

Weekly Update

November 22, 2023

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King

November 26, 2023
8 am & 10 am*

Celebrant: Reverend Victoria Pretti

If you are unable to worship in person, please join us on Youtube.

*To view the livestream service please click the link below.



This week at

St. Martha's



Thursday, November 23rd:

- Morning Prayer at 10 am. Led by Dianne Burlew.
- Office Closed

Friday, November 24th:

- Office Closed

Sunday, November 26th

- Book Study resumes between services from 9 - 9:45 am.

Monday, November 27th:

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

Tuesday, November 28th:

- Bible Study at 1 pm in the parish hall.
- Yoga at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. This is a beginner's class starting with the basics for anyone new to yoga or just looking for a gentle practice. \$8 drop in.

Upcoming Events



CAPITAL RINGERS PRESENTS 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

All concerts begin at 4 pm

Saturday, November 25

Bethel United Methodist Church, Lewes

Sunday, November 26

Nobles Pond Clubhouse, Dover

Saturday, December 2

Asbury United Methodist Church, Salisbury

Sunday, December 3

Avenue United Methodist Church, Milford

Saturday, December 9

Conley's United Methodist Church, Lewes

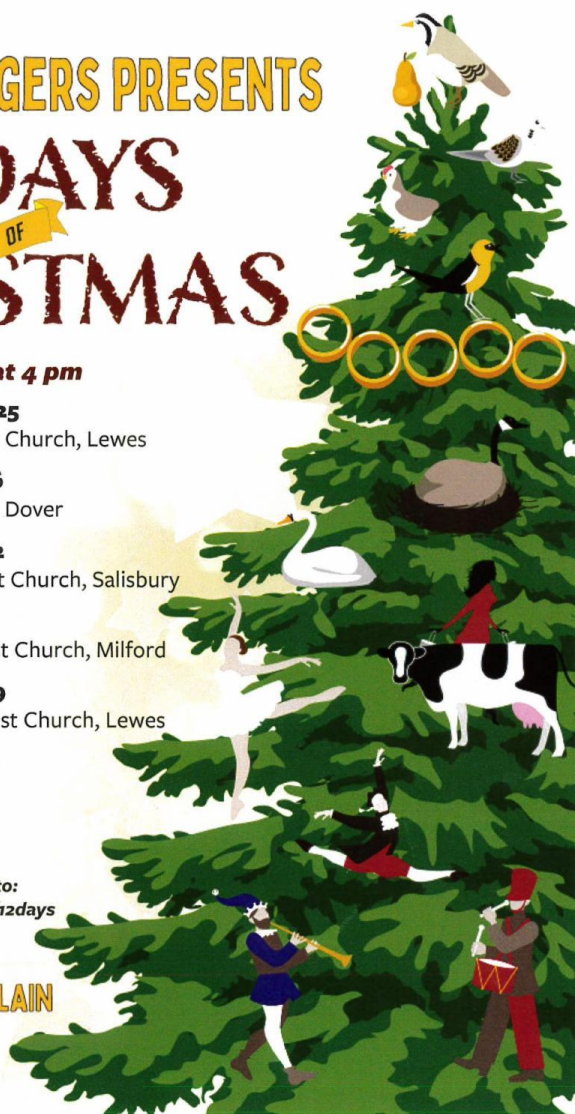
Sunday, December 10

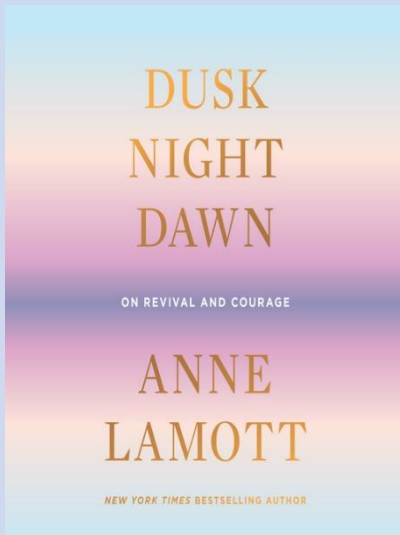
Ross Mansion, Seaford



For ticket info, go to:
capitalringers.org/12days

KEVIN B. CHAMBERLAIN
Artistic Director





Please join us on **November 30th** from 3 to 4 pm in the church hall when the St. Martha's Hybrid Book Group meets to discuss Anne Lamott's "Dusk, Night, Dawn." This book grapples with the tough question of how to cope as we stumble through our own personal as well as our country's dark times. Contact Rick Legeer at rlegeer@gmail.com if you would like to join the discussion remotely.



