

# ST. MARTHA'S MESSENGER

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Ones,

Lent is almost here! Oh my... We have a couple of new things planned for our Lenten Season.

First: a resource from Episcopal Relief & Development which I have used for several years, a book of daily reflections, prayers and meditations for Lent. These will be available at the church starting Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. They were FREE, so there are plenty for everyone!

Second: I will be offering a five week study at two different times.

Tuesday Evenings: Soup & Study ~ 6:30 pm Soup ~ 7:00 pm Study.

There will be a sign up for the Soups, as well as for the Study. This will begin on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday Morning: Eucharist, Brown Bag & Study ~ 11:30 am Eucharist with brown Bag & Study to follow. This will start on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A Sign up for the Study will be available in the Narthex.

I am looking forward to this time together.

Pax,  
Mary Louise+

### Calling ALL Liturgical, Worship Leaders!

Readers, Servers, Acolytes, Ushers, Greeters & Schedulers... Please mark your calendars to be at the church for a meeting with the Rector following the 10:00 am Service on February 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be informational and instructional, a chance for us to all be "on the same page". And, if you off to sunny climes, no worries! We will be holding another meeting later in the year!

### Diocesan Convention in Dover ~ February 10 & 11

I am certain all of you have seen the advertisements for the Convention in the Diocesan paper, but just in case you missed it... The opening Banquet and speaker event is open to ANY who wish to attend! Bp. Michael Curry is the guest and I cannot encourage you enough to attend. He is the best preacher I have EVER heard! Please consider coming!!

Mary Louise+

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Martha's Episcopal Church is to make God known, to welcome all of God's children, by assisting with the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of our parishioners, visitors and community through worship, love, study and service.

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## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

An email address for the vestry, [Vestry@stmarthasbethany.org](mailto: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.

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

As we become more active as a congregation meeting space needs to be reserved in advance. Please call the church office, 539-7444, ask to speak to Lynne Watson, to request times and dates for meetings or for your activity. We are glad to have our space used but want to insure that we do not double book desired areas. **The large calendar at the top of the bulletin board next to Lynne's desk list the monthly activities already scheduled.** Please check this calendar for available dates & times before scheduling an activity or meeting with your group.

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## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Yes, we have another new committee at St. Martha's, and there is room for everyone with an interest in our life together! The Parish Life Committee's purpose is to build our sense of community. The more we act out our mission "to make God known ... by assisting with the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of our parishioners ... through worship, love, study and service," the closer we will come to achieving our vision: becoming "a vibrant spiritual community, a deeply caring social community, and an ambitious learning community." We envision subgroups to address the many aspects of our parish life. **So come join us at 7:00 pm Monday, February 6** at St. Martha's to help identify how we shall become even more vibrant, deeply caring, and ambitious! If you want to be involved and cannot attend the first meeting, please contact Mimi Dupont at 302-228-2755 or [mdupont228@yahoo.com](mailto:mdupont228@yahoo.com), or any Vestry member, to indicate your interest.

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## COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

A \$150 will give you an engraved brick for our walk or memory garden. This is a wonderful way to celebrate a marriage, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild or to honor a loved one. Brick order forms are in the Narthex in the rack by the office. If you have any questions, contact Wincy Jackson at 539-9319 or [jaxon19930@mchsi.com](mailto:jaxon19930@mchsi.com)

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## MEMORIAL RECORD BOOK

If anyone has borrowed the Memorial Record Book or is aware of its new location, would you please call the office at 302-539-7444 and speak to Lynne Watson. The Memorial Book is one of a kind and the information inside is valuable for St. Martha's records.

## MINUTES FOR THE OUTREACH MEETING

January 10, 2012

The Outreach meeting was called to order by Mary Davis. The opening prayer was led by our Rector Mary Allen. In addition to Mary Allen, members in attendance were Frank Bell, Jean Bell, Mary Davis, Martha Fields, Richard Jesneck, Barb Reardon, and Wally Watson.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Frank Bell gave an update on the status of the budget for 2012. The committee carried over \$3,167 in unrestricted funds and \$3,268 in restricted funds from the 2011 budget for use in 2012 in anticipation of reduced funding for Outreach in 2012. Maintaining a carryover balance proved to be a wise move since the Vestry was only able to fund \$17,000 of the committee's \$22,000 budget request.

