

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

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

TODAY AT CHURCH - THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Today, we give special thanks for all God's creatures, especially the animals that share our lives. The clergy will bless animals at both services today. Join us for coffee hour after the 10am service outside the parish hall.

"BUILD A HOUSE OF WELCOME" STEWARDSHIP SEASON LAUNCHES TODAY

St. Martin's annual stewardship campaign, "Build a House of Welcome" begins today. Be sure to stop by the stewardship tables on the patio outside the church to pick up your stewardship materials. On Monday, we'll mail them out to anyone who didn't pick them up at church. This month, we'll have special speakers and music each week and will end the season with a big celebration of the Feast of St. Martin on Sunday, November 8.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: BELFRY SUNDAY, YOUTH LITURGY OF THE WORD, TAIZÉ

Guest Preacher and Adult Forum after 10am Service: We'll celebrate our partnership with the Belfry Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at both services. The Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins, chaplain at the Belfry will preach at both services and lead an adult forum after the 10am service.

Youth Liturgy of the Word Returns after Summer Break: On the second Sunday of each month, junior high and high school students are invited to meet with Rev. Debbie in Room 8 during the first half of the 10am service to explore what the Gospel lesson is saying to them. **The first session this program year will be on October 11 during the 10am service.**

Taizé Worship, 6:30pm in the Church: Taizé worship focuses on praying through song and silence. Join us in the church for a service that lasts about 30 minutes. If you would like to be a reader for Taizé Worship, please sign up on SignUp Genius:

<https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/worshipsignup>

"REFLECTING IMAGES: CHRISTIANITY AND AI IN CONVERSATION" CONTINUES

This important and timely discussion series started last week with over 20 people attending. It's not too late to join facilitator Dr. Mae Barnes and others on **Tuesdays at 7pm through October 27** in the church. Earlier this year, Pope Leo XIV released *Magnifica Humanitas*, a letter to the church urging us to be responsible in our usage of AI. Mae has a background in theology and ethics, with a special focus in accessibility, science, and theological ethics. Our discussion this week will focus on Chapters 1 & 2 of *Magnifica Humanitas*, which is available for free online.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 18, Blessing of the Bicycles: Our clergy will be blessing bicycles at both services. Bring your bicycle or, if you prefer, an important bicycle part, such as your light or helmet. Stay after church for a talk by Professor Laci Gerhart, Professor in the UC Davis Department of Ecology and Evolution. Professor Gerhart will present research on the intersection of natural history and restorative justice in her talk, "Science Inside."

Saturday, October 24, Diocesan Annual Convention, 9am-4pm: Convention will be on Zoom this year. Our clergy and lay delegates will attend, but anyone interested in Diocesan governance and who wishes can attend; we'll be sharing the Zoom link when we have it.

Sunday, October 25, Día de los Muertos: We'll welcome guest speaker Lupita Armin-Law, Director of Formation for the Diocese of Northern California. We'll celebrate Día de los Muertos with a traditional *ofrenda* (an altar) where you can bring photos or mementos of loved ones who have passed away. We'll have special music at the 10am service and a fiesta with food and fellowship after the service. Mariachi UC Davis will play after the 10am service!

DAVIS INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION (DIA) PICNIC, OCTOBER 10

All are invited to the Second Annual Davis Interfaith Picnic on October 10 from 11am to 1pm at Rainbow City Playground at Community Park in Davis. The event celebrates and connects faith communities in Davis. Bring a dish to share. For more information check www.davisinterfaith.org.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE ST. MARTIN'S GRANTS

St. Martin's gives grants throughout the year to organizations that share our values and do work to help others in need. These grants include special plate offerings for Christmas and Easter as well as other outreach grants. We are asking you to nominate organizations for these grants that are 501c3 charitable organizations or certified nonprofits; they can be local, national, or international. To nominate an organization, submit a short explanation (no more than one page) stating why you think the organization should get a grant along with a description of what the organization does. We also need a website and, if possible, contact information and a mailing address. **Please submit nominations to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) by October 19.**

THE GREAT ST. MARTIN'S BAKE-OFF: CALLING ALL BAKERS! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Save the date for The Great St. Martin's Bake-Off on Sunday, November 8! Bakers of all ages and skill levels are invited to enter their favorite treats. Categories include Kids' Creation; Breakfast Casseroles; Breads and Muffins; Scones and Cookies; Pies and Cakes; or Gluten-Free, Vegan, and/or Dairy-Free. Winners will receive prizes and everyone will get to enjoy the delicious entries during coffee hour after the service. To enter, contact the office at info@churchofstmartin.org. We will have ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10am that day.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Food Collection: We collect non-perishable food items on Sundays at church. Today's collection goes to The Pantry at UC Davis as we did not collect enough for a delivery last week. Next week's collection goes to the CA House, home of the Multifaith Living Community.

Calling All Acolytes: Interested in serving as an acolyte? At the 10am service, we have a crucifer (carries the processional cross and assists in setting the table) and two torchbearers (carry the candles and process with the deacon at the reading of the Gospel). Training and a little practice is required. Please contact Janet in the office if you're interested in serving.

STEAC Kids' Food Packs - Packing Event, October 7, 9-11:30am: Come help STEAC pack weekend food packs for children in Davis Joint Unified School District who may be food insecure. Happens right here in St Martin's parish hall on the first Wednesday of every month. **Sign up here (two shifts):** https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845A9AA2EA2FA7-64750127-steac#

UPCOMING MEETINGS: **Choir Practice:** Thursday, October 8, 7pm in the church | **Social Justice & Outreach:** Tuesday, October 13, 5:15pm on Zoom | **Vestry:** Wednesday, October 21, 7pm in Room 6/7 | **Worship Committee:** Tuesday, October 27, 8:45am in the library | **Buildings & Grounds:** Tuesday, October 27, 4pm on Zoom.

CLERGY OFFICE HOURS: **Rev. Pamela** holds office hours on Tuesdays, 4-5:15pm; her next office hours will be on October 6. **Rev. Maggie** will not hold office hours for the next two Mondays. Her next office hours will be on October 19. To arrange a different time, you can email either of them directly or contact the office.

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