

The Weekly Word

October 16, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024
8 am and 10 am*

Celebrants: The Reverend Victoria Pretti and
The Deacon Reverend 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.



DONATION TIME PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED.

We are now accepting donations through October 27th to support the victims of Hurricane Helene. The Vestry has approved a matching fund of up to \$10,000, meaning your contribution will have double the impact! All funds raised will be directed to Episcopal Relief & Development, which is already providing critical aid. To donate, please write "Hurricane Helene" in the memo line of your check or, if giving cash, place it in an

envelope with the same note. Your generosity can make a real difference in helping those affected.

This week at

St. Martha's



Wednesday, October 16th

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

Thursday, October 17th

- Becoming Beloved Community meeting at 1 pm in the parish hall.

Friday, October 18th

- 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.

Sunday, October 20th:

- Sunday Book Study between services in the Narthex. Join us we continue discussing *Holy Rascals* by Rami Shapiro.

Monday, October 21st:

- Yoga at 9:30 am. \$10 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.
- Parables of Jesus from 10:45 am-12:45pm in the parish hall. An approximately 10 minute film followed by a discussion and a simple meal. Sign up sheets in the parish hall.
- Bowling at 4 pm at Millsboro Lanes. If you would like to play contact John Grannis before 9am (jhgrannis@gmail.com) This is not a league, so no weekly commitment.

Tuesday, October 22nd:

- Qigong at 9:30am 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 1pm in the parish hall.

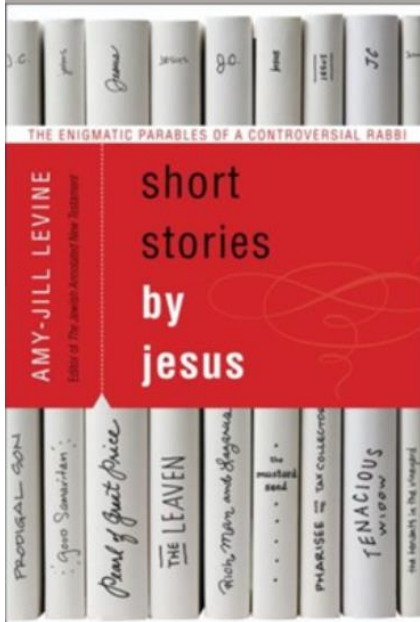
Wednesday, October 23rd:

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

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE UPDATED TIMES BELOW.

Parables of Jesus



Short film, discussion
and light lunch

Mondays from 10:45 - 12:45 pm

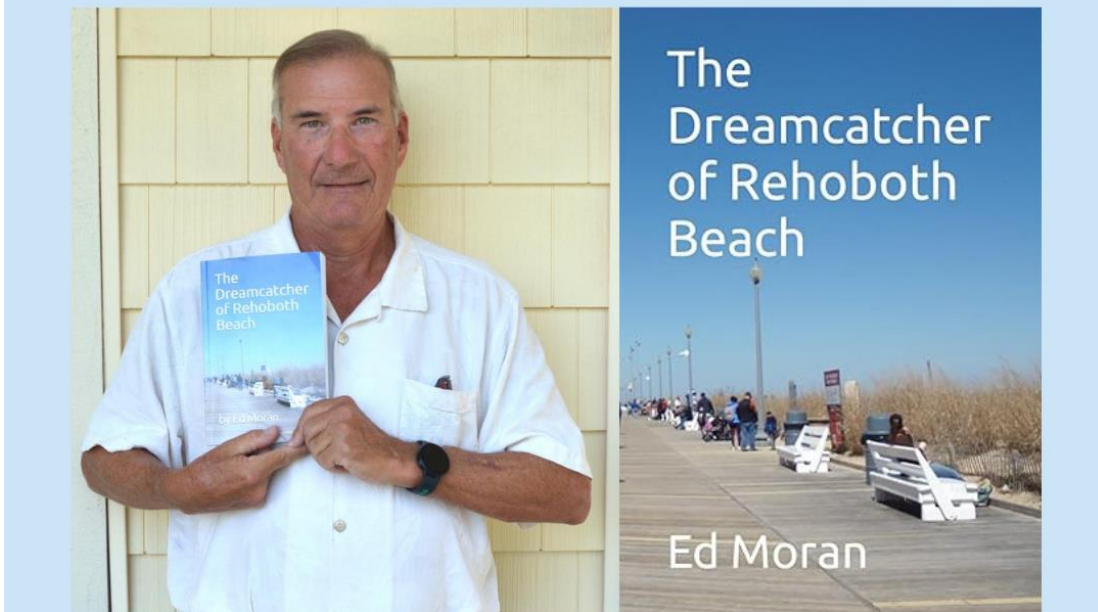
- October 7th
- October 14th
- October 21st
- October 28th
- November 4th
- November 18th

Sign up sheets in the parish hall.

St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club
Thursday, October 24, 2024
3 - 4:30 pm

The Dreamcatcher of Rehoboth Beach

Author, Ed Moran will be joining us for this month's discussion.



This intriguing story weaves together the charm of the Delaware shore with a mystery involving a legendary artifact, rich history, and unforgettable characters. If you love stories that explore the power of dreams, the past, and human connection, you won't want to miss this!

Whether you've read the book or not, all are welcome to join the discussion. We're thrilled to have Ed Moran with us and hope for a great turnout to celebrate this local literary gem!

WagsWitchesAndWarlocks.com



The Annual Halloween Festival of Bethany Beach

Wags, Witches & Warlocks

Saturday, October 26, 2024*

8:00am **Puppy Yoga Begins at Town Park**
St. Martha's Episcopal Church - \$25 pre-registration required

9:00am **Registration Begins at the Bandstand**
\$10/dog, \$20/individual, \$40/groups of 4 or more

10:00am **Parade Begins, Garfield Parkway**

11:00am **Costume Contest Awards Presentation**
Funnest Scariest Cutest Best Pet
Best Family Best with a Pet Most Original

11am - 1pm **Trick-or-Treating**

Trick-or-Treat & Halloween fun through town. Businesses with flags are participating!

