BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
As I write, we are still basking in the glow of a transcendent and prayerful Holy Week. The liturgies of Holy Week center our life as a parish family. The journey of Holy Week, culminating in the joy of Easter Day reminds us that at the center of all that we do is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This time of year, more than any other, demonstrates a profound gift of our liturgical life: in the end, it doesn't depend on us, but solely on the grace of Jesus. At this time of year, we embrace at the core of our being that God loves, forgives, and welcomes all into God's family. We give our very best in response to God's love in Christ through our worship, education, service, and stewardship so that our lives honor the gift of that love and so that others might know and experience that love as well.

Our Anglican/Episcopal tradition beautifully expresses this reality in recognizing that Jesus is truly at the center of our worship life. Even our worship space reflects this in having at the center, not the pulpit, but the altar—the holy table at which Jesus calls us to share in his body and to become his body in the world.

This structure and emphasis has not always been prevalent. Over the last several centuries, many western Christian traditions began to emphasize teaching more than the sacramental presence of Christ in worship. Many even call their worship space an *auditorium* to reflect this emphasis on hearing God's Word.

We know—and we experience every time we gather in our beautiful nave—that worship truly nourishes us and draws us together as one body. More than anything else we do, the Eucharist shapes us, consoles us, calls us to be—as one body—the people God has made us to be. No personality, no creativity, no human effort can ever communicate the love and grace of God in Christ like the sacrament of the Eucharist.

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Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

One body, we, one Body who partake,  
one Church united in communion blest;  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,  
who art one Savior and one living Head;  
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:  
"This is my Body"; so thou givest yet:  
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

One body, we, one Body who partake,  
one Church united in communion blest;  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,  
who art one Savior and one living Head;  
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;  
be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

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The Rev. James R. Harlan, Rector
Outreach

Our Little Roses Mission Trip

Bethesda is pleased to announced that we had another successful mission trip to Our Little Roses in San Pedro Sula, Honduras on March 15-21, 2015. The team included Eliesha Bruening, Greg Knight, Ross and Idalmis Lavin, Rick and Cordella Miessau, Mac and Patty Skelly, and Brittany Spaziani. The main project for the trip was installing security cameras around the property of the orphanage. This involved several trips up and down ladders, drilling holes through concrete, and laboring in weather that is about 10 degrees warmer than what we left behind in Palm Beach. The entire group pitched in to ease the effort and we were able to wrap up this project before we left. However, there was also plenty of time to help the girls with their homework, work on arts and crafts, and in the evenings watch movies. It was a moving experience and very special trip! The love of Christ is evident in the work of this special group of Bethesda volunteers who have taken time to serve at Our Little Roses this year. If you are interested in joining this team for the 2016 mission trip, please e-mail outreach@bbts.org and help Bethesda spread Christ’s teachings through service.

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2015 Ask & Inform Results

Will the 240 Bethesda members that took part in the “2015 Ask & Inform” initiative please stand up and take a bow? Thank you for sharing your views on where Bethesda is today and the direction Bethesda should travel in the future.

The team of over 30 members plus clergy and staff led 18 different events at church and in private homes during January, February, and March. We will be a stronger parish as each of us helps to shape our mission and programs, and shares a commitment to our common faith.

We committed to provide feedback on the results; the Vestry, chairs of the Rector’s committees, and senior staff were briefed in April. These four pages provide a comprehensive picture of the conversations from our Ask & Inform process.

The comments and suggestions put forward fall into three groups: (i) possible actions that will be considered by the staff and/or relevant committees to determine how they may be incorporated into our plans (details on the following pages), (ii) questions that will be answered through our existing communications including the Bethesda Bulletin (see the list of questions on this page), and (iii) other comments that included a range of positive and negative viewpoints about the leadership, staff priorities, communications, and personal needs and expectations. The latter will be addressed, where possible, through personal discussions.

