



St.s M & M's Newsletter

Father David Archibald, Rector

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A Message from Fr. David

Summer at the beach might not be what we are used to this year. My family and I had breakfast in Fenwick on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and noticed that the crowd count was way down; it's no secret that the housing mess and expensive fuel costs are causing many folks to re-think summer plans.

Furthermore, the election for president in November has been in the forefront for months and months. This too is a new, unnerving experience for most of us.

There continues to be great turmoil in Iraq and the surrounding areas—and the lists of concerns goes on.

The point is: we are living in very uncertain times; life as we have known it might never be the same again; our comfort level is low; we either are or should be highly concerned.

So what do we do? How do we act/react? For Christians the answer is obvious: we turn to our Lord Jesus Christ for comfort and guidance. I'm not being trite. Now is the time for prayer and focus. As we ponder the answers ourselves, lean on The Almighty's leadership.

Trust no other path—for we mortals are ultimately not in charge—never have been, never will be.

If we listen openly to Divine guidance, "all will be well with (our) souls!" It is that basic. We all know it—so let's get fully involved—on our knees.

Peace.

David

The Church at Work

Mutual Ministry Review

With the assistance of the Rev. Bob Gribbon, the St. Mark's and St. Martin's Vestries met on April 19, to

conduct the Mutual Ministry Review as stipulated in the Letter of Agreement between the two congregations and Fr. Archibald. The purpose of the Review, as set forth in the Letter of Agreement, is to discuss the positive aspects of the shared ministry and issues of concern, and to establish goals for the next six to twelve months.

Following a short period of reflection led by Fr. Gribbon, the group began to list the positives they observed in the two congregations and with the shared ministry. These included:

1. Active Sunday School and Youth Ministry at St. Martin's
2. Friendliness and Fellowship at both churches
3. The Contemporary Worship Service at St. Mark's
4. The nursery at St. Mark's
5. The St. M & M Newsletter
6. The Liturgy and Sermons
7. Outreach programs at both churches
8. Clergy Hospital visits and pastoral care
9. ECW at St. Martin's
10. St. Mark's Labyrinth
11. Some growth at both churches
12. Well maintained facilities at both churches

Areas of concern, though not as extensive as the list of positives, included:

1. Lack of growth and new members at both churches
2. Finances and need of additional pledges at both churches
3. Holy Day services
4. Need for more joint services and activities
5. Need for more combined outreach initiatives

The establishment of a "path forward" was next on the agenda. Since there was agreement among the group that more joint services and activities were needed, it was decided to have a combined

“potluck” supper on May 28 at St. Martin’s, followed by either Compline or Evening Prayer. There was also some sentiment that perhaps the “potluck” suppers be monthly.

The Vestries of both congregations wish to thank Fr. Gribbon for his leadership during the session and the diocese for its financial support for the Review. The Vestries also welcome congregational feedback on the lists of “positives” and “areas of concern”. This feedback should be given to your Senior Warden or Fr. Archibald for future review and discussion.

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When His eye is on the sparrow
And each budding leaf that grows;
When He sends the dew each morning,
And the sunshine to the rose;
You may know beyond all doubting,
In this trial you’re passing through,
God cares. . . . and every moment
He is watching over you!

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Kid’s Day at St. Mark’s

In an effort to create a safe and loving place for our children, St. Mark’s held their first Kid’s Day on May 3rd. In today’s world it is important that our children know they are loved and valued.

The morning started with Ms Dotty (LeCates) telling them about the Labyrinth and leading them in a walk. They got to spend time planting annuals in the four gardens surrounding the Labyrinth. Ms Alice (Hudson) read them a story entitled *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein, and recited the poem, “I think that I have never seen a Poem as Lovely as a Tree”, by Joyce Kilmer.

Following story telling, we all ventured inside where Father David spent time with the children in the chapel for a lesson and communion and Ms Roberta (Collins) taught them songs.

