

Weekly Update

August 30, 2023

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023
8 am and 10 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Blake Wamester

If you are unable to worship in person, please join us on Youtube.
To view the livestream 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 30 at 1:15 pm.

Choir Practice

Wednesday, August 30 at 7 pm.

Book Sale Set Up

Friday, September 1 beginning at 9:30 am.

Book Sale

Saturday, September 2 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Yoga

Monday, September 4 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, September 5 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



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've had a good response for volunteers and we are covered for set up and take down and to work the day of the sale. However, we could always use more bakers. If you are able to provide some goodies please stop by the parish hall this Sunday and sign up.

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

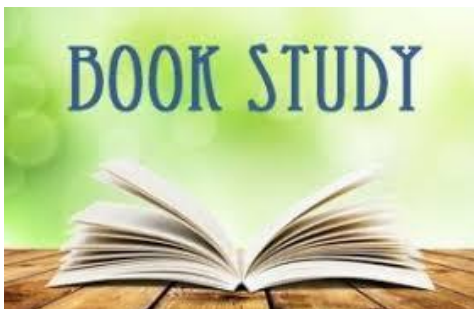


In Concert
Under the direction of **Walt Blocker**

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.

Outreach



St. Martha's Outreach has completed shopping for school supplies and is now delivering to the schools. Your donations allowed us to purchase all the requested backpacks and school supplies, 34 backpacks and supplies, for Showell and Clayton Elementary Schools and Selbyville Middle School.

Four Habitat Housing Dedications are tentatively scheduled for September and October. Parishioners who signed up to attend dedications will be contacted as soon as the dates are finalized.

Anyone interested in walking on Bethany Boardwalk on Wednesday mornings at 10am, September 13 until October 11, in support of Crop Hunger Walk contact Fran or John McElvey.

Announcements

**Service Recording Now
Livestreamed**

**Make a Stitch on St.
Martha's Justice Quilt**

Because of some recent changes to our A/V system in the Sanctuary, we are now able to livestream the 10 AM Service. The livestream will begin on our YouTube channel at approximately 10 AM every Sunday going forward. The Service will remain on the channel for those who wish to view at another time. The links to the livestream will be as before, in the Wednesday Information and Saturday Inspiration emails as well as several places on the website including the home page.

The Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission in the Episcopal Church in Delaware put out the call for each parish to make a Justice Quilt reflecting their take on justice and Becoming Beloved Community. Justice quilts will be displayed at the November Convention. Every parishioner is invited to help make the quilt by Making a Stitch. The quilt will be available to you at each coffee hour until we submit on September 15.

**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 Carolyn Smith 302-436-9080, jack.smith6@comcast.net

You know how when you first move here you have to get on a waiting list to get a doctor or a dentist? Well, that's not a problem at all with the St. Martha's Hybrid Book Group! We have plenty of room! It's a hybrid because you can join us in person at St Martha's or by Zoom. Our next meeting is on **September 28th** from 3 to 4 pm. We are reading *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Please come join us!!





A woman was looking for her lost earring this past Sunday. A silver hoop earring was found after the 10 am service and we believe it may belong to her. If you would like to claim the earring, please contact the office.