Major points discussed that demonstrate the breadth and depth of our 60+ ministries:

- Bethesda has wonderful worship and music, but we would like an additional and different type of service not on a Sunday morning
- We need to explain and promote both our outreach activities and the positive results of our activities including the Feeding in February initiative
- We should serve and support our existing and new members equally
- Regular communications about news, decisions, and changes would help
- Children and youth education is vital and growing—we should do the same for adult education
- How can we get to “know” our Vestry members and get a new parish directory
- We need to make stewardship as high a priority as worship, education, and service
- Please solve the parking problem quickly

If you have any additional suggestions or comments please e-mail them to commit@bbs.org or send a letter to our Rector. Father James as chair of the Vestry is leading all of our committees and setting annual strategic priorities as we seek to make our mission a reality; this includes periodic changes to the committee leadership. One suggestion made by many members is to be implemented immediately; to provide a regular update on planned improvements, major decisions made by the Vestry, staff changes, and the financial position of Bethesda. This will be included in the March, July, and November editions of the Bethesda Bulletin plus the updates provided at the Annual meeting each January. Bethesda has spoken. Bethesda is planning and executing. Bethesda is committed to a common faith. Alleluia.
Service Ministries

OUTREACH
There was one common theme to almost all the comments made about Outreach: “I don’t know much about it, but it seems great.” So let’s start with some basic information: Pat Reichenbacher chairs our Outreach Committee, the co-chair is Susan Barnhart, and the lead Associate is The Rev. Kimberly Still. The Church Mouse and the Bethesda Shoppe raise about $350,000 a year and all of those funds support our Outreach ministries (with Vestry approval) serving people in need. Our outreach priorities are education, feeding, and shelter. Though the substantial majority of our outreach efforts focus on Palm Beach County, we have several important ongoing relationships that reach further afield, including Our Little Roses in Honduras and the Southeast Florida Haiti Project. The Feeding in February initiative, working with other local groups, raised $50,000 at the Empty Bowls event and packaged over 100,000 meals for hungry families in Palm Beach County through Feeding God’s Children (PB Unites). The meals were distributed through the Boys and Girls Club and other local agencies. The Outreach committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:

- How can we communicate the Outreach activities more effectively within the Bethesda family, particularly for those who wish to volunteer?
- How can we promote the Outreach results, including personal stories of how lives have been changed—both for the volunteers and for those being helped?
- How can we expand the Feeding in February initiative, not just keep doing the same?

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY
It is clear that most members already know about Fellowship & Hospitality—it must be fun! It is chaired by Carol Stewart, the co-chair is Phyllis Goodner, the lead Associate is The Rev. Kimberly Still, and April Lawrence is our Stewardship and Membership Coordinator. The Fellowship & Hospitality committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:

- How can we address the perception that current members do not receive the same level of attention and support as is being provided to new members—practice and perception?
- How can we address the fellowship needs of the different age groups within Bethesda (e.g. after Anchors) and integrate new members with existing members particularly during Sunday coffee hour?
- What do we need to do to include more hospitality events that deliberately bring together multi-ministry and cross-generational groups?

BETHESDA CARES
There was a perception among some members that Bethesda Cares is just the Shepherds (with their yellow ribbons); the Shepherds bring together a range of ministries that include Eucharistic Visitors, meal ministry, card ministry, and many other pastoral ministries that address specific needs. We also began offering Bethesda Cares Bears that have a matching yellow ribbon and a prayer card to people who need a tangible reminder that we are praying for them regularly. A few participants also expressed a belief that Bethesda Cares was going to replace the pastoral ministry of our clergy. Rather, Bethesda Cares is offering a more complete pastoral ministry that enhances and expands on our clergy’s pastoral presence. Bobbie Leek (our Senior Warden) chairs this committee, the co-chair is Jodie Payne, the lead Associate is The Rev. Kimberly Still, and Regine Reimann is our Worship and Pastoral Care Coordinator. The Bethesda Cares committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:

