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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 may not be 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. Below is our schedule for our season.

SUNDAY | 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.*
TUESDAY | 8:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY | 12:05 p.m.
*Begin 3-Service Sunday Schedule on September 16, 2018: 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 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. 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 will reopen Monday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Saturday).

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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:

**C 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.

**E 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.

**F 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.

**G Give:** All that we have is a gift from God and our lives are an expression of gratitude. Financial gifts ensure Bethesda continues to be a vibrant, energetic community—including our beautiful sacred space, our music, and our worship. Making a pledge to the mission and ministry of Bethesda also helps us practice a personal spiritual commitment increasing our love of God and neighbor. Another way to give to Bethesda is to become a member of the Heritage Society and include Bethesda in your will. We benefit from generations of generosity by members of Bethesda. Our planned gifts help carry forward our ministries for our children and grandchildren.
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 5th grade.

Youth: These events are open to youth in 6th through 12th grade.

Adult: These events/groups are open to adults such as Men of Bethesda (MOB) or St. Mary’s Guild. 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.
Sunday Worship

Recurring 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.

Nursery on Sundays

Sundays | Sunday School Hall
We welcome children from the youngest ages to participate in worship services with their families. For those who prefer, we do offer a child care ministry at all of our Sunday services for children up to three years of age. You are welcome to carry your child to our nursery at any point during the service — just ask an usher to point the way.

The Nursery is located on the second floor in the Sunday School Hall. Child safety and parent’s peace of mind are our primary concerns. Please sign your child in when you arrive and be sure to sign him/her out when you leave. Pagers are provided should a parent be needed quickly.

Sunday Children Ministries

Pre-K Class
Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Hall
Our Pre-K Class engages young minds in the teachings of the Old and New Testaments through storytelling and crafts. Each week, children will explore Bible stories from our Sunday lectionary.

Lower Elementary Class
Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Hall
Younger elementary-aged children will learn through a rotation-model Sunday School that teaches one core concept over the course of an entire month through various workshops including art, games, science, and even cooking.
Upper Elementary Class (available for all children in 3rd – 5th Grade)
Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Hall
Similar to our Lower Elementary Class, the older elementary-aged children will also learn through a rotation-model Sunday School, but their activities will be more advanced while engaging their growing understandings of faith.

Sunday Youth Ministries
Pre-Confirmation Class (available for all youth in 6th & 7th Grade)
Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Library
Our Middle School class will prepare youth for the 8th Grade Confirmation Class by engaging them through questions about faith and regular service opportunities.

Confirmation Class (available for all youth in 8th Grade)
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.

Mission Group (available for all children in 9th-12th Grade)
Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Youth Room
Youth who are in 9th-12th Grade or have been confirmed are eligible to participate in a year-long project that will culminate with a week-long mission experience next summer. Over the course of the year we will learn more about how we seek to serve Christ in others.
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 8 | 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. | Church

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. is a spoken Rite I service. Holy Eucharist at the 10:00 a.m. service uses Morning Prayer as the “service of the word.” Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and coffee hour follows both services.

Bethesda’s Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 8 | following both services | Parish Hall

Our Annual Ministry Fair is the perfect opportunity to learn and sign up to volunteer in our many different ministries. Don’t forget to wear one or more colors to church that day representing the ministry/ministries you already are a part of [Bethesda Cares (blue), Education (orange), Evangelism (green), Fellowship & Hospitality (red), Outreach (yellow), Retail (pink), and Worship (purple)]. All are encouraged to attend this fun day of fellowship.
Summer Choir
Sunday, September 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Choir Room
There’s no need to be a professional singer; all you need is a pleasant voice and some basic music-reading ability. Rehearsals begin in the Choir Room promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings as the choir prepares music for the 10:00 a.m. service.

Men of Bethesda (MOB)
Monday, September 9 | 7:30 a.m. | Guild Room
The Men of Bethesda is a group of men from our congregation who share monthly fellowship and prayer, gathering on the second Monday morning of each month in our Guild Room. As well, we enjoy occasional evening socials at our church, homes, and local restaurants with our loved ones and friends. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, September 10 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesday, September 11 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, September 13 | 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.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, September 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters 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.
BEGIN 3-SERVICE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Commissioning of Bethesda’s Ministries and Holy Eucharist
Sunday, September 15 | 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 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. An opportunity for Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands is offered following the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. At all three services, we commission those who serve in one of Bethesda’s core areas of ministry: Bethesda Cares, Education, Evangelism & Communications, Fellowship & Hospitality, Outreach, Personnel, and Worship. Volunteers in each area will be asked to stand and be commissioned for their work in the year ahead. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods
Sunday, September 15 | 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: Welcome Back!—The Rector
Sunday, September 15 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East

The Sunday morning forums begin for the program year today with a welcome back from the Rector and includes an overview of the year-to-come. Start off the year right, making the adult forum a part of your Sunday morning at Bethesda, and learn what the year ahead has in store for our parish.
Sunday School Offerings - Sunday Children Ministries

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Lower Elementary Class (available for all children in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade)
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HOLY EUCHARIST
Tuesday, September 17 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

GIRLS OF GRACE
Wednesday, September 18 | 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, September 18 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

ST. GEORGE’S CENTER COOKING
Wednesday, September 18 | 1:30 p.m. | Kitchen
Every first and third Wednesday of the month people of all ages meet in the kitchen to cook a hot meal for St. George’s Center in Riviera Beach. It takes approximately 1.5 hours. Others meet at 4:30 p.m. at the center to serve the meal which takes approximately 2.5 hours. 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 e-mail outreach@bbts.org.