Ms Bernice (Talley) fixed our lunch and the children made ice cream sundaes for dessert.

After lunch the children did a craft and then had playtime. It was a wonderful time for the children and the adults to interact and get to know one another.





Trinity Sunday Service

The St. Mark's and St. Martin's congregations held a combined worship service on May 18, 2008, at historic Prince George's Chapel in Dagsboro. The 10:00 AM service was attended by more than eighty (80) people, representing both churches and the community-at-large. The service was modeled after what would have been typical of Sunday worship at the Chapel in the 1700's. Fr. Archibald conducted the service and was the Celebrant at the Eucharist and each person who attended received a copy of the Liturgy for the service.

Special thanks goes to all those who made the morning a success and a wonderful experience for all who attended. These include the Altar Guild members, choir members, organists, Communion assistants, acolytes, ushers, parking attendants, and refreshment providers.

It is hoped that this will become an annual event either for Trinity Sunday or another special day in the church year.



St. Martin's Book Fair – A Mixed Success

The six authors from Cherokee Books, Anee Sams Floyd, Marsha Henderson, Marjorie K. Lorenz, Ted Ressler, Morgan C. Lee, and James Milton Hanna, owner; plus local author, Tony Varrato, from Lobster Press, invited by Mr. Hanna, said they appreciated being invited to St. Martin's. Mr. Hanna said at the Fair's conclusion that they had sold more books than at the Annual Delaware Author's Fair held the previous week in Dover. This was despite the low turn out of visitors to St. Martin's; therefore, St. Martin's members must be thanked for purchasing a goodly number of the author's works.



The director of the Selbyville Public Library, Ms. Tanya Shelton-Council, had an eye-catching display of the Library's activities plus pamphlets of the various programs given for the benefit of local area residents. At the close of the Fair, Ms Council drew the winning ticket for the Basket of Books raffled for about a month prior to the Fair. The winner was Bonnie Burton. In a subsequent letter from the Library Director, she thanked St. Martin's for the total amount paid for the raffle tickets and hoped that the Church and Library could again combine in projects that would benefit the

Selbyville area community. The raffle amount will help build new shelving that will be designed to display new books purchased by the Library.

Some members of the Evangelism Committee (EC) provided cookies, brownies, and drinks for all persons attending the Fair, while the Girls Friendly Society provided brownies and drinks. The authors and the EC workers were treated to delicious homemade chicken vegetable soup and homemade bread baked by Chef Dave (a.k.a. David Herrick). Thank you, Dave!

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LORD,

I have a mountain in my life—you know which one—the one I keep trying to climb, time after time, and keep sliding back down, humbled and discouraged. . . This mountain is so high I can't even see the top. . . Looking back though, I see so many other mountains I've climbed, only by your strength and wisdom. . . Even though this one seems to be the worst one yet, help me to trust and fully believe that you know the way over, and that someday I'll look back and wonder, as with all the others, where my climbing faith was . . . AMEN

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Mother's Day Tea at St. Mark's a huge success!

The Mother's Day Tea at St. Mark's on May 10, was a huge success. A great time was had by the guests and workers as well. What a wonderful way to share the love of God. We could never have had such a successful day without the Ark of Refuge. I think it is safe to say that Dana Paragello, Christel and Paul Grandell, and Cassandra Abbott enhanced the day with their musical talents. Dana is active with the Possum Point Players and Clear Space Productions, Christel and Paul can be heard at Mariner Bethel United Methodist Church, in Ocean View, and on the Bandstand at Bethany, and Cassandra lives in Deal's Island. She has a published a CD and if anyone is interested, I'm sure Rev. Chuck Reynolds from Gumboro can give you information on ordering it. It was a wonderful outreach and all who worked so hard to pull it off are greatly appreciated.

We will soon be making plans for next year's tea!

