

# Weekly Update

## June 12, 2024

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Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 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, June 12th:

- Seashell Ringers practice at 1:15 pm.
- Finance Committee meeting at 4 pm by Zoom.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

#### Thursday, June 13th:

- Qigong class Rev. Ria at 9:30 am in the parish hall. Walk-ins and donations accepted, no experience necessary.
- Hospitality Committee meeting at 2 pm in the parish hall.
- Game Night starting at 5:30pm. Salads and sandwiches following by a variety of games.

**Sunday, June 16th:**

- Cellofest final concert in between services combined with one special coffee hour. In addition, there will also be cello music at the 10 am service.

**Monday, June 17th:**

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

**Tuesday, June 18th:**

- 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.
- International Students' Picnic meeting from 1 -3 pm in the parish hall.
- 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, June 19th:**

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell ringers practice at 1:15 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

# Upcoming Events



**Cellofest**  
at Bethany Beach 2024  
7-16 June

Join us for a series of cello performances and educational events in Bethany Beach, celebrating the beauty and diversity of the cello and its music.

*Bethany Beach*  
CELLOFEST 2024



**June 7, 2 PM**  
Cellos of Unusual Shape Lecture/Demonstration by Erica Lessie  
South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach

**June 12, 10:30 AM**  
Children's Cello Program by Erica Lessie  
South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach

**June 13, 7:30 PM**  
Cellofest Cello Ensemble Performance with soloist Jennifer Kloetzel  
Bethany Beach Boardwalk

**June 14, 10:30 AM**  
Cello Ensemble Performance and Storytime  
Bethany Beach Nature Center

**June 16, 9 AM & 10 AM**  
Cellofest Final Concert and Music at the 10 AM Service  
St. Martha's Episcopal Church, Bethany Beach



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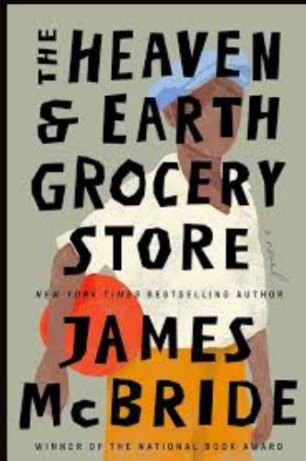


The Cellofest final concert is this Sunday in between services combined with one special coffee hour.

There will be cello music during the 10 am service as well.

Check out the [press release](#) for more information.

# St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club



**Thursday,  
June 27  
3 – 4:30 pm**

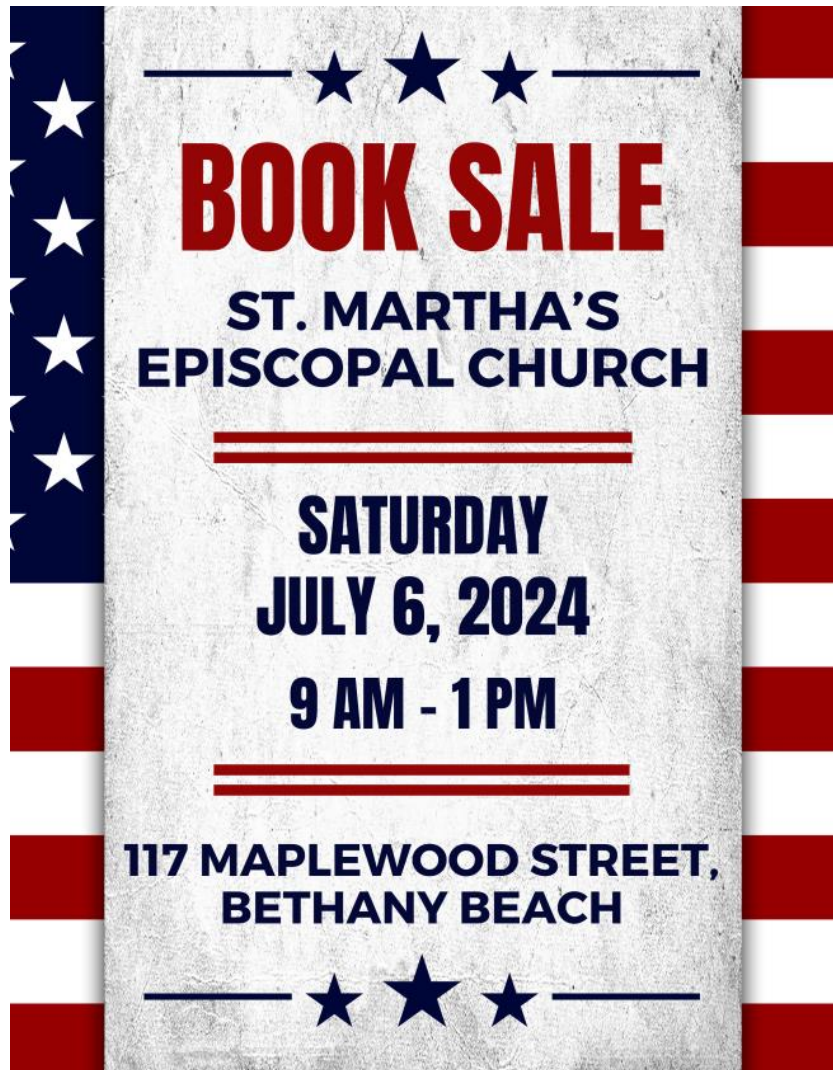
Join our discussion in the  
parish hall or by Zoom.

