

Wednesday Information - March 3, 2021

Dear friends,

I want to draw your attention to a special service of healing this Sunday, following the 9 am Holy Eucharist. Many of us have spent the past year coping with the fallout from the coronavirus: being separated from loved ones, having close family members admitted to hospital, and learning to cope in a fearful world which seems to be very different to the one we knew before.

It is the same world, of course, but the past year has affected us in ways that will take time to unravel. This is a time when the wounds of that experience, whether physical or psychological, need to be brought before God. I believe the human spirit shines forth in times of adversity and that, with the healing grace of God's love, we will come through.

Attending a service of healing is one step we can take towards getting back on track. In other times, this service would include anointing and laying on of hands, but under our current protocols that won't be possible. However, our prayers will be the same, and the healing presence of the Holy Spirit will also be the same. I invite you therefore, to join me in this short service of around 10-15 minutes, which begins at 10:15 am. If you are unable to attend in person, the service will be televised live on our YouTube channel.

With every blessing

Father David

Join us as we worship together in person.

*Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 7, 2021
9:00 am - Holy Eucharist*

If you are unable to worship in person, please join us as we livestream.

To view the livestreamed service please click the Youtube link below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

God and Us

Today, Wednesday, March 3 at 7 pm. **“God and Us”** comprises six online sessions and explores our relationship with God. There will be an opportunity to discuss the course material and the session will end with prayer.

Session Two: **God the Creator**

A link to the course material is [here](#).

Contact the office for the Zoom link.

Life Before Death

Saturday, March 6 at 10 am. Week Three

We continue with the third session on Saturday March 6 at 10:00am. Participants need to [email admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org) or call Jaclyn at the church office to sign up. Sign up is very important so that we can prepare the handout folder for each person.

Handout material will be in a blue covered file bin located by the red front door of St Martha's. Please make arrangements to pick up your materials that will be used in each session.

Week Three – The Episcopal Church & End of Life

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

This can be viewed through the link provided by Beebe Healthcare.

Service of Healing

Sunday, **March 7** at 10:15 am, following the Sunday Eucharist.

Men's Group

Our next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, **March 10**, 2021 at 9 am. Our guest speaker will be Rev. David Archibald, Rector of St Mark's, Millsboro.

In Person Bible Study

There is no In Person Bible Study next week. Resumes Tuesday, **March 16** at 1 pm.

Movie Night

We begin a series of regular movie nights in the Church Hall, starting Tuesday, **March 23** at 6:30 pm. Our first movie will be the documentary **What Killed Michael Brown?** a thoughtful, visual essay written and narrated by the race scholar Shelby Steele, which examines the effects of social policies on black communities. This will be followed by a discussion.

Ministerium Prayer Service

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

Committee Corner

What's new this week

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

The Way Home is having a fundraiser on with the goal of raising \$10,000 to support formerly incarcerated citizens transition back into their local communities.

WHEN- March 4th - March 5th, 6pm-6pm WHERE - Visit tinyurl.com/23v9ejzb

Donations can also be mailed to:
The Way Home
PO Box 1103
Georgetown, DE 19947

Also, Outreach is having our diaper drive during the month of March. Donations of diapers (no infant) can be dropped off at St. Martha's or at Wincy Jackson's home: 18 Morgans Turn, Ocean View.



Camp Arrowhead is opening at 50% this summer. Some scholarships are still available. To apply, please contact Jaclyn Hickman at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org. to receive a copy of the scholarship form. When form is completed, please send to Josie Legeer at Jlegeer@comcast.net or mail to Josie Legeer 36310 Charleston Dr., Selbyville, DE 19975.

[Camp Arrowhead](#)



The Seashell Ringers will resume their weekly rehearsals starting TODAY, at 1:00 in the Parish Hall. All necessary COVID precautions are taken to assure everyone's safety. A few new ringers are needed! The ability to read music is not necessary, but the ability to count to four is! Please contact Dave Kemper or any bell choir member for more information.



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

[Click here](#)

Prayer List

Bev and Jack Shubert, Marie Hogsten, Harry Burlew, Robert Hicks, Christine Mains, Elsa Fuentes, Carolyn Clarke, Keith Smith, Jim Lucas, Jane Robbert, Michael Kilakis, Cathy Jordan, Aiden Custance, Robin Weaver and Sue Mantegna

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 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 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.

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/>.

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Have a wonderful week!

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