

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

We also have a weekly E-News. To sign up, contact the office or leave your name on the welcome table.

TODAY!

Pizza Church, 5pm: Meet in Room 6/7 and on the patio outside for our monthly Sunday afternoon intergenerational service. We'll have informal, interactive worship followed by a time for fellowship with pizza. The service includes Holy Eucharist as well as activities for children and adults. Our focus this month will be on the story of Moses. All are welcome—and bring a friend!

Blessing of Backpacks & Briefcases: Rev. Pamela will bless backpacks, briefcases, book bags, and any other work/study items you wish to bring **at all three of our services** today.

Ushers' Meeting, 11:30am: We ask all ushers to stay after the 10am service for a meeting covering important safety topics, procedures to follow if ICE comes to our church, upgrades to our hearing assistance system, and more. Meet in the front pews near the eagle podium at 11:30am.

NEW ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AT ST. MARTIN'S

We recently upgraded our assisted listening system to make worship easier to hear and more accessible. The new system includes body-pack receivers with headphones or a neck loop and also offers Auracast, which can send church audio directly to compatible hearing aids with almost no delay. Because Auracast is a newer technology, not all hearing aids are compatible. If you have difficulty hearing during worship, please ask a church staff member about the system. We're happy to help you find the listening option that works best for you.

NEW ISSUE OF ST. MARTIN'S MAGAZINE REFLECTIONS

The current issue of St. Martin's magazine *Reflections* (Issue No. 4, August 2026) is now available! Read about our campus visioning process, this year's stewardship season, new Taizé and Pizza Church services, and more. We have hard copies in the narthex and at the welcome table. Find the magazine online here: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2026/08/19/reflections-4th-issue/>.

FALL FORMATION: INWARDLY DIGEST ONLINE CLASS, WEDNESDAYS, 7-8:30PM

Join us for a 7-week **online course from September 2 through October 14** where we'll learn about the Book of Common Prayer, the Liturgical Calendar, the Eucharist and more. We'll read selections from *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as a Guide to a Spiritual Life* by Derek Olsen. The class will be led by Rev. Pamela, Rev. Maggie, and Mark McMillen, Sr. Warden of St. Luke's, Galt. The course is appropriate whether you're new to the Episcopal Church or have been here long-term. RSVP to the office at info@churchofstmartin.org to receive the Zoom link. Bishop Megan's visitation to St. Luke's, Galt on Sunday, October 18 will be an opportunity to be confirmed or received; make sure you talk to Rev. Pamela first about what's involved.

EVENTS OFFERED BY THE BROADER COMMUNITY

Monday, August 24, 6:30pm, Davis Interfaith Association Meeting: The meeting will start with a potluck and will then feature a panel about social justice/outreach in various religious traditions, followed by conversation and questions. Rev. Pamela will be one of the panelists. Location: St. James Catholic Church, St. Ignatius Room.

Thursday, August 27 at 4:30pm, Yoga by the Redwoods: Mindfulness, gentle-flow yoga for youth through adults in Room 6/7. Taught by certified yoga instructor Julia Seebach. No charge. Donations to St. Martin's (Creation Care) optional.

Dioceses of Northern CA and San Joaquin Rainbow Ministries Retreat, September 26, 10am - 3pm: Save the date for a Rainbow Spiritual Retreat for the Dioceses of Northern CA and San Joaquin at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 9000 Sonoma Hwy in Kenwood. Join Episcopalians who

are part of the 2S/LGBTQIA+ community and their allies and friends for this in-person retreat. Cost \$20 with scholarships available. Register: <https://pci.iotform.com/form/262175723851157>

Recovery Retreat: Practicing Everyday Resurrection, September 26, Trinity Cathedral, 9am-12pm: Enjoy a morning of prayer, music, story-sharing, resources, and encouragement from speaker, the Rev. Coleen Tully, an Episcopal priest with decades of sobriety and leadership in addiction treatment and sobriety ministries. All are welcome: those celebrating sobriety, those struggling with substances or habits, and the people who love them. At Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, upstairs in the Assembly Area. No charge.

SAVE THE DATES: FALL CONVOCATION AT ST. MARTIN'S AND KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Fall Convocation and Deanery Day, Saturday, September 19: Convocation (a pre-Diocesan Convention meeting) will be on Saturday, September 19, from 9am-12noon, in-person at St. Martin's for our deanery, Wingfield. It will also be our first-ever DEANERY DAY. Our diocese is divided into seven deaneries, with St. Martin's in Wingfield. We'll gather for important Diocesan Convention business, and then a time of fellowship, formation, and food! Lunch will be provided at no charge. Gather with members from other churches in our Deanery as we seek to become a more connected, collaborative, and faithful part of the Episcopal presence in Northern California.

Program-Year Kick-Off, Sunday, September 20, 10am: Save the date for St. Martin's Program-Year Kick-Off! We'll have one 10am service with brunch afterwards, an adult forum with details to follow, and activities for children during the adult forum.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, Thursday, August 27, 2pm, Trinity Cathedral and Watch at St. Martin's: The funeral service for the Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, former bishop of the Diocese of Northern California, will be at Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento. We are offering **an opportunity to watch the livestreamed service in a group at St. Martin's in Room 6/7 at 2pm on August 27.** Bishop Lamb served our diocese from 1992 to 2006. He then served as assistant bishop of Nevada (2007) and provisional bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin (2008 - 2011).

Jean Lyon, Saturday, August 29, 11am: The funeral service for parishioner Jean Lyon, wife of David Lyon, will be at St. Martin's on Saturday, August 29, at 11am. All are welcome to come to support the family. Please keep David, his children, and his grandchildren in your prayers.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Food Collection: "Every person, every week, one item of food" is the motto of the Jerry Hulbert Weekly Food Collection. Today's collection goes to The Pantry at UC Davis, as we did not collect enough for a delivery last week. Next week's goes to CA House Multifaith Living Community.

Usher Needed at 10am Service: We are in need of an usher at the 10am service on the third Sundays of the month. Ushers serve once a month in pairs at 10am, and provide an important ministry of welcoming, helping parishioners know where to go during Communion, and more.

Parish Garden and Work Day, September 12, 8-10:30am: Help Buildings & Grounds, other parishioners, and the Scouts make the grounds look beautiful for fall. We'll be weeding, trimming, sweeping, moving mulch, and more. We have a few indoor jobs too.

CLERGY OFFICE HOURS: **Rev. Pamela** holds office hours on Tuesdays, 4-5:15pm. Her next office hours will be on Tuesday, August 25. **Rev. Maggie** holds office hours on Mondays, 2-4pm. Her next office hours will be on Monday, August 24. To see either one at a different time, please email them directly or contact the office.

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