

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 4, 2012

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HYMNS FOR TODAY

(Please prepare for worship in silence)

Opening:	401	“The God of Abraham praise”
Sequence:	675	“Take up your cross, the Savior said”
Communion:	707	“Take my life, and let it be”
	328	“Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord”
Closing:	636	“How firm a foundation”

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available for those people who have allergies. Please advise the Ushers that you desire this alternative & they will give you a no wheat card.

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THE COMMUNITY OF ST. MARTHA’S PRAYER LIST

David Glenn Brown	Kit Burqum	Regina Rimaris
Jack Warner	Richard Baka	Kenny Garufi
Ryan J. Myhre+	Teresa Kreer	Don Boebel
Ellen Stephens	Harper Noelle	Christina & Wesley
BJ	Carolyn	Warner Allen
Cory+	Kay Howard	Anne Carroll
Debbie, Chris & family	William Rowe	Robert
Patricia Durso	Lennert Thumberg	Robert Schneider
Sandy	Jennifer McFarland	White Family

A + indicates a service member. If you would like to place a name on our prayer list, please fill out the request form located in the narthex on the wall by the church office. Names remain on the prayer list for only 2 months unless the office is notified.

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OUR CHURCH OFFICE is open Monday thru noon Friday. Rev Mary Allen is in the office Monday thru Thursday and is available throughout the week as needed. **She would love to come visit you individually in your homes.** If you have an emergency or want to set up an appointment for a visit, call her cell # **425-232-7265** or send her an email at **celtpriest@gmail.com**. Our, Parish Administrator, Lynne Watson is in the church office all day Wednesday, Thursday, and until noon on Friday.

A RESOURCE FROM EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT which Rev. Mary Allen has used for several years, a book of daily reflections, prayers and meditations for Lent is available in the narthex.

A FIVE WEEK STUDY is now being offered on Tuesday Evenings: Soup & Study ~ 6:30 pm Soup ~ 7:00 pm Study. There is a sign-up sheet for the Soups, as well as for the Study.

A FIVE WEEK STUDY is also now being offered on Thursday Morning: Eucharist, Brown Bag & Study ~ 11:30 am Eucharist with brown Bag & Study to follow. A sign-up sheet for the Study is available in the Narthex.

LENTEN SOUP & SALAD SUPPERS are a yearly feature of our area sponsored by the Southeast Sussex Ministerium. Each Wednesday includes a light supper of soup, salad and bread beginning at 6:00 pm followed by worship at 7:00 pm.

The schedule includes:

March 7	Union Wesley United Methodist Church in Clarksville
March 14	St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Bethany Beach
March 21	St. Martha's & Bethany Beach Christian Church
March 28	Blackwater Fellowship Church in Roxana

ECUMENICAL LENTEN WEDNESDAYS are a yearly feature of our area sponsored by the Southeast Sussex Ministerium. Each Wednesday includes a soup and salad supper beginning at 6:00 pm with a service following at 7:00. St. Martha's and Bethany Christian Church will co-host the March 21st supper at the Christian Church. This year we will be responsible to supply the salad and dressing, bread and butter to feed about 130 – 150 people. We will need 15 green salads that will feed 10 and three kinds of dressing – Italian, Ranch and French. We will order the bread, butter and the cherry tomatoes for the salad from Hocker's. On the sign-up sheet we will need volunteers to set up tables & chairs (men 3:30), set the tables (4:15), help with serving (5:30) and clear and cleanup. There will be a sign-up list by the kitchen. If you have any questions speak or call Nancy Gallons 539-2554 or Lee Moore 537-8051 (Co chairs)

PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday, March 11th, please set your clocks ahead one hour for the Spring Time Change.

PARISH MEETING: Sunday, March 11th after both services (8 AM & 10 AM). Bring the material that was sent to you regarding the Building Expansion.

SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, April 14, at 4 pm the official ceremony to Institute Mary L. Allen will be held at St. Martha's. A reception at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club will follow the service at 6 pm. Reservation forms are available in the narthex. The dinner cost is \$25 per person and the deadline to make your dinner selection is before April 9th. Questions please call Deb Kerchner at 539-4051.

