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Greeting

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea. You will find wonderful information here about our parish and the upcoming events throughout our season. Bethesda is a vibrant and joyful community of people from all walks of life who come together to learn and to be inspired by our fellowship to make God’s love a living reality in our lives every day. The very center of our church’s life is Sunday worship, and nothing substitutes for being here with us. So come and join us on a Sunday morning soon.

Peace,

The Rev. James Harlan, Rector
Worship at Bethesda

Every Sunday is where life begins at Bethesda. Our worship is formal, intimate, transcendent, reflective, fun, and inspiring. We have communion as an integral part of every service with glorious liturgy and music, where we share together in a simple meal of bread and wine. We also celebrate Holy Eucharist during the week and offer a healing service on Wednesdays. While our worship is not entirely familiar to you, we encourage you to join in as you are comfortable. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the Holy Eucharist when visiting Bethesda-by-the-Sea. It is not necessary to be a member of the Episcopal Church in order to receive Holy Communion. Persons who have not been baptized are welcome to come to the altar rail and kneel to receive a blessing. Cross your arms on your chest as a sign that you desire a blessing. Worship at Bethesda is formal but need not be stiff. While many people prefer to wear their “Sunday finest” for church, others prefer to dress more casually. As God loves all, Bethesda welcomes all.

SUNDAY | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.*
TUESDAY | 8:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY | 12:05 p.m.
*We begin our 2-service summer schedule on May 20, 2018:
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Directions

We are located at 141 South County Road at the intersection of South County and Barton Avenue in Palm Beach, FL.

Parking

Parking is permitted on South County Road on Sunday until 1:00 p.m. Parking is available on Barton Avenue. See our website, bbts.org, for more parking information.

Questions?

Check out our website, bbts.org, or contact the church (561) 655-4554 for more information. Be sure to connect with us on Facebook and Twitter!
The Shoppe at Bethesda

The Shoppe is nestled in the breezeway leading from the Garth to the Cluett Garden on the church property. At The Shoppe, you will find Prayer Books, Bibles, and an assortment of books selected by our clergy to aid in everyone’s spiritual growth and learning. We also offer a wide assortment of unique merchandise geared toward the seasons and special events of our church life. We are open following our services on Sunday.

The Church Mouse

Bethesda’s Church Mouse—Serving those in need around the corner and around the world! We are located at 378 South County Road just south of Palm Beach’s Town Hall and just north of Worth Avenue. Our store is over 4,500 square feet, and we sell everything from top-shelf designer clothing, handbags, and accessories, to furniture, crystal, china, and books. Most importantly, 100% of the proceeds from The Church Mouse provide funds for Bethesda’s Outreach ministry. This ministry focuses on three key areas of need: Education, Food, and Shelter. We are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (beginning Monday, April 2, we will close at 4:00 p.m.)

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The Church Mouse is located at 378 South County Road just south of Palm Beach’s Town Hall and just north of Worth Avenue.

Questions?

Contact The Church Mouse at (561) 659-2154 for more information about our resale store or to schedule a pick-up for your gently-used donations.
Life at Bethesda

The key guide below will help you access an event by category and for whom the event is intended:

**Care:** At Bethesda-by-the-Sea we clothe ourselves in compassion through our Pastoral Care Ministry, “Bethesda Cares,” an organizational structure that includes the clergy, staff, and trained lay members of the congregation. Through a network of helping hands and hearts, this inreach ministry provides support to members of the congregation during times of need. Visit our “Care” page on our website for information about the ministries we offer, including Eucharistic Visitors, the prayer chain, and clergy visitation.

**Education:** Bethesda offers rich learning opportunities for Children, Youth, and Adults that speak to all aspects of our life of faith. All are welcome to participate and join in the lifelong journey of learning and grow’s in our faith.

**Fellowship:** Through fellowship we develop and build connections, and through those relationships we grow closer to God. Bethesda provides many opportunities for making those connections such as the International Potluck, Ministry Fair, Picnics, etc. The goal is to foster Christian fellowship among all members, guests and visitors, to embrace individual differences, and to provide opportunities to experience the strong presence of God.

**Leadership:** At Bethesda we have 18 lay members, elected by the parish, who make up our Vestry. The Rector and Vestry set the course for our church’s spiritual and financial direction. Vestry meetings are open to all members. All of Bethesda is encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting and Town Hall Meetings.

