

Weekly Update

August 23, 2023

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

8 am and 10 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Victoria Pretti

If you are unable to worship in person, please join us on Youtube.
To view the recorded service please click the link below.



St. Martha's Vestry Announcement

The Vestry has agreed to provide matching funds up to \$10,000 for any parishioner contributions to a St. Martha's Maui Relief Fund, the total of which will be sent to the Episcopal Relief & Development. The Vestry match will be based on contributions received by **September 11, 2023**. Checks may be placed in the plate or mailed to the office (P.O. Box 1478, Bethany Beach, DE 19930). Please be sure to put "Maui Relief Fund" on the memo line.

This week at

St. Martha's



Seashell Ringers Practice

Wednesday, August 23 at 1:15 pm.

Choir Practice

Wednesday, August 23 at 7 pm.

Outreach Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 24 at 2 pm in the parish hall.

SMHBC

Thursday, August 24 at 3 pm in the parish hall. This meeting will be devoted to improving future meeting experiences. Specifically, they we look at rotating “leads” for selecting titles and leading discussions, long range planning, expanding or limiting the genres we discuss, and other ideas for improving the experience. Input from book club regulars, occasional participants and those who have never joined, is encouraged. Feel free to invite friends including non Parishioners.

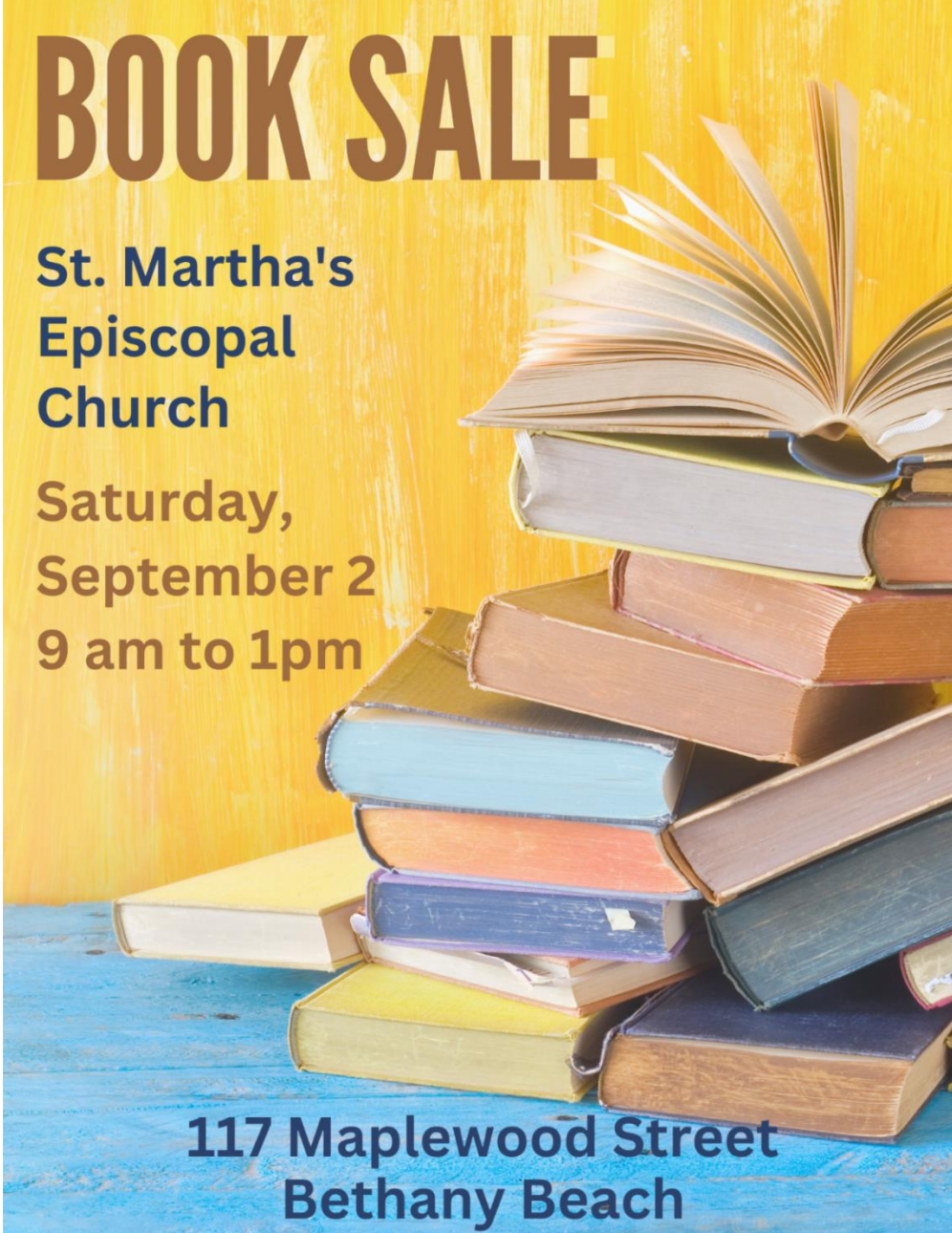
Yoga

Monday, August 28 at 9:30 am in the parish hall. \$8 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.