- How do we communicate what each of the ministries within Bethesda Cares—including clergy and shepherds—does (and does not do) more clearly for our members?
- How do we integrate the different Bethesda Cares’ ministries more effectively so that we are able to provide timely and appropriate support to our members when needed?
- How do we help all parishioners understand the importance of informing the parish when they are ill, admitted to the hospital, or experiencing some other crisis?
EVANGELISM & COMMUNICATIONS
Bethesda as an organization needs to improve its communications, especially by sharing news and information in multiple ways. It is also true that our members must consider if they are contributing actively to the communication process by reading (this Bulletin!) what is provided. Becky Myers chairs this committee, the co-chair is Helene Lorentzen, the lead Associate is Fred Staley, and Renée Boger-Cheifet is our Communications Coordinator. The Evangelism & Communications committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:

- Can we ensure that the development of member and visitor “experiences” is a priority this year?
- How do we make evangelism something that everyone can understand?
- How do we improve communications related to news and changes?
- How can we produce an updated member directory?
- What additional communication channels/media could be used to improve the effectiveness of our communications for our members and the local community?

WORSHIP & MUSIC
Almost all participants (but not everyone), both members and visitors, regard this area as wonderful. The concerts provide an opportunity to share our common faith in Christ and provide a service to the local community. Daniel Koinis chairs this committee, the co-chair is Gary Sullivan, the lead Associate is Hal Pysher, and Regine Reimann is our Worship and Pastoral Care Coordinator. The Worship committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:

- What type of extra service could be provided, when should it be scheduled, and what extra resources would be required?
- How should announcements be communicated at Sunday services?
- How can the Worship Committee help all worship ministries to carry out their tasks effectively and to cultivate the spirit of welcome, charity, and love that we want?

EDUCATION
Christian education is a never ending journey; we are all called to continually grow in faith both individually and collectively. Amy McGowan chairs this committee, the co-chair is Debra Hale-Hagy, the lead Associate is The Rev. Kimberly Still, and Greg Knight is our Director of Children and Youth Ministries. The Education committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:

- Can we create a plan for the period from September, 2015 through May, 2016 and effectively share it with all parishioners as well as the local community (perhaps through a brochure for education activities)?
- Can we invite nationally-known teachers and preachers more often within an expanded Education program, and what resources would we need for this?
- What do we need for adult education to create the same vitality and positive results that have started to appear for Children and Youth Education?
- How can we best use the Adult Forum on Sundays?

Recent Achievements:
- New Verger and Flower Guilds
- Children’s and youth ministries reenergized and expanding
- Outreach “feeding in February” and “education mentoring”
- New ministries: Anchors and Stephen Ministry
- New logo and enhanced website
- Live streaming of Sunday services
- Membership has grown to over 1,000 households
- Building restoration almost complete
- New Garden Chapel—first service at sunrise on Easter Day
LEADERSHIP & FINANCE
Bobbie Leek (our senior warden) chairs the Leadership & Governance sub-committee, Matt Lorentzen chairs the Finance sub-committee, the lead Associate for both is Fred Staley, and Sharon Lawrence McGee is our Financial Coordinator. The Leadership & Governance sub-committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:
- How should the results of the 2015 Ask & Inform initiative be implemented?
- How can Bethesda improve the transparency of decisions and the roles of the Rector and Vestry members (reality & perception)? (This would be part of a wider update for members published three times a year in the Bethesda Bulletin).
- What needs to be done to improve the “visibility” of Vestry members?
- What type of policy should Bethesda have for weddings and funerals, and how can we help everyone to appreciate the reasoning for the policy?
- How do we strengthen the Bethesda community?
The Finance sub-committee will address this question that arose from Ask & Inform events:
- What level of financial detail in a regular update would be most helpful for parishioners? (Published three times a year in the Bethesda Bulletin).

STEWARDSHIP
Doug Daft chairs this special working group, the 2015 campaign chairs are Edie Dixon and Mary Hulitar, the co-chair is Paul Coombs, and the lead Associate is Fred Staley. The Stewardship team will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:
- What resources (staff, processes, and systems) does Bethesda need to improve stewardship education and fundraising significantly?
- How can we increase the number of members that make an annual commitment?
- What are the stewardship priorities for Bethesda: education, annual campaign, capital campaign, and/or planned giving?
- How can we explain the many programs that cannot be implemented because of a lack of financial and staff resources?
- What is the role of the clergy in stewardship?