**Music:** Our concerts and choral services throughout the year include our first-Sunday of the month Evensong (October through May, each preceded by a half-hour Recital), a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, the annual Christmas Concert and Community Carol Sing, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, the annual Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival, and special Good Friday music (usually a Requiem with orchestra accompaniment).
**Outreach:** At Bethesda, one of our essential commitments is to serve. We serve within the community of faith through a variety of worship, fellowship, and care ministries. We also serve in the world around us, moving beyond charity to building relationships with people beyond our church walls. These relationships enable us to encounter Christ and share in God’s compassion, particularly for those who are poor and suffering. Bethesda has a myriad of opportunities to build our lives of faith and our community of faith by working toward a just and compassionate world.

**Worship:** At Bethesda, our goal is to provide loving, supportive, and uplifting worship for members and visitors where all can understand and experience the word of God through liturgy, instruction, music, and prayer.

Other useful keys to indicate what age group that the event designed for are below:

- **Children:** These events are open to children through 4th grade.
- **Youth:** These events are open to youth in 5th through 12th grade.
- **Adult:** These events/groups are open to adults such as Bethesda Anchors, Men of Bethesda (MOB), St. Mary’s Guild, or Episcopal Church Women (ECW). However, some of these groups are for men only or women only.
- **Parish Wide:** These events are open to the entire parish and all are encouraged and welcome to attend.
**Reoccurring Sunday Schedule & Sunday School Offerings**

**Sunday Worship**

**Sundays | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church**

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. is a spoken Rite I service. Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. is a Rite II service in which any long-time Episcopalian will feel right at home. Participants of all ages explore the scripture, tradition, and reason at the foundation of our beliefs as we seek to learn through instruction, grow through liturgical service, and teach generations of Christians in our worship together. Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. is a traditional Rite II service, with music offered by the Bethesda Choir. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and coffee hour follows all services.

**Sunday School Offerings**

**Pre-K Sunday School Class**

**Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Hall**

Our Pre-K Class is open to all children ages 3 and 4. The class meets on the Sunday School Hall and is part of our Nursery room. The purpose of this class is to introduce our youngest members to the major stories from the bible. Each week they will sing songs, hear a story, and engage in the lesson by making crafts or playing games.

**Kindergarten & 1st Grade Sunday School Class**

**Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Hall**

If your child is currently in Kindergarten or 1st Grade their class meets in their own room in the Sunday School Hall. The purpose of this class is to teach young people tools for interpreting well known biblical stories. Each week the class will hear a story from the Old or New Testament and participate in fun activities.

**2nd & 3rd Grade Sunday School Class**

**Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Hall**

Grade Class will be learning more about how we order our stories in the church using the weekly lectionary and liturgical calendar. The class meets in the Sunday School Hall and each session includes fun activities and discussion of scripture.
**4th & 5th Grade Sunday School Class**

Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Lounge
We offer a class for 4th and 5th graders that focuses on learning more about the bible. Each week participants will become bible detectives as they dig into all of the important stories of the Old and New Testaments.

**6th & 7th Grade Pre-Confirmation Class**

Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Library
For our 6th & 7th grade youth, we offer a primer class for confirmation that focuses on learning the basics of Christian beliefs while encouraging our young people to ask hard questions about their faith.

**8th Grade Confirmation Class**

Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | ECW Room
In this class we explore beliefs, specifically the beliefs that make up Episcopal theological understanding through the three areas of scripture, tradition, and reason. Together, we learn where our beliefs meet the beliefs of a 2,000 year old tradition that has been passed down to us and what that means for our lives. Youth have the option to be confirmed at the bishop’s visitation in the Spring.

**9th–12th Grade Mission Group**

Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Youth Room
This year our high school-aged youth will work on a mission project for the year. As we’ve done over the past three years, youth will discern, budget, and raise funds for a summer mission trip in 2018. This group is open to all youth in 9th to 12th grades including those who are away at boarding school.
February 2020

Daughters of the King Study Group
Saturday, February 1 | 10:00 a.m. | ECW Room
All women of Bethesda are invited to learn more about this important order within the Episcopal Church and its role within our community. Come to learn and discern how God is calling you to become involved.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, February 1 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters are a group of knitters who provide handmade watch caps and scarves for the Port Ministry. These necessities are then blessed and given to mariners at the Port of Palm Beach. All—including beginners—are welcome to attend this fun and free activity.
Feeding in February: *Share What You Can* Food Drive

