

Weekly Update

March 27, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

8 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 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.



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE



Maunder Thursday, March 28th: Service with Potluck Dinner at 6 pm. Sign up sheet in the parish hall.

Good Friday, March 29th: Service at 3 pm. The Church will also be open from 9 am to 3 pm for private prayer and Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday, March 31st: Services at 8 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

This week at

St. Martha's



Wednesday, March 27th:

- 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, March 28th:

- Maundy Thursday - Service with potluck dinner at 6 pm.

Friday, March 29th:

- Good Friday - Service at 3 pm. The Church will be open from 9 am to 3 pm for private prayer and Stations of the Cross.

Sunday, March 31st:

- Easter Sunday - Services at 8 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am.
- Book Study will resume on April 7th. They will begin a new book, *Open Mind, Open Heart*, by Thomas Keating.

Monday, April 1st:

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

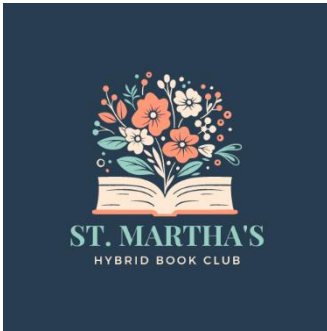
Tuesday, April 2nd:

- 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.
- Bible Study at 1 pm in the parish hall. They will continue reading the Gospel according to Matthew.
- Yoga 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. \$10 drop in.

Wednesday, April 3rd:

- 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



SMHBC March Meeting

The March meeting of the book club will be held on Thursday, April 4th from 3 - 4 pm. The book of the month will be *Broken for You*, by Stephanie Kallos. In April, they will resume their normal schedule of the 4th Thursday of the month and will meet on April 25th.



You're Invited

2nd Annual Informational Brunch

Here We Grow Again!

April 6, 2024

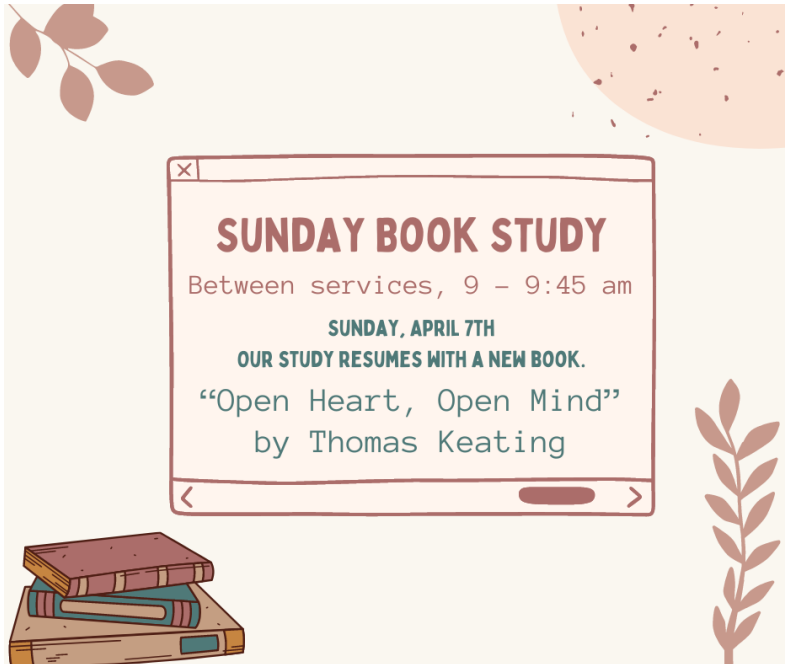
10am-12pm

American Legion Post 28


31768 Legion Road, Millsboro, DE 19966

Please join us for a morning of fellowship and information about the state of family homelessness in Delaware and the role of Family Promise of Southern Delaware in addressing this crisis. Brunch is free, but a donation would be appreciated. Proceeds will directly benefit families in Sussex County.

RSVP to <https://givebutter.com/FPSDEBrunch> or call Carolyn at 302-278-0020



SUNDAY BOOK STUDY
Between services, 9 – 9:45 am
SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
OUR STUDY RESUMES WITH A NEW BOOK.
“Open Heart, Open Mind”
by Thomas Keating



GAME NIGHT



JOIN US
April 18, 2024
5:30 - 8pm



Sandwiches and salads from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
with a variety of games to follow



Sign up sheet is in the parish hall.

Outreach



March is the Diaper Drive for IRSD, SVDP, and Union Wesley UM Pantries. Outreach accepts monetary donations and buys the diapers needed in bulk. If you would like to donate to the diaper drive, you may put your check in the offering plate with Diapers on the memo line. Cash donations are also fine. Just put your donation in an envelope with Diapers written on the envelope.

Remember to save your aluminum pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House!

Flower Guild

Thank you for your heartfelt contributions towards our Easter flowers, in honor and/or memory of your loved ones. Your generosity has filled our sanctuary with beauty and meaning. Please join us after the 10 am service on April 7th to take home these blooms as a cherished reminder of your loved ones' enduring presence in our hearts.

Announcements



Beginning April 7th, members of St. Martha's Healing Prayer Ministry will be 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.