COMMUNITY SUPPER
Wednesday, September 18 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East
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

Divine Design; Seeing God's Order
Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Guild Room
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For five sessions together we will discover Divine Designs in ourselves, our neighbors, our church building, in art, and in nature. Using scripture, the Golden Ratio, and Vesica Pisces we will open our eyes discovering God’s Order along our path. Be ready to be Amazed.

Newcomers Orientation
Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library
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Yoga
Wednesday, September 18 | 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).
**Little Way**

Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Sunday School Hall
For all K-5 kids with a curiosity for what we do at Bethesda and why.
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**Bethesda Youth Group**

Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Youth Room
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**Compline**

Wednesday, September 18 | 7:50 to 8:00 p.m. | Church
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**St. George’s Sandwich Making**

Friday, September 20 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
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Sunday Worship
SEPTEMBER 22

Holy Eucharist
Sunday, September 22 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church
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Adult Forum: In the Footsteps of St. Cuthbert; the Spiritual Journeys of Bethesda Celtic Pilgrims
Sunday, September 22 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
In May, a group of 23 Bethesdans journeyed through Scotland and northern England in the footsteps of St. Cuthbert, the seventh-century monk who took Christianity from the island of Iona into the interior and North Sea coast of the Celtic Britain. This morning, accompanied by stunning visual imagery of the trip, a group of these pilgrims will share their own spiritual journeys that they experienced along the pilgrimage.

Church Tour
Sunday, September 22 | 12:15 p.m. | Church
The tour will include information about architecture and the beautiful embellishments of the church. The tour is presented by Ann Elizabeth Hall and members of the Church Tour Committee. This tour is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beautiful church.
Holy Eucharist
May 24 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
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Holy Eucharist and Healing
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Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, September 25 | 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.

Community Supper
Wednesday, September 25 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East
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.
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**Holy Eucharist**

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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 and music offered by the Bethesda Choir. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.

**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

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**Adult Forum: Navigating Social Security; What You Didn’t Know That You Didn’t Know You Needed to Know**

Sunday, September 29 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East

This morning, Katherine Martin of the West Palm Beach office of the Social Security Administration, is our guest. She will speak about the array of benefits the SSA provides, including retirement, Medicare, and disability, and will offer guidance in how to navigate those benefits.
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Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesday, October 2 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
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St. George’s Center Cooking
Wednesday, October 2 | 1:30 p.m. | Kitchen
Every first and third Wednesday of the month people of all ages meet in the kitchen to cook a hot meal for St. George’s Center in Riviera Beach. It takes approximately 1.5 hours. Others meet at 4:30 p.m. at the center to serve the meal which takes approximately 2.5 hours. 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 e-mail outreach@bbts.org.

Bethesda Book Group
Wednesday, October 2 | 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. This month we will be reading and discussing Less by Andrew Sean Greer. Lois Umbach, presenter.

Community Supper
Wednesday, October 2 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East
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$5 children under 12; $25 family max (payable at the door). Kindly RSVP by clicking HERE or call Ayana 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

Divine Design; Seeing God's Order

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Newcomers Orientation

Wednesday, October 2 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library

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St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, October 4 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
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Nautical Knitters
Saturday, October 5 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
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Blessing of the Animals and Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 6 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, we invite you to join us at 9:00 a.m. for a Morning Prayer service with the Blessing of the Animals. For those who wish, Communion is offered at the end of the 9:00 a.m. service. We encourage you to bring your pets to the service for them to be blessed. Please gather in the Garth with your pets at 8:45 a.m. Our 9th–12th Grade Pilgrimage Group will be selling homemade treats to help raise funds for their upcoming trip. Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. is a spoken Rite I service. 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. Due to the Feast of St. Francis, our Adult Forum schedule and Sunday School Offerings will resume on Sunday, October 14.

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Music at Bethesda

Sunday, October 6 | 3:30 p.m. | Church

Join us for our first Recital and Evensong of the season! A recital will begin at 3:30 p.m., and Evensong led by The Bethesda Choir will follow at 4:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be received in the service, and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, October 8 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel

Join Father James every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
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Holy Eucharist and Healing

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**St. George’s Sandwich Making**

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**Saturday, October 12 | 10:30 a.m. | Library**

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**Sunday Worship**

**OCTOBER 14**

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**Holy Eucharist**

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**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

**Sunday, October 13 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West**

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**Adult Forum: Art and the Eye—Elliot Bostwick Davis**

**Sunday, October 13 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East**

This morning, Elliot Bostwick Davis, art historian and Director and CEO of the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach, joins us for a conversation about the Norton Museum, it collections and activities, as well as about the importance of art as human expression and its necessity within the human experience.
Church Tour
Sunday, October 13 | 12:15 p.m. | Church
We offer a Church Tour every second and fourth Sunday of the month. The tour will include information about architecture and the beautiful embellishments of the church. The tour is presented by Ann Elizabeth Hall and members of the Church Tour Committee. This tour is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beautiful church.

Men of Bethesda (MOB)
Monday, October 14 | 7:30 a.m. | Guild Room
The Men of Bethesda is a group of men from our congregation who share monthly fellowship and prayer, gathering on the second Monday morning of each month in our Parish Hall. As well, we enjoy occasional evening socials at our church, homes, and local restaurants with our loved ones and friends. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, October 15 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Girls of Grace
Wednesday, October 16 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room
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Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesday, October 16 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
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St. George’s Center Cooking
Wednesday, October 16 | 1:30 p.m. | Kitchen
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Community Supper

Wednesday, October 16 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East
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Walk in Love, an Adult Enquirer’s Class

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sign of the good work God has begun and continues in you.

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**RECURRING CLASSES**

**Yoga**

**Wednesday, October 16 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Parish Hall West**

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**Compline**

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St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, October 18 | 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.

