

Weekly Update

October 9, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

8 am and 10 am*

Celebrant: 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.



We are now accepting donations through October 14th 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 9th

- Finance Committee Zoom meeting at 4pm.

Thursday, October 10th

- Hospitality Committee meeting at 2pm.
- Game Night from 5:30 - 8pm. Soup and sandwiches followed by a variety of games.

Monday, October 14th:

- 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 15th:

- 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.

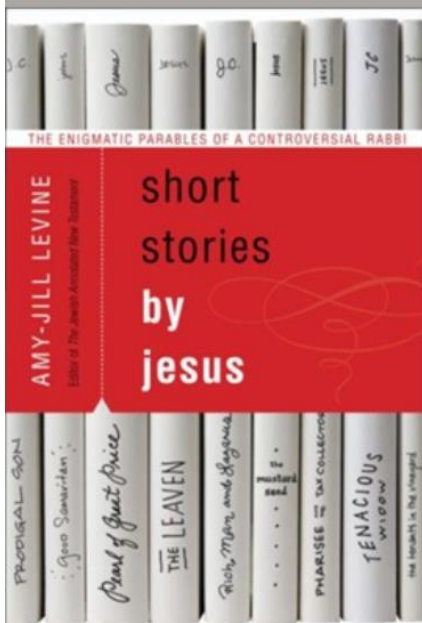
Wednesday, October 16th:

- 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.



The Philadelphia Eleven

On Saturday, **October 19**, at 3:00 p.m., The Philadelphia Eleven documentary will be screened at St. Andrew's School in Middletown. This powerful film chronicles the courageous journey of the first women to be ordained as Episcopal priests in 1974, despite facing immense opposition.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by the Rev. Louise Howlett and Canon Marianne Ell, where attendees will have the chance to ask questions and delve deeper into the film's themes.

Advance registration is required, so we encourage everyone interested to reserve their spot soon. **RSVP here**. Information for the event can also be found on our website, [here](#).

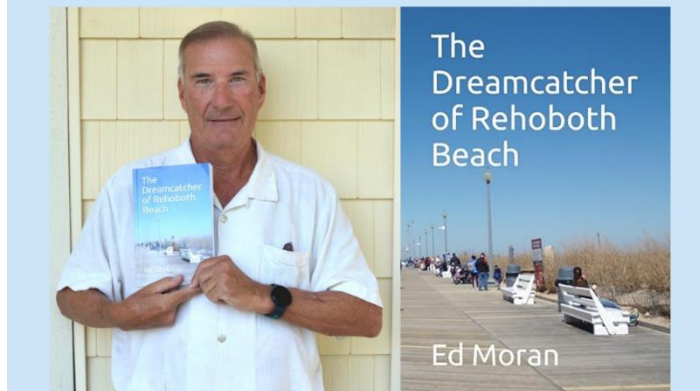
St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club

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**

Funniest 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 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.



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.
Signup sheet in the parish hall or call the office.

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.**

Outreach



“Thank you” to all who donated to the Crop Hunger Walk this year. It was a lovely day at Our Lady of Guadeloupe on Sunday afternoon to walk, listen to music, and view the amazing garden of vegetables and flowers. Some walkers brought their dogs to walk, too.

Outreach’s next project will be the Thanksgiving Bags of food for families in need. We will give a list of food items and the number of family members to parishioners who want to participate. The bags of food will be collected on Sunday, November 17.

Please continue bringing your aluminum pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House.

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.

St. Martha's Lighthipe Scholarship

The Mary S. Lighthipe Fund is a \$4million gift, originally for the establishment of a private school in Ocean View. That concept failed and Mary's gift reverted to St. Martha's and is managed by the Trustees of the Diocese of Delaware. The interest from the investment is provided to St. Martha's quarterly.

The funds are used in many ways for both inreach and outreach. As part of outreach, a proposal for a scholarship to provide a life-changing opportunity to a resident in the attendance area of Indian River High School and currently attending or a graduate of the high school. The award is intended for a student who seeks to pursue additional education and, hopefully, stay in the community. The requirements stress need and will assist the student to attend one of the local advanced education schools-Del Tech, Beebe School of Nursing, University of Delaware, Delaware State University, or Salisbury University (instate tuition).

The Scholarship Committee (Steve Hawald, John Robbert, Wincy Jackson, Ron Peña, David Moore and Tempe Steen) has developed a mission statement, website, application, evaluation process and basic tools for public relations and marketing. You will see the "rack card" with information in the Church and in the community.

We are seeking volunteers interested in sharing this opportunity with the larger community, through churches and other entities, as well as directly with Indian River High School, beginning in October.

We are also seeking volunteers interested in participating in the evaluation of applications in the Spring of 2025.

If you are interested or have questions, talk to any of the committee and sign up in the parish hall.



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...

Celebration of Life for Mary L. Allen-UPDATE

A memorial service in honor of Mary will take place on October 19th at 11:00 am PDT, at Christ Church Episcopal Parish in Lake Oswego, OR. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#). Click [HERE](#) to read the full obituary.

Anyone interested in gathering in the parish hall to view the service live on YouTube on October 19th at 2 pm EST, please contact the office. If there is enough interest, Clem Edgar is willing to set up the big screen television in the parish hall to view the service.