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ANNUAL AUTUMN TEA IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 28

Friends of Bethany Retreat House will gather for the autumn tea on September 28 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help social hall in Hammond, Indiana. Proceeds from the tea help with operating expenses for the retreat house.

This year Scarborough Faire Catering of Schererville will prepare a menu of mini scones with jams and Devonshire cream and a variety of tea sandwiches. An assortment of mini desserts will be provided by the tea committee and volunteers.

The tea will again feature a raffle of large gift baskets and an array of door prizes. To make these prizes possible, the retreat house welcomes door prize items from newsletter readers and the general public. Bethany also seeks any smaller gift items that might be incorporated into the raffle baskets. Donations can be brought or mailed to the retreat house. Sr. Joyce Diltz and Susan

Steinkraus in Bethany's office will be glad to answer any questions you might have about prize and raffle items.

For the first time Bethany is seeking



donors to underwrite food and other expenses incurred in holding the tea. Gifts of \$500, \$300, \$200, and \$100 are sought. A tax acknowledgment will be provided to each donor.

Additional information about the tea can be found on Bethany's website, www.bethanyretreathouse.org.

BETHANY RETREAT HOUSE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Bethany Retreat House launches its newly designed website, www.bethanyretreathouse.org. A combined effort of Geoff Williams and Michael Brockway of Ancilla Systems, Inc., the web site details Bethany's offerings, news and special events, testimonials, mission statement, and community benefit report, and lists its entire

cache of newsletters. The website also offers the opportunity for online donations for the retreat house.

The new website features many vibrant pictures of retreat house guests and activities over the years. Do take a look! You may find yourself, either in a photo, or enticed to avail yourself of one of Bethany's offerings.

END-OF-SUMMER RETREAT

The silent space of Bethany invites you to spend a 9:00-5:00 daytime personal retreat in which to prayerfully spend time with your deepest self and the God of your life. Spiritual direction is available as well. Retreat days: Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

by Joyce Diltz, PHJC



After the long, hard winter, this summer is a joy and a gift, regardless of the fluctuating temperatures that sometimes feel more like fall than summer. Bethany's gardens are well established and lush! And they are over full in some places. Weeds seem to like it here as much as the flowers do and need daily attention, which I too often am not able to give them. As my master-gardener sister Jeannie Gale so wisely said, "Gardening is not a spectator sport."

We have a wonderful and generous group of volunteers serving on the tea committee, and we look forward to another lovely event. I am always touched by the abundance of good will and generosity that make the tea the fine event that it is. We hope you can join us on September 28, and we need your help ahead of time to come up with door prizes and items for the raffle baskets. We depend yearly on monetary donations and on people who go through their gift drawers and share things that someone else will appreciate winning.

As we live these remaining weeks of summer, we have some volunteer opportunities here at Bethany. Anyone who would like to engage in the "sport" of gardening is welcome to weed and thin. The cedar fence needs another coat of seal before winter sets in. And anyone wanting to help with the tea can call the office (219-398-5047) to discuss possibilities.

This summer, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ buried Sister Stephen Brueggeman who was a long-time retreatant here and supporter of Bethany. She loved Bethany's solitude and comfortable environment. We rejoice that she is now in the presence of the God with whom she so eagerly communed here at Bethany.

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