



**The Venerable
Bede**

St. Bede Episcopal Church
Port Orchard, WA



Our Newsletter

"The Tidings"

April, 2017

Special Events

Making Palm Crosses and polishing brass
April 8 – 10am in Parish Hall

Holy Week Services
April 9 - Palm Sunday – 8am and 10am
with procession from Parish Hall

April 13 -Maundy Thursday – Service at 7pm
with foot washing

April 14 -Good Friday – Services 1pm & 7pm
Port Orchard Cross Walk at 10am

April 16 - Easter Day
– Services at 8am and 10am

Grief Support Group
Starting Wednesday, April 19 at 6pm

ST. BEDE FAMILY APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Gerry Davison
Bill Thaete
Michael McFarland

Janet Stevenson
Elizabeth Mills
Jim Drummond
Micah Hargrave
Jacob Wilson
Jeri Goebel
Linda Beetz
Mark Williamson
Joe Ancheta

Richard Dykstra
Marsha Chowning
Jim Fraser



MAKING PALM CROSSES

Saturday, April 8 – 10am

in the Parish Hall

We will make Palm Crosses and polish brasses

EVERYONE IS INVITED

**PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK
and EASTER SERVICES**

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– Services 8am & 10am
with procession from Parish Hall**

**April 13- Maundy Thursday Service
with Foot Washing – 7pm**

**April 14 - Good Friday Services
– 1pm and 7pm
Port Orchard Cross Walk
(starts 10am at 1st Lutheran)**

Confessions are available – contact the Vicar

**April 16 - EASTER DAY
– Services 8am and 10am**



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We will be providing a 13 week grief support group starting Wednesday, April 19 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

There will be no charge for this group, but donations will be accepted to defray the costs of materials and copying.

Please sign up with Kathleen or me.

Ken Hulet, Parish Nurse

Port Orchard's 25th Annual CROSS WALK



Good Friday
April 14, 2017

10:00 AM

Meet at

First Lutheran
Community Church

2483 Mitchell Rd SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366
(360) 876-3901

Sponsored by:

First Lutheran Community Church

www.firstlutheranpo.com

Elim Lutheran www.elimlutheranpo.net

Spirit of Life Lutheran www.spiritoflifelutheran.com

St. Bede Episcopal stbedeschurch.org

Walk the Cross through town

See through the eyes of Christ

Listen with Christ's heart of compassion

Meditate at The Stations of the Cross.

The CROSS WALK will conclude at. . .

Port Orchard Marina Park

. . . for a time of Sharing.





Chaplains on the Harbor visit

Recently, Kathleen Ebbert, Paul Schneider, Joe McGuire, and I accompanied Arienne

and Charlie on a visit to **Chaplains on the Harbor in Westport, an organization dedicated to serving homeless and poor in the community.** It is located in St Christopher Episcopal Church building.



We were greeted by Sarah, the priest, and Aaron, who have dedicated their time and energy to helping the poor, along with a number of volunteers. We were there to deliver our outreach donation, toiletries, and socks, and to spend time with those served, listening to their stories.



We were welcomed and offered lunch, as we listened to members from the Poor People's campaign, from places like New York and Philadelphia, address the group. Sarah then gave us a tour of the facility; a small sanctuary, small kitchen, two bathrooms, a shower, washer and dryer, her office and the fellowship hall we met in. There was a table to one side with clothes and other small items for individuals to help themselves to what they needed.

There has been much resistance from the neighboring community. **Sarah shared that she has been personally threatened, the center has been threatened to be fire bombed, and a homeless young man was almost run over on the Church grounds, where he had been camping.** They have turned the parish hall into a shelter, due to the recent weather conditions, and threats.

We bought food supplies to provide dinner for about 50 people expected that evening, before we left. It was an enlightening experience, and we were grateful they shared their time and stories with us.

Karen Bathgate



PARISH NURSES

READINESS



More than 200 million people are affected by disasters each year. Vulnerable communities, such as an aging population, are at greater risk during a disaster. **As nurses, we continually drill and practice for the “what if” so we can act appropriately should that “what if” ever arise.** We work with community members to help them better understand the actions they can take, both individually and collectively, to reduce risk that not only saves lives but also decreases the emotional and physical costs associated with post recovery.

