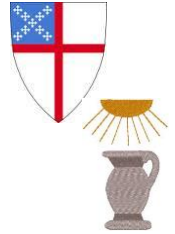




**The Venerable
Bede**

St. Bede Episcopal Church
Port Orchard, WA



Our Newsletter

"The Tidings"

OCTOBER, 2020

Special Events

***Wearing Masks and Social Distancing
continue to be
our Blessing to one another.***

***View St Bede on-line services
on Facebook:***

***Holy Eucharist on Sunday mornings
at 10am and Compline:
Sunday and Tuesday evenings at 7pm***

***We are doing our best to keep in touch
with each other, by phone, email,
Facebook, and texting.***

We will get through this together!

Message from our Priest in Charge – Joseph Hickey-Tiernan



Mercy & Freshness + Praying in Times of Crisis

Dear People of St Bede's,

May the Spirit of Jesus refresh you, mind, body and soul!



We have experienced the collision of several overlapping crises, and we are feeling spent. Covid-19 is still holding us ransom as we try to invent new ways of being ourselves, without a calendar that tells us how long to hold our breath before “normal” returns.

And then, from far-off Oregon and California and places nearer to home, fires of immense fury drown us in smoke and noxious chemicals. We are literally holding our breath now. Our mind's eye



imagines the plight of those in direct danger, and **we try to remember to pray, and ask just what it is we can pray for.**

Has God turned away from us, or is God with us, closer than before, now as we realize just how vulnerable we human creatures are.



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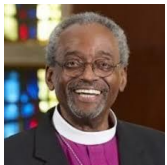
The randomness of disaster shakes us. It was not possible for me to keep from flinching this past week, trying to believe the smoke was really receding, after several days of false promises of relief. **I waited until the last moment, and decided to cancel the plan to have the team, that has been broadcasting our virtual Eucharist from St Bede's, venture out to provide one more Service from our familiar little church. We were blessed again by our pastoral intern, Chuck Huff, who agreed to fill in one more Sunday with Morning Prayer from his home.** I guessed wrong, but got to hear a marvelous homily on trusting God to come up with solutions well beyond our sense of fairness and logic.

I prefer the kind of logic that keeps me in charge of my experience. I see now there is a greater logic that allows us all to share as brothers and sisters in the randomness of disaster, and learn to love more, to care more deeply. That logic does not fit in my head. By God's grace, I am hoping it will fit in my heart.



This coming Sunday, we will (God willing) have our virtual Eucharist from St Bede’s. We will continue to work on a plan, to be approved by the Bishop, that will allow us, when conditions allow, to come together gradually, perhaps in small groups at first, and experience fellowship and mutual comfort. We are already developing improvements to our website that will explain us to our neighbors, who may not know how the Episcopal Church can express spontaneous joy and empowering reverence without contradiction. Our Bishop’s Committee is committed to being in conversation with all of you as they phone, and really mean it when they ask, “How are you?”

Later in October, we will all be able to attend the Diocesan Convention together (and separate!). The Convention Eucharist will be live-streamed, and your delegates will be working in electronic face-to-face discussions to solve the challenges of being really a Church, but in changed circumstances.



I hope we can listen, either simultaneously or by dialing up the recording, to **+Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, helping us to shoulder the weight of the coming Elections. He is persuasive in teaching that Episcopalians are, by tradition and temperament, uniquely suited to help our Nation survive, not by running from each other, but by living with distinct points of view, but in love for one another.** Yes Love. It is not an ingredient whose savor ever diminishes, but it has been avoided in national affairs of late. We can’t have a Government *of the people, by the people and for the people* **without the People!** So naturally it will require Love, and Patience, and Humor. **And more Prayer!**

Joseph, priest

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COFFEE HOUR UPDATE

We will try having a virtual Coffee Hour every other Sunday, after the service, at 11:15am.