Trivia Night
Friday, October 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall
The Bethesda Youth Mission Group will be hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser. Get a team of eight people together or come on your own and we’ll pair you up with a team. It’s going to be a night of fun trivia, silent auctions, and more. All profits from the event will go to help the Bethesda Youth Pilgrimage Group with costs for their summer trip. For more information, contact Greg Knight at (561) 655-4555 x114 or e-mail him at knight@bbts.org.

Little Blessing’s Pumpkin Party
Friday, October 18 | 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. | Guild Room
Don’t miss the Little Blessings 2nd Annual Pumpkin Party. We will get dressed up, make Halloween crafts, and eat yummy snacks. Husbands and siblings are welcome to attend. The crafts are provided and intended for 2 to 4 year olds but we will have a play section for the babies. It’s a Potluck style party, so bring some snacks and sweet treats to share. Please RSVP to reneecheifet@gmail.com or call her at (561) 389-3006.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, October 19 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters 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
October 20

Holy Eucharist
Sunday, October 20 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church
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**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

Sunday, October 20 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West

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**Adult Forum: Hospice, Myth and Reality—Pat O’Meara, Trustbridge**

Sunday, October 20 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East

As we consider Jesus’ command to love one our neighbors as ourselves, what are ethical approaches to end-of-life decisions? In this conversation, Pat O’Meara, Outreach Coordinator for Trustbridge (the non-profit successor to Hospice of Palm Beach County, Hospice of Broward, and Hospice by the Sea) will share with us resources to explain how hospice care works and what should be considered as we or loved ones approach the end of life.

**Holy Eucharist**

Tuesday, October 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel

Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Girls of Grace**

Wednesday, October 23 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room

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**Holy Eucharist and Healing**

Wednesday, October 23 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel

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**Vestry Meeting**

Wednesday, October 23 | 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.

**Community Supper**

**Wednesday, October 23 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East**

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**Featured Classes**

**Opera and Issues: Conversations with Palm Beach Opera**

**Wednesday, October 23 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Guild Room**

These conversations with Palm Beach Opera highlight the inner workings of a professional opera company through personal discussions with Opera staff. We believe that opera tells stories to which we can all relate, and that’s why the operatic art form has thrived for centuries. Therefore, we strive to immerse the community directly into those stories, revealing timeless tales of love, passion, and joy.

In doing so, what ethical considerations must a professional opera company make a priority in its programs and productions? What is the relation between the society we live in and the role, function, and position of the arts within that community? How is opera influenced—while also influencing—social, political, economic, and technological developments? During our time together, we’ll examine the world of opera, the inner workings of Palm Beach Opera, and some choices that need to be made by a professional opera company when they are about to embark on a new production season. **Opera and Issues** will delve deeper into topics that remain relevant to experiences we all face and affect the lives we live today.
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**St. George’s Sandwich Making**

**Friday, October 25 | 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.

**Nautical Knitters**

**Saturday, October 26 | 10:30 a.m. | Library**

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**Sunday Worship**

**OCTOBER 27**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, October 27 | 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 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. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.
Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods
Sunday, October 27 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West
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Adult Forum: A New Look at "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"—Rabbi Michael Resnick, Temple Emanuel
Sunday, October 27 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
Is it really possible to do this? How do we "love" those with whom we have passionate and profound disagreements? This is especially pertinent in today’s society where it seems to be increasingly difficult for people to even tolerate those with differing views and backgrounds. Using a classic Talmudic story as our guide, together with other rabbinic sources, we will explore the nuances of our Biblical verse in depth as we seek to find new meaning and relevance in its words.

Church Tour
Sunday, October 27 | 12:15 p.m. | Church
We offer a Church Tour every second and fourth Sunday of the month. The tour will include information about architecture and the beautiful embellishments of the church. The tour is presented by Ann Elizabeth Hall and members of the Church Tour Committee. This tour is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beautiful church.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, October 29 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Girls of Grace
Wednesday, October 30 | 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, October 30 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.
Community Supper

Wednesday, October 30 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East
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 Ayana 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

Opéra and Issues: Conversations with Palm Beach Opera

Wednesday, October 30 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Guild Room
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Walk in Love; an Enquirers Class

Wednesday, October 30 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library
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Church is your opportunity to develop your faith and discover what makes our tradition unique. It is a chance to understand the beautiful theologies that comprise our tradition, to dive more deeply into the sacraments, and to learn the answers to questions you’ve always wondered. Using Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe’s new text *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*, this series offers the chance to seek a deeper and faithful knowledge of our tradition amidst the company of others seeking the same, growing in your faith as a group, and becoming a candidate for the sacrament of confirmation, an outward and visible sign of the good work God has begun and continues in you.

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**RECURRING CLASSES**

**BETHESDA YOUTH GROUP**

*Thursday, October 30 | 6:30 to 7:40 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, October 30 | 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, October 30 | 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, October 30 | 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.

November 2019

St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, November 1 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
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All Saints’ Day Services
Friday, November 1 | 12:05 p.m. | Church
Holy Eucharist at 12:05 p.m. in the Church. This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, November 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters 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.
DON’T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 2!

Sunday Worship
November 3

All Saints’ Day—Holy Eucharist
Sunday, November 3 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church
All Saints’ Day is a Principal Feast of the church year. 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. We will also baptize new members at the 9:00 a.m. service. Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. is a traditional Rite II service, with music offered by the Bethesda Choir. In addition, the Necrology—a list of parishioners and friends of Bethesda-by-the-Sea who have died since our last All Saints’ celebration—will be read at all services. If you know of someone who has died since November 1, 2018 and should be remembered, please call April Lawrence at (561) 853-0958, or e-mail her at april@bbts.org with the full name (first, middle, and last). For inclusion in the service leaflets, we need this information by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Due to All Saints’ Day, our Adult Forum schedule and Sunday School Offerings will resume on Sunday, November 11.

Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods
Sunday, November 3 | 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.
**Port Ministry: Save Our Samples Sunday**

*Mariner’s Bags Assembly for the BBTS Port Ministry.*

**Sunday, November 3 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East**

Mariner’s Bags Assembly for the BBTS Port Ministry. Join this fun, intergenerational event in which we assemble gift bags for mariners aboard ships at the Port of Palm Beach. Having saved our travel toiletries samples throughout the year, we gather on All Saints Sunday to put together the gift bags and learn more about this incredible ministry led by Deacon Clay Waddell. Please note that we will resume our Adult Forum schedule and Sunday School Offerings on Sunday, November 11.

**Music at Bethesda**

**Sunday, November 3 | 3:30 p.m. | Church**

Join us for a recital at 3:30 p.m. and Evensong with The Bethesda Choir at 4:00 p.m. The Necrology—a list of parishioners and friends of Bethesda-by-the-Sea who have died since our last All Saints’ celebration—will be read during the service. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Holy Eucharist**

**Tuesday, November 5 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel**

Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**St. Mary’s Guild (SMG)**

**Tuesday, November 5 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room**

St. Mary’s Guild is a group of women who normally 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.

**International Potluck**

**Tuesday, November 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Garth**

Join us for an evening under the stars from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with International food, wine, music, fun, and especially fellowship! Sign-up and bring your favorite dish to share: Appetizer/Salad, Entrée, or Dessert. Cost is $10 per person | Children 12 and under: free | Chefs bringing a dish and their families: $5 per person.

**Girls of Grace**

**Wednesday, November 6 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room**

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**Holy Eucharist and Healing**

Wednesday, November 6 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel

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**St. George’s Cooking**

Wednesday, November 6 | 1:30 p.m. | Kitchen

Every first and third Wednesday of the month people of all ages meet in the kitchen to cook a hot meal for St. George’s Center in Riviera Beach. It takes approximately 1.5 hours. Others meet at 4:30 p.m. at the center to serve the meal which takes approximately 2.5 hours. 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 e-mail outreach@bbts.org.

**Bethesda Book Group**

Wednesday, November 6 | 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. This month we will be reading and discussing *Electric Woman* by Tessa Fontaine. April Carpenter, presenter.

**Community Supper**

Wednesday, November 6 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East

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FEATURED CLASSES

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RECURRING CLASSES

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COMPLINE

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St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, November 8 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
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Bethesda Youth Service Project
Saturday, November 9 | 10:00 am | Sunday School Hall
All children, youth, and parents are invited to participate in a day of service on Saturday, November 9. We will be making Blessing Bags (care packages with soap, toothbrushes, clean socks, granola bars, etc.) beginning at 10:00 a.m. that morning which we will then take to hand out to those in need at City Place in West Palm Beach. After our morning of service, we’ll have an afternoon of play at Fun Depot where we’ll eat pizza and play games.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, November 9 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
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Holy Eucharist
Sunday, November 10 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church
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Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods
Sunday, November 10 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West
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Adult Forum: The Psychology of Fear
Sunday, November 10 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East

One of the single-most repeated phrases through Hebrew and Christian scriptures is do not be afraid, and yet we as humans live most of our lives, one way or another, within the context of fear: fear of others, fear of failure, fear of scarcity, etc. Nothing prevents us from living our fullest lives like fear, but since fear is natural and primal, how can we get beyond fear to live into God’s call to be our fullest selves? Join psychologist and parishioner June Sory as she explains the nature of fear, its physiology, and how we might tackle the monsters that haunt us.

Church Tour
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Men of Bethesda (MOB)
Tuesday, November 11 | 7:30 a.m. | Guild Room

The Men of Bethesda is a group of men from our congregation who share monthly fellowship and prayer, gathering on the second Monday morning of each month in our Parish Hall. As well, we enjoy occasional evening socials at our church, homes, and local restaurants with our loved ones and friends. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, November 12 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel

Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Little Blessing’s Palm Beach Zoo
Tuesday, November 12 | 9:00 a.m.

Come and enjoy a day at our beautiful, 23-acre tropical park full of WILD things! Be sure to pack your swimsuit for your Little Blessing and cool off in their splash pad. Tickets are $24.95 and kids under 3 are free. We will meet at the entrance. Please RSVP to reneecheifet@gmail.com or call her at (561) 389-3006.

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RECURRING CLASSES

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Yoga

Wednesday, November 13 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Parish Hall West

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**St. George’s Sandwich Making**

Friday, November 15 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen

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**Nautical Knitters**

Saturday, November 16 | 10:30 a.m. | Library

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**Sunday Worship**

**Holy Eucharist**

Sunday, November 17 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church

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Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods
Sunday, November 17 | 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: Jesus Said It Three Times: A Closer Look at the Synoptic Gospels
Sunday, November 18 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
In this series of three Sundays, the Bethesda clergy will examine each of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). Each Gospel is different yet clearly meant to be seen together. Ever wonder why the Wise Men visit the baby Jesus in Matthew only or why the story of Jesus teaching in the Temple is only in Luke and not the other two? Spend these three Sundays with us here at the end of the liturgical year as we change from Luke to Matthew and learn what makes each of the Gospels different and how the collectively create a greater image of Jesus and the early Christian community. This Sunday Fr. Burl speaks about the Mark’s Gospel.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, November 19 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesday, November 20 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

St. George’s Cooking
Wednesday, November 20 | 1:30 p.m. | Kitchen
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Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, November 20 | 3:00 p.m. | Guild Room
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devotional time, an official meeting is conducted in which the Vestry discusses and acts upon church issues for which it has oversight.