As we start the year, there are funds available to sustain the Food for Thought and Way Home programs until the dividends from the Master "A" endowment are received in February. Frank also noted that a check for \$200 will be issued to Casa San Francisco which came from a Sunday plate contribution.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasure's report.

Old Business: Mary expressed thanks to Frank for taking pictures of the distribution of Christmas gifts at Hickory Tree. The committee discussed keeping picture albums of Outreach activities to serve as reminders of the many Outreach programs.

The committee reviewed the dates for the beginning and ending of terms for Outreach members. Currently, new members begin their term in June. It was decided that this date should be changed to January to coincide with the budget year. Current members who are scheduled to end their term in June will be asked to continue to serve until January 2013 as the committee transitions to the new rotation schedule.

New Business: Mary Davis led a discussion of several possible new Outreach activities. Members expressed interest in supporting programs that focus on the elderly in need of assistance. Mary Davis agreed to contact the Pyle Center and Brandywine Assisted Living Facility in an effort to determine their needs. Support for a summer youth work camp sponsored by Mariner's Bethel Church also was discussed. Richard pointed out that there is a similar effort which is supported through our Home Repair Program. It was agreed that more information on these potential activities is needed before any decisions can be made.

Mary Allen reported to us that she has ordered through Episcopal Relief & Development 200 copies of the 2012 Lenten Meditations daily guide for distribution to the congregation during Lent. The guides are made available through ERD for only the cost of shipping. With the Lenten season starting next month, it was agreed to delay for now the Bishop's Coffee fundraiser as a way to support Outreach and ERD activities.

Support for the Haiti Relief Fund was discussed. Martha made a motion which was seconded by Wally to provide the opportunity for people to make contributions for this effort perhaps at the Mardi Gras party. Mary and Barb will look into other ways to support this effort.

Wally read a thank you letter from Cheryl Carey, the counselor at Showell Elementary School, thanking St. Martha's for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families of children attending the school. Mary read a letter from Beverly Allison, Executive Director of Our Little Roses Orphanage, also thanking St. Martha's for continued support.

The committee discussed the feasibility of inviting children who participated last summer in Camp Arrowhead and their families to be special guests at a Sunday service. Pat Long and Mary will follow up on this idea. The Dover Air Force Base water project that provides financial assistance to the USO to buy water for volunteers and families during the summer was described for Mary Allen as another another one of our Outreach efforts

The Outreach committee will have its next meeting on February 7, 2012 at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM. Mary Allen closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Fields, Secretary

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### OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

As our congregation grows we are helped by having volunteers, Mary Wuslich, coming in on Tuesdays and Lorraine Carr on Thursdays, to update the Sunday folders, answer the phone and to assist with certain projects. If you might help, please contact Lynne Watson, 539-7444. All volunteers are periodically away and substitutes are very important as well.

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### GROUPS AND MEETINGS

AA	Mondays	8:00 am
	Tuesdays	8:00 am
	Wednesdays	8:00 am & 12:00 pm
	Thursdays	8:00 am
	Fridays	8:00 am
	Saturdays	8:00 am
Adult Choir	Wednesdays	7:00 pm
Bariatric Surgery Grp	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	7:00 pm
Bell Choir	Thursdays	7:00 pm
Endowment	TBA	4:30 pm
Finance Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:00 pm
GA	Mondays	7:00 pm
Long Range Planning	TBA	7:00 pm
Over Eaters	Fridays	7:00 pm
Outreach	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	1:00 pm

Pastoral Care	TBA	9:00 am
Prison Bible Study	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	5:00 pm
Vestry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 pm
Worship	TBA	3:00 pm

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### BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY, 2012

- 1<sup>ST</sup> RON STEEN**
- 3<sup>RD</sup> JERE WISE**
- 7<sup>TH</sup> MARIE HOGSTEN**
- 10<sup>TH</sup> PENNY HOPKINS**
- 12<sup>TH</sup> PAIGE STEEN**
- 17<sup>TH</sup> BOB MURRAY**
- 19<sup>TH</sup> DENNIS RHODES & JACKIE CARSON**
- 23<sup>RD</sup> PAULINE WISE**
- 25<sup>TH</sup> WALLY WATSON**

