

Weekly Update

May 1, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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 1st:

- 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.

Friday, May 3rd:

- Stitch and Sketch will meet 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, May 4th:

- Capital Ringers, "Springtime in Paris" Concert at 4 pm. See below for more details.

Sunday, May 5th:

- Book Study continues the book: "Open Heart, Open Mind" by Thomas Keating. Please join them in between services from 9 to 9:45 am.
- Southern Delaware Chorale Concert at 3 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach. See below for more details.

Monday, May 6th:

- Yoga at 9:30 am. \$10 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.
- The Hospitality Committee will meet at 2 pm in the parish hall.

Tuesday, May 7th:

- 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.

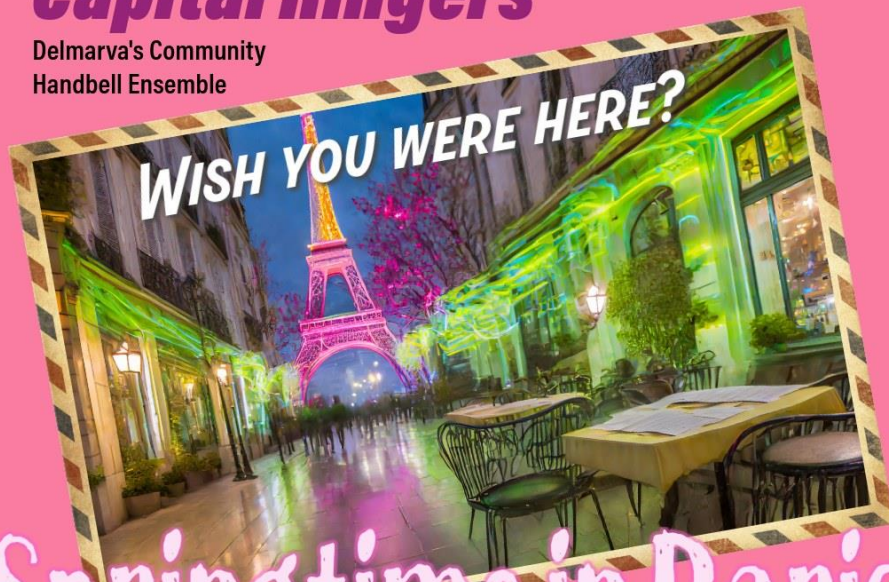
Wednesday, May 8th:

- The Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell Ringers practice at 1 pm.
- The International Student Picnic Planning Committee will meet in the parish hall at 2:15 pm, after the Seashell Ringers practice.
- The Finance Committee will meet by Zoom at 4 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

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.

**SOUTHERN DELAWARE
CHORALE**

CHORAL HITS BILLBOARD

Sunday May 5, 3pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
19285 Holland Glade Road
Rehoboth Beach

Tickets: \$25
southerndelawarechorale.org
(Also available at the door)

Delaware
Division of the
Arts

This event is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The division promotes Delaware arts at: DelawareScene.com

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.



HOUSING
ALLIANCE
DELAWARE

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:



SPONSOR DAY FOR HOUSING

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



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

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 is a signup sheet in the hall for bakers and other signup sheets for volunteers will be available soon. Thank you in advance to all those who so generously donate their time and talents to making this event a continued success.

Outreach



Keep the aluminum pop-tabs coming! Tidemark Savings and Loan in Fenwick will take our tabs and deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington. Outreach delivered 3.8 pounds of tabs so far.

Thank you for your toiletries. Outreach will deliver them the beginning of May. You do not need to donate money because we have funds available. 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



International Student Welcome to the Community Picnic - Mark Your Calendar 25 June: Kick off Planning Meeting is in the Parish Hall, Weds, 8 May, at 2:15PM right after Bell Choir practice. Those that volunteer first get the jobs that are the most fun!

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!!!



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.