex to talk to you after both services on Sunday.

Volunteer Needed!

Every year each parish in the diocese is required to do a self-review (audit) of its financial record keeping and procedures. The review is done by a small group of parishioners: the senior warden, a member of Budget and Finance, and a parishioner-at-large. **This is not an onerous task: one two-hour meeting at the church on May 15, 7-9 pm.** If you are interested in serving as parishioner-at-large, please let the office know (info@churchofstmartin.org). Thank you for considering this important task.

Hands-On Service: Three More Volunteers Needed for DCMH Meal on May 20

Looking for hands-on service? St. Martin’s has signed up as the volunteer group for three upcoming meals in our own parish hall sponsored by Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH). **We need three more volunteers to set up, assist with cooking, serve, and clean up**

for Tuesday, May 20 from 4:30pm to 7pm. We need four more volunteers for Saturday, June 14 from 9am - 1pm and two more for Saturday, July 5, from 9am to 1pm. RSVP to the church office, telling us at which meal(s) you'd like to volunteer, and we'll send more information about what's involved.

Next Week

Newcomers' Brunch, Sunday, May 18

The Vestry is pleased to invite newcomers to a brunch in Room 6/7 and on the patio near the redwoods after the 10am service on May 18. Who is a newcomer? Anyone who feels like they want to get to know more people or get more involved at St. Martin's! It doesn't matter if you have only been here once or if you've been worshipping with us for several months, we'd love to share a simple meal together and get to know you better. **RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, May 13** and let us know how many will be attending and if you have any dietary restrictions.

Happening Soon

Rogation Days Guest Preacher and Gathering at the Ranch

On May 25 and 26, we'll have a special guest to preach and facilitate discussion as we celebrate Rogation Days: Payton Hoegh, Program Director for the Center for Spirituality in Nature. Payton is a leading voice in the Episcopal Church about creation care and is passionate about community weaving, ecology, environmentalism, agriculture, justice, and equity. On Sunday, May 25, Payton will preach at both services. After the 10am service, Payton will be available to chat and answer questions. On Monday, May 26, Payton will join us for a 10am gathering at Forbes Ranch in Esparto. The gathering will introduce us to spirituality in nature through worship, mindfulness, discussion, and wandering. More details on the Ranch event soon. In the Episcopal Church, Rogation Days are a time of prayer and intercession, traditionally involving processions around the parish boundaries and blessings for the land and its inhabitants. Rogation Sunday is celebrated on the sixth Sunday after Easter.

Blessing of the Bicycles on May 25 after 10am Service

We are encouraging all those who are able to ride their bikes to church on May 25. Right after the 10am service, Rev. Pamela will lead a short Blessing of the Bicycles. If you can't ride your bicycle, consider bringing your helmet to have it blessed.

Attention Graduates: We'd Love to Honor You!

If you or one of your loved ones is graduating from high school, college, or any other level of school or program of study, please let the office know. We would love to honor our graduates soon!

A Place at the Table: Taking RSVPs for June 20 Potluck

We are pleased to announce that our June "A Place at the Table" potluck will be on June 20 at 6pm at Joy Humphrey and Tony Miller's home. Six spaces are available. Please RSVP to the church office if you'd like to attend, telling us the number of people and any food restrictions. Also, please let the office know if you can host a potluck in July or later in the year.

Adults and Teens: Join the Fun at Vacation Bible Camp

St. Martin's is teaming up with other churches in Davis to hold a super fun Vacation Bible Camp from June 16-20. We still need some volunteers for a variety of positions. You can help for one day or for up to five; there are leader positions, which require training, and more supportive, "behind the scenes" positions. Please contact the church office if you're interested and we'll get you more information. **Also, it's not too late to sign up campers!** There are morning sessions on creation care, including fun water activities and a petting zoo (!), while the afternoon sessions are all about musical theater. **Contact the office or see our website for more information [here](#).**

Other Updates and Opportunities

Seeking St. Martin's Representative at the Saturday Meal

We are seeking St. Martin's Reps for the Saturday meals. Serve one Saturday a month from 11 - 1pm. The Reps are the welcoming face of St. Martin's at the DCMH (Davis Community Meals and Housing) meal. The Reps also make sure clean-up and lock-up gets done correctly. If you are interested, let the office know and we will show you the ropes.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food

The Social Justice and Outreach non-perishable food 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.*

Bishop's Visit in December

On December 7, 2025, Bishop Megan Traquair will visit St. Martin's. The Bishop visits us approximately every two years, so you won't want to miss this visit! If you are interested in being baptized, confirmed, or received in the Episcopal Church, please let Rev. Pamela know. Many licensed ministries in the Episcopal Church require participants to be confirmed. We will be offering a confirmation class in the fall if there is enough interest.

Weekday Prayer Opportunities, In-person and Online

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. This 60-minute session consists of 30 minutes of silent meditation followed by reflection on contemplative readings.

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, Celebrations & Milestones

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Worship Committee: Tuesday, May 13 at 8:45am in the church library

Choir Practice: Thursday, May 15 at 7pm in the church

Vestry: Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm in Room 6/7

Buildings and Grounds: Tuesday, May 27 at 4pm on Zoom

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, May 27 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Rector's Office Hours: Rev. Pamela's next open office hours will be on **Monday, May 12, from 3-4:30pm**. Her Monday office hours are first-come, first-served, so sometimes you may have to wait to speak with her. If you'd like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, you can email her (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

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

Celebration and Milestones: If you have a celebration or milestone (such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any other) that you'd like to share in church on Sunday, please contact the office to let us know. See contact information below.

Church Office Hours: We are open 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday. Contact us at 530-756-0444 or info@churchofstmartin.org.

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