**Holy Eucharist**

*Sunday, February 2 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church*

The first of these two events, our *Share What You Can* food drive involves the collection of grocery bags filled with non-perishable food. Some of the most needed items are rice, pasta, beans, canned items, shelf-stable milk, and juices. **No glass containers.** The food will be donated to two local charities, ensuring that families in need have access to healthy nutritious food. Join us as together we give thanks and *Share What You Can* with those in need. **Be sure to pick up a bag on February 2 and 9 and return the full bag on February 16!**

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**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

*Sunday, February 2 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West*

Coffee hour with a simpler fare, Fellowship Finger Foods, will be provided until 1:00 p.m. with no cost to our parishioners. During this time, one of the clergy, on a rotating basis, will be in the fellowship area. The hosting clergy will stay for fellowship with the parish until time to convene the adult forum and will return to fellowship before the end of the 11:00 a.m. service.
**Adult Forum: The Power of the Sacred Artifact, Rabbi Cookie Olshein**

Sunday, February 2 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
What exactly makes an object sacred? What power does a sacred object hold if its use changes? Is it possible to desecrate an object and the object still hold sacred worth? As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, Rabbi Cookie Olshein of Temple Israel joins us this morning to discuss these very questions with a very powerful story.

**Candlemas and Recital: The Feast of the Presentation**

Sunday, February 2 | 3:30 p.m. | Church
*Two Men and a Bench!* Organists Mark Thewes and Chad Pittman will play a recital at 3:30 p.m. A Eucharist instead of Evensong, Candlemas commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the temple, forty days after his birth. Simeon declared that Jesus would be a “light,” and the Church developed a custom of lighting and blessing candles on this day. Music is offered by the Bethesda Chior. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**St. Mary’s Guild (SMG)**

Monday, February 3 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room
St. Mary’s Guild is a group of women who meet the first Monday of the month (November through May). The morning begins with a business meeting followed by a scheduled speaker and a delicious luncheon. SMG is open to all women of Bethesda and new members/guests are welcomed at any time. Membership presently runs about 60 members.

**Holy Eucharist**

Tuesday, February 4 | 8:00 a.m. | Garden Chapel
Holy Eucharist in the Garden Chapel.

**Girls of Grace**

Wednesday, February 5 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room
Girls of Grace is geared towards women ages 25-55 with all levels of experience in studying Scripture. For more information please e-mail Susan Beebe or Rachel Supple at girlsofgrace@bbts.org.

**Holy Eucharist and Healing**

Wednesday, February 5 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
Those who wish to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands are welcome to attend this service.
St. George’s Cooking

Wednesday, February 5 | 1:30 p.m. | Off Site
Every first and third Wednesday of the month people of all ages meet at the in the St. George’s Center in Riviera Beach to cook and serve meals. If every household here at Bethesda commits to just one Wednesday, we will be on a three year rotation for volunteering! For more information, please contact outreach@bbts.org.

Bethesda Book Group

Wednesday, February 5 | 3:00 p.m. | Library
The Bethesda Book Group is a group of readers who meet every month for a book discussion. Come to one meeting—or come to all. No reservations are required and anyone is welcome to attend.

Community Supper

Wednesday, February 5 | 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall
We invite you to join other Bethesdans for a catered, informal Community Supper. Every week will be a different menu and the cost is $10 for adults; $5 children under 12; $25 family max (payable at the door). Kindly RSVP by clicking HERE, or call the church office at (561) 655-4554. The supper is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. then you can choose a class that interests you from 6:30 to 7:40 p.m., and we will close the evening with compline in the choir stalls from 7:50 to 8:00 p.m.

Featured Classes

Newcomers Orientation

Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library
Are you new to Bethesda? Or do you want to see it with new eyes? Join our newcomers orientation to learn about our history, mission, ministries, outreach, music, and worship—and about how you can get more involved. Over four weeks, we’ll talk about all that Bethesda does, and we’ll get to know one another. We hope to see you there.

Heresies and Heretics; A Romp Through Centuries of the Not-Quite-Right

Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library
Heresy! What is it? Who decides? Should we care? We won’t burn anyone at the stake, but there might be a few things we can learn from
the ancient heretic hunters. In this three-part class, we’ll look at some of the major heresies in the history of the Church. Join Mother Margaret in this delicious dive into fun (and some scary) theology. You’ll come away enlightened.