NEW ADDRESS FOR BETTY ELLISON: Betty has moved from Bethany Beach and her new address is 18771 Atlanta Road, Bridgeville, DE 19933.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please note that if a **STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED** in our area, there will be **NO** worship services at church.

TRANSITION COMMITTEE INVITATION: Please take the opportunity to attend a parish open house to introduce yourself to Rev. Mary Allen. She is very excited to meet you all! Sign-up sheets for the home gatherings have been printed. They are outside the kitchen. Eleven parishioners have graciously volunteered their homes. We have teas, and wine and cheese gatherings - something to suit everyone. Be thoughtful for the hosts - we would like about 10 people under each date so everyone gets a chance to host their gathering, and everyone gets a chance to speak with Rev. Mary. Questions? Call Deb at 462-0801. Have fun!

NEW COORDINATOR: Martha Fields has volunteered to serve as Coordinator for the Ushers/Greeters at the 10 am worship service.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BABY! As you may know, parishioners Dana and Michael Schaefer are expecting their first baby, a boy, in late April. To celebrate with them and get them off to a good start, we are planning a baby shower on April 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Pavilion at Bear Trap. Everyone from St. Martha's is invited and welcome to come. Fran Hasson, Martha Fields, Mimi Dupont, and Mary Perkins will be coordinating the event. We will be providing more details at a later date, but wanted to get the date set on your calendars.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE needs the continued support of our church community to maintain and expand our wide and varied projects which take in local, national, and international needs. The budget restrictions for the committee over the past year have made it increasingly challenging to sustain our commitment to support the charitable needs which have become closely associated with the generosity of the St. Martha's congregation. We greatly appreciate the direct contributions from parishioners and are open to any suggestions for improving or enhancing our mission.

Some of our ongoing projects include 1) The Way Home, a prison ministry which assists prisoners in their transition back to the community; 2) Food for Thought, a supplemental food program which allows needy children to receive adequate nutrition; 3) Hickory Tree Housing Development, Selbyville, a Housing 8 Project with an after school program for youngsters who benefit from many of our ongoing projects; 4) Camp Arrowhead scholarships funded jointly by our church and the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware permitting local children to attend summer camp; 5) Casa San Francisco, an ongoing food pantry providing groceries for area homeless and needy families; 6) Emergency Home Repairs which assists with emergency repairs for Sussex County residents; 7) Our Little Roses, Honduras, a school and home for abused and abandoned young girls; 8) All Souls Episcopal Church, New Orleans which receives limited funds to aid in community recovery from hurricane Katrina.

These projects represent a "tall order" for a small parish with limited funds. Outreach needs your increased support to move forward and expand its programs.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – St. Martha's is a very busy place right now. So we have postponed the second Parish Life Committee meeting until Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. The notes from the first meeting are on the parish website. Please take a few minutes to look at them because we very much want your

opinion on: (1) any other ministries to be added to the lists, and (2) what the top priorities are for new ministries. Please provide your comments to Mimi Dupont at 302-228-2755 or mdupont228@yahoo.com. You are welcome to attend the upcoming meeting whether or not you attended the previous one. The membership is open at this point. Please let us know what you think so we can become an even more “vibrant spiritual community, deeply caring social community, and ambitious learning community” as our vision says.

THE MONTHLY MESSENGER, mailed only to non-internet households, may be found on our web page, www.stmarthasbethany.org, & clicking Messenger on the left. **All articles for the messenger are due by the 20th of each month.** Please send articles in a word document via email to Lynne Watson, lwatson@stmarthasbethany.org.

THE CASA SAN FRANCISCO BROWN BAG PROJECT is going plastic. Plastic bags with a list of suggested food items to fill them are provided in the narthex. Please take one, or use a bag from home. Fill the bag with the suggested items and return it to the church. We'll take care of it from there. To those of you who participate regularly, we give a hearty thanks. To those of you who have not yet participated, we earnestly urge you to do so. Remember, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto me." (Casa is a shelter and food distribution center for the poor and needy of Sussex County.)

AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE VESTRY, Vestry@stmarthasbethany.org, has now been established encouraging contact with vestry members with questions, concerns, interests, etc. You will also find this address on St. Martha's website.

