

Directions:



Bethany House of Prayer is located at 181 Appleton St., Arlington, MA 02476, six miles west of Cambridge. Accessible by car, bus and the Minuteman Bikeway.

Driving: Take Route 2 to Exit #58 Park Ave, Arlington Heights. Go 1/2 mile on Park Ave toward Arlington Heights, take a left on Appleton St. Bethany House of Prayer is located on the corner of Appleton and Claremont.

The Chapel of St. Anne is located on Claremont Ave between Wollaston and Appleton. The Convent is located one block down at 25 Hillside Ave.

Public Transportation: From Harvard Square or Alewife Station: Arlmont Village Bus: #78 (runs daily) or #84 (runs M-F) to Appleton and Wachusett Ave. Bethany House of Prayer, 181 Appleton, is one block down the hill.

Minuteman Bikeway: In Arlington Heights, at the intersection of Park Ave and Mass Ave., proceed up the hill on Park Ave two blocks, taking a right onto Appleton.

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Fall and Winter Offerings

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Dear Friends:

Perhaps in recent months you have wanted to find a time and place for quiet reflection, for gentle Sabbath time in which to discover anew God's presence and desire for you.

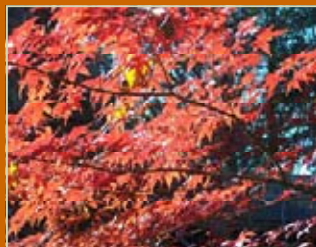
We hope that in our offerings of Refreshment Days, Retreats, Spiritual Direction and Groups you might find opportunities to nourish your soul and deepen your relationship with God in Christian community.

We, the Bethany Colleagues and Bethany Sisters welcome you.

Come, receive and participate in the mystery of God's prayer for you and for the world.

In Christ,

Julia Slayton
Executive Director
Bethany House of Prayer



Bethany House of Prayer Colleagues in Ministry

Pat Boyd, M.A.

Mary Meader, D.Min.

Julia Slayton, M.Div., Executive Director

The Rev. Karen Bettacchi, M.Div.

The Rev. Tansy Chapman, M.Div.

The Rev. Marta Flanagan, M.Div.

Kimberly Cloutier Green, M.A.

The Rev. Mary Johnstone, M.A.R.

The Rev. Karen Montagno, M.Div.

The Rev. Eleanor Panasevich, M.Div.

Kristin Knudson-Groh, office assistant

Sisters of St. Anne-Bethany

Sr. Ana Clara, OSA, Mother Superior

Sr. Maria Agnes, OSA

Sr. Maria Teresa, OSA

Sr. Olga, OSA

Sr. Felicitas, OSA



Registration Form:

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Program Offering: _____

Amount of check enclosed: _____

Cancellations: Fees are refunded for cancellations made 5 days prior to program offering or if we need to cancel due to snow.

Mail to: BETHANY HOUSE of PRAYER
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Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Parker Palmer reminds us in [A Hidden Wholeness](#), that the soul is essentially shy and often driven into hiding by the very ways we engage in life daily.

In spiritual direction we practice hospitality toward the life of the soul. With the gift of companionship in Christian community we explore, nurture and deepen our relationship with God, Christ and the Holy Spirit, sharing our encounter with the mystery and grace of God's presence and action in our lives and in the world.

To explore the possibility of Spiritual Direction please call the Rev. Karen Bettacchi at 781/863-2508. She will respond to your inquiry and make a referral to one of our spiritual directors.

Meeting Space Reservations and Retreat Leadership

Throughout the year, we welcome groups and individuals to the beauty of the Chapel, Gardens, Convent and Guest House for quiet days and retreats. We offer retreat leadership and facilitation both on and offsite. Contact us with inquiries for yourself, your group or congregation.



