

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Bev & Denis Hine in thankfulness on celebrating another wedding anniversary.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM. SPEAK WITH AN USHER OR PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

EASTER SUNDAY RECEPTION PASTIRES

As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, we're getting ready for a little feasting! If you are able to bake pastries or muffins for the reception on Easter Sunday, please sign up in the narthex or on the sign-up genius in the weekly E-news. Thank you!

LENTEN OFFERING, ELCA WORLD HUNGER

On this the 50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger ministry, midweek Lenten offering has been designated to support the work of World Hunger relief. The collection for this Lenten offering concludes this morning, but ELCA World Hunger ministry continues year-round! A report of Bethesda's Lenten giving will be shared soon. Thank you for giving generously!

EASTER EGG HUNT

All children are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after worship! Donations of individually wrapped candy or stickers are being collected now, until Maundy Thursday. Thank you for helping by bringing a bag of goodies and placing in the bin in the narthex or leaving in the office.

SHINE SOME LIGHT!

Sunday, April 7th 9:15 am

All ages are invited for this 'ECLIPSE PRIMER' with Scoutmaster, Randy Risch. Come and explore the amazing gifts of God's Creation and prepare a little for the full solar eclipse event happening the next day!

SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, March 30 9:00 am – noon

Come lend a hand cleaning up the grounds in preparation for spring and Easter. Light yard work in the prayer garden and entrance of the church will be our priority. Talk with Scott Pohlkamp or Randy Risch if you have questions.

CHURCH OFFICE COMMUNICATION emails are as follows:

info@bethesdaonthebay.org or Pastor Angela at pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org.

Church Office hours Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28 ~ 7:00 pm – with Holy First Communion

*Maundy Thursday is when we gather as God's disciples and remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We will hear the story of Jesus' washing of the feet of his disciples and the instituting of a new commandment that we love one another. The word Maundy comes from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning "Mandate" or "Commandment". Remembering Jesus' betrayal and arrest, the liturgy includes the stripping of the altar as the lights are gradually dimmed. The congregation departs in darkness and silence. There is no dismissal because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday make up the Paschal Triduum, and combined are one, ongoing liturgy spread over three days.*

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 ~ 12:00 noon

Stations of the Cross at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

You are invited to join Pastor Angela to experience the stations of the Cross with Father Alex Martin and our siblings in faith at St. Barnabas. The congregation moves around the church to the different stations hung on the walls. Each of the stations commemorate an event in the final hours of the Life of Christ.

7:00 PM Tenebrae Liturgy at Bethesda

Good Friday is a solemn liturgy marked by significant periods of prayerful silence, readings, and the extinguishing of candles. We offer our prayers for the whole of the Christian Church and the world. We fast from the Sacrament of Holy Communion on this night as a remembering of Jesus' death. Bethesda will welcome fellow worshipers from Bay United Methodist Church to share this liturgy together.

HOLY SATURDAY – THE GREAT VIGIL

8:00 PM, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

(2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland)

*Pastor Angela invites you to accompany her this year for this Great Vigil. Please RSVP to her if you would like to attend together. The Vigil is also available virtually on the Cathedral Facebook page. *The Great Vigil of Easter concludes the three-day liturgy, the Triduum, with this rich liturgy worship. The service begins as we kindle new fire, the Paschal candle is blessed and carried down the aisle in a darkened church. Vigil candles are lit from the new fire and the light is spread among the worshipers. Worship continues with stories of God's provision and everlasting covenant revealing the history of Salvation throughout Scripture. The climax of the liturgy is the first "Alleluia" of the Easter season!**

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

9:30 AM – 12:00 noon Easter Reception

10:00 AM Festival Worship

11:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ continues with a normal Sunday morning Festival worship on Easter Day. We gather to hear the sacred story, sing hymns of praise, give thanks for baptism, and joyfully conclude the Lenten fast. The Celebration of Easter lasts 50 days from the Great Vigil of Easter until the Feast of Pentecost.