

The Weekly Word

December 11, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024
Services at 8 am & 10 am*

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

The Seashell Ringers will be performing during the prelude.

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 11th

- Seashell Ringer practice at 1 pm.
- Finance Committee Zoom meeting at 4 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Thursday, December 12th

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

Friday, December 13th

- Cookie, Baked Goods and Book Sale set up begins at 9 am.

Saturday, December 14th

- Cookie, Baked Goods and Book Sale from 9 am to 1 pm.

Sunday, December 15th

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

Monday, December 16th

- 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 17th

- Qigong Class at 9:30 am. Led by Maggie Constantino. Accessible to everyone. Suggested class donation: \$10.
- Bible Study at 1 pm in the parish hall.

Wednesday, December 18th

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Blue Christmas at 4 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

*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

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
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

The Episcopal Church in Delaware
presents

Advent

LESSONS
CAROLS

6th Annual

December 22, 4pm
Christ Episcopal Church
Dover, Delaware

FEATURING:
THE CHOIR SCHOOL
OF DELAWARE

Outreach

THANK YOU ST. MARTHA'S!



Stewardship

Pledge Update as of December 3, 2024

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

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



Winter Dinner Group Sign Up

Looking for fun and fellowship this winter? Sign up for St. Martha's Dinner Groups! Whether you prefer hosting at home or dining out with a restaurant group, these monthly gatherings from February to May are a wonderful way to connect with fellow parishioners. Sign up in the parish hall by January 12th! Look for an insert in this week's service booklet for more details.

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

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.