The Southern Delaware Chorale will be performing, "**A Candlelight Concert: Midnight Mass,**" featuring such pieces as Messe de Minuit by Charpentier, Wilmington, a Christmas Anthem on the text "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!", O Nata Lux by Thomas Tallis, Go Tell it on the Mountain arranged by John Rutter, Christmas Day by Gustav Holst, audience sing-alongs and more! Our two Lee Mitchell Scholarship winners, Gina Garcia Perez and Caliana Velasquez will perform solos as well.

The concert will take place at Epworth United Methodist Church , 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach on **Friday, December 1, 2023** at 7:30 P.M. and **Saturday, December 2, 2023** at 3:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.southerndelawarechorale.org, Children under 18 are free. Tickets will be available at the door! Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted. Hope to see you there!



Thank you to all who have signed up to help out with this event. We still need a few people to assist with the book sale part and of course we can always use more bakers. Please consider putting your baking skills into action. Stop by the parish hall and add your name to either list!



Click [here](#) for form. Copies are available in the parish hall as well.



Mariner's Bethel Live Nativity

Friday, December 15th, 2023

6-8:00 pm



"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.'"

Luke 2:10-11

The wondrous Live Nativity - the story of the Birth of Jesus Christ - will be presented through Scripture and carols, 3 times throughout the evening, at 6 pm, 6:40 pm & 7:20 pm.

Enjoy hot cocoa, Christmas cookies, and singing around a cozy fire, while watching the story of the first Christmas come alive.
(This event will be held indoors in inclement weather.)

For more information, call 302.539.9510



Mariners Bethel
Global Methodist Church Ocean View, Delaware

81 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE
www.MarinersBethel.org

Outreach



Thanks to our wonderful congregation, 34 local families will have food for their Thanksgiving meal. All the groceries were delivered on Monday to Phillip Showell, John Clayton, and Selbyville Middle School.

Outreach would like to highlight Family Promise which is one of our newest partners. Unfortunately it was left out of the Annual Plan on Sunday, but since has been added.

FAMILY PROMISE OF SOUTHERN DELAWARE: Family Promise prevents families from being evicted and entering homelessness by providing rental assistance, landlord mediation, assistance with utility shut offs and other expenses contributing to housing instability. They provide resources and community connections for families. A case manager works with the family to ensure they have what they need to avoid future homelessness. Dale Smith is the board president of Family Promise of Southern Delaware, and he keeps Outreach informed of their progress. Outreach donated \$5,000 to Family Promise in 2023.

Announcements



Maggie's 7th Annual
**Winter
Coat
Drive**

**Donation deadline:
December 31st**

Drop-off Locations:

- Selbyville Public Library**
11 S Main St, Selbyville, DE 19975
- Frankford Town Hall**
9 Main St, Frankford, DE 19945
- Coldwell Banker**
89 Atlantic Ave, Ocean View, DE 19970
1431 S Salisbury Blvd, Salisbury, MD 21801
12207 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842
6405 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842
- Next Step Learning Center**
2 Church St, Selbyville, DE 19975
- Millsboro Lanes**
213 Mitchell St, Millsboro, DE 19966

**Please
Donate**

A New or Unused Coat
to Help the Less
Fortunate to Keep
Them Warm

My goal is to collect over
300 new or unused coats,
hats and gloves for the less
fortunate. All given will be
donated to those in need in
Sussex County.

For more information:
Email: bdupont@yahoo.com
Facebook: Maggie's Coat Drive

 **Need us to pick up?**
Call: (302) 542-1464

A donation container is located in front of the office. If you have any further questions, you can reach out to Mimi Dupont. Maggie is Mimi's granddaughter.



Are you 72 or older? Have you lost the ability to fully deduct charitable contributions because you no longer itemize federal income tax deductions? Do you make donations to St. Martha's regularly? If you answered yes to these questions, you may want to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD is generally a non-taxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to St. Martha's or other qualified charities. A QCD reduces your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and thereby reduces taxes. If you are receiving a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, a QCD can be used to satisfy the RMD. Please consult your tax advisor or tax return preparer to determine if a QCD could benefit you.

Stewardship Update

As of date	Amount Pledged for 2024
9/17/2023	\$25,300
9/26/2023	\$72,820
10/7/2023	\$87,660
10/12/2023	\$102,000
10/17/2023	\$147,120
10/24/2023	\$162,160
10/31/2023	\$172,090
11/5/2023	\$186,370
11/13/2023	\$196,430
11/20/2023	\$197,930

Pledgers who:	Number
Increased their pledge	24
Pledged the same	44
Decreased their pledge	9
New pledgers	12
Totals	89

A big thank you to all those who have submitted their pledge cards thus far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!