

Weekly Update

May 8, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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, May 8th:

- Seashell Ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Thursday, May 9th:

- Vestry meeting at 3 pm in the parish hall.

Sunday, May 12th:

- Book Study concludes the book: "Open Heart, Open Mind" by Thomas Keating. Please join them in between services from 9 to 9:45 am. This is the last session of the season. They will resume in the Fall.

Monday, May 13th:

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

Tuesday, May 14th:

- 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 a gentle practice. \$10 drop in.

Wednesday, May 15th:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell Ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Finance Committee meeting by Zoom at 4 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

St. Martha's
Episcopal Church

BAKE & BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 25th
9 am to 1 pm

117 MAPLEWOOD STREET
BETHANY BEACH, DE



Our first Bake and Book Sale of the year is right around the corner! We have tons of books to sell, so now we just need lots of baked goods too! Please consider exercising your baking skills and donating the results. There are signup sheets in the hall for bakers and book sale helpers. Thank you in advance to all those who so generously donate their time and talents to making this event a continued success.

ST. MARTHA'S HYBRID BOOK CLUB

Thursday,
May 30th
3 - 4:30 pm



If you would like to join by Zoom, please contact Rick Legeer

Calling all book lovers! Join us for our next book club meeting on Thursday, May 30th, from 3 to 4:30 pm. This month, we're diving into the thought-provoking pages of 'The Vanishing Half' by Brit Bennett.

Everyone is welcome to join our vibrant discussions! And for our friends who can't make it in person, not to worry! Our hybrid setup means you can still be part of the conversation via Zoom. Just reach out to [Rick Legeer](#) at least a week before the meeting to let us know so we are fully prepared to make that virtual connection.

Let's explore new worlds, share insights, and connect over the magic of storytelling. Your unique perspective enriches our conversations, so mark your calendars and get ready for an afternoon that will surely stimulate your mind!



Calling all Youth
from the
Episcopal Diocese of Delaware

Delaware Pride Festival

JUNE 1, 2024 10am-4pm

Our mission is to be the hands of God, welcoming and affirming each person's unique beauty and worth. As we join together, we become a living message of God's unconditional love.

Meet new friends, make a craft, & explore our booth as we come together as a community, united in love and respect for all. Your participation is what makes this event truly meaningful. We can't wait to see you there!

For more information, please contact the Diocesan Youth Advisors, youthsupport@delaware.church. Let's make this a day to remember!



Outreach



Outreach thanks Parishioners for their toiletry donations. We were able to donate to a Women's Shelter, IRSD Pantry, The Stockley Center, and The Way Home.

The White Bag artists are busy making lovely bags for the summer lunch program. If you would like to participate and decorate a bag see Fran McElvey.

Keep those aluminum pop-tabs coming in for Ronald McDonald House!

Announcements

Parking Reminder

The Summer Season is only a few weeks away! Parking permits go into effect on May 15th. If you are at St. Martha's for any reason other than Sunday Services, please remember to park in our lot. The Town of Bethany allows us to park on the streets surrounding the church on Sundays during services. If for some reason you get a ticket, please contact the office right away and we will reach out to the Parking Department official.

Parking passes for parishioners will be available at the entrance to the church or on the table outside the office. Please make sure to display them when parking in our lot, especially on days other than Sunday. This will allow us to monitor the use of our parking lot by non-parishioners.

International Student "Feel Good News" for the Week: The young OV Police Officer who strolled about our Picnic 2 years ago to introduce the idea of friendly local Police to the J1 Visa Students, met a young lady Student from Kazakhstan at the Picnic. She immigrated to the US after graduating college. They are now married.

Brick Orders

It's time for another brick blessing! If you've ever thought about dedicating a brick, now is the time! For the next few weeks we will be accepting orders.

Forms can be found outside of the office, at the entrance to the church or by clicking [HERE](#). The cost is \$100.

Please make checks payable to St. Martha's Episcopal Church and put "brick order" on the memo line.



FLASH MOB BEACH PICNICS!!

There are sign up sheets in the church hall if you would like to be notified this summer by email or text that we'll be having an early evening pot luck picnic on the beach. We are trying to plan picnics with less advance notice (a few days) because when we plan them weeks ahead, the weather tends NOT to co-operate with us! Last year, we cancelled several times due to rain, a heat index of 101, and high winds!!!