**RECURRING CLASSES**

**Bethesda Youth Group**

**Thursday, February 5 | 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. | Youth Room**

The Bethesda Youth Group is open to all youth in 6th through 12th grade. Each week we offer fun activities and lively discussions. Youth members also participate in monthly special events including our annual lock-in, service day, and camping trip to Peanut Island.

**Little Way**

**Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Sunday School Hall**

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**Yoga**

**Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Parish Hall West**

Physical therapist and yoga therapist, Emily Large, invites all adults for an evening of holistic worship through Christian yoga practice. Physical postures, relaxation, breath techniques and mental focus create a holistic approach for worship as we will reflect on the themes associated with the liturgical calendar. This method is quite efficient, resulting in a systematic and time friendly approach to nourish the body, mind, and spirit. All abilities and conditions are encouraged to attend as Emily skillfully offers appropriate modifications to those in need. To see Emily’s biography, go to [www.livinglargetherapy.com](http://www.livinglargetherapy.com). A requested donation of $10 per class (payable at the door).

**Compline**

**Wednesday, February 5 | 7:50 to 8:00 p.m. | Church**

An ancient, brief, and contemplative liturgy of the Christian tradition, compline offers an opportunity to give God thanks for the day behind us and pray for rest and safety in the night ahead. A fitting end to the day, compline offers a peaceful and meditative sacred time in the middle of our often frenetic weeks, as well as a beautiful conclusion to our Wednesday evenings together.
Caregivers’ Support Group  
Friday, February 6 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
Elayne Forgie, Founder, President, and CEO of Alzheimer’s Care Resource Center, Inc. will facilitate this group. Whether your caregiving is a result of illness, age, disability, death, divorce, or anything else, if you are now or have past experience caring for a friend or loved one, this may be the place for you to find information and support. For more information, contact Regine Reimann at (561) 655-4555 x117 or e-mail her at reimann@bbts.org.

St. George’s Sandwich Making  
Friday, February 7 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
This day people of all ages will meet in the Kitchen to make sandwiches for the St. George's Community Center in Riviera Beach, FL.

Daughters of the King Study Group  
Saturday, February 8 | 10:00 a.m. | ECW Room
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Nautical Knitters  
Saturday, February 8 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
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Sunday Worship  
February 9

Feeding in February: Share What You Can Food Drive  
Holy Eucharist—Epiphany 5  
Sunday, February 9 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church
Our Share What You Can food drive involves the collection of grocery bags filled with non-perishable food. Some of the most needed items are rice, pasta, beans, canned items, shelf-stable milk, and juices. No glass containers. The food will be donated to two local charities, ensuring that
families in need have access to healthy nutritious food. Join us as together we give thanks and Share What You Can with those in need. Be sure to pick up a bag on February 2 and 9 and return the full bag on February 16!

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Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods

Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods
Sunday, February 2 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West
Coffee hour with a simpler fare, Fellowship Finger Foods, will be provided until 1:00 p.m. with no cost to our parishioners. During this time, one of the clergy, on a rotating basis, will be in the fellowship area. The hosting clergy will stay for fellowship with the parish until time to convene the adult forum and will return to fellowship before the end of the 11:00 a.m. service.

Adult Forum: Hiding in Plain Sight—Jethro Hurt, Church Archivist

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Sunday, February 9 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
Jethro Hurt, art historian and church archivist, will share the stories behind several familiar pieces in the Bethesda Collection. Two historically significant works will be examined and re-attributed so that they may receive their proper recognition.

Men of Bethesda (MOB)

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Monday, February 10 | 8:00 a.m. | Garden Chapel
The Men of Bethesda is a group of men from our congregation who share a monthly fellowship and prayer, gathering on the first Monday morning of each month in our Parish Hall. As well, they enjoy occasional evening socials at our church, homes, and local restaurants with our loved ones and friends. All men of our beloved church are invited and encouraged to attend.

Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, February 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Garden Chapel
Holy Eucharist in the Garden Chapel.

Holy Eucharist and Healing

Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesday, February 12 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
Those who wish to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands are welcome to attend this service.
COMMUNITY SUPPER

Wednesday, February 12 | 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall
We invite you to join other Bethesdans for a catered, informal Community Supper. Every week will be a different menu and the cost is $10 for adults; $5 children under 12; $25 family max (payable at the door). Kindly RSVP by clicking HERE, or call the church office at (561) 655-4554. The supper is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. then you can choose a class that interests you from 6:30 to 7:40 p.m., and we will close the evening with compline in the choir stalls from 7:50 to 8:00 p.m.

