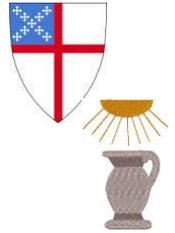




**The Venerable  
Bede**

***St. Bede Episcopal Church***  
*Port Orchard, WA*



***Our Newsletter***

**"The Tidings"**

**December, 2017**

***Special Events***

**Greening of the Church**  
**Saturday, December 9 at 9am**

**Dessert Faire – Sunday, December 10**  
**following both services**

**Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays**  
**Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm**

**Longest Night Service**  
**Thursday, December 21 at 7pm**

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## ST. BEDE FAMILY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gary Ebbert  
Jon Wilson  
Aidan Mills     London Mills  
Doug Peters  
Guy Fulford  
Joe McGuire  
JoAnn Chance  
Ken Hulet     Melaine McCann  
Hannah Hopkins  
Josh Wilson  
Ron McAdam



**Annual Greening of the Church  
Saturday, Dec 9  
Start 9:00 am  
Finish when everything is done.**

**Bring your extra fun stuff from home: Fir, holly, rosemary etc.  
Live garland for outside the Parish Hall would be AWESOME  
if you would like to donate some. ☺  
Breakfast snacks/drinks will be provided.  
Any questions, please contact: Teresa Barnet**



## ST BEDE MARTHA & MARY GUILD (aka Episcopal Church Women)

We held our monthly meeting in November.  
The meeting was good and productive.



We discussed the **Dessert Faire,**  
**which will be held on**  
**December 10th**  
**after both services.**



Please bring your wonderful items to the church either that morning or the days before. All contributions are welcome. Please bring lots of \$\$\$ to buy the goodies! **Thanks in advance for your generosity!**

Another gathering for all congregants will be **our annual Christmas pot-luck luncheon and gift exchange.**



The gift shall be in the value of \$10,00 or more. You can participate if you wish.



**The gathering this year will be at Sarah and Glen Yergin's new home on December 19th at 11am.**

Their address is 6218 156th Street Gig Harbor, WA 98332

We voted to **donate \$50 to Marie Akins favorite charity.** Marie was a faithful member of St.Bede and ECW. She died in October.

We proceeded to nominate **officers for 2018.** The candidates are:  
**MaryAnn Balyeat, President, Fran Valley, Vice President,**  
**Anne Liepman, Treasurer, and Kathleen Ebbert, Secretary.**



Come to our next date -- which is the **Christmas party on December 19th at Sarah and Glen's home.** See you all there and have a Merry Christmas,



**Anne Liepman, President ECW.**



## *Surviving The Holidays*

Holidays... They're "supposed" to make us think of words like thankful, merry, and happy. We're "supposed" to associate holidays with a phrase like "Home for the Holidays!" But... what if a loved one is not coming home this holiday season. The thought of facing another holiday season causes some people to wish they could sleep from the Wednesday before Thanksgiving until January 2.

**Loss is always hard, and at the holidays it can seem crushing.** The thought of being in a festive mood for two months is just too much to bear when our heart is breaking. I want to journey with you through biblical, practical, relevant ways you can grieve and grow, heal and hope. **Reason to Hope: Healing for the Holidays -It's Possible to Hope.**

In the midst of Paul's grief over being deserted and betrayed he said, "This happened to us that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead" (2 Corinthians 1:9). **With Christ you have reason to hope for healing for the holidays. Loss is not final or fatal. It's possible to hope.** Jesus, forsaken by His Father because of our sin, was raised from the dead by His Father. Reunion. Relationship. Oneness. Separation is not final with Christ. It's possible to hope because our God is the God who raises the dead. He can resurrect your hope.

"But what do I do with my hurt during the holidays?" Shakespeare said, "Give sorrow words." What words would you give your sorrow over your hurt during the holidays?

**Join our group of Grief Share *Surviving The Holidays* for information and support to survive the holidays.**

**Wednesday, 13 December 2017, at 6 pm**  
**St. Bede Episcopal Church Parish Hall**  
**To register: Call Ken Hulet**  
**360-895-2581 or [khulet1@yahoo.com](mailto:khulet1@yahoo.com)**

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The Daughters of the King November meeting honored Veterans/Remembrance Day with two minutes of silence and an interesting lesson on contrast of celebrations in the UK and Canada presented by Kathleen Ebbert, followed by lively discussion.

The focus now is on the **Longest Night Service on December 21, 7pm -8pm.**

Volunteers for the readings will be welcome.



**Next meeting is December 9 at Sarah Yergin's home for our Christmas Celebration. It will be a pot-luck, beginning at 10:30am.**

For His Sake, **Barbara O'Hearn**

### Christmas Services

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## CARD MINISTRY and WELCOME PACKETS

Thanks to all of you who have donated the 'Forget Me Not' flower packets over the year. These will NO longer be needed as the Welcome packets are being reviewed.



Thanks also to those who contribute to the Card Ministry, which is on-going. Please place your cards (get well, sympathy, thank you, etc.) in my box, or give them to me when I see you in church. Your generosity is appreciated.

Judy L. Houle



## PARISH NURSES

### Disaster Preparedness Calendar.



Using this information, you can assemble an emergency supplies kit in small steps over six months.

We will spread it over a little longer period.