**Community Supper**

**Wednesday Night is Bethesda Night!**

**Community Supper**

**Wednesday, November 20 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East**

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**

**Featured Class: The Journey: Walking Life**

**Wednesday, November 20 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East**

Life is journey. Some journeys are direct and obvious, some are long and winding; some are surprises, some are as expected; some have a clear goal and others do not, but each of us journeys unique and particular paths that make us who we are. In this series of two evenings and in preparation for the Advent as Pilgrimage: Walking the Labyrinth retreat on 7 December, we will discuss journeys, physical and metaphorical, that shape our lives and our faith. Join this intergenerational conversation with folks who have been on pilgrimages in their lives, either intentionally or unintentionally, and discover more about the different journeys we undertake.

**Walk in Love: An Enquirers Class**

**Wednesday, November 20 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library**

If you’ve ever wondered about confirmation, that mysterious sacrament offered by the bishop when he comes twice a year, and what it gets you, now is the time to find out! This eight-week study of the Episcopal Church is your opportunity to develop your faith and discover what makes our tradition unique. It is a chance to understand the beautiful theologies that comprise our tradition, to dive more deeply into the sacraments, and to learn the answers to questions you’ve always wondered. Using Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe’s new text *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*, this series offers the chance to seek a
deeper and faithful knowledge of our tradition amidst the company of others seeking the same, growing in your faith as a group, and becoming a candidate for the sacrament of confirmation, an outward and visible sign of the good work God has begun and continues in you.

Copies of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* can be obtained through your favorite bookseller or in The Shoppe.

**RECURRING CLASSES**

**Bethesda Youth Group**

*Thursday, November 20 | 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, November 20 | 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, November 20 | 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, November 20 | 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, November 22 | 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.

**Nautical Knitters**

Saturday, November 23 | 10:30 a.m. | Library

Nautical Knitters 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 November 24**

**Holy Eucharist**

Sunday, November 24 | 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 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 Morning Prayer as the “service of the word” and music offered by the Bethesda Choir. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

Sunday, November 24 | 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: Jesus Said It Three Times: A Closer Look at the Synoptic Gospels**

Sunday, November 24 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East

In this series of three Sundays, the Bethesda clergy will examine each of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). Each Gospel is different yet clearly meant to be seen together. Ever wonder why the Wise Men visit the
baby Jesus in Matthew only or why the story of Jesus teaching in the Temple is only in Luke and not the other two? Spend these three Sundays with us here at the end of the liturgical year as we change from Luke to Matthew and learn what makes each of the Gospels different and how the collectively create a greater image of Jesus and the early Christian community. This Sunday Mtr. Margaret speaks about the Luke’s Gospel.

**Church Tour**

**Sunday, November 24 | 12:15 p.m. | Church**
We offer a Church Tour every second and fourth Sunday of the month. The tour will include information about architecture and the beautiful embellishments of the church. The tour is presented by Ann Elizabeth Hall and members of the Church Tour Committee. This tour is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beautiful church.

**Holy Eucharist**

**Tuesday, November 26 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel**
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Holy Eucharist and Healing**

**Wednesday, November 27 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel**
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

**Thanksgiving Interfaith Service**

**Wednesday, November 27 | 6:30 p.m.**
Worship with us at a 6:30 p.m. Interfaith Service at the Royal Poinciana Chapel located at 60 Cocoanut Row in Palm Beach.

**Thanksgiving Eucharist**

**Thursday, November 28 | 8:00 a.m. | Church**
Join us for an 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the church.
Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29
We will resume normal office hours on Monday, December 2. Happy Thanksgiving!

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, November 30 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
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December 2019

Sunday Worship
December 1

Holy Eucharist—Advent I
Sunday, December 1 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church
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**ANGEL TREE PICK UP**

**Sunday, December 1 | 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. | Narthex**

We need 100 gifts, which will be distributed to these children through a local charity. Gifts should not exceed $25 in value. The Angel Tree will be in the Narthex, December 1st and 8th. Please take an Angel from the tree for a deserving child and **return your gift to the Narthex (gift-wrapped and with the angel tag attached) on Sunday, December 15th**, so we can deliver the gifts by Christmas Day. On behalf of these children, thank you!

**COFFEE HOUR / FELLOWSHIP FINGER FOODS**

**Sunday, December 1 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West**

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**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 1 | 4:00 p.m. | Church**

Seventeen years after introducing the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols to King’s College, Cambridge, the Dean created this service for Advent. He stated that the purpose of the service was “not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it.” The beautiful Bidding Prayer at the beginning of the service
describes the lessons which will be read. Advent carols are sung by the Bethesda Choir, and many of the great hymns of Advent are sung by the congregation. There is no recital preceding this service, but Prelude music will begin at approximately 3:50 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**St. Mary’s Guild (SMG) 🟢 🟣**
Monday, November 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room
St. Mary’s Guild is a group of women who normally 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.

**Holy Eucharist 🟢 🟣 🟤**
Tuesday, December 3 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Girls of Grace 🟢 🟣**
Wednesday, December 4 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room
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Wednesday, December 4 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
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**Bethesda Book Group 🟢 🟤**
Wednesday, December 4 | 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. This month we will be reading and discussing *Hamilton* by Ron Chernoff. Cynthia Archbold, presenter.
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St. George’s Sandwich Making

Friday, December 6 | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen
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Nautical Knitters

Saturday, December 7 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
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Advent Retreat with Labyrinth Wellness

Saturday, December 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Garth, Parish Hall, and Church Grounds
“Advent as Pilgrimage” will explore the ancient spiritual practice of walking the labyrinth as a metaphor for life’s journey. We’ll be mindful of voyages of all types as each participant is invited to embark on a personal journey of the body, mind, and spirit. Guided by Robin Bradley Hansel, a Veriditas Trained Labyrinth Facilitator, writer, and physical therapist and hosted by the Daughters of the King, participants will enjoy a quiet morning reflecting on what it means to greet this Holy season with expectancy and wonder. Please pack your favorite journal and pen and bring along an open heart as we gather in community to walk this sacred space in a variety of creative ways.

