

Wednesday Information – November 4, 2020

Dear friends,

“It ain’t over til it’s over.” The question is, when will that be? Yesterday America went to the polls, or at least some of them did - many others (myself included) mailed in their votes, and now we await the outcome of a closely contested election. By the time you read this email the result may be clear, but don’t count on it.

There was something else that people did yesterday in great numbers, as well as vote - they prayed. Were you one of them? The nation needs prayers for peace - not only peace on the national level, but that inner peace which the political currents have disturbed. At the foot of this email is a prayer for the human family, as well as prayers for sound government.

In place of Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 8, St Martha’s holds its annual meeting at 11 am. Due to Covid this meeting will be held online by Zoom. A link to the meeting can be found [here](#).

Meeting ID: **810 4890 5179**
Password: **284014**

The Annual Report can be accessed [here](#). During the meeting, we will announce the results of the election of candidates to the Vestry and invite members to submit their questions, thoughts or reflections on the proposed mission and vision statement for the church.

Have a blessed Wednesday!

Father David



Upcoming events at St. Martha's

SMVBC

The book club resumes **Thursday, November 5th**, 3:00 – 4:00 PM with “Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life”, by Richard Rohr. Rohr suggests a new paradigm for understanding how our failings can be the foundation for spiritual growth. He draws on myths, heroic poems, great thinkers, and religious texts to demonstrate that we grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right.

If you would like to join the discussion please contact **Rick Legeer** at rlegeer@comcast.net by **Thursday at 9:00 AM** so you can be added to the zoom invitation.

Art and Faith

An online study which draws us deeper into the mystery of faith through the study and appreciation of art, led by Father David. The evening will conclude with Compline. This week's painting is “The Hospitality of Abraham” by Andrei Rublev. **Tuesday, November 10 at 7 pm**. This will be our penultimate session of Art and Faith. To join the group, please contact Father David at davidberesford@gmail.com.

Veterans' Day

Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of our Veterans and Awarding of Quilts of Valor, Wednesday, November 11 at 10 am. Eucharist begins at 10 am. The blessing and awarding of the Quilts of Valor follows outside (weather permitting) at approximately 10:30 am.

In preparation for our service next week, we are asking for your help in compiling a list of veteran parishioners at St. Martha's. If you are a veteran, or you know someone who is, please supply name, service, years of service & age to Jaclyn by email:
admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org



There is no Bible Study next week. Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, November 17.

A Quiet Day - "In Loving Service"

The life of the Church is rooted in the practice of discipleship and loving service. The Church has honored Mary as the first disciple of Christ and her example of loving service continues to inspire us today. As we enter the Advent Season, Father David Beresford will lead a silent retreat exploring the faithfulness and humility of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

At Memorial House, Rehoboth, Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Admission is free, however donations are invited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jaclyn Hickman by email at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org or by telephone on 302-539-7444.

Committee Updates

Outreach

Community Food Pantry, located at Salem United Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers to help with their monthly Friday food preparation and Saturday drive thru distribution. If you can help November 20 or 21, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-9402).

Thanksgiving Baskets

As always, our generous parishioners stepped up and filled all requests for groceries and gift cards for 30 families at P.C.Showell Elementary School (10) J.M.Clayton Elementary School (12) and Selbyville Middle School (8). Thank you so much. The committee is happy to accept your groceries and/or Food Lion gift cards at any time, but we must have them by November 22. We are available to pick up your contributions at your home or at the church. So, just give us a call or text when you have completed your shopping.

Becky Kelly Bauer 410-935-7072
Carolyn Smith 302-542-0325

Search

The Search Committee met on November 2 and continued to edit, format and polish the material which will comprise the Rector Search Tab for the parish website.

Flower Guild

Fr. David has approved the use of understated arrangements for the altar during Advent. We have two dates still available - **DECEMBER 13 AND DECEMBER 20.**

If you are interested in either of these available dates, please write or call Alice Anne Freund, 301-229-0799, or aafreund@verizon.net

Please give by mail or website donate button

Please continue to support our mission work by submitting your pledge to St. Martha's Episcopal Church, PO Box 1478, Bethany Beach DE 19930 or give via the donate button on the website where there is a box to note your contribution purpose: <https://www.stmarthasbethanybeach.org/make-donation-or-pledge/>.

Prayer List

Bob Bauer, Ruth Simone, Ron Sutton, Kristen Jankowski, Martha, Wayne Argo, Paul Stutts, Justin Bence, James Moore, Jr., Evan Ballard, Cameron Vlassis, Charmaine Zoller, Tara Sprouse, Don Louk, Joey, Sara Suerose, Nancy Moore & family, Bill Ensor, Katherine Hobbs, Joe, Nancy Reed, Leigh Alexander Loeber, Ron Pickup, William L Brintnall, Laura N. Brintnall, Cuthie Family, Janice Fritsch, Cassandra Riddle, Sammy Schweers, Pauline Wise, Becky Warlow, Jean Bunker, Carolyn Clarke, Richard Hay, August Goeller, Bev and Jack Shubert, Margaret Duval, Marilyn Hoffman, Clari Hernandez, Lisa Carver, AJ Evans, Robert Hicks, Noel Tuck, Joanne Grant, Mimi Drew and John Conway

For Our Serving Military: Quinn Barber, HM3 Kevin Murphy, Conner Warlow, Daniel Olnick

Prayer LIST – If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office at (302) 539-7444 or email admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org. The Prayer List is a way to ask for prayer from the whole congregation for a loved one who is dealing with a stressful issue such as chronic illness, job problem, or other personal problem. Only the person's name is listed. Names stay on the list for two months unless and until renewed.

Prayer CIRCLE – These volunteer prayer warriors pray for a person who has asked for urgently needed short-term prayer for a specific purpose like surgery or an upcoming medical test. These requests are confidential. You can email prayercircle@stmarthasbethanybeach.org for Prayer Circle intercessions. You can also contact Jaclyn at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org or 539-7444. Voicemail messages are being monitored and you will receive a return call during normal office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm).

Pastoral CARE –If you have a pastoral care need, please call Elsa or Carol at (732) 216-6875 or contact the office using the email address or phone number listed above.

Pastoral Care EMERGENCY – Please contact Father David Beresford at (302) 468 9062.

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

Prayer for Sound Government

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

Have a wonderful week!

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