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The Newsletter of Bethesda Episcopal Church
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The Very Rev'd Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*
The Rev'd Paul Evans, *Priest Associate*

DEAN'S DOINGS

My Dear People and Friends of Bethesda:

It is somewhat impossible to fathom that I have been amongst you for a period as brief as five months, and yet so much has transpired. Presently we are enjoying the Church's Solemnities which adorn the conclusion of Paschaltide and launch us into a season of green. First, however, are the Feasts of the Blessed Trinity and, one week later, Corpus Christi.

Viewed collectively, these liturgical celebrations address a reality which cannot be subtly distanced from ordinary life: the indwelling of God. The Author and Giver of life indwells. This is the essence of Divine Being. The Son indwells, because he incarnates in us the origin of life in the kingdom, which he came to build and redeem. Inaugurating the Apostolic Age, the Holy Spirit indwells to ignite a mighty furnace that evidences the eternal glory and salvific nature of Christ's Resurrection. Arriving at the altar week by week, Jesus' Eucharistic Presence welcomes us to the sacred nature of his Body, both the Sacrament and its extension in and through the Church.

To cherish this distinct revelation, our hearts and minds need to connect with how God infuses himself into the ordinary mix of our humanity. I believe firmly that this began when Bethesda-ites gathered on Ascension Day for a special meeting of the congregation. Although most of the presentations addressed our very earth-bound sense of the kingdom, at the same time the heavenly dimension was also being revealed. God's disclosure is not manifest in secret. Nor should his indwelling be prized as ours alone.

It is my fervent prayer that the energy of Pentecost, the blessedness of the Most Holy Trinity, and the wonder of the Sacrament of Immortality govern our parish life. The tasks before us, without hesitation, are momentous. Yet God is constant in his pursuit of us, and so must we be of him.

I close with a very personal reflection: you have no conception of how much your worship and friendship has blessed my priestly work at Bethesda!

With my affection and blessing,

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
Interim Rector

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

9:45-12noon Nursery care provided in
Parish House

Wednesday 9 a.m.—Eucharist at Home
of the Good Shepherd Wilton

Wednesday 12:10 p.m. Eucharist &
Healing Service

Thursday 9 a.m.—Eucharist at Home of
the Good Shepherd
Saratoga Springs

TRINITY SUNDAY AT BETHESDA

June 3, 2012

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

10:00 A.M. Solemn Eucharist

3:00 P.M. Choral Evensong

*in honor of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee,
hymns and anthems by English composers
festive reception following*

THE VESTRY REPORTS

On the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension, May 17, a special meeting of the congregation was held following a Solemn Eucharist and a delicious and bountiful Pot Luck Supper. Herewith is a summary of the presentations.

Bethesda Finances *presented by Darren Miller, Treasurer*

- For the first time in well over a decade, a parish budget now exists.
- Procedures for accountability and transparency are in place.
- Audits for 2010 and 2011 reveal deficit situations, nearly \$80,000 and \$70,000 respectively.
- The 2012 Budget indicates a nearly \$60,000 deficit.
- Pledge and plate giving falls short of previous years. A re-canvassing of the parish will commence immediately in hopeful anticipation that our projected deficit will be eliminated. A special mailing will include a copy of the 2012 Budget.
- Bethesda's commitment to pay the diocesan assessment is tripled from 2011; by 2015 it is expected that we will pay our obligation at 100%.
- Compensation to fund a Church School Director will conclude at the end of June, 2012.

Rector Search Process *presented by Mary Withington*

- It is diocesan practice that the Vestry serves as the Search Committee and is the official body that will elect Bethesda's next Rector. Coordinating its efforts are Mary Withington [Chair], Darren Miller, John VanDerVeer, and Dean Vang.
- The time line adopted by the Coordinating Committee is as follows:

- Stage 1 Develop Parish Survey, *May – November 2012*
- Stage 2 Conduct Survey, compile Summary, *December – February 2013*
- Stage 3 Develop Parish Profile, *March – September 2013*
- Stage 4 Publicize Position, *September 2013 – January 2014*
- Stage 5 Select appropriate Candidates, *January – April 2014*
- Stage 6 Meet with Candidates and Select, *May – October 2014*
- Stage 7 Elect New Rector, *All Saints' Day, November 1, 2014*

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Bethesda Bi-Centennial [BBC] *presented by Gordon Boyd*

- Our 200th Birthday will begin February 5, 2014, and continue through January of 2015.
- Members of the parish who would like to assist are encouraged to do so.
- A logo for BBC is being professionally designed.
- Special events will be offered for both the church and the Saratoga community.
- A History of Bethesda will be compiled and published. Candidates for authors and editors are being interviewed.
- A Capital Campaign will be conducted to address parish needs and mission, including ministry and outreach beyond Bethesda, and what our witness in the third century might be like.