Sunday Worship

December 8

Holy Eucharist—Advent II

Sunday, December 8 | 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 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. During Advent the Sunday School children process and help to build the Crèche. Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. is a traditional Rite II service, with Morning Prayer as the “service of the word” and music offered by the Bethesda Choir. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.
Angel Tree Pick Up  
Sunday, December 9 | 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. | Narthex
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Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods  
Sunday, December 8 | 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall West
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Adult Forum: Labyrinth Spirituality  
Sunday, December 8 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
Join guest Robin Bradley Hansel as she invites us into an understanding of the labyrinth and the ancient spirituality associated with the labyrinth. Having facilitated the Advent Retreat yesterday, Robin joins us again this morning to present a brief introduction to the history the labyrinth within Christianity as well as instructions on how to use the labyrinth as a tool to deepen our spirituality and quiet the distractions of the outside world. Bethesda's labyrinth is set up in the Parish Hall.

Church Tour  
Sunday, December 8 | 12:15 p.m. | Church
We offer a Church Tour every second and fourth Sunday of the month. The tour will include information about architecture and the beautiful embellishments of the church. The tour is presented by Ann Elizabeth Hall and members of the Church Tour Committee. This tour is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beautiful church.

Holy Eucharist  
Tuesday, December 10 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
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Girls of Grace  
Wednesday, December 11 | 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, December 11 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

Bishop Peter Eaton’s Visitation, Adult Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, December 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Church
The Right Reverend Peter Eaton will preside at this special service, confirming several of our adults. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service. Please plan on joining us for this very special occasion.

St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, December 13 | 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.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, December 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
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Sunday Worship
December 15

Holy Eucharist and Healing—Advent III
Sunday, December 15 | 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 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. During Advent the Sunday School children process and help to build the Crèche. Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. is a traditional Rite II service, with music offered by the Bethesda Choir. An opportunity for Anointing Laying-on-of-Hands is offered following the 11:00 a.m. service. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.
Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods
Sunday, December 15 | 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 Gift of Life: the Reality of Organ Donation
Sunday, December 15 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East
As we consider how to love our neighbors as ourselves, how does this apply to something as intimate and lifechanging as organ donation? What does it take to be an organ donor? What is it like to be someone who is in need of an organ donation or in the family of someone who needs one? Join us this morning as Jessica Fisher, Community Coordinator for Life Alliance Organ Agency at the University of Miami, explains the process from both donor and recipient perspectives and answers questions we might have about the organ donation and reception process.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, December 17 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesday, December 18 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-Hands for those who wish.

St. George’s Cooking
Wednesday, December 18 | 1:30 p.m. | Kitchen
Every first and third Wednesday of the month people of all ages meet in the kitchen to cook a hot meal for St. George’s Center in Riviera Beach. It takes approximately 1.5 hours. Others meet at 4:30 p.m. at the center to serve the meal which takes approximately 2.5 hours. 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 e-mail outreach@bbts.org.

Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, December 18 | 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.
Christmas Concert
AND COMMUNITY CAROL SING
Wednesday, December 18 | 7:30 p.m. | Church
Bethesda presents one of our area’s most popular Christmas concerts! The Bethesda Choir performs with some of the finest instrumentalists in South Florida, and the audience sings many favorite Christmas carols with the excitement of full orchestra accompaniment. A requested donation of $20 will be received at the door. All are welcome and encouraged to attend—come early to get a seat.

St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, December 20 | 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.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal—Full Cast
Saturday, December 21 | 10:00 a.m. to noon | Church
The full Christmas Pageant rehearsal for all cast members will be at 10:00 a.m. in the church. We will walk through the full pageant twice and fit any costumes for children that need them. The Christmas Pageant will be Tuesday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Greg Knight at knight@bbts.org or call him at (561) 655-4555 x114.

Nautical Knitters
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Sunday Worship
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Holy Eucharist—Advent IV
Sunday, December 23 | 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 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 Morning Prayer as the “service of the word” and music offered by the Bethesda Choir. Parishioners will process and help to build the Crèche on the final Sunday of Advent.
Parishioners are encouraged to stay after the service to help the Flower Guild decorate the church for our Christmas services. Refreshments and food will be provided in the Parish Hall.

**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

**Sunday, December 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.

**Christmas Eve Services**

**Tuesday, December 24 | 4:00, 6:30, and 10:30 p.m.**

- **Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist at 4:00 p.m.** Join us for a wonderful Bethesda tradition with our annual Christmas Pageant, as the children and youth of our parish live out the story of Jesus’ birth in Luke’s Gospel, from the Annunciation to the manger.
- **Festal Eucharist at 6:30 p.m.** The Bethesda Choir and an instrumental ensemble provide music for this traditional Christmas Eve service.
- **Festal Eucharist at 10:30 p.m.** The Bethesda Choir and an instrumental ensemble provide music for this traditional Christmas Eve service.
Christmas Day Services
Wednesday, December 25 | 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
• Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. This spoken service will celebrate the joy of welcoming the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
• Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. This service is a perfect way to worship with music by the Bethesda Choir and celebrate the joy of welcoming the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Office Closed
Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26
We will resume normal office hours on Friday, December 27. Blessed Christmas to all!

St. George’s Sandwich Making
Friday, December 27 | 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.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, December 29 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters 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
December 29

Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 29 | 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. | Church
This Sunday our Christmas celebration continues with Lessons and Carols. At our 9:00 a.m. service, a shortened selection of lessons will precede Holy Communion. At the 11:00 a.m. service, we will celebrate the full, traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Bethesda Choir. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and coffee hour follows all services. Our Adult Forum schedule and Sunday School Offerings will resume on Sunday, January 13.

