



**The Venerable
Bede**

St. Bede Episcopal Church
Port Orchard, WA



Our Newsletter

"The Tidings"

May, 2017

Special Events

Grief Support Group
Wednesdays at 6pm in Parish Hall

Sunday, April 30
All Parish Meeting, 9am - 11am

We will gather as a Parish Community
to share what we love about St Bede's
and our vision for our future.

Note: 2nd Service time will be 11am

Safeguarding God's People
and God's Children at St. Bede's
Saturday, May 13
starting at 9:30am and 12:30pm

ST. BEDE FAMILY MAY BIRTHDAYS



Barbara O'Hearn
Darrell Gee
Glenn Proud
Ursula Crocco
Ashley Cameron
Steve Wiltz
Judy Drummond
Laurel Stone
Carol Parsons
Pauline Burtner
Katie Thomassen

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



**Continue on Wednesdays
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 register with Ken Hulet or Kathleen

Ken Hulet, Parish Nurse

ST. BEDE'S ALL PARISH MEETING
April 30, 9am – 11am

On April 30th, we will gather as a Parish community to share what we love about St. Bede's and our vision for our future.

The Bishop's Committee has engaged Karen Gusse, a church consultant, to lead us in conversation.

The Bishop's Committee will use information gathered at this meeting, the Wednesday Soup Supper program nights, and our Newcomer's Dinner, to plan our ministry priorities for the next 3-5 years.

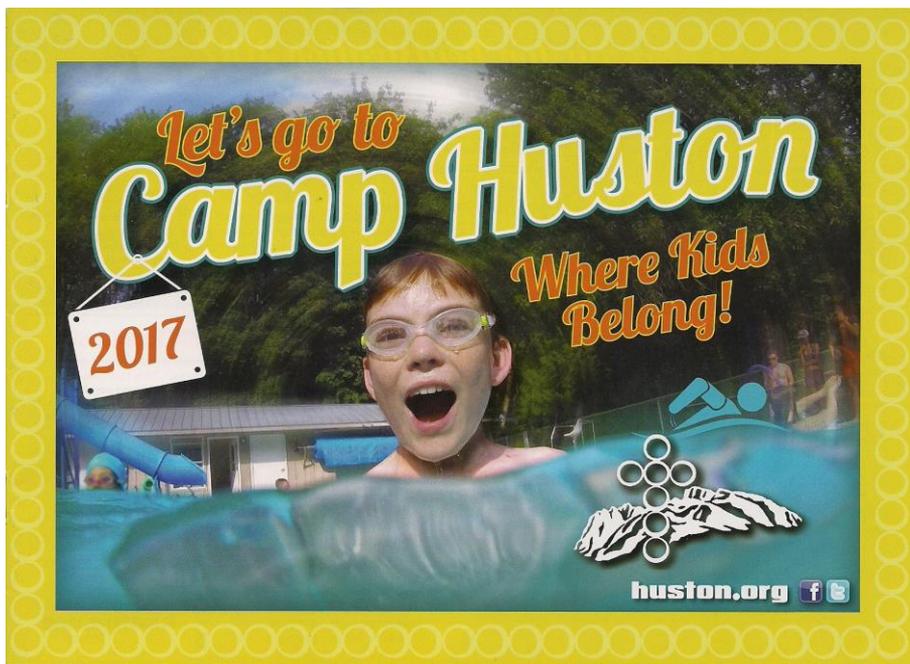
**To give us enough time for this meeting,
Sunday services will take place at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM.**

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S PEOPLE
and
SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASSES

Saturday, May 13
9:30am – Safeguarding God's People
12:30 pm – Safeguarding God's Children

Led by Arienne Davison, in St. Bede Parish Hall

**All are welcome - Please register with the Office
if you plan to attend**



Camp Huston, the Diocese of Olympia's Episcopal Camp in Gold Bar, offers children ages 6 to 16 a chance to be...kids.

Every child who attends Camp Huston's summer programs will:

- Develop a sense of self in the world,
- Discover their place in nature,
- Build self-esteem,
- Grow into leaders,
- And most of all, HAVE FUN with new and old friends.

Scholarships are available.

Contact the Church Office for more information – 360-876-1182.

Contact: info@huston.org for more information or to sign-up your child.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS



Some of you know that our grandson was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when he was 10 days old. **C.F. is a debilitating, life-threatening disease which affects many organs (especially lungs & digestive system), and though research has provided great advances, there is no cure, and life expectancy is 41 years** Since his diagnosis, I have made it my mission to raise awareness of this disease so Matthew and other C.F. patients (70,000 people worldwide; 30,000, Americans) will have a brighter future.

One of the ways this is done is through the Great Strides Walk, held in May or June throughout the country The 5k walk is fun, has activities for people of all ages, and is a great way to get fresh air, exercise, and support a very worthy cause. **I would like to encourage walkers and runners of St. Bede's to join "Team Matthew N.W."** **Registration can be online, or at the door on the day of the walk.**

All donations are 100% tax deductible, are very much appreciated, and no amount is too small or too large.

For more information, please contact Judy Drummond at: 360-443-6567.

BENEDICT HOUSE Schedule for 2017



As I was updating our calendar to do some long-range planning for the Dykstra-Varda household, I realized that most of you must do the same thing. For those of you who regularly participate in the **Benedict House Ministry**, and those of you who are interested in finding out more about what it is and what we do, here are the **details of our schedule for the rest of 2017**.

We requested and been given **consecutive Thursday, Friday and Saturdays in each calendar quarter**. We have already fulfilled our first quarter commitment in February.

Our second quarter assignment comes in May, on Thursday the 11th, Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th.