A resilient community is one that possesses the physical, psychological, social and economic capacity to withstand, quickly adapt to, and successfully recover from a disaster.

While we all may not have the economic capacity to quickly recover from a disaster, we can develop the physical, psychological and social capacity to support each other during a disaster and afterward during recovery.



Typical preparedness activities include working with community members to better understand the risks they face; developing community action plans which highlight evacuation routes and the location of

emergency shelters; and identifying effective systems to communicate need and available assistance among ourselves. **Working to increase the resilience of our community that is at high-risk during disasters such as earthquakes, flooding, and health emergencies such as epidemics and disease outbreaks is a goal of your parish nurses and disaster preparedness ministry.**

We can develop the capacity of our church community to prepare for and respond to disasters through training and support.

Make sure you know the little things that can make a huge difference, like how to use a fire extinguisher or perform basic first aid. The time to figure these things out isn't while the winter storm is bearing down on your home, or after an earthquake.



Prepared communities are more effective in their disaster response and have an increased capacity to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after a disaster. Part of preparation is knowing exactly what kind of disasters you might face and knowing what to do in each situation. **Knowing what to do in the first hours after a disaster may help you save a life, reduce injury, and decrease neighborhood damage.**



Please join your parish nurses, Saturday, 22 April at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall to learn more about what you can do to help yourselves and your church community before, during and after a disaster.

Ken and Mary Hulet, Parish Nurses

“... For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future....”

- Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

From: ‘Minister’s Little Instruction Book’

by Stan Toler.



VISIT TO ST JOHN SUDANESE, TUKWILA

St John's Episcopal Church, that worships at The Church by the Side of the Road, was visited at the invitation of Arienne our Vicar. This is a congregation of Sudanese from many surrounding communities. The service was mostly in Dinka, the language of the South Sudanese. We were graciously greeted upon arriving at the church. Everyone was dressed for a celebration.

Arienne read the Gospel and members of St John's read the other parts of the service in Dinka. The music was a native tribal music, the sounds of which were made by drums, cymbals and bells, and it was joyous and uplifting. The men led the singing and the women sang the chorus. After the service there was a social gathering and an opportunity to engage in further conversation.



The change that I saw was a greeting at the door and at the end there was the joy of the spirit. Having overcome such great odds leaving their homeland and now facing learning a new way of life and yet they seemed so joyful. There was no hiding their love of our Lord.

This service also serves as a cultural meeting place in which they can continue to teach the native language and customs to children born here and they can enjoy a social time with others from Olympia, Everett and other areas. You don't need to know the language as they are multilingual and the service is the same. **We would encourage anyone to step out of your comfort zone and visit St. John's.** We are very grateful for this experience/opportunity.

Judy L. Houle and Kathleen Ebbert





The DAUGHTERS of the KING

The March meeting of the Daughters of the King (DOK) reviewed programs to date. Also a **discussion of Anglicanism continued** with Leigh Price planning further research.

A review of forthcoming lessons included plans for a **new slate of officers and dues payments.**

Our April meeting will feature a presentation on Suffragettes by Sarah Yergin.

FHS, Barbara O'Hearn

Flower and Sanctuary Candle Donations.

We still have openings on the calendar!



If you would like to remember or celebrate a special person or event with flowers (\$20) or a candle (\$5) for the coming year. **Just sign up on the flower and candle clipboard in the**



Parish Hall or contact me. *We always have the Sanctuary Candle and will have flowers again after Easter.*

Please write flowers or candle on the memo line, if you submit a check.

Cyndy Dillon, cpdillongh@comcast.net

FAMILY KITCHEN

As always I will start out with today's meal (**Monday, March 20/17**) it was super good! They - the folks eating our meal - asked us to cook every night !!! (Not possible of course)



We had Pot Roast, Carrots and Potatoes, Green Salad and Peach Cobbler for dessert. To all who helped: Thanks so much, you are the best and ...we also had much fun (as always) doing what we do best!

It is truly a bigger job than most are aware of. I plan the meals (with help) I calculate the amounts, make a shopping list and then go for the best bargains I can find. Then shop at many stores to find the best prices and bargains. Costco does not have all the ingredients needed for our meals. We shop on Sunday after church with Gary and Kathleen's help. It takes about 3 - 4 hours to shop and store the items at First Lutheran Church. When the Ebberts are away, I have asked for help from my other friends.



