

BETHESDA CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sermon
- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour, Guild Room
- *📺10:00 a.m. Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, with sermon, hymns, and choir
- 11:15 a.m. Reception
- 11:15 a.m. Church Tour

MONDAY, MAY 13

- 8:00 a.m. Men of Bethesda, Parish Hall
- 9:00 a.m. AA, Guild Room

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 8:00 a.m. St. George's Dinner Prep, Kitchen
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 9:00 a.m. Bagels and Bible, Guild Room
- 7:00 p.m. Theology in Film
- 7:00 p.m. Beginners Al-Anon, Parish Hall
- 8:30 p.m. AA Group, Parish Hall
- 8:30 p.m. Al-Anon, Guild Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 9:00 a.m. AA, Guild Room
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Bethesda Yoga, Guild Room
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 5:30 p.m. Ladies Choice, Guild Room
- 7:00 p.m. Beginners AA, Guild Room
- 7:00 p.m. Bethesda Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 8:00 a.m. St. George's Sandwich Making, Kitchen
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 9:00 a.m. AA Group, Guild Room
- 10:00 a.m. Previewing the Lectionary, Zoom

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 10:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer Group, Labyrinth Walk
- 11:00 a.m. Bethesda Saturday Stitchers, Library

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sermon
- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour, Guild Room
- *📺10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with sermon, hymns, and choir
- 11:00 a.m. Pentecost Picnic

* Nursery care for infants through age 3

📺 The service will be live streamed to our website. You may watch the service online at bbts.org.

PARISH DIRECTORY

The Parish Directory is finally here! You can stop by the reception office Monday through Friday to pick up your copy. One per family unit.

WELCOME TO BETHESDA!

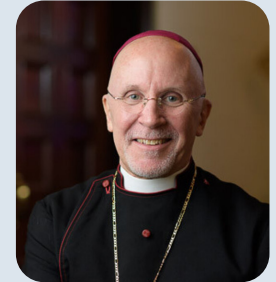
If this is your first time with us, please accept a welcome gift waiting for you in the church entryway after the service.

BETHESDA HAPPENINGS

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12

BISHOP PETER EATON'S VISITATION AND CONFIRMATION Sunday, May 12

Bishop Eaton will be at the 10:00 a.m. service Sunday, May 12. He will confirm those in our Youth Confirmation and Adult Inquirers Classes. The Service will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.



CHURCH TOUR

SUNDAY, MAY 12 | FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

A church tour will follow the 10:00 a.m. service. Tours begin in the Chancel (choir stalls), immediately following the service.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19

PENTECOST PICNIC

Sunday, May 19
11:00 a.m.



Following the 10:00 a.m. service, we'll have a picnic along with lots of activities for children, including bounce houses, a dunk tank, giant Lego blocks, and more! We'll also have a bake sale and silent auction fundraiser for our Youth Pilgrimage trip.

Donations for this year's Pentecost Picnic Silent Auction should be brought to the church office by Friday, May 17th at three o'clock.

Supporting the bake sale? Bring desserts to the Parish Hall Sunday, May 19th by 10 am and a healthy appetite while at the picnic. All proceeds support our high school students in their pilgrimage to Norway.

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Peoples at 2day.steph@gmail.com



BETHESDA CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY

Sign up for the Bethesda Center for Spirituality
Email Newsletter: bbts.org/spiritual-center-info/

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Labyrinth Walk

May 18 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Contemplative Prayer group is open to all those who are seeking to engage the Holy Spirit in a deeper way. Through walking the labyrinth, sitting in silent meditation, lectio divina, healing, and more, the Contemplative Prayer group will explore various forms of prayer to help develop a deeper connection to faith.

This month we will have our Bethesda labyrinth set up on the property for people to experience from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Take time out anytime during that window of time to walk and pray in our beautiful, spiritual oasis.



BETHESDA YOGA

Meets every Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. | Guild Room

BETHESDA YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. | Youth Room

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS | JUNE

Our Summer Choir will begin in June, and, if you read music proficiently, you are warmly invited to join us in the Choir Room at 8:50 a.m. any Sunday through the beginning of September. Just bring black shoes and we will provide music and vestments. Please contact Stuart Forster with any questions: forster@bbts.org or (561) 853-0953.

BETHESDA BOOKSHOP

The Bethesda Bookshop is officially open for business! Stop by to see us on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Looking for a last minute gift for Confirmation or Mother's Day? We have the perfect gift for everyone on your list!

bethesda bookshop
palm beach

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: PALANCA FOOD BANK

The Palanca Food Bank, located in Lake Worth as a ministry of Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church, is doing wonderful and essential work feeding the local community. Bethesda has a long-standing relationship with Palanca, and they need in-person volunteers every Monday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to help pack boxes for deliveries, and every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. to help distribute food to recipients. Palanca is located at 3730 Kirk Road. Volunteers need to be able to lift heavy boxes. Please contact Eva Livingston at 561-601-2706 for more information about getting involved with this important ministry - or just show up!

DIAN'S CARD MINISTRY

take a card - give a card - make someone happy!

Dian's Card Ministry provides cards for all occasions (Birthday, Christmas, Thank You, Anniversary, Get Well, etc.) to local non-profit agencies that serve the homeless and less fortunate in our area, including St. Ann Place, The Lord's Place, Halle House, Burckle Place, Burckle Place West Center of Hope and the Lewis Center. While you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider donating your unused cards with their envelopes by dropping them off at the Reception office, Monday through Friday. For questions or more information, contact Dian Vujovich at mismutual@aol.com

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

There are so many good things happening at Bethesda! Easter attendance was up 25%, we are up 18% in number of pledges, and up 4% in total amount pledged. These are amazing numbers! If you have not yet pledged for 2024 it is not too late. We'd love to invite you to help us reach our goal and to claim your stake in our spiritual home. **We would once again like to recognize all of those who have made a pledge in the Pentecost Leaflet.** To pledge, fill out the online pledge form (bbts.org/annual-commitment/) or contact our Director of Stewardship and Fundraising, Carole Ann Vaughan at vaughan@bbts.org or (561) 853-0959. Your pledge must be submitted by **Sunday, May 12th** to be included. A pledge is simply an estimate of giving, you can always increase or decrease the amount if your situation changes.

GRADUATION SUNDAY | JUNE 2

On Sunday, June 2, at the 10:00 a.m. service we will be recognizing young adults graduating from high school and college. If you or a family member would like to be recognized in the June 2 leaflet, please e-mail the full name to Greg Knight at knight@bbts.org by noon Friday, May 24.