



**The Venerable
Bede**

St. Bede Episcopal Church
Port Orchard, WA



Our Newsletter

"The Tidings"

NOVEMBER, 2020

Special Events

***Wearing Masks and Social Distancing
still 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



Christian Calm, the Peace the world cannot give

The religion of Jesus appeared on the Earth inside a bleeding wound. Between the Roman Empire, which boasted of the *Pax Romana*, a peace based on conquest and power over the common people, and what was required of true Peace, there was a split. Crushing the aspirations of so many peoples and cultures could not be the Peace for which the vast multitude of human beings was hoping. Enforcing peace by power drew treasure and sweat and blood from those people, to prop up the current Caesar, but pushed their souls farther into the dirt. People were yearning to know they are of value in the eyes of one another and of the Heavens. Jesus spoke in parables that challenged the value of the power of the few over the many. How the powerful responded to Jesus brought into the light the reality of an even deeper parable: Jesus himself.

Jesus was the Presence of Peace. *In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.* [2 Cor.5:19]

History records the first centuries of Christianity as surprising. In a culture that hid weakness and ran from the sick and the disabled, Christians cared not only for their own sick and injured but also for those of their neighbors. In the series of pandemics in those imperial centuries, named after the emperors who “presided” over them, Christianity grew in part because it learned to nourish and clean and cherish its wounded. Christians also were not ashamed to be peaceful within, and non-threatening to others even as their numbers increased.

Our times are different in many respects. ***We the People*** now ***hold the power***, at least in the Constitution, in our vote, in our freedom to speak our mind. We even have the responsibility to make our case, to persuade others to see where the common good lies. We simply can’t agree with everyone about everything. But ***how*** do Christians exercise their rights? The same Letter to the Corinthians I cited above goes on to say, ***God, who reconciled us to himself, has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*** We are ***Ambassadors for Christ***, it says, ***since God is making his appeal through us!***

The most relevant question is, *How do Christians disagree?* With one another, and with their neighbors, believers or not? In their emails and tweets? By choosing not to hide behind anonymity, but to speak **calmly**, using “I” statements that allow the others to have a different view, based on their own thoughts and feelings. **Some days saying nothing is eloquent.** Some days we ask ourselves, “if I want to keep this friend after the storms pass, how does that alter what I want to express?” Being open to reality, being committed to truth, being Christian, does not exempt us from the challenges and complications of being adult thinkers in a very mixed community, at a time when everyone else is also “on edge” from Covid-19, political stress, and just plain exhaustion. How does an **Ambassador for Christ** handle an unprecedented year?

My three-legged stool for this topsy-turvy period:

I run in the woods at least three times a week. If you are not suited for running, nature will come to visit you, if you’re open to it, and make the effort. On our balcony, the birds come to feed, the flowers keep smiling, and the fresh basil keeps summer perceptible into the fall.

I read at least three times as much poetry as I am accustomed to, and listen to cellos and guitars and choirs of digitalized angels. I trade puns and jokes with grandchildren, and learn how creative they are, now that no one is telling them to “color inside the lines.” I talk to friends and family afar, because no one is closer than they are, except the one I share all this with. I fix things around the house. She likes that too.

I pray. It’s funny that, while I like spontaneous prayer a great deal, I am turning to the majestic, cadenced words of the Prayer Book when I need to soften the motor buzzing in my head to a thoughtful hum. I read passages in the Bible and other spiritual books, one word or image at a time, gliding under their quiet surface like an eel at sunset.

And then, like you, I follow the holy urges that lead my now calmed soul to speak or smile or lend a helping hand. And sometimes I pray

again, now for those whose political or social values grate on me, but not on Christ in me, or the Father of All, who lets his rain fall on all equally. They are all his beloved children.

Joseph, priest

A Message from our Diocesan Bishop Greg Rickel

**National Service of Healing and Wholeness
with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**

October 18, 2020

Office of Public Affairs

**Holding on to Hope: A National Service
for Healing and Wholeness**

Presiding Bishop and National Cathedral Host Live-streamed Prayers on Nov. 1

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead a live-streamed prayer service from Washington National Cathedral, *Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness*, on All Saints Sunday, November 1, at 4:00-5:30 p.m. EST. In the midst of pandemic, racial reckoning, and a historic election, the live-streamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope, and a call to love God and neighbor.

