

Weekly Update

November 1, 2023

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist.

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 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.



All Saints' Sunday and Remembrance Sunday – November 5th

Please bring pictures that day of departed loved ones, which will be placed around the altar during the service. We will observe a special candle-lit prayer in their honor during each service.



This week at

St. Martha's



Wednesday, November 1st:

- Men's Discipleship Group at 8 am in the conference room. (meets weekly)
- Seashell Ringers Practice at 1 pm.
- Choir Practice at 7 pm.

Friday, November 3rd:

- Stitch and Sketch from 10 am to 1pm in the parish hall. We have knitters, painters, quilters and many other crafters who gather to stitch, craft and socialize. All are welcome.

Sunday, November 5th:

- Book Study between services, 9-9:45 am in the parish hall. Continued discussion on "Learning to Pray", by James Martin.

Monday, November 6th:

- 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 7th:

- 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



**GAME
NIGHT**

**JOIN US
November 9th
5:30 - 8pm**

Soup and sandwiches from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
with a variety of games to follow

Sign up sheet in the parish hall
coming soon.

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Signup sheets are now available in the parish hall.

ANNUAL MEETING


NOVEMBER 19

SINGLE SERVICE
9:00 AM
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The Annual Meeting will begin after the 9:00 AM service. A catered lunch will be provided following the meeting. We ask that you please sign up so we have a head count for the food. Look for a sign up sheet in the parish hall soon.

This will also be a New Members Sunday where we will acknowledge those individuals with a special blessing. Any new members who wish to be included should contact the office.

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Sign up sheets are available in the parish hall. Please sign up by November 12th so we can confirm a head count with the caterer.

Vestry Nominee Bios

As part of the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee will present four candidates for the Vestry, three with three-year terms and one with a two-year term. Vestry members are permitted to serve two consecutive terms, but according to the church by-laws, "No member of the Vestry elected for a second consecutive term may be re-elected for at least one year following a second three (3) year term." The congregation will also elect two delegates and two alternates to the 2024 Diocesan Convention.

The Nominations Committee is pleased to submit the following four nominees for the four open positions on the Vestry:(click on their name to read their bio)

[Pat Leskowitz](#)

[Frank Marchand](#)

[Marianne Pena](#)

[John Short](#)



The poster features a dark green background with white stars and snowflakes. At the top, the Camp Arrowhead logo is displayed in a white, stylized font. Below the logo, the text "HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by "Sat, Nov 18 • 9 AM - 2 PM". The next section, "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS", is also in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with "Sat, Dec 2 & Sun, Dec 3 • 9 - 11 AM" below it. The final section, "A VERY MERRY TEA LUNCHEON WITH SANTA", is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with "Wed, Dec 13 • 12 - 3 PM" below it. At the bottom, there is an illustration of five gingerbread houses with various decorations and windows. The address "35268 Homestead Way, Lewes, DE • camparrowhead.net" is written in a white, sans-serif font at the very bottom.

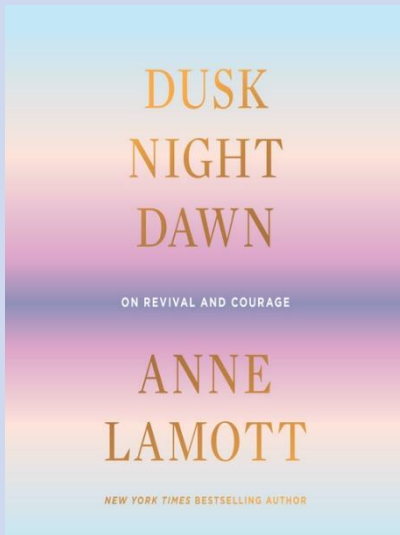
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Please join us on **November 30th** from 3 to 4 pm in the church hall when the St. Martha's Hybrid Book Group meets to discuss Anne Lamott's "Dusk, Night, Dawn." This book grapples with the tough question of how to cope as we stumble through our own 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!

Outreach



Outreach will be collecting food for families in need for Thanksgiving at Phillip Showell Elementary, John Clayton Elementary, and Selbyville Middle School. Parishioners will be able to donate food and/or a \$30 gift card. The list of families in need and the food items to be purchased will be in the Parish Hall by November 5. Food and gift cards need to be returned by November 19 so they can be delivered to the schools on November 20.

