**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026**

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

**THIS SUNDAY, FEAST OF ST. MARTIN, BAKE OFF, STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING**

***Ingathering of Pledges:*** Today, we celebrate Saint Martin of Tours and the final Sunday of our stewardship season. The service will include a gathering of pledges for 2027. If you haven't pledged, you can put your pledge card in the offering plates today. If you've already pledged via card or email, your pledge card will be represented at the altar along with those received today. We are grateful for all pledges and donations to the church. Join in building a house of welcome!

***Other Ways to Submit Your Pledge:*** You can mail or deliver your pledge to the church office. You can also pledge via e-mail by writing to our confidential pledge e-mail address: stewardship@churchofstmartin.org. **If possible, please pledge by today, November 8.**

***It's a Party! The Great St. Martin's Bake Off:*** After church, stay to sample the entries in the bake-off and vote for your favorites! For the young at heart, we'll have lanterns to make and goose cookies to decorate. We hope you'll stay for this festive event! **If you are one of the bakers, bring your entry to the parish hall before the 10am service to fill out a short entry form.**

**Godly Play and Youth Liturgy of the Word, 10am:** Godly Play for children TK – 6th grade meets in Room 4 and Youth Liturgy of the Word for junior and senior high youth in Room 8.

***Music Notes for Sunday 10am Service:*** In honor of St. Martin of Tours, the soldier saint known for his generosity and for whom our parish is named, the Sanctuary Choir will sing an anthem that has become a favorite with many in our congregation because it so beautifully expresses our parish's mission and experience. Harold Friedells's "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" brings together themes of community, the Eucharist, and everyday holiness. The text, by poet Percy Dearmer, begins with the presence of Christ in worship, but moves outward, suggesting that the way we treat one another, the food we share, and the care we offer are all expressions of the sacred as offerings of gratitude and love. For the complete music notes, please visit our website: https://churchofstmartin.org/music/#clef

**THANKSGIVING PROJECT DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY**

Social Justice & Outreach invites your donations to the Christine Blanchard Thanksgiving Project, which provides grocery store gift cards to community members in need at the holidays. This year, Davis Community Meals and Housing, the Undocumented Student Center at UC Davis, Davis Joint Unified School District, and the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance will be recipients of the gift cards. Monetary donations of any amount will be gratefully **accepted through November 15**. Send a check to St. Martin's Church with "Thanksgiving Project" in the memo line or use the "GIVE" button on our website and select "Thanksgiving Project." Find more information about this project, its history, and its aims here: https://churchofstmartin.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/2026-FAQs-Revised.pdf. Social Justice & Outreach members will be at a table after the service on Sunday to answer your questions.

**YOLO COUNTY TRANSGENDER DAY of REMEMBRANCE & RESILIENCE INTERFAITH SERVICE**

Join St. Martin's, the Davis Phoenix Coalition, and the Yolo Interfaith Queer Alliance on **Friday, November 20**, to honor and remember transgender people whose lives have been lost to violence and discrimination. Weather permitting, there will be an **outdoor altar and labyrinth walk beginning at 5:30pm.** The candlelight **service begins at 6pm in the church,** with a reception following. For those who may wish to walk the labyrinth and visit the altar only, you are welcome to do so during the service also. The Transgender Day of Remembrance, first observed in 1999 and now commemorated worldwide, honors the memory of transgender, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming people lost to anti-transgender violence and discrimination. All are welcome to attend.

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH & THE COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

November is Native American Heritage month, and the Episcopal Church encourages us all to learn more about the history and culture of local indigenous peoples. There are relevant exhibits at the Sacramento History Museum, the California Museum, at UC Davis's own Gorman Museum of Native American Art, and at the Davis Arts Center. Rev. Pamela will also be leading a discussion about this and other topics at the monthly **Commission on the Environment meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 1pm** on Zoom. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/52ct5f5e

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Weekly Food Collection:*** The Jerry Hulbert Food Collection gathers non-perishable food every Sunday at church**.** Today's collection goes to CA House Interfaith Living Community. Next week's goes to STEAC.

***STEAC Kids' Food Packs:*** On the first Wednesday of the month in St. Martin's Parish Hall, STEAC invites volunteers to assemble Kids' Food Packs for DJUSD children to take home over the weekend. If you would like to volunteer, sign up directly with STEAC here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845A9AA2EA2FA7-64750127-steac#/

***Support Our Immigrant Neighbors:*** NorCal Resist calls on volunteers to observe and be present at a variety of locations. Find more information here about Migra watch, accompaniment, and court watch trainings: https://www.norcalresist.org/. YIIN also asks for support due to a huge increase in requests for help from immigrants. Contact YIIN here: https://yiinyolo.org/.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

***Social Justice & Outreach:*** Tuesday, November 10, 5:30pm on Zoom | ***Choir Practice:*** Thursday, November 12, 7pm in the church | ***Children, Youth and Family Planning Team***: Sunday, November 15, 11:30 in Rm 6/7 | ***Buildings & Grounds:*** Tuesday, November 17, 4pm on Zoom. | ***Vestry:*** Wednesday, November 18, 7pm in Room 6/7

**OFFICE HOURS**

Contact the clergy for individual appointments or stop by their office hours: Rev. Maggie holds office hours on Mondays 2-4pm; her next office hours will be on November 9. Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Tuesdays 4-5:15pm; her next office hours will be on November 10.

**NOVEMBER OFFICE CLOSURES**

The church office will be closed this coming **Wednesday, November 11** for Veterans Day and on **Thursday and Friday, November 26-27** for Thanksgiving.

**SAVE THE DATES**

***Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent:*** If you'd like to light the Advent wreath during the 8am or 10am service on any of the four Sundays of Advent, please let the office know.

***Sunday, December 13, 4pm, Lessons and Carols, "Behold! A New Joy!*** Through a series of Scripture readings, choral music, and carols, we will explore *maternal love* as an often-overlooked dimension of the biblical understanding of God and of Advent.

***Sunday, December 20, 4pm, Blue Christmas:*** This service is for all but particularly for those who might be feeling "blue" this Christmas season. With music, prayer, optional candle-lighting, and optional healing prayers.

***Christmas Service Schedule:*** Thursday*, December 24, 3pm,* Christmas Eucharist with Children's Pageant |Thursday*, December 24, 7pm and 10pm,* Festive Choral Christmas Eucharists | *Friday, December 25, 10am,* Christmas Carols and Eucharist