Thanks to all of you, I could not do it alone.

Now it is 8:30 PM after today's meal, and the Family Kitchen laundry is drying in my laundry room. Oh my, another job I have!!

Next week I will attend the Cook's Meeting for all churches, to identify any problems and plan meals for next month.

I think we will have **Shepherd's Pie, Salad and No-Bake Cheese Cake for dessert.**



So one more time, I would like to thank you for your generous monetary contributions to this our most important ministry.

Thank You!

Anyone want my job? Let me know, I can teach you so much!

Happy Easter!

Anne Liepman, Chair, SK Family Kitchen



ST BEDE MARTHA & MARY GUILD

(aka Episcopal Church Women)

The March meeting was well attended and very lively!

We reviewed our visit to Maryann Jordan. She enjoyed having us so very much. A very nice time and lunch was had by all.

On our agenda for April is a trip to Whitney Gardens in Brinnon to see all the flowers in bloom. Everyone in our congregation is invited to join in this outing, even husbands. We will leave the church promptly at **9 AM on Tuesday, April 25th.** Please let me or Kathleen know if you plan on going. We will have to make reservations for lunch. If you are able to drive and take passengers, that would be much appreciated.



Also discussed was another outing in August. Jami presented us with several interesting places we could explore. More about this later.

It was voted on to add at least 20 padded chairs (same as we have now) for the parish hall, pending approval of the BC.



Just a gentle reminder that the **Spring Fling is not far off.** When you spring clean your house, **look for gently used items for our sale.** Thanks in advance.



There will be no meeting in April - due to our trip to Whitney Gardens in Brinnon!

Happy Easter,

Anne Liepman, President

ST. BEDE CHURCH T-SHIRTS



We still have some St Bede Church T-Shirts available for anyone who would like one.



We have Blue, Burgundy and Beige in Large, XL and XXL sizes.

The price is \$6 each

Please check with Kathleen Ebbert or Anne Liepman

Treasurer's Report – January, 2017

	January	YTD	Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$11,176	\$11,176	\$11,176
Diocesan Grant	8,312	8,312	8,312
Other Income	53	53	53
Total Op Income	\$ 19,541	\$19,541	\$19,541
Operating Exp	\$15,208	\$15,208	\$15,208
Outreach fr Op Exp	1,200	1,200	1,200
Diocesan Assess	1,848	1,848	1,848
Total Op. Expense	\$18,256	\$18,256	\$18,256
Net Income(Loss)	\$ 1,285	\$ 1,285	\$ 1,285



**Do you realize we have a library downstairs in the Undercroft?
Check it out – there are some interesting books and DVD's.**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Dear Church Family,

Some information about **Backpacks for Kids**.

Feeding Children one Weekend at a Time. www.backpackfeedkids.org



36% of children in the South Kitsap School District rely on free or reduced price lunches in their schools. For some of these kids, this is the most nutritious meal they receive all day. For others, it is the only meal they receive all day. Some of these children have little to no food to eat at home.

Backpacks for Kids began in 2007 and is an organization out of First Christian Church what works with the South Kitsap School District to provide food for children in need over the weekends.

Each week, packs are filled with practical, shelf stable and kid friendly foods. These packs are then delivered to the schools, where staff confidentially and discreetly distribute them. Programs such as this have been shown to increase attendance, decrease behavior problems, improve concentration abilities and improve academic achievement. Some basic facts about the program:

- Our average school year delivery is **350 packs per week**.
- It costs about \$5.00 to fill each pack.
- We are always seeking food and monetary donations.

We have very carefully chosen the food for each pack. Therefore, we ask that all food donations match items that are on this list. Each pack is filled with the following items:

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| 2 cans Tuna | Two boxes of Macaroni & Cheese |
| Two Granola Bars | Two Ramen (Not Cup of Noodles Please) |
| Two Pudding Cups | 2 packs of Instant Oatmeal |
| Two Fruit Snacks | |

Donations may be made by mail to Backpacks for Kids c/o First Christian Church, 4885 SW Hovde Rd. Port Orchard, WA 98367 or food may be dropped off at First Christian Church, (Mon-Fr, between 9am & 3pm.) All money donated is tax deductible. **Checks may be made out to "Backpacks for Kids"**. All money donated is used to purchase food. Backpacks for Kids is supported by SKSD employees and the South Kitsap community. **Questions? Need more information?**

Call Teri Goodwin at: 360-340-5692 or e-mail at: terimyers@hotmail.com.