The service will feature an ecumenical and multifaith array of voices, musical offerings, and prayers. Using a combination of live and visually stunning pre-recorded

elements gathered from across the nation, the service will be live streamed in English and Spanish.

“The Washington National Cathedral has gathered Americans for prayer at the death of presidents, after terrible tragedies like 9/11, and in moments of joy and hope for our nation and our world,” says Bishop Curry, “As the people of the United States cast their votes for the office of president and many other offices throughout the land, we gather to pray to the God who is the Creator of us all. We pray that we might learn to stand and hold each other’s hands as the children of God.”

In addition to Bishop Curry’s sermon, the service will include reflections from Father James Martin, a noted Roman Catholic commentator on American life and values, and Valarie Kaur, an inspiring Sikh author, filmmaker and civil rights attorney.

The gathering will be officiated by Washington’s Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Cathedral Dean Randy Hollerith, and Reverend Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop.

Prayers for the nation will come from leaders like Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core (IFY); Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Rabbi Shoshana Conover of Temple Sholom, Chicago; and Shane Claiborne, speaker, activist, and best-selling author. Music from The Coro de la Cathedral of Christ Church Cathedral-Indianapolis and Washington National Cathedral will help to lift and open hearts.

A live prayer hotline in English and Spanish will be open during the service, staffed by Episcopal clergy and chaplains, in partnership with Virginia Theological Seminary and General Theological Seminary.

The hotline will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST from November 1 to November 5.

Watch the service [here](#).

A live stream embed code is provided on the web page and available to any congregation that would like to add the stream to their own website or Facebook page.

Congregations are invited to host watch-parties as part of their All Saints' Day observance and Election Day preparations.

To receive a reminder about this service, text HOLDING to 51555 (standard messaging and data rates apply).

On the web:

[Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness](#)

Greg

**ST. BEDE FAMILY
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



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| Mike Crocco | Shirley McTee |
| Linda Varda | Nick Cameron |
| Steven Sawdon | Karen Bathgate |
| Jeff Thomassen | Allen Browning |
| Susan Schultheis | Jami Bledsoe |
| Carolyn Zurn | |



Dear St Bede's Folk,

Please be careful. Covid 19 seems more ordinary now, and many people are coming out of the routines that moderated its earlier ferocity. Suddenly, fast

moving outbreaks, **traceable to rather small gatherings**, are raising infections and deaths.

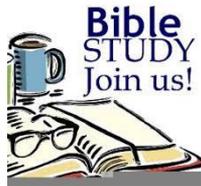
We like to believe none of OUR friends could be a carrier.

Just one may be ... without the symptoms that could warn you or that friend. **Please be careful.** You are dear to us at St Bede's. You are Beloved of God.

In hope and trust, *Joseph, priest*

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**

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

	Sept	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Diff.
Pledge & Plate	\$ 9,330	\$ 84,828	\$ 90,408	\$ 5,580)
Diocesan Grant		\$ 14,619	\$ -	\$14,619
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 23,230	\$ 31,285	\$ 8,055)
Total Operating Income	\$ 9,330	\$122,677	\$121,693	\$ 984
Operating Expense	\$ 8,840	\$ 88,855	\$ 93,164	\$(4,309)
Outreach from Operating Income	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,079	10,425	\$ 3,346)
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,114	\$ 18,230	\$ 17,645	\$ 585
Total Operating Expense	\$ 13,454	\$114,164	\$121,234	\$ 7,070)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (4,124)	\$ 8,513	\$ 459	\$ 8,054
		Not		
		Assessed		
Uncommitted Cash		\$48,103		

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 \$8,513. This includes \$21,000 transferred from the Unassessed Reserve (nothing was transferred in August or September) and \$14,619 PPP Grant to cover 2 months of salaries. This is \$8,054 better than budgeted.