**Book Background:** Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride is a poignant and richly layered novel that explores themes of community, love, and resilience. Set in a small town in Pennsylvania, the story delves into the lives of its diverse residents and uncovers the complexities of their relationships and histories. McBride's vivid storytelling and multifaceted characters offer a deep, thought-provoking reading experience.

**Join the Discussion:** Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, even if you haven't read the book! This is a great opportunity to share thoughts, listen to others, and enjoy a sense of community.

**Zoom Participation:** If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, please contact [Rick Legeer](#) at least a week prior to the meeting to make the necessary arrangements.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



Our next book sale will be here before we know it! Last month's sale was a huge success but we still have plenty of books to sell. The only thing we'll need to pull it off is a group of amazing volunteers. Please consider lending a hand to help with set up or the day of the sale. A sign up sheet is available in the parish hall. Thanks again for helping to make these sales possible!

Outreach



Summer White Bag lunch program is underway. Decorate a bag for students this summer. See Fran McElvey or Fran Hasson for some bags.

**Remember pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald house!**

## Announcements



**St Martha's International Student Picnic ...** Please sign up to pick up food donations from restaurants from 2:30 - 4PM on Tuesday, 25 June ... start dreaming now about filling your car with the aroma of pizza, or chicken, etc.

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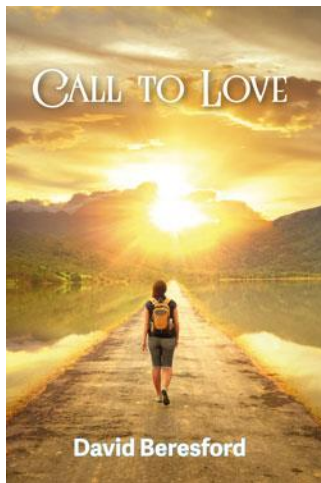
### **YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!**

**Children's Faith Formation at St. Martha's:** We are considering launching some new children's ministries this Fall and are looking for your ideas, interest, and input. Nursery or Church School or both? During or between the services or both? If you have children or grandchildren, would your family be interested in participating? And how often would your kids like to attend any children's offerings? Please talk to Deacon Chris anytime soon. Thanks so much!



## SAVE THE DATE

We have reserved August 24th for the annual Jeff Jackson Golf Tournament at Salt Pond. Anyone who thinks they can play golf, good or bad, is invited to participate. Everyone else can join us for lunch at the clubhouse. Details will be forthcoming. Please contact Bill Freund (wmfreund42@gmail.com) to help organize the event.



Father David Beresford, our interim rector prior to Rev. Ria has written two books. The first, "Above and Below", is a collection of inspirational meditations written while he was at St. Martha's. These were published weekly in our Saturday email blast. The second, "Call to Love", describes how God has called various people – both in the Bible as well as his personal contacts. These stories are a way of urging us to respond to God's call to us.

If you would like to purchase either of these books, you can contact Ron Kerchner, (609-424-7281) or visit the website below.

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