

Weekly Update

April 17, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

8 am & 10 am*

**Celebrants: The Reverend Victoria Pretti and
The Rev. Deacon Chris Miller-Marcin**

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



Wednesday, April 17th:

- The Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Thursday, April 18th:

- Becoming Beloved Community will meet at 1 pm in the parish hall.
- The Outreach Committee will meet at 2 pm in the parish hall.
- Vestry will meet at 3 pm in the parish hall.
- The Scholarship Committee will meet at 4 pm by Zoom.
- Game Night from 5:30 to 8 pm in the parish hall. Salads and sandwiches followed by a variety of games.

Friday, April 19th:

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

Saturday, April 20th:

- Celebrating Talent from 11 am to 2 pm in the parish hall. Everyone has talent and here at St. Martha's many have talents that no one even knows about! Come show your support, learn something new about your fellow parishioners and their craft, purchase an item or two, or just be inspired to create on your own!

Sunday, April 21st:

- Celebrating Talent. Stop by the parish hall between services and during coffee hour to check out the displays. Come show your support, learn something new about your fellow parishioners and their craft, purchase an item or two, or just be inspired to create on your own!
- Book Study will continue the book, "Open Mind, Open Heart" by Thomas Keating. They will meet in the Narthex in between services from 9 to 9:45 am.

Monday, April 22nd:

- Yoga at 9:30 am. \$10 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.

Tuesday, April 23rd:

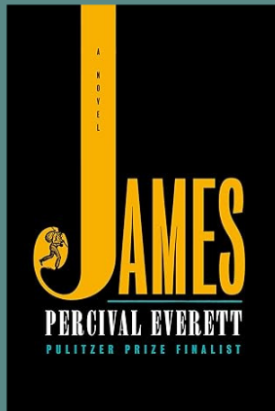
- Qigong at 9:30 am in the parish hall. Qigong is a mindful movement practice that helps us to calm our minds, balance our emotions, and feel more energized. Done seated or standing and is accessible to everyone. Bring a yoga mat if you have one, and some water. Suggested donation: \$10.
- Yoga at 5:30 pm. This is a beginner's class starting with the basics for anyone new to yoga or just looking for gentle practice. \$10 drop in.

Wednesday, April 24th:

- The Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club



Thursday, April 25th
3 - 4:30 pm

If you would like to attend by Zoom please contact Rick Legeer by
Thursday, April 18th.

Please note that our meetings will now be one and a half hours. The additional half hour appears warranted given the time needed for recent discussions. Also, our Zoom capabilities have been radically improved; we now can see Zoom participants on the large parish hall tv. Many thanks to Clem Edgar for taking the lead on our Zoom efforts.



NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME SUNDAY SERVICE

**April 28th
Single Service - 9 AM**

We will welcome new members with special prayers and blessings AND an extra special coffee hour immediately following the service. If you have joined us within the last year or two, we would be joyfully pleased to celebrate your presence among us! Please contact the office and let us know that you plan to attend. All members are welcome to be a part of this celebration.



HOUSING
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DAY FOR HOUSING 2024

PREP WEBINAR:
HOUSING PRIORITIES
MAY 2
12PM - 1PM ON ZOOM

This webinar will inform you about pressing and timely housing policy and legislation that legislators in Dover need to hear from us about.

DAY OF ACTION

MAY 9TH
LEGISLATIVE MALL, DOVER DE
9AM - 5PM

**MEET WITH LEGISLATORS
ADVOCATE FOR SOLUTIONS**
FREE FOOD TRUCK MEAL FOR ALL
REGISTRANTS

PREP WEBINAR:
THE LOGISTICS
MAY 7
11AM - 12PM ON ZOOM

This webinar will provide the logistics you need to know to participate in Day for Housing, so that you know what to expect.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

TO REGISTER FOR DAY FOR HOUSING AND PREP WEBINARS, SCAN BELOW:



FREE accessible transportation may be available from some municipalities. For more information, contact sonyastarr@housingalliancede.org



SPONSOR DAY FOR HOUSING

More information about sponsorship can be found [HERE](#).

Capital Ringers

Delmarva's Community
Handbell Ensemble

WISH YOU WERE HERE?

Springtime in Paris

APRIL 20-MAY 5

REHOBOTH BETHANY DOVER
HARRINGTON MILLSBORO EASTON

Go to CapitalRingers.org
for dates, venues
and ticket info

The Capital Ringers will be performing at St. Martha's on Saturday,
May 4 at 4:00 pm.

Tickets can be bought ahead of time or at the door.

\$20 per person; 18 and under is free.

Check out capitalringers.org for more details.



Under the direction of new artistic co-directors Joseph Shortall and Sarah Rose, the chorale will perform such selections as Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus"; "Kyrie Eleison" from Franz Joseph Haydn's "The Lord Nelson Mass"; "O Fortuna" from the famous "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff; and "The Storm is Passing Over" by Charles A. Tindley, which is a traditional gospel song performed with enthusiasm and joy.

Chorale members are pleased to have Shortall collaborating with Rose for this concert. Shortall comes to the chorale from Baltimore where he serves as director for the Baltimore Children's Choir, assistant director of the Maryland State Boychoir and contemporary lead musician at Christ Lutheran Church.

Rose has been assistant director of the chorale since 2014. She has accompanied the group and is now collaborating with Shortall to co-conduct this performance. This promises to be an exciting afternoon of listening to a variety of artistic choral selections designed for the enjoyment and entertainment of all.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets online.

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SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2024

Seeking: Committed Leaders for Racial Healing

WHO: Designed for people who have a pre-existing commitment to anti-racism work, wish to engage in an in-person journey together and will continue acting on what we have experienced upon return.

WHY: Our goal is to raise up change agents for racial healing, reconciliation and justice work in our communities

****APPLY NOW!****

Space is limited to 30 travelers

View announcement with full details
and application for consideration
<https://bit.ly/49rZ7XQ>



The Episcopal
Church in Delaware



For more details and an application to participate please click [HERE](https://bit.ly/49rZ7XQ).
The deadline to apply is April 30th.

Outreach

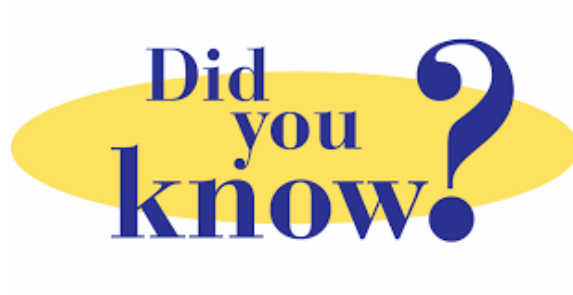
All the diapers have now been delivered to the pantries.

In April, Outreach will purchase toiletries for The Stockley Center, the pantries, and the middle school. You do not need to donate money for this because we have funds available. However, if you have small soaps and lotions, etc. from your travels that you want to donate we can use them. These items may be placed in the plastic bin in front of the office.

Announcements



As of April 7th, members of St. Martha's Healing Prayer Ministry are available to offer brief private prayers during Communion time on Sunday during the 10 am service. Prayer Team members will be stationed in the narthex (entryway, near the fish). Please receive Eucharist first and then proceed to the narthex if you wish to avail yourself of this ministry.



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. If so, make your lump sum pledge as soon as you are able.