

# Wednesday Information - January 6, 2021

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## From Florida With Love

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! I hope by now you have received your Christmas Letter. Over 200 were carefully assembled and then handed to the post office official at Bethany Beach Post office on December 10, 2020. What happened then? We're not sure, but members started reporting them arriving after Christmas Day. What's more, they were postmarked, "Tampa, Florida." The funny thing was, we mailed one letter to a Post Office box in Bethany Beach, literally feet away from where it was posted. That, too, went south.

Oh well. Better late than never. The letters contained an envelope for a Christmas offering, so if you are feeling flush after Christmas, you might consider a late offering and post it back to us (hopefully to arrive before next Christmas). The Vestry will shortly be considering carrier pigeons as an alternative. (Thanks Jim).

With regard to 2021, a friend sent the following message, which I hope you will enjoy.

" Welcome aboard Flight 2021. I am your flight attendant, and we are preparing for take off into the New Year.

Please make sure that your attitude and blessings are secured and locked in upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, and discouragement should be stored in the overhead compartments. We have removed the excess baggage that has been flying with us on Flight 2020 and are hopeful that our flight to our future destinations will be a smooth one.

Should we lose altitude under pressure during our flight, please reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by faith. Once your faith is activated you can assist other passengers.

Remember.... there is no return policy on time, so make every mile count!

The new year offers you 365 blank pages, so write the most beautiful chapter of your life!

Wishing you great health, happiness, and success in 2021!

WE HAVE BEEN CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF!! ✈️❤️"

Have a blessed journey!

Father David

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# Please Join Us For Online Worship

[Facebook Livestream](#)

[YouTube](#)

## ***The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ***

*Sunday, January 10, 2021*

*9:00 am - Holy Eucharist*

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### ***MEN'S GROUP***

Calling all men. We are initiating a Men's Group. It will meet once a month for fellowship, with morning prayer, a light continental breakfast and a short program of some sort. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 9:00 in the Parish Hall. The first "program" will be presented by Father David. We will be socially distancing and following our COVID protocols. Those of you who feel comfortable meeting in person, mark your calendars now. Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Ron Kerchner at [thekerchners@msn.com](mailto:thekerchners@msn.com) so we know how many to plan for.

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### ***ONLINE BIBLE STUDY***

Father David will lead an online study of St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Beginning Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 PM. For more info, please contact [admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org).

## 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 January 15-16, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-9402).

### *Flower Guild*

Christmas is over and the lovely poinsettias and cyclamens have been delivered. The front of the altar looks bare without them, however, it is time to decorate our beautiful worship space with new arrangements.

To sign up for a 2021 Sunday when you would like the flowers to remember or honor an event or person, please call Jaclyn at 302-539-7444 or write her at [admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org). There are three Sundays still available in January and February - 1/10, 1/17, and 2/7, but you may designate any Sunday in the year.



Time To  
Celebrate

January Birthdays and  
Anniversaries



**MEETING  
MINUTES**

**DECEMBER**

Outreach

Finance

## Prayer List



In 2021 we are planning to update our current prayer list. If there is someone whom you would like to place on the list, please let Jaclyn in the office know. She will keep a record of that person who will remain on the list for four weeks. At the end of that period, their name will be removed unless we hear that they should remain on. This will make sure our prayer list remains up to date. Thank you.

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### *Prayer List*

Bev and Jack Shubert, Marie Hogsten, Harry Burlew, Sara Reynolds, Caryn and John Short, Casey Owens, Lucille Johansen, Stephen & Laura Moore, The Rev. Marianne Babnis and Jodie Gallons

**For the recently departed:** Nancy Gallons

**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](mailto: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 one month 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](mailto:prayercircle@stmarthasbethanybeach.org) for Prayer Circle intercessions. You can also contact Jaclyn at [admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto: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.

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Christ born for us,  
Son of God, given for us,  
help us to know you,  
to worship and to serve you.  
Amen.

The Magi, Lord,  
brought myrrh, frankincense, and gold.  
Lord, we have nothing of our own to bring;  
we bring you what you have given:  
our lives for your life.  
Amen.

Jesus, Savior, son of Mary,  
you know us and love us,  
you share our lives  
and hear our prayer.  
Glory to you for ever.  
Amen.

May God, who has called us out of darkness  
into his marvelous light,  
bless us and fill us with peace.  
Amen.

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### *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/>.

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### **Have a wonderful week!**

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