

Weekly Update

April 10, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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 10th:

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

Sunday, April 14th:

- 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 15th:

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

Tuesday, April 16th:

- 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, April 17th:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Scholarship Committee meeting at 2:30 pm in the conference room.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events



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.



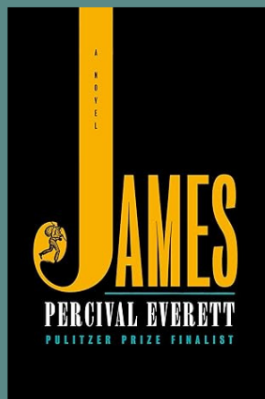


Celebrating Talent **Saturday April 20 and Sunday April 21**

Everyone has talent and here at Martha's many have talents that no one even knows about! This is your chance to share your craft.

Do you quilt, knit, paint, draw, make jewelry, bake, garden or any other craft? You are welcome to bring craft to display or sell on Saturday, April 20th from 11-2 and Sunday April 21st in between services and at coffee hour. Sign up sheet is in the parish hall. Any questions call Pat Long 302-841-8898.

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.



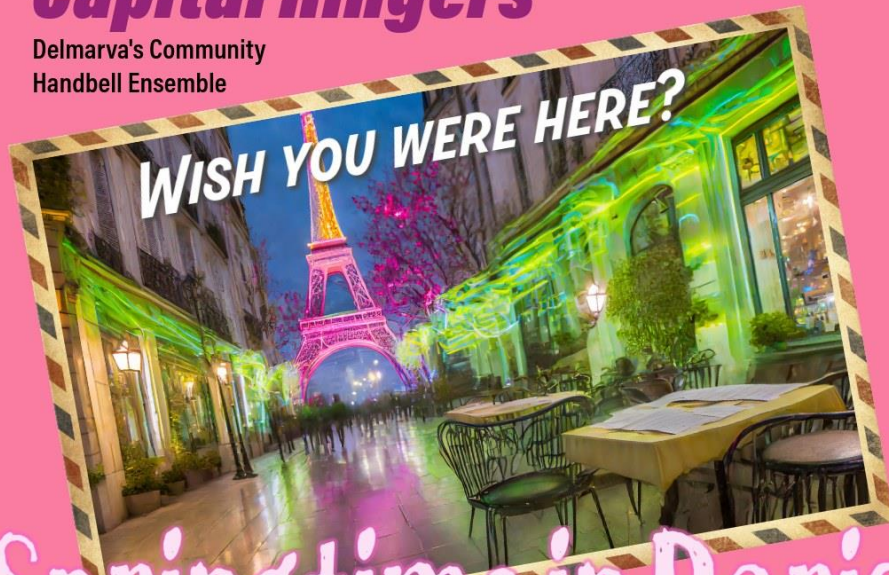
***NEW MEMBERS'
WELCOME
SUNDAY SERVICE***

**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.

Capital Ringers

Delmarva's Community
Handbell Ensemble



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.

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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>



For more details and an application to participate please click [HERE](#).
The deadline to apply is April 30th.

Outreach

Outreach thanks St. Martha's Parishioners for their generous donations to the March Diaper Drive. Over \$500 in monetary donations and several boxes of diapers were donated.

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.

St. Martha's generosity is exceptional and very appreciated. A letter from Union Wesley Church pantry:

Saint Martha's Episcopal Church,
Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for
the Food Pantry financial donations
increase.

Praise God from whom all Blessing
Flow, I thank and Praise God
for Saint Martha's Continuous
Financial support to Union
Wesley's Food Pantry. Without your
Financial support we would have
to closed the Food Pantry.

"Blessed are the Givers and Thankful
all the receivers"! Thank you again
and May God Richly Bless you, Love,
Joy and Peace, Sis. Lois Mumford, Food
Pantry Co-ordinator and Union Wesley
Mission Team.

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.