

## Wednesday Information - February 10, 2021

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Dear friends,

Our first livestream with the new video and audio equipment took place last Sunday. Images came from two fixed cameras in the church, as well as from a third camera on a tripod. Audio is being fed through the church's existing system, and the whole presentation is being mixed live through a control center in the sacristy.

Although the quality of the broadcast was very good, there was a technical problem which resulted in occasional blips during the broadcast, which meant that some words weren't being transmitted. (That could have been a problem if we had been reading the Ten Commandments). This was caused by an insufficiently fast upload speed, so a new modem will be installed shortly to prevent future recording blips.

From now on, all live broadcasts will be direct to YouTube. Our equipment records in HD, so check your settings on YouTube in order to watch in best possible image quality.

A week from today is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a livestream of the Holy Eucharist at 12 noon. This year there will be no imposition of ashes, as Covid rules prevent the priest directly imposing ashes on the foreheads of worshippers. The diocese has suggested, as an alternative, an ancient practice of pouring ashes on people's heads. My preference is for ashes to be self-administered. The ashes are not sacramental, but are a vivid symbol of death - a reminder of our own mortality. Details of our Lent program will be mailed out to members this week. There will be a varied program of courses and events, and details will be appearing shortly on the website. You are warmly invited to attend any or all of these events and services.

I hope that most of you have been able to get your first jab of the vaccine. The roll out has been haphazard, to say the least. A member telephoned me on Monday to say that he had a dream in which he received the vaccine from Royal Farms. My choice would be Chick-fil-A, because their service is so fast. Maybe someone should tell the Governor?

Have a blessed week.

Father David

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## **Please Join Us For Online Worship**

**ATTENTION:** This week's service was pre-recorded and will **NOT** be livestreamed. To view the service please click the Youtube link below.



***The Last Sunday after Epiphany***  
*Sunday, February 14, 2021*  
*9:00 am - Holy Eucharist*

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**St Martha's Episcopal Church  
Bethany Beach**



**February 17, 2021  
12 noon  
Holy Eucharist  
Livestream on YouTube**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SMVBC

St. Martha's Virtual Book Club will meet this Thursday, February 11, 3:00 – 4:00 PM to discuss chapter eight of *What is the Point of Being a Christian*, "Citizens of the Kingdom". If you would like to join please contact Rick Legeer.

## In Person Bible Study

Tuesday, February 16 at 1 pm. A study of the Book of Leviticus, verses from Chapters 19, 24 & 25. Led by Dianne Burlew. Meet in the Parish Hall. Masks and physical distancing required. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jaclyn Hickman by email at [admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org) or by telephone on 302-539-7444.

## Life Before Death

Beebe Healthcare in association with St Martha's Episcopal Church, Bethany Beach, is pleased to announce a special five week program on the topic of Life Before Death (Living a Better Now by Planning Ahead).

This will be an online program. The first four sessions will be livestreamed from Beebe Healthcare and the fifth session will be livestreamed from St Martha's. The recording of each session will also be available for upload after the livestream.

We will offer five consecutive weeks, Saturdays at 10am on 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13 and 3/20. Sessions will run 1.25 hours. Participants will be able to type in questions during the live broadcast. Contact info for follow-up questions will be provided.

### Week One – Advance Care Planning

- Completing an Advance Directive
- What are the medical alternatives (CPR, ANH, DNR, DNI, and more)
- Selecting a surrogate decision maker
- Durable Power of Attorney for healthcare

- DNAR, DMOST
- Palliative Care

Week Two – Talking to your loved ones

- Getting ready for the conversation
- Where do you stand on important health decisions
- Who, When, Where, and What to say

Week Three – The Episcopal Church and End of Life

- Burial Services
- Cremation or Burial
- Legal Requirements upon death
- Planning your service
- Obituary Planning

Week Four – Bereavement and more

- Options for care toward end of life (SNIF, Assisted Living, Alzheimer's care, independent living)
- Grief resources

Week Five- Legal Information

- Organizing essential information
- Choosing an executor
- Delaware law
- Estate Planning (Wills, Trusts, Probate)
- Estate Administration

Further details to follow.

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As we journey through the season of Lent, why not join us online for an evening Lent Course? "God and Us" comprises six sessions and explores our relationship with God, using traditional and creative approaches to the questions of faith and religion.

Each session begins at 7 pm.

Wednesday February 24	1. God Is
Wednesday March 3	2. God the Creator
Wednesday March 10	3. The House of God
Wednesday March 17	4. The Psalms
Wednesday March 24	5. The Vision of God
Wednesday March 31	6. God our Friend

The course will be conducted by Zoom. Please see the weekly emails or website for further information.

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### **(In lieu of Prayer/ Soup & Salad each Wednesday of Lent sponsored by the Ministerium)**

A Prayer Service will be held in the Parking Lot of St. George's United Methodist Church on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 24 @ 12 noon—led by St. Ann's

Wednesday, March 31 @ 12 noon—led by Ocean View Presbyterian Church

**(Sound system available, so you may stay in your car. As in past, a free will offering will be accepted to support the less fortunate that Ministerium provides for).**

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## 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 February 19th or 20th, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-940).

### *Flower Guild*

We still have several Sundays before Easter when you may reserve arrangements for the altar. Those Sundays are February 28, March 14, 21, and 28. The altar will have arrangements of greens during Lent, no flowers. If you would like to designate one of these Lenten Sundays in honor of a person or event, please let Jaclyn know at 302-539-7444 or [admin@bethanybeach.org](mailto:admin@bethanybeach.org).

We are also accepting requests for designations regarding Easter flowers. You should be receiving a Lent package in the mail in the next few days which will include the form for Easter flowers. Please complete and return by mail or you can call or email Jaclyn with your designation.

### *Search*

The Rectors Search Page is now activated and available for viewing on St. Martha's website! This formally opens the application process to find our new rector. If you know of someone interested in this position, please direct them to the Rector's Search Page. Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2021. In response to inquiries, Father David cannot be a candidate for our rector as Church policy states interim rectors cannot become permanent. As much as we like Father David, his time with us is limited.

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## *Prayer List*

Bev and Jack Shubert, Marie Hogsten, Harry Burlew, Robert Hicks, Christine Mains, Allison & Carolee, Elsa Fuentes, Elizabeth, Ruth Robson, Carolyn Clarke, Joanne Grant, Ed Kapnic, Craig Brosi, Keith Smith, Jim Lucas, Jane Robbert and Michael Kilakis

**For the recently departed:** Pamm Ferris and Shelly Gooch

**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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## *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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*God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

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