Noticing, Witnessing, Wondering

Winter Creativity Workshops: Feb. 9 & March 12

Led by Kimberly Cloutier Green:

Poet, collaborating artist, spiritual director

God speaks to us in and through the things of the world, and poem-making, like prayer, is the soul's way of responding. As poets, we bring our attention and imagination to what we see, hear, and feel...and we serve as witnesses for God's everyday glories and mysteries. Whether you've never written a poem or you have a long practice of writing, you will find in this circle enough quiet, support, and camaraderie to explore poem-making as an act of reverence for the natural world. Please bring a journal.

9:00 a.m. - Noon. , Fee: \$30 each workshop

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Refreshment Days 2007-2008

One Tuesday each month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



One of the first things to go in our busy lives is a quiet day for reflection and prayer. Each month we offer a half day of quiet and hospitality. The day begins with the word and witness of companions on the way who refresh, guide, challenge and awaken us. Individual time for prayer or study is followed by shared reflections, worship and meal. Suggested fee: \$30 includes a midday dinner.

November 6 The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston

President & Dean, Episcopal Divinity School

December 4 The Rev. Cathy George

Rector, St. Anne's in the Fields, Lincoln

January 8

Kimberly Green, Terence McKinney

Kimberly Green, Spiritual Director, Poet,
Bethany Colleague in Ministry.

Terence McKinney, M.Div., Spiritual Director

February 5

The Rev. Dr. Charles Hefling

Associate Professor of Theology, Boston College

March 4

David Urion, M.D.

Author and Neurologist, Children's Hospital

April 1

The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris

1st woman bishop in the Anglican Communion,
former Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of MA

May 6

The Rev. Tansy Chapman,

Spiritual director, retreat leader,
Bethany Colleague in Ministry

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Retreats and Groups

Advent Quiet Day

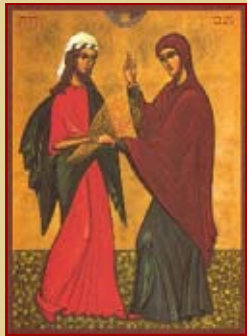
Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m. - 3:30 pm

A day set apart to enter into the mystery of Advent and prepare for the gift of the Incarnation. Be refreshed by silence, prayer, meditations, companionship and worship. Meditations offered by Spiritual Directors of the Bethany House of Prayer, with the hospitality of the Sisters. Suggested fee: \$65.00 includes the midday dinner. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



Ruth and Naomi Circle

A Spirituality Group for Widows



What do we have to learn from the widows in the Bible? Meeting monthly, this group will come together for Bible Study, prayer and conversation about the experience of widowhood. This is not a therapy group but a group that will root itself in scripture and sharing in the context of our faith or lack thereof. We will use the book, Where You Go, I Shall.

Meeting one Tuesday morning a month November—June. 10:00 am-11:30 a.m. November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17. The cost is \$200 for 8 sessions and the group will meet at the Bethany House of Prayer. **Registration required, space is limited.**

Facilitators: **Pat Boyd:** a spiritual director, retreat leader and a Colleague in Ministry with the Bethany House of Prayer and a widow. **Joan Wyon:** a member of Trinity Church, Copley Square, a retired estate planner and a widow.

To Register or to inquire please call Pat Boyd at 617-522-5111 (for this group only).

Centering Prayer Group

January—March 2008



Drawn from the contemplative prayer practices of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, Centering Prayer is a form of meditation in which the mind and heart open to the wisdom and grace of God. Essentially receptive and profoundly personal, Centering Prayer begins in quiet reflection on brief passages from the scriptures and moves into silence. It is in the deep stillness of shared silence that we attend to God's presence and action within.

The readings for reflection will especially invite contemplation on God's presence in the turning points of our lives, those that are obvious and stirring as well as those that are more subtle. Please bring a journal to each session.

Meeting Wednesday Evenings:
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

January 16, January 30, February 13,
February 27, March 12, March 26.
The cost is \$150 for the 6 sessions.

Facilitator:

Kimberly Cloutier Green,
spiritual director, Bethany Colleague,
poet, collaborating artist, lecturer at the University of New
Hampshire.



Registration required

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