

# The Weekly Word

## December 4, 2024

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Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Services at 8 am & 10 am\*

Celebrants: The Reverend Victoria Pretti and  
The Reverend Deacon Chris Miller-Marcin

Please join us in welcoming, Brenda Neece, our guest cellist who  
will perform at the 10 am service.

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, December 4th

- **Seashell Ringer or Choir practices are canceled for today. Choir will have their regular rehearsal on Sunday at 9 am.**

#### Thursday, December 5th

- Qigong Class at 9:30 am. Led by Rev. Ria. Drop-in any time, by donation.

#### Sunday, December 8th

- Sunday Book Study in between services in the Narthex. We will continue reading and discussing *Radiant Dawn*, by Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca.

**Monday, December 9th**

- Yoga at 9:30 am. \$10 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.
- Bowling at 4 pm at Millsboro Lanes. If you would like to play contact John Grannis before 9 am (jhgrannis@gmail.com) This is not a league, so no weekly commitment.

**Tuesday, December 10th**

- Qigong Class at 9:30 am. Led by Maggie Constantino. Accessible to everyone. Suggested class donation: \$10.
- Christmas Luncheon begins at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club, 29494 Cripple Creek Road, Dagsboro.

**Wednesday, December 11th**

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

**Upcoming Events**



Attention bakers, dust off your aprons and bring your baking supplies out of storage, it's time to get to work and create delicious Christmas cookies and treats! We need LOTS of bakers as well as volunteers to help set up for the book sale and work the day of the sale. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. Please consider lending your time and/or talents to help make this event a huge success!

*Do your heart and soul need a softer,  
quieter celebration of Christmas this year?*

Please join us for "Blue Christmas" on  
Wednesday, December 18th at 4pm.

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with scripture, music, sacrament,  
candlelight and a gentle prayer ritual. All are welcome to find a little  
extra peace and hope this holiday season.



## POSES FOR PEACE

**Christian Yoga Class**  
(modifications for beginners)



**Friday, December 20th**  
**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

# Church School Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:00 am service

Visiting children are welcome to participate.



## Christmas Eve Service at 5 pm

The Rehoboth Concert Band Brass Quartet  
will begin performing at 4:40 pm.

*There will be no services on Christmas Day*

# Community Holiday Happenings

## *Meet Me at The Manger*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024—2:00 PM

INSIDE THE BUILDING KNOWN AS THE TABERNACLE  
ON THE GROUNDS OF BETHANY BEACH CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
(ACROSS FROM BETHANY BEACH TOWN HALL)



FOR ALL AGES



SCRIPTURE READINGS



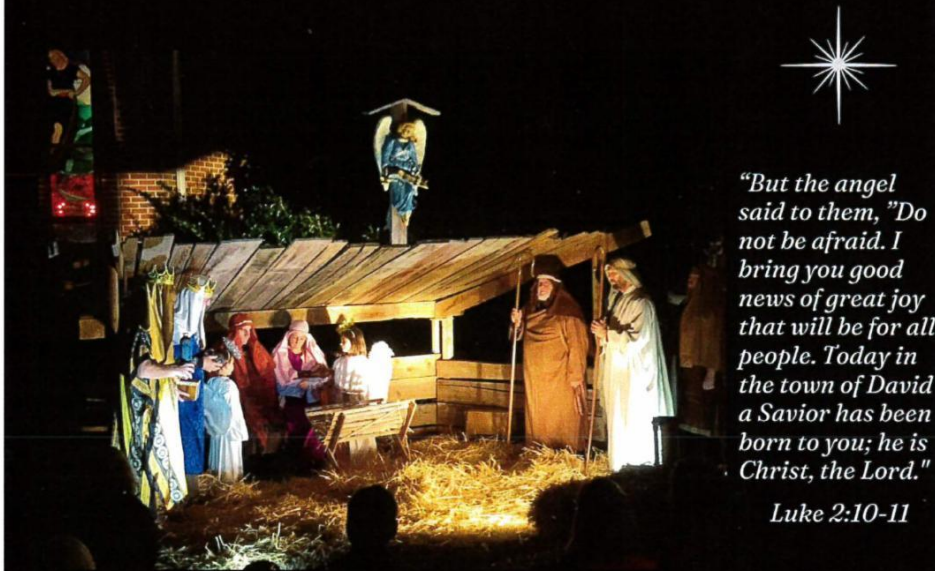
CAROLS

(Music provided by St. Ann's Contemporary Music Ensemble)