Parishioners are invited to submit questions to the presenters. Answers will be provided.

Mark Griffin, *Clerk*



A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE YADDO GARDEN ASSOCIATION

In 1991 the Yaddo Garden Association was formed with the goal of restoring the Gardens at Yaddo, the famed artists' retreat in Saratoga Springs, New York. Yearly, countless volunteer hours are spent revitalizing the Rose and Rock Gardens to their original 1899 splendor. According to *Victoria* magazine, "the graceful rose garden at Yaddo is once again the 'garden of romance,' designed by Katrina Trask a century ago—to inspire and welcome all."

We invite groups from your Church to view the magnificent Gardens and share in their history through tours given by pleasant and informed guides provided through our Docent program. The tours, which can be geared to the interests of the group, whether historical, cultural, or horticultural, last about one hour or can be tailored to a shorter time if you wish. To help defray the cost of this restoration project, we suggest a donation of \$5.00 per person.

Also, we offer year-round to area organizations a 45-minute presentation illustrated with beautiful pictures of the Gardens. The program is presented at your location, within a radius of 25 miles of Saratoga Springs, by a Yaddo Garden Association Docent, for a donation of \$50.00.

If interested, docent positions are available. Volunteer garden work is done Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday mornings, May through October. No experience necessary: all tools & instructions provided.

For more information please visit our website at www.yaddo.org.

We hope you will come and enjoy the serenity and beauty of Yaddo's Gardens. To arrange for a tour or a program please contact: Katie Hart, Tour Coordinator; kmhyga@gmail.com or 584-0746



The Saratoga Springs High School
Choraliers & Chamber Orchestra

Present

A Concert Featuring selections by:
 Albinoni, Barnum, Mechem

&

The Vivaldi Gloria

with accompanying
 organ & orchestral instruments

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

7:30 pm

at Bethesda Church

located at Washington St. near Broadway

No Admission: Suggested Donation of \$5.00

And

1 non-perishable food item

The proceeds from this program will benefit:
 The Music Students 2013 Competitions & Trips

And

The Local Food Pantry

New Home for Bethesda's Reed Organ

Before the Pierce Memorial organ was built there existed a 1932 Estey reed organ in the gallery of Bethesda. After many months of advertising it for sale, it was moved into storage to make way for the new organ.

Our Organ Curate, Daniel Lemieux, discovered a group of musicians who call themselves "The Low Anthem". In my opinion, their music can be described as "New age—folk". They play a wide variety of often unusual instruments, combining folk with blues, hymnals, barn-stompers and whispered meditations. The group was asked if they would be interested in our old organ and soon after, came to pick it up.

Their third album, Smart Flesh was released in February of 2011. Most recently they received fame by collaborating on the sound track of the movie, "The Hunger games" Songs from District 12 and Beyond, along with Carolina Chocolate Drops and Punch Brothers. The Huffington Post called the album "...a deftly meditative soundtrack to the movie adaptation of the best-selling book, bringing together big names and indie darlings of all stripes."

I was very impressed with their music after hearing their second album, "O My God, Charlie Darwin". It's very apparent that Jocie Adams, who, with her back round in Classical composition and arrangement, is clearly responsible for the sense of harmony that is evident in my favorite cuts of the album.

After years of scouring yard sales, attics and eBay, the band could easily open a second hand music shop, with sufficient peculiarities to be the envy of Brooklyn hipsters and historical preservation societies alike. Most notably they collect and repair antique pump organs, but have also gathered oversized drum kits, hammered dulcimers, autoharps, singing bowls, banjos, steel drums, crotals, horns of all shapes, and our old 600 pound reed organ. They are apparently obsessive scavengers, reverent of oddity and fanatical in the search for sound. The eclectic array of instruments used in their new album includes jaw harp, musical saw, stylophone, reed organ and an elaborate scheme to re-amp noise through various chambers in the previously abandoned factory that they use for recording.