Our next one, on OCTOBER 4th,
will include a virtual Blessing of the Animals,
so, **BRING YOUR PET TO COFFEE HOUR!**



ST. BEDE FAMILY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Jessica Proud
Clara Reduto
Sarah Prasser
Tamara Peterson
Colin Wilcox
Cami Jones

Mac Washburn
Donna Pope
Adriaan Cysouw
Ben Washburn
Michelle Wilcox
JD Nelson

Invitation to St. Bede's Wednesday Bible Study with Joseph Hickey-Tiernan

**We meet on Wednesdays, via Zoom, at 11 am-12noon,
to read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday.**



We would love to have you join us.

Each Tuesday you will be sent the link to join the
Zoom meeting on Wednesday,
and a copy of the readings.

**If you are interested, please contact Karen Bathgate.
360-792-1807; kbathgate@comcast.net**



**Our Diocesan Convention will be held virtually October 23 & 24.
Virtual Holy Eucharist will be on Sat. October 24 at 2:30pm.
All are welcome to join in from St. Mark's Cathedral.**

*Please hold in prayer our St Bede Delegates,
Judy Wilkin and Mary Ann Balyeat
and our Alternate Delegates, Trisha Botkin and Sarah Yergin.*

St. Bede's Episcopal Church
Treasurer's Report
August, 2020

	Aug	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Diff.
Pledge & Plate	\$ 7,238	\$75,498	\$82,333	\$(6,835)
Diocesan Grant		\$14,619	\$ -	\$14,619
Other Income	\$ 24	\$23,230	\$27,740	\$(4,510)
Total Operating Income	\$ 7,262	\$113,347	\$110,073	\$3,274
Operating Expense	\$ 8,629	\$79,393	\$83,910	\$(4,517)
Outreach from Operating Income	\$ -	\$ 5,179	\$ 9,945	\$(4,766)
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 3,486	\$16,116	\$ 15,961	\$ 155
Total Operating Expense	\$ 12,115	\$100,688	\$109,816	\$(9,128)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (4,853)	\$12,659	\$257	\$12,402

Uncommitted Cash Not
Assessed
\$ 52,227

General:

1. All transfers from the St. Bede checking account have been made.
2. All accounts except the DIF and Edward Jones have been reconciled.

Income:

1. St. Bede has Operating Net income of \$12,659. This includes \$21,000 transferred from the Unassessed Reserve (nothing was transferred in August) and \$14,619 PPP Grant to cover 2 months of salaries. This is \$12,402 better than budgeted.
2. Net income includes a \$10,000 pledge that was scheduled to be received in October.

Expenses:

1. Operating Expense is \$100,688. This is \$9,128 better than budget.
2. Outreach is below budget by \$4,766. The BC should look towards spending some of this.
3. Property costs are under budget by \$5,400. This is primarily Maintenance & Repairs.
4. Diocesan Assessment is down by \$155. This reflects the additional assessment amount on the PPP Grant. Also, in September we will pay an additional \$ 1,325 due to an underpayment in January.

Balance Sheet:

1. Expense Reserve (Un-assessed) is \$40,891

Other:

1. St Bede has applied for:
 - a. A \$500 Communication Matching Grant. The match will be either the Pop-Up grant or from the Building Reserve.
 - b. A \$4,000 Pop-Up Grant to provide improved safety & communication upon reopening.

Both grants are under consideration as of 9/15/20.
2. St Bede applied for a Congregational Development Grant of \$3,500 for 2021. This will cover Building Security.

Joseph F. McGuire III, Treasurer 08/12/20



Healing a hurting world

Episcopal Relief and Development are supporting the response to California, Oregon and Washington wildfires, as well as Hurricanes Sally and Laura.

