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The Newsletter of Bethesda Episcopal Church
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Summer 2012

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:

Before summer descends, attracting our recreational and extra-curricular interests, I do wish to make several reflections.

First and foremost, I must thank each of you who participated so magnificently in the Vestry's congregational re-canvassing efforts: those who encouraged you to respond as well as those who increased their support of Bethesda's ministry and witness. A tip of the biretta to the head of our Stewardship Commission, Gordon Boyd for his tireless efforts. A special acknowledgement will be found elsewhere in this issue.

At this year's Diocesan Convention bishops from other Provinces of the Anglican Communion were invited to address delegates and visitors regarding discipleship and mission. I was particularly attracted by the presentation of the Bishop of Peru and his method for intensifying Christian faith and practice among his clergy and parishes. The text of Bishop Godfrey's teaching is contained herein. I commend it to your attention and prayer as we progress deeper and deeper into Bethesda's transition. Each of us represents a vital ingredient in a divine recipe for our re-dedication and transfiguration. Consider those dimensions of your life in Christ which need a fresh look. Turn your discernment into action. Love the Church more and more. Love Bethesda more and more.

Unless it has escaped my notice, Our Lord has not scheduled himself for a holiday experience this summer. Nor will Bethesda. Our regular round of Sunday and weekday liturgies will continue. It is during this season that many visitors descend upon us. Let us be unusually attentive to welcome new faces in our midst with grace and enthusiasm. As Sacred Scripture reminds us, greeting strangers might mean we are entertaining angels unawares. [Hebrews 13:1] Besides, it's fun.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

9:45-11am 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

BUILDING FUND PARTY

The annual Building Fund Party will be held on Monday, July 30th, from 6 pm until 8 pm, at the Saratoga Golf & Polo Club. MaryLou Whitney and John Hendrickson will serve as Honorary Chairpersons. Their unyielding support of and love for Bethesda is also reflected in many parishioners and friends. Please mark your calendar and respond to your recently mailed invitation. We treasure your support.

THE VESTRY REPORTS

At its meeting on Wednesday, 20 June 2012, The Vestry of Bethesda Church

- commenced its agenda with Devotions led by Bruce Solenski;
- received the Interim Rector's Report, which revisited issues concerning the Rectory, announced a search to identify a new Choral Conductor for the parish choir, shared favorable comments from parishioners and non-parishioners alike regarding first-Sunday Evensongs where attendance has now reached ninety-nine, and requested Vestry approval for vacation periods in July and October;
- voted unanimously to approve Bethesda's 2011 Parochial Report to the Diocese and National Church, noting the removal of 1,039 baptized persons from the parish rolls, with current baptized membership at 800 and communicants at 628 [further refinements will be made during the course of 2012];
- remarked upon the congregation's favorable reaction to the Ascension Day meeting, thanking Darren Miller, Mary Withington, and Gordon Boyd for their lucid and informative presentations;
- focused upon evolving plans from BBC [Bethesda Bi-Centennial Commission] and events being planned, including the publication of a parish history by multiple authors and the solicitation of worshipers for ideas pertinent to ministry, mission, and fund-raising;
- rejoiced that many suggestions regarding deficiencies of the 2011 Audit have been implemented;
- learned that matters relating to the parking lot and office computers and telephones are nearing closure;
- expressed thanks to B. Solenski for this oversight of this year's Building Fund Party and the Saratoga Golf & Polo Club on July 30, to which over 650 invitations have been mailed thus far [every member of Bethesda is being invited];
- acknowledged the RSC's [Rector's Search Committee] to meet more frequently in preparation of a comprehensive and thorough Parish Survey instrument; and
- gave a gladsome shout for the fine work of Bethesda's Stewardship Commission [Gordon Boyd, *chair*] in re-visiting the entire congregation to support our ministry and mission, resulting in

special gifts and/or increased existing pledges [25] \$ 8,004
 special gifts and/or new pledges received [19] 25,066
 total 33,070

Mark Griffin, *Clerk*

Summertime will accord your parish leadership ample time to prepare for September and the months that follow. We need to identify both Denise Limoli's successor as Church School Coordinator and a new Choral Director to assist Farrell and our superb music ministry. The Rector's Search Committee will continue its preparation to survey the congregation for its opinions and suggestions. The Rectory will undergo a thorough inspection to discern realistic parameters for repair and renovation. Our BBC [Bethesda Bi-Centennial Commission] has a full agenda, identifying and scheduling events anticipating 2014. It is my intention to consider how our weekday worship life might expand to serve the Saratoga community more readily, in addition to opening our church doors in the daytime to welcome those who wish to enter to pray, to rest, and to be still. I promise you: there will be no dull moments on both sides of Washington Street.