Expenses:

1. Operating Expense is \$114,164. This is \$8,054 better than budget.
2. Outreach is below budget by \$3,345.
3. Property costs are under budget by \$5,453. This is primarily Maintenance & Repairs.
4. Diocesan Assessment is over budget by \$585. 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
2. YTD Net Income should equal Equity on the Balance Sheet. It does not. I am investigating.

Other:

1. St Bede has applied for:
 - a. A \$500 Communication Matching Grant. The match will be the Pop-Up grant.
 - b. A \$4,000 Pop-Up Grant to provide improved safety and communication upon reopening. We received \$1,800.

Joseph F. McGuire III, Treasurer 10/5/20

FAMILY KITCHEN



**Thank you Fran Valley,
Sarah Yergin and Linda Varda
for all your hard work on
Monday, October 19.**



We served 48 dinners in brown bags. We served Chicken Fiesta, string cheese, cookies, fresh mandarin oranges, bottled water, and candy bars.

**Next month Family Kitchen will be on Monday,
November 23, 2020. We start at 1pm.**

Pray for those we serve as the weather grows colder and wetter.



Love to all,

Margo Spence



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Life is ever-changing, and it's becoming obvious that Fall is **HERE**, as evidenced by rainy day(s) ☔ and the changing colors of the leaves on the trees. 🍁 Often the days seem to run into one another, sometimes making it difficult to remember what day it is. Nonetheless, though we haven't had the pleasure of getting together personally, life at St. Bede's continues to hum along. 🏠

Our Outreach Committee met recently and has submitted expenditure requests for the following charities: **St. Vincent de Paul in Port Orchard (\$1,000); Coffee Oasis of Port Orchard (\$250); and The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (\$250).**



St. Vincent de Paul has a history of helping struggling people in need in Port Orchard (including the homeless), and **Coffee Oasis** helps homeless teenagers; kids who are trying their best to overcome their limitations, become educated, while learning how to become contributing members of the community.



The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation helps patients and their families, through research, medical/medication expense, and a variety of other ways; our 7-year old grandson has been one of the recipients.

Homelessness is a growing problem everywhere, and Port Orchard is not immune. Too many in our community are suffering! We tend to take such things as having food, shelter, and warm, clean clothing for granted, but for the homeless, they are luxuries. ☁️ As the weather gets colder, ❄️ their need is greater! In the past, members of St. Bede's have collected such items as hats, gloves, underwear and socks by having a **"H.U.G.S."Box** conveniently located for donations. This year, due to the pandemic, it is **not possible for us to provide an actual box** for clothing donations, so we're asking our members to help with monetary donations.



If you are able to do so, please make checks payable to **St. Bede Episcopal Church, designating H.U.G.S. in the lower left-hand corner.** We will see that the money gets to those most familiar with the individuals in need. **This H.U.G.S. Drive will begin in October and extend through the end of the year.**



If members wish to make donations of personal items for the homeless, we ask them to follow requirements of the Kitsap County Health Department, by donating new clothing (in plastic when possible), cotton underwear (only) for sanitary purposes; new books can be purchased as well.

Thank you, in advance, for helping those less fortunate!

Aloha and Mahalo! If you're not already familiar with the **Grocery Outlet of Port Orchard** (Mile Hill, next to Goodwill), please consider checking it out. It is a small, but wonderful local grocery store, and what they lack in selection, they more than make up for in outstanding customer service. Greg and Deanna are the owners, and are a delightful Christian couple who bought the store about a year ago. They stock many of the same items found in big box stores (with lower prices), offer curbside pick-up with a smile (as well as in-store shopping), and make a point of remembering customers' favorites, and try to keep them in stock.



Greg and Deanna have a personal relationship with their customers, and they love giving back to the community. **South Kitsap Helpline** is one of their favorite charities, so by shopping with this local grocery store, you're also helping Helpline.

Mission to Seafarers

Sarah Yergin's niece has already made about 20 hats for the Seafarer's Mission project, and would be happy to make more. Sarah said she would appreciate offers of acrylic yarn, if anyone has extra yarn they would be willing to donate.