Costume Contests | Halloween Games | Pet Adoption | Much More!

*Rain Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Arndt Valuation
Bed & Biscuit Kennels
Bethany Beach Books
C&B Complete Cleaning & Constr.
CK Capital Management
Coltman Family Foundation Inc.
DiFebo's Restaurant
Esham Painting
Gail Phelan, Realtor

Liz Kapp, Realtor
Long & Foster Sales
Long & Foster Vacation Rentals
Lords Landscaping & Mercantile
Marnie Custom Homes
Miken Builders
Parsons & Robinson, P.A.
Prosperity Mortgage, JR Burns

Ridgway Law
Scarlet Green & Family
Scott & Shuman, P.A.
Seaside Home Staging & Design
Shore United Bank, Pete Green
Tickled Pink of Bethany Beach
Todd Vickers, Realtor
Wayne Lyons, Realtor
Yuppy Puppy

PEACE POLE INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OCTOBER 27, 2024

Join us at the 10 am service after which interested parishioners and guests from the Nanticoke nation, the Objibwe Nation, the Latino community, the Unitarian Universalist Church and the Mayor of Bethany will process to the corner of Maplewood and Pennsylvania to witness the installation and blessing of our Peace Pole. To be followed by coffee hour in the parish hall.



St. Martha's Episcopal Church presents

FRAUDS & SCAMS:

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM
INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED
COMMUNICATIONS.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 2 PM

Panel discussion. Free and open to the public.

Join us for an important and engaging panel discussion on how to protect yourself from the increasingly sophisticated scams that are targeting so many today. Our expert panel will provide valuable insights from the Delaware State Attorney General's Office, the financial sector, and even firsthand accounts from individuals who have experienced scams themselves. Whether you're looking to safeguard yourself or your loved ones, this conversation promises to be informative and eye-opening. Bring your questions, and let's learn together how to stay safe in an ever-changing digital landscape. Everyone is welcome!

 <p>NOVEMBER 2ND 9 AM - 1 PM NOVEMBER 3RD AFTER 10 AM SERVICES.</p>		
	<h1>HOLIDAY MARKET</h1>	
<p>ST. MARTHA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 117 MAPLEWOOD ST., BETHANY BCH.</p>		
	<p>Open to any and all crafters. If you would like to reserve a space please contact our office. (302) 539-7444</p>	

Any questions please contact Pat Long (302) 841-8898.
Sign-up sheet in the parish hall or call the office.

POSES FOR PEACE

Christian Yoga Class
(modifications for beginners)



Friday, November 8th

9:30 am - 10:30 am

St. Martha's Episcopal Church
117 Maplewood Street
Bethany Beach, DE

A "love" offering will be accepted.
Any questions, please contact Gari
Lewis, certified Yoga instructor.
(860) 985-2761

ANNUAL MEETING



NOVEMBER 10

SINGLE SERVICE
9:00 AM

MEETING TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL.
A CATERED LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT
THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING.

A Ministry Fair will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

Please stop by the parish hall and sign up if you are planning to attend.
We need a head count by November 1st for the caterer.

[Vestry Nominee Bios](#)

Outreach



Parishioners will be able to sign up to purchase food items and/or a \$30 Food Lion gift card for John Clayton, Phillip Showell, or Selbyville Middle School families. The sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall on November 3 and groceries and gift cards need to be returned by November 17. Please return the food items in a sturdy store bag not just a paper bag. It makes deliver much easier.

Please bring in all your pop-tabs soon. Delaware's Ronald McDonald House is ending their pop-tab collection on December 31 after 10 years.

Stewardship

Pledge Update as of October 5, 2024

Number	Amount Pledged	
9	\$31,760	<i>Increase</i>
15	\$38,100	<i>Same</i>
5	\$9,600	<i>Decrease</i>
4	\$5,520	<i>New</i>
33	\$84,980	Total

Announcements

Ladies no agenda lunch: We will begin again on Friday, **January 24**, at Noon. Tempe will be away in October and the holidays in November and December leave little room for play. See you in January!



240TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Anyone interested in attending the Diocesan Convention dinner on Friday evening, November 22nd in Rehoboth Beach (Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center), please let Tempe Steen know. Text or call 302.542.5623. Perhaps we can get a table together for a fun and informative evening!



Soft Space

Note to families with small children: We have a *soft space* available on the carpet in the Narthex. Please feel free to allow children to grab a bucket with items to occupy them during services. The items in the bucket can be taken home, but please leave the bucket for future use. They are also welcome to join our Church School during the 10 am service. The room is located between the office and the parish hall. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:45 am.

VOTE
faithfully

Introduction — Start here!

Getting souls to the polls isn't just about casting our own vote but helping everyone eligible vote faithfully. We can empower every voice in our congregations in this work. There are A LOT of resources, ideas, and ways to act captured on this page. Doing election engagement well does not mean taking on everything there is to do and being overwhelmed. Effective election engagement begins with looking at what your community's needs are, what resources, skills, and interests you and your church have, and then proceeding based on how that capacity can help meet those needs.

For some, this may be offering your parish as a polling site, for others it may mean election worker recruitment. For many it's persistent messaging in newsletters and bulletin boards, for others it's organizing child care on voting days. Whatever your path, we hope you are inspired to do more as a faithful Episcopalian modeling healthy and constructive civic engagement. All election engagement work must be non-partisan, and please heed local laws, election details, and Episcopal safe church practices as you promote voting.

Read on...