With my affection and blessing,

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
Interim Rector

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Bethesda has been blessed with an excellent response to our mid-year Stewardship campaign. As of Monday June 18, the campaign has produced more than \$32,000 in increased pledges and special gifts in response to the recent mailing and outreach by the Stewardship Committee.

We give thanks to all who made this possible: Bruce and Virginia McMorris, Sherryl Moore, Barbara Brown, Lois Limoli, Mary Eddy, Vernon Hinkle and Mary Shartle, Bill Read, David and Jane Knight, Mark and Kathleen Anspach, Stephen and Joan Hyman, Dean Vang, Darren and Christine Miller, Regina Janes, Douglas Huston, Jane Agee, George and Martha Parker, Eid and Joyce Sweis, Daryle DiNal, Anne Van Acker, Mary Withington, Craig and Karen Walton, John Van der Veer, Jerry and Marcia McDonald, Ernest Duval, The Home of the Good Shepherd, Elizabeth W. Cummins, Joan Brown, Helen Lewis Bruce, Nicholas Gilman and Susan Notis, Mark Griffin, Richard Wissler, Michael and Jerilyn Towner, Joan Beebe, Mary Blunt, Susan and Palen Conway, Christine Charton and Theodore Rydzewski, John and Jordan Baker, Field Horne, and Elaine Greeley.

The Stewardship Committee volunteers who made this possible are: Genna Henderson, John Vander Veer, Virginia McMorris, Jim Walsh, Paul Ruzicka, Doug Huston, Meg Parobeck, Mary Withington, Deb Harper, Mark Claverie, Elaine Greeley, Darren Miller, Richard DeVall, Leisa Brockett, Sharon Boyd, Eid and Joyce Sweis, Mark Griffin, Anne Van Acker, Geoffrey Delbridge, Hillary Tucker, Jane Knight, Bruce Solenski, John Naftzger, Robert and Ann Bullock and Gordon Boyd, chair.

This campaign was a beginning, a start, and will resume in October when the annual campaign will take place. The Vestry's goal is to build the parish's financial base so that we can meet our ongoing mission responsibilities and have the appropriate resources on an annual basis to call our next Rector. This campaign is an excellent start toward those objectives.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

PUT ON CHRIST AND WALK IN THE SPIRIT

*A Presentation at Diocesan Convention 2012 by
The Right Reverend H. William Godfrey, Bishop of Peru*

As a disciple of Jesus Christ and a Christian in the Episcopal Church, I am committed to

GOD

To loving and worshiping him, living in a personal relationship with him, believing and trusting in his providence and power; to glorifying him in all I think, say, and do: obeying the Father's will; following Christ, being converted to Christ and giving my life to him; to walking in the Spirit, being filled with his presence and bearing his fruit, being a good steward of his gifts and grace.

THE CHURCH

To loving the Church, like Christ [*Ephesians 5:25*], the community of my brothers and sisters, and being *loyal* to her; to holding her faith set out in the catholic Creeds, too sharing in her common worship and prayer; to taking a full part in her fellowship and life; to being fully a part of the community which seeks to lead its members to Christ through a simple, balanced life of prayer, study, and service; part of her mission and ministry; providing for her needs and for her ministers. [*The Church is not an option for Christians.*]

SPIRITUALITY

A life of prayer: to reading Holy Scripture, meditating on, listening to, and acting on the Word of God [*Lecito Divina*]; to receiving Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist; to the common prayer of the Church and to private prayer, alone with God, praising and worshiping him, and interceding for others; to repenting of my sins, receiving God's forgiveness, and forgiving those who have sinned against me; to fasting; and to practicing always the presence of Christ.

LEARNING

To being a disciple and follower of Christ; to learning his teaching, especially from Scripture and walking in his way; being fed and nourished in the Christian faith by the Church's pastors and teachers; in built up in the Body of Christ for ministry, in unity of faith, in knowledge of Christ, and to maturity of Christ's full stature. [*Ephesians:12-13*]

DAILY LIFE

To living every moment for Christ: "my way of living should be different from the world's" [*Rule of St. Benedict, 4:20*]; to being the fragrance of Christ, salt and light, a witness to him; to living under Christ's Lordship; to live love: in my family and among my neighbors and friends; at work, in the street, in shops and my neighborhood; to model my life on Christ's, in holiness, compassion, humility, and truth; to living the two Great Commandments of Christ, and his new commandment of love [*John 13:34*], the Ten Commandments, and the teach of the Sermon on the Mount.