We are being asked to make a donation to ERD Disaster Fund. You may specify where you would like your gift to go and note that it is from St Bede Episcopal Church, Port Orchard. You may send a check to St. Bede’s Church with the notation ERD and we will send one check, or you may send a check directly to: **Episcopal Relief and Development P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that there is no "us" and "them" — there is only "us." For those of us who have remained healthy and safe during the crisis, this is an opportunity to care for our neighbors who have been less fortunate.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In many ways, these are difficult times ~ they are times of uncertainty,

challenging health issues, times that seem to create more questions than answers, sadness at not being able to attend church services, loneliness/depression and so much more. **But they also provide us with opportunities** ~ opportunities to appreciate the "little things," to realize the importance of personal contact while learning that solitude can be good for the soul, learning to slow down and make do with less, and again, so much more. We have known about Faith and Hope, but we're now experiencing the truth of the words ~ **"If God brings us to it, He will bring us through it."**

St. Bede's Episcopal Church has a history of caring for people ~ those who have attended regular church services, members of the Port Orchard community, and unknown "neighbors" both near and far. **You may not be aware of this, but in the past, St. Bede's has contributed ten percent of our budget for Outreach to a variety of charities.** Despite the fact that we have had to alter our method of worship, we have continued to be a giving community throughout Covid-19. The amounts may change due to financial uncertainty as we go forward, but as long as we are St. Bede's, we will continue to help those in need and give whatever and wherever we can.

Helping others to the extent that we have/do wouldn't be possible without the generosity of all of YOU. Your pledges and plate offerings have helped countless people in need throughout the world, and made more of an impact than many realize. **Recent contributions include: South Kitsap Helpline (\$1,200); Episcopal Relief & Development Fund ~ ERD (\$1,300 to help hurricane victims in Louisiana and Texas, as well as fire victims in Washington and Oregon); Seafarer's Mission of Seattle (\$500).**



We are also considering adopting an on-going project that would involve more physical participation while benefiting the Seafarer's Mission and/or the Port Orchard community. The more who become involved, the more we will be able to help!

While writing a check for worthy causes is helpful, let's try to remember that our St. Bede's Church family members also have needs. Some already do this, but phone calls, notes, visits, extending a hand of friendship, and offering to take shut-ins grocery shopping or to the park would brighten the days of those who are lonely and frightened ~ the cost is nothing more than a postage stamp or a small amount of time. **Thank you for all that you have done, and all that you are able to do to brighten the lives of others!**



**If you would like to join us on the Outreach Committee, please contact:
Judy Drummond, Fran Valley, Sarah Yergin, or Linda Beetz.**

FAMILY KITCHEN



Thank you to Ron McAdam, Fran Valley, Linda Varda and Sarah Yergin for your help with Family Kitchen this month.



We made 48 bagged meals consisting of chicken pasta entrée, green salad, mixed nuts, string cheese, and Oreo cookies.

Next month Family Kitchen will be on Monday, October 19, 2020. We start at 1pm.



Thank you,
Margo Spence



MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Knit Hats for Seafarers!

Supporters of Seattle's Mission to Seafarers are very familiar with our signature Ditty Bag gifts to seafarers during the holidays. We have been asked whether we will be

giving out Ditty Bags this year with all the changes that have taken place during the Covid pandemic. **The answer is YES.**

Ditty Bags are more important than ever because of the forced isolation being experienced by mariners onboard merchant ships this year. Gifts of toiletries,

hand knitted hats, candy and hand signed greeting cards are a much-needed boost to morale for these essential workers on the sea.



This year in the spring when the pandemic was first announced, we

began a special Ditty Bag presentation to the crews that docked in the Port of Seattle. **As a result, we are very**

low in the supply of hand knitted hats. WE ARE CALLING ALL KNITTERS TO HELP US OUT!

There is no substitute for the love and kindness

demonstrated by the wonderful volunteers who take their

time and skill to knit hats for seafarers. If you already have a pattern for knitted (or crocheted) watch caps, you're all ready to go. But if you need help, please check out our web page ([mts-seattle.org](https://www.mts-seattle.org)) for suggested patterns.

Drop us an email at office@mts-seattle.org if you have any questions or have hats or ditty bags that need to be picked up.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who help with this program.