Blessings, Your Outreach Committee

St Mark's Cathedral

“Living Stones: Building for Ministry”



The history of our St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral reflects our Baptismal Covenant and, hopefully, St Bede's own inclusive community that nurtures faith, encourages service and promotes social justice. And it is our own Cathedral, shared with the entire Episcopal Church in Western Washington that will again be welcoming us for **Cathedral Day on May 13th**.

Starting in 2014 and continuing now is the St. Mark's Cathedral Capital Campaign that is dedicated to securing the cathedral's structural integrity and improving accessibility, making the cathedral more welcoming and inviting and improving the cathedral's sustainability and functionality.

As with any older (1928) building that was never designed to be exposed to the elements, important safety issues needed to be addressed (cladding the exterior in stone) to preserve the structure. To date, the membership of St. Mark's Cathedral through the Living Stones campaign has raised close to \$8 million dollars and the campaign now goes out to the entire diocese for their participation.

The Diocesan Board of Directors have pledged funds for this campaign as an outward sign of their stewardship for our St. Mark's Cathedral. Questions can be addressed to Pat McGuire regarding the Board of Directors contributions.

Right after Easter work will begin on the exterior of the building and for Cathedral Day in May we will be getting an up close and personal look at the work that is being done to this historic building.

Please join the “Living Stones” campaign \$50; \$100; \$500 or whatever you can give to our Cathedral.

Using money from our Capital Campaign Fund, St. Bede's will match your contribution up to a total of \$10,000

WOW! We're gonna give away some of the money we raised for the construction of OUR new church to the Cathedral? Why? We didn't give that money for capital improvements to St. Mark's!

Yes, years ago, we had grand dreams of a two-phased construction project: a new Parish Hall and a connecting Church. I won't go into the reasons that didn't happen. But, it didn't happen and the Bishop's Committee and Vicar have thought long and hard about the best way to steward these funds.

At that time **the Bishop’s Committee discussed what to do with the funds collected.** It was impractical to “refund” the monies. Although there were no specific plans for the funds it was recognized that they were given for capital purposes and it would be inappropriate to use them for operations. The funds were invested. So, what has happened to them? Several things:

1. Asbestos mitigation \$64,997
2. Renovation of the Undercroft \$ 5,884
3. Construction of a new Steeple \$11,627
4. Water Heater \$ 1,359
5. Furnace \$ 3,952
6. Gross investment growth of \$25,151. That is, growth before deduction of the cost of the above items.

These projects have been capital in nature. The Bishop’s Committee has decided that the funds are best spent on these and other capital projects to maintain the existing facility make the most sense, since building on the current St. Bede’s site isn’t practical.

Now, we must remember that the Episcopal Church is not a congregational church. We are a community with a structure and a communal purpose. To this end, the Bishop’s Committee has approved spending up to \$10,000 of our capital funds towards the St. Mark’s Living Stones Capital Campaign. The Cathedral is the seat of our Bishop, Greg Rickel. It’s the place where future priests like our intern Chuck Huff will be ordained. It’s the place where people come from across the diocese for Confirmation and to carry out common ministry.

The Cathedral belongs to all of us in the Diocese. We believe using our capital funds to help rebuild the commons of our Diocese is in line with our shared mission. St. Bede will have sufficient funds to ensure that the campus can be properly maintained well into the future. The sharing of up to \$10,000 will not be a burden on us. Rather, it will be used in the spirit for which the offering was intended. The sharing is an outward sign recognizing our membership in the community of the Episcopal Church of Western Washington.

Please joint together in this matching program to beautify and maintain a safe house of worship for our Diocese.

Pat McGuire – Bishop’s Committee; Joe McGuire - Treasurer

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Services:

Sundays -

**8:00 AM - Holy Communion
without Music**

**10:00 AM - Holy Communion
with Music, and
Sunday School**

Wednesdays -

**11:00AM - Holy Communion
Bible Study and Prayer**



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**In the love of Jesus Christ, St. Bede joyfully welcomes you
and seeks to serve and to nurture spirituality in all.**