**Month One:** (All food and water items are for one person only.)

**3 gallons of water; 1 jar peanut butter, 1 large can juice, 3 cans meat, 1 can fruit, 1 can vegetables. 1 hand operated can opener, 2 rolls toilet paper, extra toothbrush, tooth paste and feminine hygiene supplies.**

**Date perishable items with a marker.**



**Additional supplies:** rope, duct tape, 2 flashlights with batteries, matches, pen & paper, pain reliever, laxative.

**Decide upon and notify an out of area contact** who can coordinate information for scattered family members.

**Ken and Mary Hulet, Parish Nurses**

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Dear Church Family,



Your Outreach Committee has been busy allocating your funds to: **Helpline; Church of the Resurrection, Mt Vernon; SK Fire and Rescue Chaplain's Fund; and St. Vincent's, Port Orchard.**

**The church in Mt. Vernon**, if you recall, does a lot of work with the **Migrant workers' children** and we try to support these young ones as best we can. Hopefully, with help, they can have a fuller life.



As you all know, **we are supporters of St. Vincent's work with the Homeless and at-risk of homelessness** and we will continue this.

One of the **biggest needs** in the winter are **tarps and sleeping bags**. Large garbage bags are also used to protect belongings from the rain. **6x8 tarps are in especially short supply**, at this time.



Please put these on your shopping list and bring in a couple ASAP.

Many places in the Bible **God tells us we are to love our neighbor**. The question we all must answer is "Who is our neighbor?" For me, the answer is "Whoever needs my help." How do you answer this question?



The Christmas season is upon us and with that comes many responsibilities and things we want to do.

**Please take time to reflect on the responsibility of being God's hands in the World.**

**Blessings, Your Outreach Committee.**

## FAMILY KITCHEN



We served 44 folks tonight and sent home 12 dinners. We all wished we could have served more people, but those who came enjoyed our meal tremendously. **They loved our ever so favorite Tater Tot Casserole.** It is always a hit. **Thanks to all who came and helped to make it a success!**

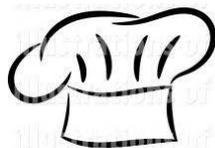


**As some of you know, I am resigning from the Chairmanship of Family Kitchen for St. Bede.** I have done it for almost 25 years, and my body needs a rest and maybe more fun in the future? **Margo Spence will be taking over my job.**

Margo will be a great addition to the team. She is a good cook and knows how to put out a good meal. I wish her much luck!

**Please support Margo and assist her in any way you can. I am pleased to leave my "chef's hat" to a very capable person.**

I planned to make December my last meal, but Margo has a commitment in January, so I will fill in for her.



**Our next meal is on Monday, December 18th.**  
We will serve **Spiral Ham, Scalloped Potatoes and Pudding Cup for dessert.**

Come and join us.

**Thanks to all** who contribute to this most worthwhile and enjoyable ministry.

Happy Holidays,



**Thank You!**

**Anne Liepman, Chair, SK Family Kitchen.**

Wednesday, December 6  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
in the Parish Hall

Enjoy an evening with St Nicholas  
and have your photograph taken  
with him



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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **Family Kitchen Dinner Meeting January 5, 2018, 6 pm In the Parish Hall.**

This will be a **working dinner for all Family Kitchen participants and anyone wanting to get involved in serving the Family Kitchen community. Dinner will be provided. Please be on time.**

There is 90 minutes of information to share and discussion will be limited due to time constraints.

Please send food allergies to

Margo Spence.

Email: [margospence@msn.com](mailto:margospence@msn.com)

TEXT: [360-710-1725](tel:360-710-1725)

Home phone message: [360-876-1452](tel:360-876-1452)

Snail mail:

[776 SW Little Tree Circle](#)

Port Orchard, WA 98367

**I'm very happy to begin this adventure with the Family Kitchen.  
Margo J. Spence**

## **ALSO - MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

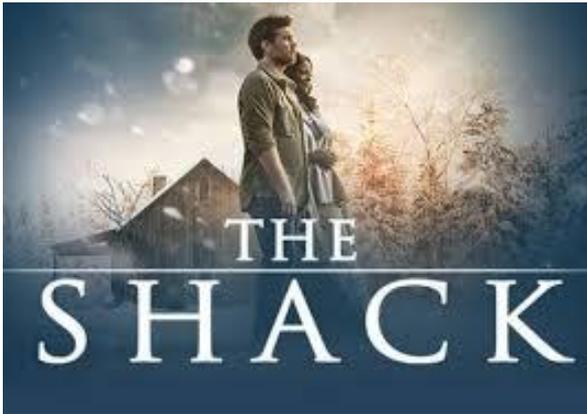
### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**– Sunday, January 28 at 11:30am**

**Ministry Leaders, please be preparing your  
Annual Ministry Report, in preparation for our  
Annual Meeting and Booklet**

## **SATURDAY MORNING MATINEE**

**January 13, 2018  
in the Parish Hall  
Movie begins at 10:30am**



**Starring: Tim McGraw, Octavia Spencer, Sam Worthington**

*After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever*

Travel with “Mack” as he navigates his way through his “Great Sadness” to discover the message that God has for all of us.

**Popcorn will be served!**

**Hosted by the Daughters of the King, Hope Chapter, St Bede.**

## **TIDINGS**

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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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