SERVICE

To being a servant like Christ, a neighbor to all, a Good Samaritan; to working for the coming of God's kingdom on earth; to wash feet; to caring for the poor and needy; to loving friends and enemies; to doing good works; to treating others with a kind and generous heart, and giving what is pressed down, running over and willing to go the extra mile; to loving my neighbor as Christ loves me, and to going wherever he calls.

TELL OTHERS OF CHRIST

To speaking of Christ, to sharing the good news of knowing him personally and the transforming power of his presence and touch; to telling of the things he has done in restoring broken lives, lifting the fallen, healing sickness, opening the eyes of the blind, setting imprisoned lives free, forgiving sin, bring hope – like living water in desert places; to explaining his teaching, conversion, and the new way of life he brings.

STEWARDSHIP

To living as a good steward of all that God has given me – my abilities, gifts, time, opportunities, money – knowing that everything belongs to him; to his call, to following the example of Christ, to placing everything under his lordship, as a faithful steward. [*Matthew 25:14-29*]

GOD'S GLORY

To glorifying God; to doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with him. [*Micah 6:8*]

DID YOU KNOW?

? Robert Bullock was elected at Diocesan Convention in June to serve a three-year term as Trustee. Thank you, Bob, enabling Bethesda to return in a leadership capacity in our diocesan life.

? Father Vang brings his two Cocker Spaniels to the Parish House every week? They are Crème Brulee and Hollandaise. [Can you imagine?] Stop by and check them out. Check out Father too.

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
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
 will be **AUGUST 15TH**. Please
 submit material to the office by
 this date. You can email it to
 bethesdabee@yahoo.com.
 Thank you for your
 cooperation.



The Treble Choir

In affiliation with

The Royal School of Church Music

Bethesda Episcopal Church

Treble Choir Invites New Members

The Treble Choir of Bethesda offers a unique opportunity for young people to receive comprehensive musical training, tuition free, based on the curriculum of the Royal School of Church music, America. Young people, ages 8 - 17, are being admitted with audition at the first rehearsal, September 12th, which is held in the parish house choir room, 41 Washington Street, Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30.

The Treble Choir is one of two ensembles that comprise the Daniel Jones Griffith Memorial Choir at Bethesda Episcopal Church. As such, it joins the Schola Cantorum in offering anthems and service music at the parish's 10 am Choral Eucharist each Sunday and the 3 pm Choral Evensong, the first Sunday of each month, from approximately September to Christmas and from mid-January through early June.

It's curriculum follows the Choristers Training Scheme of England's Royal School of Church Music, (RSCM), with which the Bethesda Choir has been affiliated since 1976, and focuses upon a challenging and comprehensive repertory of music taught imaginatively and with some rigor. Guided by the Choirmaster, the Trebles measure their accomplishments by a series of examinations outlined in RSCM's Voice for Life, each chorister undertaking them at her/his own pace and receiving official recognition after successful completion.

When in season, the Treble Choir rehearses each Wednesday afternoon, excluding school holidays, from four-thirty to five-thirty in the Parish House choir-room. On Sunday morning the Trebles arrive in the church at nine o'clock to join the schola for a rehearsal. In addition, a brief Sunday twelve-noon rehearsal is held to prepare the following Sunday's program with the Schola.

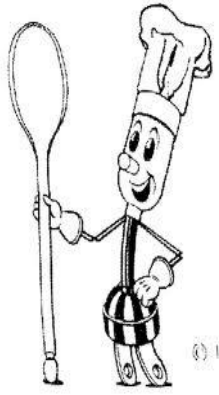
Much of the skills and knowledge required for RSCM levels is gained at rehearsals, and thus it is that advancement to each RSCM level which is earned not only by mastering it's particular knowledge and skills but also by maintaining a satisfactory record of attendance. Indeed, choristers and/or parents are expected to discuss unavoidable absences with the Choirmaster, preferably in advance.

Young persons usually begin with the curriculum upon reaching the third grade in school, and are eligible for admission to the Treble Choir, providing they are secure in reading ability and agree to be in regular attendance. Upon being accepted, the Chorister spends his/her initial months in the choir acquiring basic skills and during that period is that of a Probationer. Work soon begins toward the attainment on the first level.

In September, work will begin immediately on music for Fall and the Christmas season, so please make your decision to join now.

News from the Nursery---

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).



