



Bethany
House & Garden
A Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

This garden is for you and it needs you, too!

Come and garden with us and experience both the landscape and yourself transformed! A team of gardeners meets Thursdays 7:30-10:30 am, March through November. To volunteer, call Mother Jenn Allen at 913-620-7773 or email jallen@episcopal-ks.org. Or just show up!

Give to keep Bethany a place for all — now and for generations to come. With extreme climate events nearby and around the globe, our call to transform our relationship with the creation has never been more important.

The generosity of many have brought this public green space into being. Can you make a financial gift to assure the future of gardens at Bethany Place? Visit <https://episcopal-ks.org/donate/> to give on-line, drop a pledge card in our prayer box (gratitude and giving can be forms of prayer), or use the QR Code below.



All About Abundant Life
A natural place of healing, learning, and transformation

835 SW Polk Street, Topeka, Kansas
www.bethanyhouseandgarden.com

Whose Place is Bethany?

Since 1860 a number of acres a few blocks west of the state capital, called Bethany Place, have been home for the Episcopal Church in Kansas.

Now we want to share this place! With children and youth, neighbors and educators, Episcopalians and state employees... anyone who wants to join our movement of gardening, climate care, and neighborhood empowerment. All are welcome.

It is a place we also reverently share with a variety of plants and animals. The garden spaces at Bethany are designed with the belief that human beings and all God's creation are interwoven and called into holy relationship. Together we are transformed. We are *All About Abundant Life*.

The Prairie and Pollinator Garden



The garden space nearest to Polk Street returns the land to prairie grasses and native flowers that would have thrived here for hundreds of years. Grasslands store carbon, cycle nutrients, assist water quality, and sustain butterflies, songbirds and other wildlife. The Bethany prairie provides special habitat for monarch butterflies and mason and leaf cutter bees which are species of concern and essential to sustaining flowering plants and food crops. The prairie serves as an outdoor classroom, both formal and informal, for local schools and people of all ages.



The Culinary Food Garden



This garden space is devoted to vegetables, herbs, and the people who like to grow and eat them! High school and college students studying cooking and culinary arts may have use of the raised beds. Neighbors, Bethany staff and volunteers, members of nearby faith communities, and local feeding programs have plenty of space to grow seasonal fruits and vegetables. These are herbicide-and-pesticide-free plots where people are learning and modeling permacultural methods for growing wholesome food. Occasional cooking classes will be offered, teaching us how to use this bounty.

St. Simon's Chapel



Outdoor worship, weddings, concerts, and family or community celebrations take place in this beautiful chapel. St. Simon's was an African-American Episcopal Church in this neighborhood which was closed in 1964. This new chapel expresses our commitment to racial and economic equality and empowerment in Topeka and in Kansas and in the Episcopal Church. It also signifies our pledge to invest in the health of our neighborhood.

The Spiritual Life Garden



This garden invites visitors into meditation, prayer, or rest. Jesus told anxious people, "Consider the lilies of the field. Consider the birds of the air." This garden helps us reconnect with nature, with ourselves, and with God. This peaceful space can nourish our mental and spiritual health. Don't know what to pray? Know you are loved! Maybe pray for people or creatures who are suffering. Upton Hall is our retreat center and our staff there can help you find a spiritual guide if you are interested.