Last year's collection of hats



THE WOMEN OF ST BEDE CHURCH

Daryl Storey, ECW Representative for the
Diocese of Olympia, Province VIII District.



Daryl Storey

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Praying with Sparrows
A poem of the 2020 pandemic

I never thought to pray with sparrows, black throated wild
and scrambling for seeds cast carelessly on the hillside.
They hover throughout the hours like unceasing prayers
Giving thanks when no words can.

Warily they brave the rains, the frenzied force, even my hoarse voice
an unknown thunder in their world. Spring's worst storms roll by
and they sing unheard, choral chirping drowned in human despair
Yet the birds of heaven will teach us.

Tomorrow I will not seek the wood-dark birds; I must wait
for monochrome March skies to bend into blue, and scatter millet
for featherless creatures, new and startled, who do not yet know
me.

And later, much later, pray with unfevered heart and rejoice in light
The healing of a new day.

From Marilyn Hanchett, Westminster, Maryland ECW
Watercolor by Nitin Singh





PARISH NURSES

Best Household Cleaners for Different Jobs



New Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)

Natural products like vinegar or tea tree oil won't kill coronaviruses.

Disinfectants that work include:

- Bleach solution (4 teaspoons of bleach in a quart of water)
- Rubbing (isopropyl) alcohol or wipes with 70% alcohol or higher (vodka and other liquors lack enough concentration)
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol
- Soap and water (wash hands for at least 20 seconds)
- Hydrogen peroxide

Soak the cleaning solution on countertops or other surfaces for 30 seconds or longer before wiping it down. Diluted bleach loses strength with time, so mix only what you need for the day.

Toilet Ring

Ever wonder why the ring in your bowl is pink? The reddish slime is the pigment from moisture-loving bacteria called *Serratia marcescens*. The germs cause urinary, respiratory, and other infections. But the stuff in your toilet or shower stall is pretty harmless. A good scrub with a cleaner with bleach ought to banish it.

Norovirus

Some people call it the stomach bug. It spreads easily, so clean and disinfect doorknobs, toilet flushes, and other surfaces you touch often right away. Norovirus can survive rubbing alcohol and some chemicals. A mix of bleach and water or a bleach-based cleaner are your best bets. Also good are hydrogen peroxide and wipes made with a different type of alcohol called ethyl alcohol. Wash dirty laundry in hot water and bleach if you can.

Pet Accidents

The key is to act quickly before the mess dries. Blot wet stains with paper towels and scoop up as much of the solids as you can. Avoid rubbing, which pushes the mess in deeper. Spray water mixed with a bit of liquid dish detergent. You may add vinegar to help neutralize the ammonia odor. Blot to rinse and repeat as needed. Then pile on baking soda and vacuum the next day. Some experts say vinegar may encourage

your pet to mark the area. Tough jobs may call for professional carpet and furniture cleaning.

Water Marks

A hazy white stain on your wood furniture means that moisture is trapped under the top finish. That's easier to get out than black stains, which go deeper into the pores of the wood. The safest way to dry out the white rings is with a hair dryer on low heat. Keep it several inches away from the wood and check often to prevent damage to the sheen. Mayonnaise is another proven standby. Dab it on a rag and gently massage the stain. You also can let the mayo sit for a few hours, then wipe away. Always test a hidden spot on your furniture before you start.

Soap Scum

Store-bought cleaners work well to break down this stubborn mineral deposit. If you like to DIY, mix baking soda and white vinegar into a paste. Or pour equal amounts of vinegar and water and a tablespoon of dish soap into a spray bottle. Squirt it on your tub and shower and wait 15 minutes before you scrub and rinse. To help prevent soap buildup, you might skip the bar soap for liquid body wash, which is actually a detergent, which doesn't form scum.

Electronics

First, turn off your smartphone, tablet, or laptop. Wipe off dust with a soft cloth. You may sanitize it with a cloth slightly dampened with 70% rubbing alcohol. If you simply want to clean your device, you can use water instead. Avoid getting openings like speakers and charger ports wet. Don't use bleach, cleaning products, or anything abrasive that might mar the coating.