Yoga

Tuesday, August 29 at 5:30 pm. This is a beginner's class starting with the basics for anyone new to yoga or just looking for a gentle practice. \$8 to drop in.

Upcoming Events



BOOK SALE

**St. Martha's
Episcopal
Church**

**Saturday,
September 2
9 am to 1pm**

**117 Maplewood Street
Bethany Beach**

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer. We've had a great response so far but just need a few more people to help out the day of the sale. Please stop by the parish hall to sign up.



In connection with the Bethany Beach Arts Festival on **September 9th**, St. Martha's Divine Confections will have a bake sale on the boardwalk from 10 am to 5 pm. Donations of baked goods are needed and can be delivered to the church on September 8 between 10 and 12 noon and again between 1 and 3 pm. We also need volunteers to help set up and take down the tent, deliver the treats to the boardwalk and work the day of the sale. A sign up sheet is in the parish hall.

Our best sellers of baked goods include: cookies, brownies, muffins, loaves and half cakes (no frosting). Please package items for individual sale and be sure to label anything that includes nuts. For medium size cookies you can do 3 per bag, 2 for large. Gluten free items are welcome as well. Questions? Contact Mary Davis (302) 293-5337 or Pat Leskowitz (301) 233-5191.

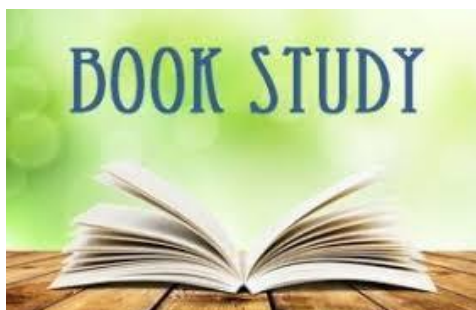
ST. MARTHA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PRESENTS
St. Thomas Gospel Choir



Saturday, September 9th at 6PM
ST. MARTHA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
117 Maplewood Street
Bethany Beach, DE 19930

Rev. Victoria Pretti, Pastor

Admission at the door. \$20/person



Sunday Book Studies this year will focus on the subject of prayer, and will meet in the Parish Hall between the services, at 9 to 9:45 am. On September 10 we'll introduce our fall book: "Learning to Pray" by James Martin. Please join us anytime!

Presentation by the South Coastal Village Volunteers Monday, September 11 at 1pm Parish Hall

South Coastal Village Volunteer is an organization that enables older adults to live independently by providing volunteer help. Now in their third year of operation, they serve Bethany Beach, Millville, Ocean View and South Bethany. Members, who pay \$500 annually for a single person and \$750 for a household, are entitled to up to 25 hours of services a month. Services include transportation to and from appointments, shopping, friendly visits and calls, technical help and help with small household chores. Short term memberships of up to three months at \$75 monthly are available for temporary needs.

Volunteers, who are carefully vetted, choose which services to perform and when they are available to help based on a computer system. The Village is looking for additional volunteers and members.

Their office, located at 32 West Avenue in the Ocean View Community Center, is open Monday through Friday 10 AM to 2 PM.

For further information, please go to our website at www.southcoastalvillagevolunteers.org. or call 302-500-1281.



Bible Study returns on Tuesday, September 12 at 1 pm in the parish hall. This session focuses on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Any questions, please contact [Dianne Burlew](#).

The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!

On Sunday, **September 17th**, Bishop Brown will join us for his annual parish visitation. There will be a single 9 am service followed by a very special coffee hour.

Volunteers are needed to bring food for the coffee hour. A sign up sheet is in the parish hall. Please stop by the parish hall to take a look at the sign up sheet and see what is still needed.

If you would like to be Confirmed or Received by Bishop Brown during the service, please speak to Rev. Ria or call the office prior to **September 1st**.

Outreach



St. Martha's Outreach members will be purchasing the supplies that Phillip Showell, John Clayton, and Selbyville Middle School have requested for the 2023-24 school year. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with these supplies, please make your check out to St. Martha's with school supplies on the memo line.

If you are interested in attending a Habitat Dedication, please sign up in the Parish Hall next to the Outreach bulletin board and include your contact information.

Announcements

**19th Year
St. Martha's Dinner Club
October 2023 – January 2024**

Come one, come all! Singles, Couples, New folks, Long-time parishioners

Don't want to cook? Join a restaurant group
-see sign-up sheet in the parish hall

Groups of 6 – 8 adults will gather monthly for dinner and socializing. The dinners will give us a chance to get to know people from St. Martha's in a setting away from church.

Participants will be placed in groups that will stay together for the months of October – January.

Home groups: Each month a different person/couple will host the dinner and provide the drinks and simple entrée. Others in the group will provide the balance of the meal.

Restaurant group(s): Each month a different person/couple will be the host and make the arrangements for the restaurant.

There are only 2 "rules" for the dinners.

- No discussion of church business
- The evening should end by 9 PM.

Please sign the sign-up sheet in the parish hall by September 17th

Questions: contact – Wincy Jackson 302-381-8638, wwjax77@gmail.com, or
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