Christmas Wassail
Sunday, December 29 | 10:00 a.m. | Parish Hall
Join us for a special coffee hour following our Sunday services as we continue our Christmas celebration with this traditional beverage.
**Holy Eucharist and Luncheon for the Homebound**

Tuesday, December 31 | 11:30 a.m. | Parish Hall and Church

This enjoyable and uplifting holiday service is provided each year for our parishioners who may have difficulty attending regularly as well as for residents of area skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities. We begin with a hot holiday luncheon served in the Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m., followed by Holy Eucharist in the church. We need volunteers to help with all aspects of this event including registration and helping guests as they arrive for the service, assisting them over to the Parish Hall for lunch, serving the meal, and clean-up after the event. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact April Lawrence at (561) 853-0958 or e-mail her at april@bbts.org.

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**January 2020**

**Office Closed**

Wednesday, January 1

We will resume normal office hours on Thursday, January 2. *Have a happy and safe New Year!*

**St. George’s Sandwich Making**

Friday, January 3 | 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.
Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival
Saturday, January 4 | 3:30 p.m. | Church
A perennial favorite of the Christmas season returns! Pipes and Drums, Beefeaters, Sprites, Shepherds, the Three Kings and their Pages, Mary and Joseph, Flag Bearers, Jesters, the Herald, King Wenceslas and his Page, a Brass Quintet, the mighty Austin organ, and the Bethesda Choir . . . all will be in place as our Festival takes place on the weekend closest to The Feast of the Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas! All are welcome and encouraged to attend. A requested donation of $20 will be received at the door.

Sunday Worship
January 5

Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 5 | 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 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. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.
**Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival**
Sunday, January 5 | 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. | Church

A perennial favorite of the Christmas season returns! Pipes and Drums, Beefeaters, Sprites, Shepherds, the Three Kings and their Pages, Mary and Joseph, Flag Bearers, Jesters, the Herald, King Wenceslas and his Page, a Brass Quintet, the mighty Austin organ, and the Bethesda Choir . . . all will be in place as our Festival takes place on the weekend closest to The Feast of the Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas! All are welcome and encouraged to attend. A requested donation of $20 will be received at the door.

**Holy Eucharist**
Tuesday, January 7 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel

Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Bethesda Book Group**
Wednesday, January 8 | 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. This month we will be reading and discussing *Carnegie’s Maid* by Marie Benedict. Helena Champion, presenter.

**Girls of Grace**
Wednesday, January 8 | 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, January 8 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-Hands for those who wish.

Widow’s Walk

Thursday, January 9 | 11:00 a.m. | Library
Led by Gayle Petersen, this group serves as an opportunity for widows of all ages to discuss how to navigate the waters of widowhood, no matter how recent or distant that reality is. Discussion in the group centers around Miriam Neff’s book *From One Widow to Another; Conversations on the New You*. Meetings are Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Library.

Garden Chapel Thank you Reception

Thursday, January 9 | 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. | Cluett Garden
Thank you to the 2018 pledgers. Join us for a special cocktail party of fellowship, wine, and appetizers. You can RSVP by sending an e-mail to turia@bbts.org.

St. George’s Sandwich Making

Friday, January 10 | 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.

Nautical Knitters

Saturday, January 11 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters 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

January 12

2020 Bethesda Annual Campaign

Sunday, January 12 | Pledge Cards Available following services
Life is an opportunity. Life is a journey. A journey to saying “yes” to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love, to peace and to generosity. On our journey, we learn from the ones who have come before us, from the witness of their lives. The gospel stories we hear each week inform, challenge, and inspire us. As we remember the past we are always
moving forward, growing, becoming, embracing the future. As we welcome the new we discover ever deeper ways of saying “yes” to God and becoming the person God creates us to be. The 2020 Annual Campaign at Bethesda, invites us to make a commitment to further the mission of Bethesda to love and serve. A pledge to the Bethesda 2020 Annual Campaign is an opportunity to take another step in our journey to generosity. It is a way to return to God what God has so generously given to us. Because it is a known amount, contributions in the form of a pledge help Bethesda make informed budget decisions on operating expenses and commitments to the many ministries of Bethesda.

**Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist**
Sunday, January 12 | 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 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. We will also baptize and welcome new members at the 11:00 a.m. service. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.

**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**
Sunday, January 12 | 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.

**Ministry Fair**
Sunday, January 12 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall

If you have missed Bethesda’s Annual Ministry Fair in September, then we encourage you to attend this Sunday. This is the perfect opportunity to learn and sign-up to volunteer in our different ministries.

**Church Tour**
Sunday, January 12 | 12:15 p.m. | Church

We offer a Church Tour every second and fourth Sunday of the month. The tour will include information about architecture and the beautiful embellishments of the church. This tour is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beautiful church.
Men of Bethesda (MOB)  
Monday, January 13 | 7:30 a.m. | Guild Room
The Men of Bethesda is a group of men from our congregation who share monthly fellowship and prayer, gathering on the second Monday morning of each month in our Parish Hall. As well, we enjoy occasional evening socials at our church, homes, and local restaurants with our loved ones and friends. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Holy Eucharist  
Tuesday, January 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel
Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Little Blessing’s Adventures at the Science Museum  
Tuesday, January 14 | 9:00 a.m
Hall of Heroes brings guests into the world of their favorite superheroes, crime-stoppers, gadgets and more through hands on experiences! Your journey takes you through several themed environments with surprises around each corner. All are welcome! Tickets are $17.95 and kids under 3 are free. Please RSVP to reneecheifet@gmail.com or call her at (561) 389-3006.