BETHESDA COOKS:

Turkey Tea Sandwiches *Bruce Solenski*

2 pounds of deli turkey
[or fresh if it is available]
Bell's Seasoning
1 medium red onion
1 bunch of parsley
1 bunch of watercress
1 pound unsalted butter

- Chop turkey into small chunks. Finely dice red onion. Chop parsley. Chop watercress stems [if not too bitter] and add to mixture.
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- Mix the above in a glass bowl and add mayonnaise to taste. Make a small but strong paste of mayonnaise and Bell's Seasoning. Add to turkey mixture and blend. Add freshly ground pepper to taste. Refrigerate 3 to 24 hours. Taste and adjust and season if necessary.
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- Using Pepperidge Farm thinly-slices white bread, butter each slice to the crust. Spread the mixture evenly over the butter. Slice into thirds.
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- Place the watercress leaves in the sandwich [the more watercress, the better]. Spread the turkey mixture on the bread. Cut into thirds. Remove the crust if Her Majesty is present.
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These sandwiches were served recently at a reception following Choral Evening in June. They were a hit. MJV+

Chilled Zucchini Soup *The Very Rev'd Marshall J. Vang*

5 or 6 small to medium-size zucchini
1 large onion, peeled & thinly sliced
[about 1 cup]
1 ½ teaspoons Madras curry powder
3 cups homemade chicken stock
1 cup heavy cream
½ cup whole milk
1 pound unsalted butter
Kosher salt, freshly-ground black pepper
Finely chopped chives for garnish

- Rinse zucchini and pat dry. Trim off the ends. Cut 1 zucchini in 2 and thinly slice one half. Stack slices and cut into very thin match-like strips. Place in saucepan, add cold water to cover, boil 3 minutes and drain. Set aside.
- Cut remaining zucchini half and other zucchini into 1" lengths. Cut each length into quarters.
- Place pieces of quartered zucchini in a saucepan and all onion slices. Sprinkle with curry powder and stir to coat. Add stock and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes.
- Spoon and scrape mixture into a blender, and blend to a fine puree. [There should be about 4 cups.] Add cream, milk, salt and pepper to taste. I also like to add several drops of Tabasco for a real zing.] Add reserved zucchini strips. Chill thoroughly. Serve sprinkled with chopped chives.
- Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 8 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	2 The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ 	3 FERIA 	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	5 FERIA 9am Home of the Good Shep- herd, Saratoga Springs 	6 Sexburga, Abbess of Ely 	7 Paladius, Apostle of Ireland
8 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 9 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	9 FERIA 	10 FERIA 	11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing 	12 FERIA 9am Home of the Good Shep- herd, Saratoga Springs 	13 Silas, (Silvanus), Companion of Paul, Mar- tyr 	14 Bonaventure, Bishop of Albano
15 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PEN- TECOST PROPER 10 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel 	17 William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania 	18 FERIA 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	19 Macrina, Monastic & Teacher 9am Home of the Good Shep- herd, Saratoga Springs	20 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman, Liberators and Prophets	21 BVM on Saturday
22 FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Solemn Eucharist	23 SAINT MARY MAGDALENE 	24 Thomas à Kempis, Priest 	25 SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	26 The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9am Home of the Good Shep- herd, Saratoga Springs	27 William Reed Hun- tington, Priest	28 Samson, Bishop of Dol, and Missionary
29 THE NINTH SUN- DAY AFTER PENTE- COST PROPER 12 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	30 William Wilberforce Building Fund Party: 6pm-8pm	31 Ignatius of Loyola, Priest				

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Joseph of Arimathea [St. Peter's Chains-Lammias Day] 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	2 Feria 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs	3 Nicodemus, A Teacher of Israel, Martyr	4 Jean-Baptiste Vianney (John Vianney) Cure d' Ars
5 THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENECTOST PROPER 13 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	7 John Mason Neale, Priest	8 Dominis, Priest & Friar 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	9 Feria 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs	10 Laurence, Deacon & Martyr of Rome	11 Clare, Abbess at Assisi
12 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENECTOST PROPER 14 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, & Drumore	14 Jonathan Myrick Daniels [Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr]	15 SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN [B.V.M in Glory (or the Assumption)] 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	16 Stephen of Hungary, King and Confessor 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs	17 Feria	18 William Porcher, DuRose, Priest [Helena, Queen & Widow]
19 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 15 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux	21 Abraham of Smolensk	22 Queenship of the BVM 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	23 Rose of Lima 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs	24 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE	25 Louis, King of France
26 THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 16 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist	27 Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle Building Fund Party: 6pm-8pm	28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo	29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist	30 Charles Chapman Gratton, Bishop	31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindesfarne	

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Summer

Return Service Requested

Dated Material



Ways to get involved at Bethesda....

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

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

Service League—please speak with Paul Ruzicka

Bellringers—please speak with Fr. Evans

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Please speak with Sherryl Moore