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OF THE SOUTHEAST SUSSEX MINISTERIUM

# Mariners Bethel Live Nativity

Friday, December 13th, 2024 6-8:00 pm



*"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord."*

*Luke 2:10-11*

The wondrous Live Nativity - the story of the Birth of Jesus Christ - will be presented through Scripture and carols, 2 times throughout the evening, at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm .

Enjoy hot cocoa, Christmas cookies, and singing around a cozy fire, while watching the story of the first Christmas come alive. (This event will be held indoors in inclement weather.)

For more information, call 302.539.9510



**Mariners Bethel**  
Global Methodist Church Ocean View, Delaware

81 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE  
[www.MarinersBethel.org](http://www.MarinersBethel.org)  
302.539.9510



# *holiday* *concert*

*Performances by St. Paul's music program and  
Sussex Central High School  
Followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall*

December  
**15**  
2024

2:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

122 E. Pine St. Georgetown, DE 19947



No Tickets Required

Suggested Donation Amount: **\$10**

Donations will benefit the restoration project of St. Paul's  
1919 pipe organ



# Outreach



Please return your Angel tree gifts for Showell, Clayton, and Selbyville Middle School on Sunday, December 8. Make sure your tree tag is on the bag you return. Clayton is the only school that does not need to have gifts wrapped. Smaller gifts should be returned in a bigger bag with the tag. Outreach appreciates your generosity in helping to make these students have a brighter Christmas.

# Stewardship

**Pledge Update as of December 3, 2024**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>	
30	\$96,060	<i><b>Increase</b></i>
34	\$70,150	<i><b>Same</b></i>
11	\$17,750	<i><b>Decrease</b></i>
14	\$27,740	<i><b>New</b></i>
89	<b>\$211,700</b>	<b>Total</b>

**The year is quickly coming to an end! If you haven't already submitted your pledge card for 2025, please do so soon. Cards are available on the table outside of the office and on the welcome table when you enter Church.**

# Announcements



## Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias and other Christmas plants will be placed in the sanctuary a few days before Christmas. The flowers will be available to take home following the 10 o'clock service on January 5th.

If you would like to donate, please complete a form and place in the collection plate on Sunday or put in the basket outside the church office along with your gift. The plants average \$25.00 each. Forms will be included in the service booklets on Sunday. If you are not able to come to the church, please call Jaclyn at (302) 539-7444 or email and mail your check to the church.

The cut-off date to order is **December 16th.**

# Maggie's 8th Annual Coat Drive

## Locations:

### Selbyville Public Library

11 S Main St. Selbyville, DE 19975

### Frankford Town Hall

9 Main St. Frankford, DE 19945

### Coldwell Banker

89 Atlantic Ave. Ocean View, DE 19970

1131 S Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury, MD 21801

12207 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City, MD 21842

6405 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City, MD 21842

### Next Step Learning Center

2 Church St. Selbyville, DE 19975

### Millsboro Bowling Lanes

213 Mitchell St. Millsboro, DE 19966

**We can pick up if you aren't able  
to drop them off!**

**Text us at 3025421464**

CELEBRATE AND HELP  
THE COMMUNITY THIS  
WINTER SEASON

ENDS: DECEMBER 31, 2024

FACEBOOK: MAGGIE'S COAT DRIVE

If you are interested in becoming  
a drop off location contact me at  
[mlbare9@icloud.com](mailto:mlbare9@icloud.com)

*Maggie Bare*

**Maggie Bare is Mimi Dupont's grand-daughter. Donations can be left in the bin in front of the office and Mimi will transport them to Maggie.**

## Upcoming Fundraising Events for Camp Arrowhead

Supporting these events helps raise funds to maintain and improve camp facilities, ensuring that future generations of campers can experience the joy of Camp Arrowhead.

- **Breakfast with Santa - December 7th & 8th**
- **Tea Luncheon with Santa - December 11th**