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### ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY

- 3<sup>RD</sup> MARY LOU & LEE DOGOLOFF**
- 12<sup>TH</sup> MARY PERKINS & KEN HOOKER**
- 14<sup>TH</sup> JANE & JOHN ROBERT**
- 16<sup>TH</sup> JAMES & BARBARA MYHRE**

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### SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS

Sunday coffee hour helps us to welcome one another and engage with newcomers and other visitors. Every Sunday the question is posed, "Are there any persons for whom this is your first visit to St. Martha's? ", then we are reminded of our mission at St. Martha's as a welcoming place that strives to share the love of Christ with all. We have wonderful coffee hours at St. Martha's where people are engaged and sharing with one another. In order for this to happen we need volunteers to make the coffee, put out the snacks and clean up. It can be as modest or elaborate as you choose, but please remember that this is coffee hour, not lunch.

ST. MARTHA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OPERATING BUDGET 2011

Category Description	As of 12/31 Actual 2011	Revised Budget 2011	Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
Building Use	4,375.00	4,400.00	-25.00
Construction Project Escrow	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Endowment Fund			
Income Distribution	23,358.00	23,000.00	358.00
Fund Raisers			
Book Sales	6,493.51	5,000.00	1,493.51
Golf Outing	2,445.00	1,000.00	1,445.00
Other	522.00	500.00	22.00
Plate Offering	34,198.48	30,000.00	4,198.48
Pledge Offering	149,451.50	160,100.00	-10,648.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>230,843.49</b>	<b>234,000.00</b>	<b>-3,156.51</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	674.50	800.00	125.50
Audit	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Awards & Gifts	400.00	400.00	0.00
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	400.00	400.00	0.00
Christian Education	0.00	400.00	400.00
Cleaning Services	6,600.00	7,000.00	400.00
Clergy Moving Expenses	10,320.00	10,000.00	-320.00
Diocesan Pledge	20,166.63	22,000.00	1,833.37
Discretionary Fund	200.00	200.00	0.00
Furniture & Equipment	3,125.02	0.00	-3,125.02
Hospitality	694.59	750.00	55.41
Insurance	3,701.78	4,000.00	298.22
Liturgy & Worship	872.46	1,200.00	327.54
Long Range Capital Improvement	0.00	100.00	100.00
Maintenance	3,934.16	5,000.00	1,065.84
Meetings & Conventions	817.00	350.00	-467.00
Music Program	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Office	8,050.99	8,000.00	-50.99
Outreach Program	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00
Pastoral Care	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	12,663.06	10,800.00	-1,863.06
Sabbatical Reserve	450.00	450.00	0.00
Salaries	107,065.97	120,000.00	12,934.03
Transition/Selection Teams	7,509.82	7,500.00	-9.82
Stewardship	189.21	250.00	60.79
Subscriptions	130.81	200.00	69.19
Travel	345.71	200.00	-145.71
Utilities	12,725.88	15,000.00	2,274.12
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>220,037.59</b>	<b>234,000.00</b>	<b>13,962.41</b>

**2012 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

	<b><u>THREE YEAR COMPARISON</u></b>		
<b><u>PLEDGE</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT CAMPAIGN</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
TOTAL DOLLARS	\$164,046	\$161,934	\$176,472
GOAL	\$190,850	\$181,000	\$175,000
% of GOAL	86%	89.5%	100.8%
AVERAGE PLEDGE	\$1,709	\$1,652	\$1,681
PLEDGE INCREASE	\$57	-\$29	-----
% PLEDGE INCREASE	3.5%	-1.7%	-----
<b><u>THOSE WHO RESPONDED</u></b>			
INCREASED	54	38	43
SAME	32	37	39
DECREASE	16	11	10
TOTAL	102	86	92
NEW	15	12	13

1/4/2012

January 6, 2012

TO: St. Martha's family  
FROM: Stewardship Committee

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

We would like to thank all who participated in the Stewardship campaign for the 2012 year. The final pledge total was **\$164,046** or 86% of the goal of \$190,850. These numbers don't tell the true story. The goal is a "pie in the Sky - if we could do everything it would be nice" number which is unrealistic in this economic time and with the uncertain environment at St. Martha's this past year.