I recommend that you learn more about The Low Anthem and keep your ears open for their next recording, which may feature our beloved Estey Reed Organ.

Farrell Goehring

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 The First Sunday after Pentecost: TRINITY SUNDAY 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism 3pm Evensong</p>	<p>4 Feria</p>	<p>5 Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany and Martyr</p>	<p>6 [Norbert, Archbishop of Magdeburg, Founder of Premonstratensians] 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing</p>	<p>7 CORPUS CHRISTI 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</p>	<p>1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, Ember Day</p>	<p>2 The Martyrs of Lyons, Ember Day</p>
<p>10 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>11 SAINT BARNABAS, THE APOSTLE</p>	<p>12 Feria</p>	<p>13 [Anthony of Padua, Priest, Confessor, Doctor] 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing</p>	<p>14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</p>	<p>15 [The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus] Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16 Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham</p>
<p>17 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Father's Day 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>18 Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia</p>	<p>19 Feria</p>	<p>20 [Trans. Of Edward, King and Martyr] 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing</p>	<p>21 Feria 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</p>	<p>22 Alban, First Martyr of Britain</p>	<p>23 [Etheldreda, Queen, Foundress and Abbess of Ely]</p>
<p>24 THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>25 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</p>	<p>26 Feria</p>	<p>27 [Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop] 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing</p>	<p>28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</p>	<p>29 SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES</p>	<p>30 [Protomartyrs of the Church of Rome, 1st Cent.]</p>

Vacation Bible School



When: July 9th-13th

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Who: Ages 3-11 (students);

Ages 12 and up (volunteers)

Questions: Call or email Jessica Senecal
584-5980 or bethesdabee@yahoo.com

For more information and to register visit
<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/bethesdachurch>

You can also register by filling out a form in the Church

The deadline for the **SUMMER NEWSLETTER** will be **FRIDAY, June 15TH**. Please submit material to the office by this date. You can email it to bethesdabee@yahoo.com. Thank you for your

KIDS' QUEST

KIDS' QUEST last class day Sunday, June 10; **GRADUATION CELEBRATION with certificates Sunday, June 17**, then everyone enjoys the **PARISH PICNIC** with fun & games provided by BYG.



News from the Bethesda Bees---

The Bethesda Bees have had a very productive and successful year! The Bees have worked hard on some Bible ABCs and different Bible Stories, including David and Goliath, Noah's Ark, Creation, Adam and Eve, The Birth of Christ, etc. They learned lots of new things by singing fun songs, coloring projects, making crafts, and playing. We have also worked very hard on memorizing the Lord's Prayer. We have many students graduating from Bethesda Bees and moving upstairs to Church School. Although they will be greatly missed, I know that they will continue to learn many new things! I look forward to a new group of little ones in the fall! Thank you for another WONDERFUL year! ~~Jessica Senecal



News from the Nursery---

Just a reminder—the nursery IS OPEN DURING THE SUMMER! Our hours are from 9:45am until after Church, approximately 11-11:15. We look forward to a fun summer and hope to get the kids outside in the yard as often as possible. We have a parachute and a hopscotch mat. If you would like to donate any outside play things (small balls, bubbles, hula hoops, jump ropes, etc.) we would greatly appreciate it. Items can be dropped off to the nursery. We also go through a LOT more drinks in the summer, so if you can donate juice boxes or small bottles of water, they are always helpful too. Any questions, please feel free to call or email Jessica Senecal (584-5980 or bethesdabee@yahoo.com).



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June

Return Service Requested

Dated Material

Ways to get involved at Bethesda....

Usher or present elements during the 10am service—please speak with Tom Moeller

Acolyte during the 10am service—please speak with Matthew Griffin

Read a Lesson during the 10am service—please speak with Katrina Keech

Treble Choir or Adult Choir during the 10am service—please speak with Farrell Goehring

Coffee Hour help after the 10am service—please speak with Kristina Delbridge

Bethesda Bees (Pre-k Program) or Nursery—please speak with Jessica Senecal

Church School (Kng.—12th grade) after the 10am service—please speak with Denise Limoli

Youth Group grades 7th-12th—please speak with Tracy Parke

Service League—please speak with Paul Ruzicka

Bellringers—please speak with Fr. Evans

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Please speak with Sherryl Moore