Upcoming Events

Don't forget Selbyville's Olde Timers Day

St. Martin's will participate in this year's Selbyville's Old Timers Day Celebration on June 14. Church members will be selling baked goods and lemonade, while spreading the word about their wonderful church.

Craft Show and Flea Market

St. Martin's will hold it's annual craft show/flea market on Saturday, July 12, at the Treasure Beach RV Park/Campground on Route 54 in Fenwick Island from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Last year a total of forty-six (46) vendors from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey participated. We hope that this year's event will be as successful.

The day also features the sale of bake goods, hot dogs, and sodas, as well as assorted 'treasures' collected by the ladies of St. Martin's. They will be located under the pavilion and proceeds from their work will go to the ECW.

Space applications are still available for July 12 and may be obtained from Ed Burton at 732-9370, or imaterp@verizon.net.

Movie Nights at St. Mark's

St. Mark's has held two movie nights and they seem to be a hit with the young and old alike. In keeping with the plans for joint activity, movie night would be great chance for all of us to get together.

Look for an upcoming date for our next movie.

Suggestions for fun nights are welcome (one such suggestion is a bowling).

And don't forget about St. Martin's afternoon at the Shorebird Stadium on June 15.

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Psalm 23 – Explained

You may not have thought nor looked at this Psalm in this way; even though you say it again and again.

The Lord is my Shepherd –

That's **RELATIONSHIP!**

I shall not want -

That's **SUPPLY!**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. -

That's **REST!**

He leadeth me beside the still waters. –

That's **REFRESHMENT!**

He restoreth my soul. –

That's **HEALING!**

He leadeth me in the path of righteousness, -

That's **GUIDANCE!**

For His name sake. –

That's **PURPOSE!**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death –

That's **TESTING!**

I will fear no evil, -

That's **PROTECTION!**

For Thou art with me. –

That's **FAITHFULNESS!**

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. –

That's **DISCIPLINE!**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. –

That's **HOPE!**

Thou anointest my head with oil. –

That's **CONSECRATION!**

My cup runneth over. –

That's **ABUNDANCE!**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. –

That's **BLESSING!**

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord. . . –

That's **SECURITY!**

Forever. -

That's **ETERNITY!**

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Did you know?

The History of Prince George's Chapel

Built in 1755, Prince George's Chapel had its beginnings as an Anglican Chapel-of-ease, serving the northern outlying area of Worcester Parish, Maryland. During the reorganization of the Episcopal Church following the American Revolution, the Chapel became an independent

parish church in the Diocese of Delaware. Deeded to the State of Delaware in 1967, it was restored and reopened as a museum, administered by the State. Through a lease agreement between the State of Delaware, the Town of Dagsboro, and Friends of Prince George's Chapel, Inc., the chapel is now being operated and administered by the Friends group.

This summer, the chapel will be open from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoons beginning July 1 and continuing thru September.

The annual Ice Cream Festival will be held on August 3. Later in the year there will be the Olde Christmas Musical Celebration, and in 2009, an Easter Sunrise Service.

Help is needed to support the efforts to maintain this building to make it available for weddings and special events.

Annual dues are \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family, payable to Friends of Prince George's Chapel, and mailed to P.O. Box 420, Dagsboro, DE, 19939. Please help to support this worthy endeavor.

Speaking of Help

Recently a new heater and air conditioning system was installed in St. Mark's church at a cost of nearly \$8,000.00.

Please consider making a donation to St. Mark's to replenish the Building Fund for this expense. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church with (church heater/air conditioner) in the notation. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

St. Mark's has a new person in charge of renting the Parish Hall. If you have a special event and would like to use the hall, please contact Rodney Layfield at 302-854-9763, (leave a message).

We are also looking for someone who would oversee the hall when it is being rented. Please contact Rodney, at the number listed above, or Phil Rogers, at dprogers@verizon.net, or on his cell phone at 302-841-8060, if interested.

