

# Wednesday Information - April 7, 2021

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Dear friends,

Yesterday's reading for the Office of Morning Prayer carried this passage from the Song of Songs:

"Flowers are appearing on the earth,  
The season of songs has come,  
The voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."

(2:12 RNJB)

The Song of Songs - also known as the Song of Solomon - is one of the finest books of the Bible, although many are unaware of it. Perhaps that has something to do with its subject matter, which is the natural and unabashed celebration of sexual love and partnership. It contains many lyrical passages like the one above, and has the distinction of being written, in part, from a woman's point of view.

The line that stood out for me was "The season of songs has come". That expresses my wish that our current winter of Covid fear will come to an end, and be replaced with a spring and summer of songs. In Easter season we lift up our hearts to God, and give thanks for all that he has done.

During Holy Week we joined Jesus on his path from rejection and death to new life and freedom. Our gratitude derives from the fact that he did all of this for us - it wasn't something we could do for ourselves. Therefore we have good reason to rejoice. How blessed is the Lord!

Our celebration of Easter at St Martha's continues on Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. I hope you will join us there.

With Easter blessings

Father David

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***Join us as we worship together in person.***

***Second Sunday of Easter***

***Sunday, April 11, 2021***

***8:00 am & 10:00 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.



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***Thank you from Father David***

To all who gave of their time and talents to making a very special Holy Week and Easter, a huge thank you from me. It was a richly blessed time for us and all our visitors.

***Father David***

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***Wedding***

On Saturday **April 10** at 3 pm at St Martha's will be the wedding between Catherine O'Neill and John Schilling. Please keep the couple in your prayers.

***Holy Eucharist***

On Sunday, **April 11** at the 10 am service, we welcome Rev Deacon Larry Norfleet.

***In Person Bible Study***

A study of the Book of Joshua, Chapters 5 & 6 on Tuesday, **April 13** at 1 pm. 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.

### ***Men's Breakfast***

The next men's breakfast will be held in the Lighthipe Hall on Wednesday, **April 14** at 9 am.

### ***Movie Night***

We continue our monthly movie night in the Church Hall, on Tuesday, **April 27** at 6:30 pm. Our next movie will be **Risen**, starring Joseph Fiennes. In AD 33, a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the missing body of Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead.

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St. Martha's Virtual Book Club will resume Thursday, **April 15, 3:00 – 4:00 PM**. The Club will discuss ***White Fragility*** by Robin DiAngelo. DiAngelo challenges conventional views held by many White Americans on race. Both conscious and unconscious attitudes are scrutinized, often with outcomes opposite to common thought. The book was a N.Y. Times best seller for over a year, reaching #1 frequently.



Weekly chapter assignments will be detailed shortly. ***White Fragility*** is available at Amazon (e-reader and hard copy) and other online stores. If possible check out local bookstores. To get on the Club's Zoom meeting list, contact Rick Legeer at [rlegeer@gmail.com](mailto:rlegeer@gmail.com) or 301-758-7539.

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# Committee Corner

*What's new this week*

## Outreach

In April, Outreach is collecting personal care items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) to deliver to the Pyle Center. Items can be dropped off in the baskets by the church entrance. Monetary donations are also welcome. Be sure to put Personal Care in the memo line of your check.

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 April 16 or 17, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-9402)



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

**April 24** between 10 AM and 12 Noon is Parish Life Day at Camp Arrowhead. If anyone is interested in attending and having a wonderful tour of Camp Arrowhead, please contract Josie Legeer at 301-801-

2786. A car pool can be arranged."

## [Camp Arrowhead](#)

### *Flower Guild*

Many many thanks to all who donated funds for our joyous Easter flowers. This arrangement will remain at the altar and on the "tree" in the back through next Sunday. Any time after that, those donors should feel free to help themselves to a plant or two. If you would like your donation plant delivered, please let me know - Alice Anne

Freund 301-229-0799 or [aafreund@verizon.net](mailto:aafreund@verizon.net) or let Pat Long know 302-539-3021 or [carlandpatlong@hotmail.com](mailto:carlandpatlong@hotmail.com).

We still have a few free Sundays this Spring if you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a person or event. Our undesignated days are April 18, May 2, May 16, and May 30.

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Click [here](#) for April birthdays and anniversaries



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MINUTES**

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## ***Prayer List***

Bev and Jack Shubert, Marie Hogsten, Robert Hicks, Christine Mains, Carolyn Clarke, Jim Lucas, Jane Robbert, Cathy Jordan, Aiden Custance, Robin Weaver, Maria LaValle, Al Davidson, Ivette, Clari Hernandez, Paul Tarr, Diane, Elsa Fuentes and Madeline May

**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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*O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

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