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
Our buildings and grounds share the clear and strong presence of God around us. Our restoration project is on schedule to be completed this year (subject to adequate funding), and the new Garden Chapel is complete. Over 100 communicants shared the sunrise service on Easter Day. Wendy Victor (our Junior Warden) chairs this sub-committee, the co-chair is Tanner Rose, and the lead Associate is Fred Staley. The Buildings & Grounds sub-committee will address these questions that arose from Ask & Inform events:
- How do we resolve our parking issues?
- What is the best use of the vacant lot across County Road from the church?
- What are the next priorities for the Buildings & Grounds sub-committee after the restoration project is complete?

“And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord”

—The Book of Common Prayer, page 366

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Stay Connected this Summer

Summer is a time for relaxation and fun, but it can also be a time for reflection and spiritual growth. Bethesda can assist you in this journey—even if you are away from Palm Beach. A computer can help and so can books that we recommend.

If you have access to a computer, Bethesda is as close as your fingertips. Our website, bbts.org, allows you to enjoy our beautiful services from afar by watching them on-line. Once you have pulled up our website, just click the sliding image “Watch Online” on our home page. We live stream our 10:00 a.m. Sunday service (May 17–September 13). During the regular season, the 11:00 a.m. service is the one recorded.

Don’t despair if you cannot watch at that exact time; if you click on the three horizontal bars in the upper right hand corner of the live streaming box, you will be able to see past services any time that is convenient. The site also lets you fast forward or replay selected parts of the services.

If we have your e-mail address, you will continue to get your weekly Electronic Newsletter every Thursday and special announcements as they occur. If you haven’t been receiving this information, go to bbts.org and click on “Resources” at the top right and then on “E-mail Newsletter” to be added to our distribution list.

Another source of information is our Bethesda Happenings. You can view it easily on our website by clicking on “Resources” and then on “Publications.” This section also allows you to see the Sunday Leaflets and our bi-monthly Bulletins.

For fun interaction with Bethesda, get involved in our online community. “Like” our page on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter (@BBTScurch). You will be able to see photos from our summertime events and read interesting blogs.

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To more actively engage in spiritual growth, consider reading some of the following books which come highly recommended by Mother Kimberly. The descriptions below are excerpts taken from the publications’ promotional materials which were not attributed to any person or entity. The Shoppe at Bethesda plans to carry these books, so be sure to shop soon if you are going away for the summer.

**BEING CHRISTIAN** by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury: Four basic elements have remained constant and indispensable for the majority of Christians: baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer. Readers are invited to really think through the Christian faith and how to live it out.

**BEING MORTAL** by Atul Gawande: Riveting, honest, and humane, Being Mortal shows that the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life—all the way to the very end.

**CITY OF GOD** by Sara Miles: *City of God* narrates the events of the day in vivid detail, exploring the profound implications of touching strangers with a reminder of common mortality, where the people of God suffer and rejoice, building community amid the grit and beauty of their urban landscape.

**CRAZY CHRISTIANS** by Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina: “We need some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something close to the dream that God dreams for it.” –from Bishop Curry’s “Crazy Christians” address to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis

**GREAT BY CHOICE** by Jim Collins: Why do some companies (and churches) thrive in uncertainty, even chaos, and others do not? Based on nine years of research, principles for building a truly great enterprise in unpredictable, tumultuous, and fast-moving times are enumerated.

**ORDINARY GRACE** by William Kent Krueger: Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. An unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

**PAUL AND HIS RECENT INTERPRETERS** by N.T. Wright: *Paul and His Recent Interpreters* is essential reading for all with a serious interest in Paul, the interpretation of his letters, his appropriation by subsequent thinkers, and his continuing significance today.

**SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY** by Rachel Held Evans: Readers are taken through a liturgical year with stories about baptism, communion, confirmation, confession, marriage, vocation, and death that are funny, heartbreaking, and sharply honest. A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the messiness of community and the power of grace, Searching for Sunday is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church.
Spring is in the air and The Fellowship Hour Ministry is in full swing. Formerly known as “Coffee Hour,” the time we have to visit with each other after our Sunday services is bursting with new volunteers who are excited to share and serve.

Our Bethesda community is strengthened when we spend time together. The conversations that happen and the plans that are made over a cup of coffee are precious. It is through these interactions that we grow closer. And closeness is what makes us a solid family.

Traditionally, we’ve served bagels, donuts, and other breakfast pastries. And these are always yummy options. But with this new wave of volunteers, we are seeing a bright variety of brunch-type treats grace our table. Beautiful deviled eggs, mini tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, and homemade cookies are just a few of the offerings made recently by our hosts.

Fellowship Hour is evolving into a fun way for all of us to show off our favorite recipes, bakeries, or restaurants and serve our church family. You can bake or shop to provide for about 40 guests after either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. Our summer schedule begins on Sunday, May 17, and so hosting will then follow the 10:00 a.m. service.

If you can’t manage the shopping or baking, you can always provide the funds by going to bbts.org and clicking on the sliding image “Give Now.” The suggested donation is $50 for a Sunday. With your donation, we will take care of arranging treats on your behalf. The hope is that every able family or individual will step up to host just one service a year.

This ministry has been going strong for a long time and so it works like a well-oiled machine. It is so easy to host. On your scheduled Sunday, you should arrive to your service about 15 minutes early to drop off your goodies in the kitchen. You’ll attend service as usual. After receiving communion, simply excuse yourself to move your treats into the Parish Hall. The coffee will already be made and the table set up. All you need to do is arrange your trays. Feel free to get creative! Consider flowers or a colorful tablecloth? Festive napkins? Special paper plates? This is an opportunity to shine.

Thank you to all those who have already chosen to host a Sunday service. You are a blessing to our church. And if you have not yet done so, please contact a Fellowship Hour volunteer to find a convenient Sunday for you to host.

For more information and to schedule your Sunday, please contact us at fellowship@bbts.org.

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During my 18 years as a member of Bethesda, I have watched the confirmation process from many viewpoints: as an involved parishioner, a parent of confirmands, and for the last few years, a member of the team leading the class. At one point, confirmation at Bethesda was a series of six to eight meetings run by the confirmands’ parents. For a few years, it was a series of eight to twelve clergy-led classes which focused on tradition, liturgy, and faith formation. Recently, we have been using the “Confirm Not Conform” (CNC) curriculum, a layperson-led program which stresses the individual choice of each student to commit to Christ and explores the ways that people do this. It includes 20 class sessions, field trips, and community service.

The commitment of the students and their families to the confirmation process has certainly grown, and necessarily so. In past generations, most students approaching confirmation time had grown up attending worship and church school and they possessed a foundation of knowledge of what living a faithful life meant. These days, many students may enter the confirmation process with very little experience in the formation process and that can make worship feel mysterious and unfamiliar.

The current confirmation preparation attempts to draw confirmands in to the community of faith in several ways. They learn about the life and message of Christ and to understand Christ’s loving sacrifice and the gifts of love and salvation he offers to all of us. They study the formation of early Christian faith, and the evolution of the Christian Church throughout time. This gives them an understanding of why we worship the way we do in the Episcopal Church. They have even visited other houses of worship to put our own worship tradition into a larger context.

The confirmands also spent a lot of time this year getting an inside look into the workings of the worship service. A few examples: meeting with acolytes, vergers, and ushers to understand the important duties they perform; seeing how the Altar Guild prepares the sacred elements; trying their hands at operating the audio-visual system which live streams Sunday services online. They were also able to lead a worship service by reading the parts of the Way of the Cross service on Good Friday. Through learning about all these ministries, they come to feel a greater connection with what happens at Bethesda and they feel welcome to participate in a number of ways. Finally, they have been invited to experience different ways to live out their faith through community service activities like bagging pet food for homeless pets at the Blessing of the Animals service and participating in the Feeding in February events.