FEATURED CLASSES

Coming Soon

HERESIES AND HERETICS; A ROMP THROUGH CENTURIES OF THE NOT-QUITE-RIGHT

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RECURRING CLASSES

BETHESDA YOUTH GROUP

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**Compline**

**Wednesday, February 12 | 7:50 to 8:00 p.m. | Church**

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**St. George’s Sandwich Making**

**Friday, February 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen**

Join us in the kitchen to make sandwiches for the St. George’s Community Center in Riviera Beach, FL. For more information, please contact Basil Burke at (954) 394-3544 or e-mail outreach@bbts.org.

**St. Mary’s Guild (SMG)**

**Valentine Card Luncheon**

**Friday, February 14 | 11:30 a.m. | Parish Hall**

St. Mary’s Guild Valentine invites men and women to their Annual Valentine Card Luncheon with a special lunch followed by an afternoon of bridge, canasta, and spades. The cost is $30 per person. Please organize your tables and bring cards. Contact Denise Budnitz at dbudnitz@hotmail.com for reservations.
Daughters of the King Study Group
Saturday, February 15 | 10:00 a.m. | ECW Room
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Sunday Worship
FEBRUARY 16

Feeding in February: Share What You Can Food Drive and Holy Eucharist and Healing
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Adult Forum: Coming Soon
Sunday, February 16 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
More information about this Sunday Adult Forum is coming soon.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, February 18 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.

Girls of Grace
Wednesday, February 19 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room
Girls of Grace is geared towards women ages 25-55 with all levels of experience in studying Scripture. For more information please e-mail Susan Beebe or Rachel Supple at girlsofgrace@bbts.org.

Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesday, February 19 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This mid-week Eucharist service with hymns and a guest preacher from the Palm Beach County community is held in the chancel.

St. George’s Cooking
Wednesday, February 19 | 1:30 p.m. | Off Site
Every first and third Wednesday of the month people of all ages meet at the St. George’s Center in Riviera Beach to cook and serve meals. If every household here at Bethesda commits to just one Wednesday, we will be on a three year rotation for volunteering! For more information, please contact outreach@bbts.org.

Community Supper
Wednesday, February 19 | 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall
We invite you to join other Bethesdans for a catered, informal Community Supper. Every week will be a different menu and the cost is $10 for adults;
$5 children under 12; $25 family max (payable at the door). Kindly RSVP by clicking HERE, or call the church office at (561) 655-4554. The supper is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. then you can choose a class that interests you from 6:30 to 7:40 p.m., and we will close the evening with compline in the choir stalls from 7:50 to 8:00 p.m.

FEATURED CLASSES

Coming Soon

RECURRING CLASSES

Bethesda Youth Group

Thursday, February 19 | 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. | Youth Room
The Bethesda Youth Group is open to all youth in 6th through 12th grade. Each week we offer fun activities and lively discussions. Youth members also participate in monthly special events including our annual lock-in, service day, and camping trip to Peanut Island.

Little Way

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Sunday School Hall
For all K - 5th grade kids with a curiosity for what we do at Bethesda and why. Over the course of the year we will explore the baptismal covenant, the Ten Commandments, the music and art that we use in the church, and the church seasons with a special focus on outreach and the community. Crafts, cooking, learning games, and playful fellowship will help your little ones learn about Bethesda’s traditions and have a little fun along the way.

Yoga

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Parish Hall West
Physical therapist and yoga therapist, Emily Large, invites all adults for an evening of holistic worship through Christian yoga practice. Physical postures, relaxation, breath techniques and mental focus create a holistic approach for worship as we will reflect on the themes associated with the liturgical calendar. This method is quite efficient, resulting in a systematic and time friendly approach to nourish the body, mind, and spirit. All abilities and conditions are encouraged to attend as Emily skillfully offers appropriate modifications to those in need. To see Emily’s biography, go to www.livinglargetherapy.com. A requested donation of $10 per class (payable at the door).

Compline

Wednesday, February 19 | 7:50 to 8:00 p.m. | Church
An ancient, brief, and contemplative liturgy of the Christian tradition, compline offers an opportunity to give God thanks for the day behind us and pray for rest and safety in the night ahead. A fitting end to the
day, compline offers a peaceful and meditative sacred time in the middle of our often frenetic weeks, as well as a beautiful conclusion to our Wednesday evenings together.