In **August**, our assigned schedule is toward the end of the month: **Thursday the 24th, Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th.**

In the last quarter of the year we have two days in **November: Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th.** (*The Benedict House Staff has made other arrangements for the Thanksgiving Day meal.*)

It was a delight, during our February meals, to have “newbies” working with us! We want to continue to share the wealth of the Benedict House experience with as many parishioners as we can comfortably and safely fit into the kitchen. So, get to your calendars and do some advanced planning, then contact us to let us know how to schedule you into the program. **Our home phone number is 360/602-0171, or talk with us at church.**

Richard Dykstra & Linda Varda

**Cathedral Day 2017
will be held Saturday,
May 13th at 10:30 a.m.
at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.**



It always is a fun day. Please come and join us!



PARISH NURSES



April is Donate Life Month

In 1954, the first successful kidney transplant was performed.
A living donor gave a kidney to his identical twin.

How many people are waiting for a transplant?

Statistics at a glance:

The **current number** of men, women and children waiting on the national transplant waiting list is **119,000 +.**

30,970 transplants were performed in 2015 and 22 people die each day waiting for a transplant.

95% of US adults support organ donation, *but only* 48% are actually signed up as donors.

Every 10 minutes another person is added to the waiting list.



Only 3 in 1,000 people die in a way that allows for organ donation. And the waiting list grows.

One Donor Can Save Eight Lives by donating up to 8 lifesaving organs.

Data from optn.transplant.hrsa.gov and OPTN/SRTR Annual Report.

Signing up on the State Registry means that someday you could save lives as a donor – by leaving behind the gift of life.

You can sign up on line at:

https://www.donatelifetoday.com/register_online/sign_up.php.

Ken and Mary Hulet, Parish Nurses

FAMILY KITCHEN



As always, our meal in April was great and much appreciated. Alas, we only served 35 hungry folks, but it was all worth it, and the time and labor involved remains the same, since we cook for at least 100 (just in case). Many leftovers were sent home which is always a bonus to everyone.

The shepherd's pie was delicious - even after the grease oven fire - which was extinguished by our very capable St. Bede chefs. The meal was NOT ruined! In our 24 plus years this was a new experience. **Well done to all who did not panic!**

We had a great number of volunteer helpers, which made our job easier and faster. We managed to escape by 6:15 pm. Good job, and so many thanks!

Our next meal will be May 22nd.

As of now on the **menu is a bean and rice casserole, salad and strawberry short cake.**

Put the date on your calendar. Hope to see you there.



And again, one more great big THANKS to people who donate funds to this very worthwhile ministry for St. Bede.

Thank You!

Oh, no one took me seriously about taking on my job?
At least I have not heard from anyone???

Anne Liepman, Chair, SK Family Kitchen



ST BEDE MARTHA & MARY GUILD

(aka Episcopal Church Women)

The meeting in March was well attended.

We discussed the upcoming **outing to the Whitney Gardens** in Brinnon and the **July lunch meeting at Judy Houle's house**.



We also reflected on the upcoming

**Spring Fling on
June 2nd and 3rd.**

**It is not too early to search
your belongings for things you can donate.**



The painting of the Sacristy has been approved by the Bishop's Committee and shall be done soon. Let me know if you wish to help.

ECW funds purchased 20 padded chairs for the Parish Hall.

You probably have not noticed them, since they are the same as the ones ECW purchased several years ago. The old metal chairs will be moved to the undercroft. Also, **ECW funds purchased a new and better vacuum** for the Parish Hall. It is so light and easier to operate. Try it!



Oh, and we still have some **St. Bede T-shirts available for you to purchase at \$6 each.**



They are great for our Spring Fling Sale, Family Kitchen, and our Picnic. They identify who we are.



No meeting was held in April. **Our next meeting will be May 16.** Please join us and help make decisions for worthwhile causes. Thank you!

Anne Liepman, President

OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Dear Church Family,

Your Outreach Committee met and requested money for: **Helpline, Chapel on the Harbor, Backpacks for Kids, Resurrection Church and Joshua Amiling.**



Backpacks for Kids is known to many of us, but for those not familiar with this program, it sends a pack of food home with children who are in need on Friday so they have food for the week-end. It is hard to think that some children may go without a good meal from Friday night until school resumes on Monday.

Joshua Amiling is still working on obtaining enough money to tour Europe with the Tacoma Children's Choir. My understanding is if he can't raise enough money, he can't go. **There is a list on the bulletin board with items of what he is selling to raise money.** Please look and see if there is something you would like.

Resurrection Church is in Snohomish County where many migrant workers are. Every summer they have a camp for their children where they are exposed to enrichment opportunities, encouraged to keep up with school work, and given many experiences they otherwise would not have. We try to support them in this ministry.

The Committee also designated funds to **The Church in Jerusalem and the Refugee Program at the Episcopal Church within the Walls in Rome.**

Good Friday donations are typically allocated to the Episcopal Church to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and because of this, we felt our meeting was close enough to Good Friday to follow this tradition.





The Church in Rome is trying hard to keep up with the requests and needs of Refugees in Rome. They have a Food Bank, a feeding program, and help Refugees with housing, education and jobs. This is difficult to do on donations, so they are reaching out and praying for help. May God answer those prayers with an unbelievable outpouring of love and money!

We hope what we do with YOUR money is pleasing to you and God. Blessings and may we all continue to do Jesus' work.

Blessings, Your Outreach Committee

Port Orchard's 25th Annual CROSS WALK

Good Friday
April 14, 2017



There was a good turn out for this 25th Annual Cross Walk, which started at First Lutheran Church and ended at the Marina Park in down town Port Orchard, pausing at various stations for readings and reflection. Different people helped carry the cross. They said this gave them a different level of understanding of Jesus' suffering on the way to His crucifixion.



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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.**