Wardens and Vestry
St. Mark's Church

Happenings at the Labyrinth

Sunday afternoon, May 25, the Community was invited to share in the dedication of gifts by loved ones and the honoring of those who have passed on before us. Some fifty people gathered around the Labyrinth to give praise and glory. The choir lead us in "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "They will know we are Christians by our Love". Father David gave the Blessings and Phil Rogers lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lemonade and cookies, baked by the "cookie ladies" of St. Mark's followed the ceremony.

July 4th

This year will be a special year for Millsboro and St. Mark's Church. On the 4th at 10:00 A.M. a ceremony will be held at the Labyrinth Gardens, featuring Kathy Gorman, singing our National Anthem and God Bless America. The Mayor and local dignitaries and guests will follow our Flag, and a drummer and fife to open the ceremony. Chairs will be provided for guests around the great prayer circle. Immediately following the ceremony, a children's parade will march to Cupola Park with a police escort. All children ages 12 and under will be invited to decorate their bikes and wagons, or to dress in red, white, and blue and bring their pets. (But all ages are urged to participate.) Trophies will be presented in the park. Our small town continues to grow and we want to instill the "small town America" tradition and celebrate our gifts of freedom and honor. Please join us on the 4th of July, at 10:00 A.M. Bring your grandchildren, a picnic basket, and celebrate with us!

Mark your calendar. . .

A fundraiser for the Labyrinth will be held on Friday, September 5th in Greenwood, Delaware, at the Fire Hall BBQ located at the red light on Rte. 13N. Volunteers will cook, serve, and clean-up the Chicken BBQ that day only. Come, take a drive, and have lunch with St. Mark's volunteers that day, or take dinner home.

We thank you. . .
Dottie LeCates

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Why Go To Church?

This article appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" section of a newspaper by a Church goer complaining that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

Someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

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BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIAN SISTER

By Maya Angelou

'A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man should have to seek Him first to find her.'

When I say... "I am a Christian", I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin", I'm whispering "I was lost, now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian", I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian", I'm not trying to be strong. I'm confessing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian", I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

Beautiful Christian Sister, cont'd

When I say... "I am a Christian", I'm not claiming to be perfect, my flaws are far too visible but, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian", I still feel the sting of pain. I have may share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian", I'm not holier than thou, I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

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Ending with a little church bulletin humor. . .

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church all. Music will follow.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 P.M. – prayer and medication to follow.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Please use the back door.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

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St.s Mark's and Martin's Governance

Rector - Rev. David J. Archibald
(302) 436-1914 (Home) (302) 430-8213 (Cell)

Vestry of St. Martin's

Sr. Warden - Dave Whear
Jr. Warden - Al Bonadonna
Treasurer - Bettymae Patterson
Clerk - Lucy Bunting

Members of the Vestry

2008 - Jean Evans, Dave Whear, Al Bonadonna
2009 - Ed Burton, Judith Grimes
2010 - Bettymae Patterson, Junis Adkins

Services at St. Martin's

11:00 A.M. - Sunday Worship
Sunday School (exit prior to sermon)

Vestry of St. Mark's

Sr. Warden - Phil Rogers
Jr. Warden - Jim Keahey
Treasurer - Rachel Pusey
Secretary - Janet Spray

Members of the Vestry

2008 - Phil Rogers, Rachel Pusey
2009 - Jim Keahey and Janet Spray
2010 - Rodney Layfield, Richard Cordrey

Services at St. Mark's

8:45 A.M. - Sunday School
Nursery Available
9:00 A.M. - Sunday Worship
9:00 A.M. - Contemporary Service
(Last Sunday of each mo.)

Healing and Prayer every Sunday at the altar immediately following the service

12:00 P.M. - Weekday Holy Eucharist
1st & 3rd Wednesday in Parish Hall Chapel;
followed by fellowship and lunch at Millsboro Diner

5:30 P.M. - Agape (each Tuesday until 7:00 P.M.)