**St. George’s Sandwich Making**
Friday, February 21 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
Every Friday people of all ages meet in the Kitchen to make sandwiches for the St. George’s Community Center in Riviera Beach, FL. For more information, please contact Basil Burke at (954) 394-3544 or e-mail outreach@bbts.org.

**Safe Church Training**
Saturday, February 22 | 9:30 a.m. | Parish Hall West
Safeguarding God’s Children training is required for all people who directly or indirectly work with children and youth ministries including volunteers, Vestry members, and church staff. This in-person training is offered on Saturday, February 24, in order to fulfill that requirement. Please plan to attend if you are involved in children and youth ministries or if you would like to learn more about Bethesda’s policies regarding care for our young people. For more information, contact Greg Knight at knight@bbts.org or call him at (561) 655-4555 x114.

**Daughters of the King Study Group**
Saturday, February 22 | 10:00 a.m. | ECW Room
All women of Bethesda are invited to learn more about this important order within the Episcopal Church and its role within our community. Come to learn and discern how God is calling you to become involved.

**Nautical Knitters**
Saturday, February 22 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters are a group of knitters who provide handmade watch caps and scarves for the Port Ministry. These necessities are then blessed and given to mariners at the Port of Palm Beach. All—including beginners—are welcome to attend this fun and free activity.
**Sunday Worship**

**February 23**

**Holy Eucharist**

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. is a spoken Rite I service. The 9:00 a.m. service will be in the setting of a traditional Rite II Holy Eucharist, in which any long-time Episcopalian will feel right at home, participants of all ages will explore the scripture, tradition, and reason at the foundation of our beliefs as we seek to learn through instruction, grow through liturgical service, and teach generations of Christians in our worship together. Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. service uses Morning Prayer as the “service of the word,” with music provided by the Bethesda Choir. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.

**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

Sunday, February 23 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West

Coffee hour with a simpler fare, Fellowship Finger Foods, will be provided until 1:00 p.m. with no cost to our parishioners. During this time, one of the clergy, on a rotating basis, will be in the fellowship area. The hosting clergy will stay for fellowship with the parish until time to convene the adult forum and will return to fellowship before the end of the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Adult Forum: Coming Soon**

Sunday, February 23 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East

More information about this Sunday Adult Forum is coming soon.

**American Guild of Organists Members Recital**

Sunday, February 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Church

The American Guild of Organists present a members recital at Bethesda.

**Holy Eucharist**

Tuesday, February 25 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.

**Mardi Gras Party**

Tuesday, February 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Garth

Our annual Bethesda Mardi Gras Party benefits the Youth Group’s fundraising efforts. This year we will feature a chili cook-off and bingo night. Bring your appetite and a guest for a fun night that benefits the spiritual formation of our high school youth.
Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 26 | 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

- **Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m.**
  This is a spoken service with Imposition of Ashes.

- **Holy Eucharist and Healing at 12:05 p.m.**
  This service is a perfect way to worship with hymns and Imposition of Ashes. Our guest preacher is A Lenten luncheon consisting of two homemade soups, salad, and bread in the Parish Hall will follow the service. The cost is $3.00, payable at the door.

- **Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m.**
  This service includes Imposition of Ashes with music by the Bethesda Choir.

Lenten Luncheon

Wednesday, February 26 | 1:00 p.m. | Guild Room

Every Wednesday we will provide two homemade soups, along with salad and bread, for a special Lenten luncheon. All are invited to attend our 12:05 p.m. Wednesday service and then share a simple meal together in fellowship. The cost is $3.00, payable at the door.

Vestry Meeting

Thursday, February 27 | 3:00 p.m. | Guild Room

Vestry meetings are held monthly (except during the summer) and are required meetings for all elected Vestry members. The meetings are also open for any member to attend. After a short devotional time, an official meeting is conducted in which the Vestry discusses and acts upon church issues for which it has oversight.
**Feeding in February: Palm Beach Empty Bowls**

Friday, February 28 | 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Parish Hall and Garth

Three Events, One Cause: *Share a meal – Eat a meal – Make a meal.* The second of these three events is Palm Beach Empty Bowls. The cost is $25. Each order will include soup in a recyclable cup, bread, bottled water, and your pick at one unique, customized bowl. 100% of the proceeds go directly to the Palm Beach County Food Bank. Please join the committee to put on this event or simply come and enjoy a delicious soup lunch at Bethesda (or order take out). Volunteers are needed to help serve. E-mail EmptyBowlsPB@bbts.org to sign up!
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