As much as things change, some things stay the same. Bethesda’s confirmands still have to demonstrate mastery of the “basics” before kneeling before the Bishop on Confirmation Day, memorizing important aspects of our faith including the Lord’s Prayer, the Nicene Creed, and a Bible verse of their choosing. And the old tradition of a faith pilgrimage has been revived for those that are confirmed. This year, some of last year’s confirmands are part of the youth pilgrimage this summer to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Our confirmands have come a long way this year; please keep them in your prayers and wish them well on this important step in their faith journey.

Sincerely,

Beth Cole

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Worship Special Thanks...

Bethesda wishes to give many thanks to the 150+ faithful parishioners who participated in all the ministries from the Flower and Altar Guilds all the way to the Lay Readers that made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations a blessing to all.

Please note that we will begin our Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, May 17, with 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. The 10:00 a.m. service will be live-streamed. The Church Lecture Tour will follow the 10:00 a.m. service on the 4th Sunday of each month.

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On Saturday, February 21, 2015 Mother Kimberly, Mother Susan, Deacon Cecie, and Deacon Clay, and many volunteers gathered in the Parish Hall for a Bethesda Cares workshop focused on the pastoral care ministries here at Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

After an inspiring worship service led by Deacon Cecie, the following ministries were reviewed by each ministry’s leader/representatives which falls under the umbrella we call Bethesda Cares:

- Card Ministry–Kitty Lanier
- Eucharistic Visitors–Deacon Clay
- Good Samaritan Ministry–Bob Silva and John Buxton
- Intercessory Prayer Group–Deacon Cecie
- Bethesda Shepherds–Bobbie Leek, Jodie Payne, and Chuck Zettler
- Stephen Ministry–Susan Innocenzi and Ben Williams
- Widows’ Support Group–Gayle Peterson

Frank and Joyce Young described the Bethesda Life program, showing the path of a first-time Bethesda visitor as it leads to eventual membership and being welcomed into our fold. This program is also available for long-standing members who wish to review Bethesda’s history and to reaffirm their connection and devotion to their spiritual home.

Break-out discussion groups followed the presentations and were designed to analyze the purposes these important ministries fulfill: are they effective; how could the various ministries interface more efficiently; are we doing a good job of incorporating those newcomers who have been through the Bethesda Life program into the ongoing life of the parish; etc. The workshop closed with reports from the small groups and discussion about the opportunities they identified for meeting the needs of our congregation. Participants left with a renewed desire to be receptive to the needs of our parishioners and dedication to supporting them throughout their spiritual journey.

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Retail

The Church Mouse

Thanks to our generous donors, compassionate volunteers, loyal shoppers, and new clientele, the Church Mouse has had the most successful season in our 45 year history! Our success would not be possible without the tireless dedication and service of our diverse volunteer work force. We are grateful to all of our patrons and supporters who help us support local non-profits working to meet basic human needs in our community.

The Church Mouse Resale Shop is open Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until Friday, June 26; on Saturday, June 27—our final day of the season—we will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Our end of season sale will start on Monday, June 22. Please visit the Church Mouse’s Facebook page (facebook.com/pbchurchmouse) for additional details.

We depend on your gently used donations to stock the Church Mouse for next season! While the Resale Shop will be closed until Monday, September 28, we will continue to accept donations at our “donor door.” During the summer months we will be open for donations weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donation pick-ups can be scheduled by calling or e-mailing us. Please note we will be closed for vacation from Friday, July 3, through Monday, July 13.

The Shoppe

We have continued to expand our selection of merchandise at the Shoppe and, as a result, have seen stronger sales this season. Net proceeds will be awarded as scholarships this summer. We plan to offer additional signature Bethesda products this Fall, concentrating on sustainable, fair trade and/or made in the U.S. merchandise.

The Shoppe at Bethesda will be open during the summer (Sunday, May 17 – Sunday, September 13) on Wednesdays following the 12:05 p.m. service and Sundays following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services.

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