

The Weekly Word

October 23, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 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. 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 at 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 23rd

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

Thursday, October 24th

- 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. This class is led by Rev. Ria. Drop ins welcome, by donation.
- Vestry meeting at 12:45 pm in the parish hall.
- Outreach Committee meeting at 2 pm in the conference room.
- St. Martha's Hybrid Book club meeting 3:00 - 4:30pm in the parish hall. The meeting will be moderated by Ed Moran, author of this month's book, *The Dreamcatcher of Rehoboth Beach*.

Saturday, October 26th:

- Yoga with Puppies from 8 - 9am in the parish hall. We are hosting this event as part of the Wags, Witches and Warlocks Annual Halloween Festival of Bethany Beach. If you would like to attend, please [register](#) online in advance.

Sunday, October 27th:

- Sunday Book Study between services in the Narthex. Join us we continue discussing *Holy Rascals* by Rami Shapiro.
- Peace Pole Installation and Blessing following the 10 am service. We will process outside to the corner of Maplewood and PA Ave. to witness the blessing of the Peace Pole. There will be an enhanced coffee hour in the parish hall at the conclusion.

Monday, October 28th:

- 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. Signup 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.
- Frauds & Scams Panel Discussion at 2:00 pm in the parish hall. 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. This event is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, October 29th:

- 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.

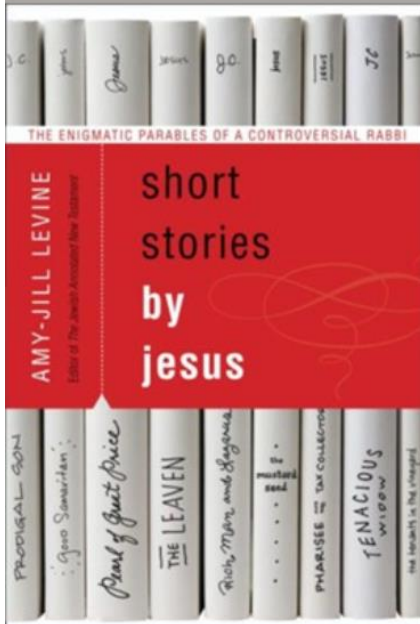
Wednesday, October 30th:

- 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 DATE 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 11th

Sign up sheets in the parish hall.

 <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.
Signup 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](#)



Join us for a fun-filled Game Night on Thursday, November 14th! We'll kick things off with soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm, followed by a variety of games. This is a great chance to enjoy fellowship, laughter, and a little friendly competition. It's always a well-loved event, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Sign up in the parish hall, but last-minute guests are welcome too. See you there!

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	
15	\$55,330	<i>Increase</i>
20	\$51,220	<i>Same</i>
6	\$11,000	<i>Decrease</i>
6	\$17,020	<i>New</i>
47	\$134,570	Total

Just a reminder, if you haven't already submitted your pledge card, please do so soon.

Announcements



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 childcare 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.

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