Announcements

Advent Wreath Inspiration

Stop by and check out the Advent wreath display during the Annual Meeting to get some ideas for adorning your wreaths. Wreath rings and candle holders will be available for sale (\$15). You can take them home and personalize your wreath any way you choose. The 5 candles for the wreath will be provided at no cost. There will also be handouts available for advent candle lighting readings.

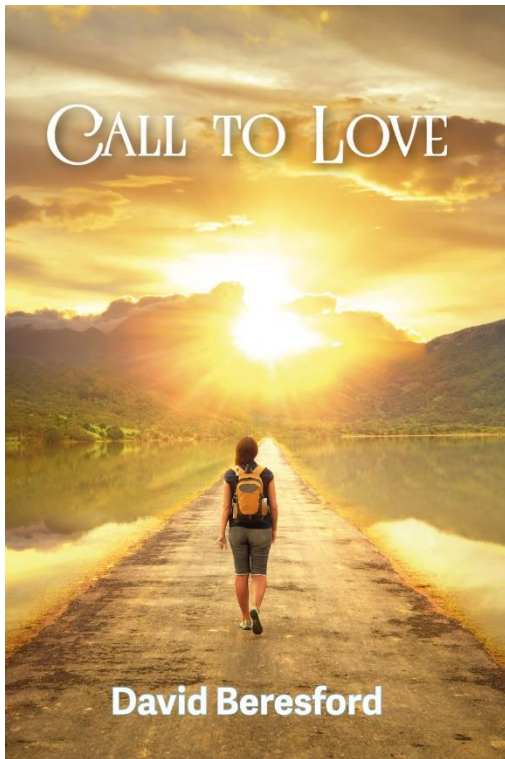


We hope you are inspired to participate in this memorable way to celebrate advent in your own home. There will be a sign up sheet in the parish hall for those wishing to participate. This way we will be sure to have enough supplies for everyone.

Brick Blessing

On Sunday, December 3rd there will be a brick blessing at both services. If you would like to purchase a brick to be included in this blessing please submit your form by November 12th. The forms can be found at the entrance to the church, as well as in front of the office. You can also contact the office and we will be happy to email you one.

Now that the busy summer months have come to an end, we would love to have you join us in the choir! All parts are needed. Can't read music? No problem! Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 and Sunday mornings from 9:15 -9:35. Perfect attendance is not required! Please consider joining us for the fall and the season of Advent. Any questions? See Dave Kemper or any choir member.



Call to Love explores the ways in which we are called to live in loving and fruitful relationship with God and one another. Taking examples from the Bible and contemporary life, *Call to Love* is for those who are listening for God's call and wondering how to respond. For the spiritual traveler, or even the hesitant convert, the book offers gentle but clear direction on faith, prayer, and the discernment of God's will.

Books can be purchased [HERE](#) or at the book signing at The Rectory, 507 E Buck Rd, Wilmington DE 19807, Sunday November 19 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

RSVP davidberesford@gmail.com

Off Season Specials

Don't feel like cooking tonight? Browse this [list](#) of off season specials at all your favorite local establishments. There is something every day of the week should you desire. Show these businesses your support during this slower time of year and get a great meal for a good deal!



Dear Mother Victoria,

Thank you and everyone at St. Martha's for the generous donation to Episcopal Relief & Development's Hawaii Emergency Response Fund. Your gift will help our partners on the ground respond to immediate needs and build a long-term sustainable recovery. We are truly grateful. Please pass along our thanks to the entire congregation. Faithfully, Josephine Hicks

Time To Celebrate

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



MEETING MINUTES

Vestry

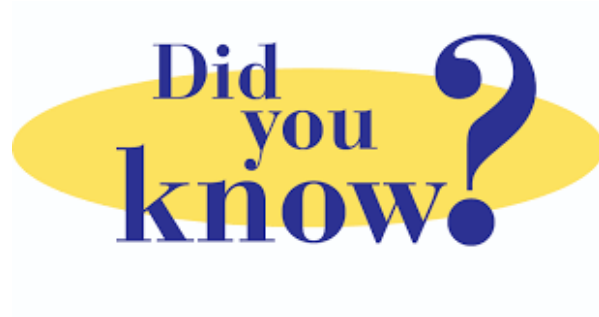
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Are you 72 or older? Have you lost the ability to fully deduct charitable contributions because you no longer itemize federal income tax deductions? Do you make donations to St. Martha's regularly? If you answered yes to these questions, you may want 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

Pledgers who:	Number
Increased their pledge	23
Pledged the same	38
Decreased their pledge	6
New pledgers	11
Totals	78

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