Girls of Grace  
Wednesday, January 15 | 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, January 15 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel
This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

St. George’s Cooking  
Wednesday, January 15 | 1:30 p.m. | Kitchen
Every first and third Wednesday of the month people of all ages meet in the kitchen to cook a hot meal for St. George’s Center in Riviera Beach. It takes approximately 1.5 hours. Others meet at 4:30 p.m. at the center to serve the meal which takes approximately 2.5 hours. 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 e-mail outreach@bbts.org.
COMMUNITY SUPPER

Wednesday, January 15 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East

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

FEATURED CLASS: To Be Announced
Sunday, January 15 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Guild Room

Please stay tuned for a description of this upcoming class.

FEATURED CLASS: To Be Announced
Sunday, January 15 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library

Please stay tuned for a description of this upcoming class.

RECURRING CLASSES

BETHESDA YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, January 15 | 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, January 15 | 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, January 15 | 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, January 15 | 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, January 17 | 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.

Nautical Knitters
Saturday, January 18 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
Nautical Knitters 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
January 19

2020 Bethesda Annual Campaign
Sunday, January 19 | Pledge Cards Available following services
Life is an opportunity. Life is a journey. A journey to saying “yes” to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love, to peace and to
generosity. On our journey, we learn from the ones who have come before us, from the witness of their lives. The gospel stories we hear each week inform, challenge, and inspire us. As we remember the past we are always moving forward, growing, becoming, embracing the future. As we welcome the new we discover ever deeper ways of saying “yes” to God and becoming the person God creates us to be. The 2020 Annual Campaign at Bethesda, invites us to make a commitment to further the mission of Bethesda to love and serve. A pledge to the Bethesda 2020 Annual Campaign is an opportunity to take another step in our journey to generosity. It is a way to return to God what God has so generously given to us. Because it is a known amount, contributions in the form of a pledge help Bethesda make informed budget decisions on operating expenses and commitments to the many ministries of Bethesda.

**Holy Eucharist and Healing**

**Sunday, January 19 | 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 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 Morning Prayer as the “service of the word” and music offered by the Bethesda Choir. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please see the complete list of Sunday School Offerings on page 8.

**Coffee Hour / Fellowship Finger Foods**

**Sunday, January 19 | 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: To Be Announced**

**Sunday, January 19 | 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East**

Please stay tuned for a description of this Sunday’s Forum.

**Holy Eucharist**

**Tuesday, January 21 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel**

Join us every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Girls of Grace**

**Wednesday, January 21 | 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, January 22 | 12:05 p.m. | Chapel**

This service provides an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying-on-of-Hands for those who wish.

**Vestry Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 22 | 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.

**Community Supper**

**Wednesday, January 22 | 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall East**

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**

**Featured Class: To Be Announced**

**Sunday, January 15 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Guild Room**

Please stay tuned for a description of this upcoming class.

**Featured Class: To Be Announced**

**Sunday, January 15 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Library**

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**Recurring Classes**

**Bethesda Youth Group**

**Thursday, January 22 | 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**

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**Yoga**

Wednesday, January 22 | 6:30 to 7:40 p.m. | Parish Hall West
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**Compline**

Wednesday, January 22 | 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, January 24 | 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.

**Nautical Knitters**

Saturday, January 25 | 10:30 a.m. | Library
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Sunday Worship
JANUARY 26

2020 Bethesda Annual Campaign

Sunday, January 26 | Celebration Sunday—Ingathering of Pledge Cards
In celebration of our life together, we will combine the ingathering of our pledges with our Annual Meeting and picnic on Sunday, January 27. Our Annual Meeting will celebrate the accomplishments of 2019 and look toward the exciting future at Bethesda in 2020. During each service, there will be an opportunity to come forward and place our pledge cards on the altar. This is an outward and visible sign of our gratitude for all that God is doing through the ministry of Bethesda. Of course, you may send your pledge card in at any time. We will have a blank card for you to come forward with that day.

Commissioning of the Vestry and Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 26 | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. | Church
Because of the Annual Meeting, there will NOT be a 9:00 a.m. service.
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 is a spoken Rite I service. Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. is a traditional Rite II service, with music offered by the Bethesda Choir. We will commission our Vestry and welcome new members at the 11:00 a.m. service. Nursery care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday School Offerings will resume on Sunday, February 3.

Annual Meeting, Election of Vestry Members, and Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, January 26 | 12:15 a.m. | Garth
The Annual Meeting includes: electing new Vestry members, electing delegates to the Diocesan Convention, an update on 2018 results and 2019 plans, and our Stewardship celebration. We will have the opportunity to talk about our parish life, and to share the excitement and challenge of
all that God is calling us to accomplish in the coming year. The Annual Meeting is an important component of our system of governance. An old-fashioned Parish Picnic will follow in the Garth. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, side dishes, and dessert! Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. The cost is $10 Adults; $5 Children under 12 years old; $25 Family Max. We hope everyone will take this opportunity to celebrate their membership of the Bethesda family.

**Holy Eucharist**

*Tuesday, January 28 | 8:00 a.m. | Chapel*

Join Father James every Tuesday for worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Girls of Grace**

*Wednesday, January 29 | 10:30 a.m. | Guild Room*

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**Holy Eucharist and Healing**

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**St. George’s Sandwich Making**

*Friday, January 31 | 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.
Rector, Associates, and Assistants

The Rev. James R. Harlan, Rector
Harold E. Pysher, Associate for Music & Liturgy
The Rev. Burl Salmon, Associate for Christian Education, Pastoral Care, & Outreach
Fred E. Staley, Associate for Administration
The Rev. Margaret McGhee, Curate

Non-Stipendiary Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Dr. Cecily J. Titcomb, Deacon for Spiritual Direction & Pastoral Care (Nov–May)
The Rev. Clayton B. Waddell, Deacon for Port Ministry

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