ST. MARTHA'S PRAYER CIRCLE *updated names and numbers:*

Prayer is the encouragement and praise in every Episcopal Church. For more than a year, our prayer circle supported our parish community with the connecting bonds of a community prayer circle, fashioned like a telephone chain for quick response.

The prayer circle is for immediate times of need or concern, and functions "over and above" the Prayers of the People, Sunday service prayer, and other parish prayer lists. We are a supplement if the other prayer vehicles are not timely enough to meet your needs. We can pray during an operation, or immediately after an accident. Our circle is flexible to immediate needs!

We are:

Eugenia Athan 302-569-8550 Nancy Gallons 302-539-2554
Lee Moore 302-537-8051 Kris Spinney 302-542-9332
Martha Fields 302-539-2056 Deb Kerchner 302-462-0801
Carol (Cat) Tavani 302-540-2656 Phyllis Mikolaiti 703-819-5872
Mary Lou Dogoloff 302-539-2635 Bill Jarboe 302-236-8262
Mimi Dupont 302-228-2755 Carolyn Smith 302-436-9080
Joanne Levy 302-541-8969 Wincy Jackson 302-539-9319
Dianne Burlew 302-598-7309 Jean Shaw 302-539-9516
Mary Perkins 302-537-7552 Dick and Carolyn Hay 302-537-4246
Josie Kingsley 609-217-3609 Johann Ross 302-436-6424

Hint: Remember 1 or 2 names, & then if you are in need you won't have to look for this list!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held during the 10 am services for young children. We cannot accommodate babies & toddlers but we do have a changing table in the ladies restroom.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS are being sought for both the 8 & 10 am services. The 8 am people clean up after 8 am and set up for 10 am. The 10 am people set up on Saturday for 8 am and clean up after the 10 am service. Lois Radcliffe, 537-6069.

GREETERS & USHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in joining either group, please contact Terry Watson at capitalkid@mediacombb.net or 829-8549. We'd love to have you join.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS: Engraved bricks for the outside walkway may be ordered for \$100 to celebrate a marriage, anniversary, birth or to honor a loved one. Forms are in the narthex or contact Wincy Jackson 539-9319 or jaxon19930@mchsi.com.

PASTORAL CARE TRANSPORTATION TEAM of 10 volunteers is now available to provide rides to medical appointments or other needs. Call if we can help you, Carolyn Smith, 436-9080, Dennis Rhodes, 841-4398, or the church office, 539-7444.

FLOWER POLICY: The flower team orders all flowers. Sign your name and phone number for the desired Sunday on the flower chart located on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Include the occasion (Baptism, Anniversary, Birthday, Memorial) and if you wish to take the flowers home and write paid on the chart. **The cost is \$30.00 payable to "St. Martha's Episcopal Church" and envelopes are provided. NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.** Note flower fund and the Sunday date requested on the memo line of the check & place in the basket outside the office. Lee Moore 537-8051, Joanne Levy 541-8969 & Deb Kerchner 539-4051.

COFFEE HOUR volunteers are needed. This provides a time for welcoming newcomers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

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WEEKLY:

- Monday, 7:00 pm:** Gamblers Anonymous
- Monday thru Saturday: 8:00-9:00 am:** Nonsmoking AA Discussion
- Wednesday, 12:00 pm:** Nonsmoking AA Open Step Meeting, 537-2140.
- Wednesday, 7:00 pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal. POC Kathy Rhodes, 302-841-4398.
- Thursday, 7:00 pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal. POC Kathy Rhodes, 302-841-4398.
- Friday, 7-8:00 pm:** Overeaters Anonymous, 302-539-5409.

MONTHLY:

- 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm:** Finance Committee Meeting
- 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm:** Outreach
- 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm:** Vestry Meeting
- 3rd Thursday, 5:00-7:00 pm:** Bible Study at SCI

Actual YTD as of 1/31/12	Budget YTD 1/31/12`	Balance
\$ 15,068.67 (pledge)	\$ 13,333.33 (pledge)	\$ 1,735.34
\$ 1,869. (plate)	\$ 2,750. (plate)	(\$ 881.)
Total \$ 16,937.67	\$ 16,083.33	\$ 854.34