The table on the back of this page, showing the results of the last three stewardship campaigns, is a much better way to look at this year's results. The number of people who increased their pledge (**54**) is much greater than the (**38**) and (**43**) of the past two years. At the same time the number of new pledges (**15**) was up versus the prior years. On the other hand, those who decreased their pledge (**16**) was more than the previous years (**12**) and (**13**). We believe this is a direct result of the economic environment. Like the rest of the country or even the world, there are people in our parish who are hurting financially. We can only hope this economy soon turns around. Further, the total number of those who financially pledged (**96**) and the average pledge amount (**\$1,709**) were increased over the other years.

All in all, this was a very successful campaign! Our church may have turned the corner on the trend of declining pledges. Also, St. Martha's Outreach financial effort may increase by nearly 35% over the past year's funding level. Increasing our Outreach support was a primary goal of this year's campaign. The "Little Church with the Big Heart" will be able to continue its great works in the coming year.

Again thanks, the people of St. Martha's have demonstrated this is a great place to be a part of!

ST. MARTHA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES 2011

Account	12/31/10 Balance	Income 2011	Expenses 2011	12/31/11 Balance
Long Range Capital Improvements	5,937.88	3,295.08	0.00	9,232.96
Engraved Brick Sales	2,822.99	750.00	80.00	3,492.99
Flower Fund	2,036.13	2,395.00	2,249.15	2,181.98
Emergency Home Repairs/Work Camp	451.05	225.00	192.35	483.70
Sunday School Projects	272.01	298.00	438.49	131.52
Music Fund	1,383.85	5,142.00	1,152.62	5,373.24
Insurance Claim Fund	59,318.28	0.00	8,593.04	50,725.24
Outreach Fund	1,688.00	18,486.00	13,749.00	6,435.00
Sabbatical Reserve	187.50	450.00	0.00	637.50
Memorial Fund	3,390.04	1,015.00	0.00	4,405.04
Sacramental Wine Fund (JCP Memorial)	2,385.30	0.00	0.00	2,385.30
Total Restricted Account Balance	79,873.04	32,066.08	26,454.65	85,484.47
Rector's Discretionary Fund	634.88	200.00	50.00	784.88
Capital Campaign '08 (Fulton Bank CD)	31,002.46	242.68	0.00	31,245.14

# FEBRUARY 2012

## St Martha's Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Phone & Fax: 539-7444						
			1 8 am & NOON: AA  7 pm: Choir	2 8 am: AA	3 8 am: AA  7 pm: Over Eaters mtg	4 8 am: AA
5 5 Epiphany 8 & 10 am: Worship w/SS	6 8 am: AA <b>7 pm: Parish Life mtg</b>  7 pm: GA	7 8 am: AA	8 8 am & NOON: AA 7 pm: Choir	9 8 am: AA	10 8 am: AA  7 pm: Over Eaters mtg	11 8 am: AA
12 6 Epiphany 8 & 10am: Worship w/SS	13 8 am: AA 7 pm: <b>Finance mtg</b>  7 pm: GA	14 8 am: AA  <b>1 pm: Outreach</b>	15 8 am & NOON: AA 7 pm: Choir	16 8 am: AA  5-7 pm: SCI Bible Study	17 8 am: AA  7 pm: Over Eaters mtg	18 8 am: AA <b>5 pm: Mardi Gras party &amp; Potluck supper</b>
19 Last Epiphany 8 & 10 am: Worship w/SS	20 8 am: AA  <b>7 pm: VESTRY</b>  7 pm: GA	21 8 am: AA	22 8 am & NOON: AA <b>Noon &amp; 7 pm : Ash Wednesday HE</b> 8 pm: Choir	23 8 am: AA	24 8 am: AA  7 pm: Over Eaters mtg	25 8 am: AA
26 1 Lent 8 & 10 am: Worship w/SS	27 8 am: AA 7 pm: GA	28 8 am: AA 6:30 pm: Soup & Study	29 8:30 am: MP 8 am & NOON: AA 7 pm: Choir			PO BOX 1478 BETHANY BEACH, DE 19930 Office phone # 302-539-7444