Grease

You can't go wrong with warm, soapy water. Ammonia is safe for removing grease and grime from glass and stainless ovens or ranges. You may follow up with a cloth dampened with water to prevent hazing. You can pop many vent hood filters in the dishwasher. Or make your own degreaser by adding 1/2 cup of baking soda to hot soapy water. Vinegar also can take off sticky residues.

Grout

It's mostly cement and sand -- and very porous. Acidic cleaners like vinegar and hard scrubbing may etch away the top layer of the grout. Instead, reach for alkaline cleaners like baking soda or borax. Dip a toothbrush in soapy water and then into the cleaning powder. Rub gently

to loosen the oily dirt. The key thing is to rinse thoroughly to remove any trace of soap film. If you can, use a shop vac to remove dirty water, which may soak into the grout and damage it.

Grimy Walls

Fingerprints and smudges on your painted walls? Prep them for cleaning by dusting with a tack cloth or cheesecloth. Next, wipe gently with mild soapy water, followed by clean water. Easy does it -- you don't want to strip the paint. For grease marks, swipe an equal mix of white vinegar and hot water, wait a few minutes, and then dry with a rag. Or rub a paste of baking soda and water on the stain and wipe clean.

Coffee and Wine Stains

Both stains can turn colorless if they're "oxidized," and one of the most effective oxidizers is chlorine bleach. That might be OK for your white tablecloth. For carpet and colored fabrics, quickly soak up the stain with paper towel. For coffee, cover the area with a pad soaked in a bit of vinegar mixed with water and dish detergent. Blot and repeat, then flush with water. Do the same for wine stains, except you can use ammonia in place of vinegar.

Computer Keyboards

Dislodging the food, dust, and other gross stuff stuck in between the keys the right way can save you an expensive repair. Unplug your keyboard or turn off your laptop and detach the charger. Turn it upside down and shake it gently. Hold the keyboard almost vertically to tap gravity and spray back and forth with a can of compressed air. Rotate the keyboard like turning a wheel and spray again. Moisten a paper towel with rubbing alcohol and wipe the tops of the keys.

Copper Pots

This beautiful cookware tarnishes easily. Reach in your fridge or kitchen cabinet for stuff to restore the shine. Citric acid reacts with the black copper (II) oxide so it can wash off. Worcestershire sauce works. Another option that takes some elbow grease is lemon juice and salt. Dip a half lemon into table salt, scrub, and rinse with soap and water.

Remember!!! Do not mix ammonia and household bleach together. Each is an effective cleanser by itself, but together they form a deadly gas that will send you to the hospital if not worse.

Stay safe and healthy.

Ken and Mary Hulet, Parish Nurses



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be making a presentation: **“What Did Jesus Do”**.

It will be available on the Diocesan Website: ecww.org.



Updated church phone books are available.

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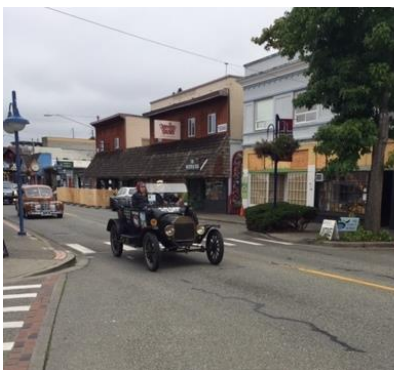
FORWARD DAY by DAY Daily Devotions for November, December, January are available. Please contact Kathleen Ebbert and a copy will be mailed to you.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS:



In case any of you have wondered – this is what Gary and I have been getting up to on our days off!!

This was on Tuesday, September 22 - 1st day of Fall - a Viking Car Cruise – hence the hat!



TIDINGS

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Services may (or will) be reviewed
when the Covid-19 restrictions are
lifted.*

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