Thank you for helping members of St. Bede Episcopal Church help those in need.

🍁 Linda Beetz, Fran Valley, Sarah Yergin, Judy Drummond 🍁



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Treasured Parishioners of St. Bedes:

I recently read the preface to a book by Anne Lamott in which she says prayer should be simple. Help. Thanks. Wow. Your gift of \$500 to the Seafarers Center is definitely in the WOW category. And THANKS too! The Center is most appreciative of donations in these times of tight finances. Our ministry of presence to seafarers continues. Your continuous, avid support is so welcome.

Should Zooming with you all to tell stories of our work be an option, let me know.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Blessings to you all,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Barbara'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a personal style.

Barbara Blakistone, Chief Operating Officer

CATHEDRAL DAY



**Cathedral Day will be held on
Saturday, November 21.**

**This event will be virtual due to the
Covid-19 pandemic.**

**Anyone interested in becoming Confirmed into the Episcopal
Church, please contact our Interim Priest,
Joseph Hickey-Tiernan at: renego711@gmail.com.**

More information will be forthcoming.



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.

ALSO

**FORWARD DAY by DAY Daily Devotions
for November, December, January are available.**

As well as:

**AND the WORD was GOD. Advent Devotions.
Inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen.**

**Please contact Kathleen Ebbert at bedeschurch@gmail.com
and a copy of whichever publication you would like will be mailed
to you.**



PARISH NURSES

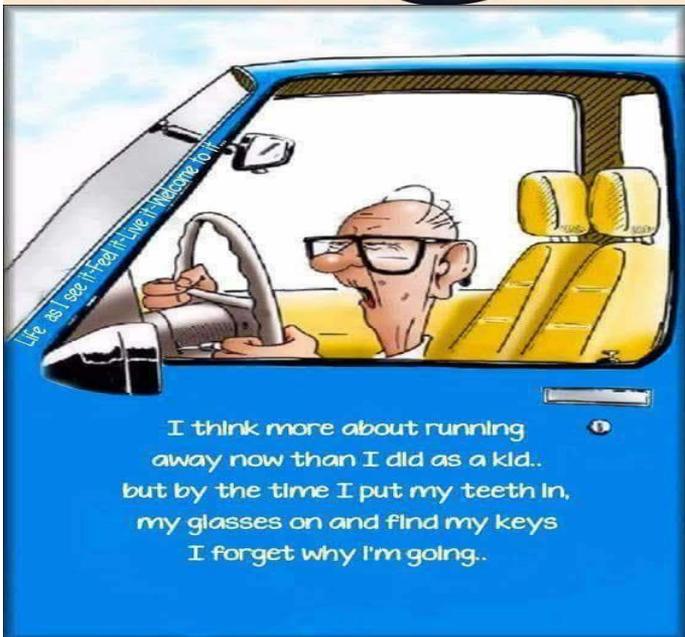
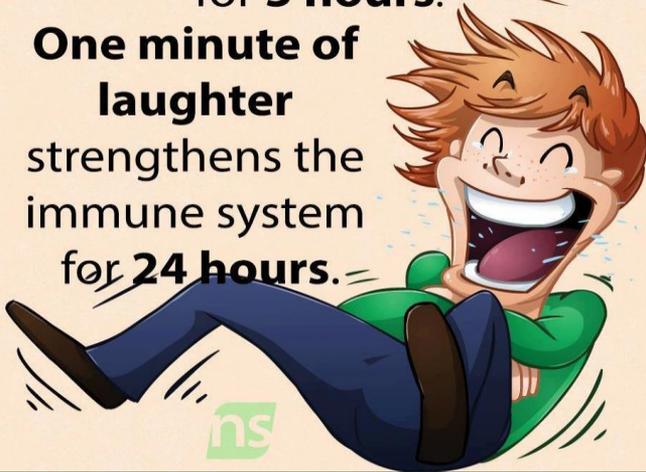
This is a departure from my regular submission. **In these dark and confusing times, we need to remember that sometimes,**

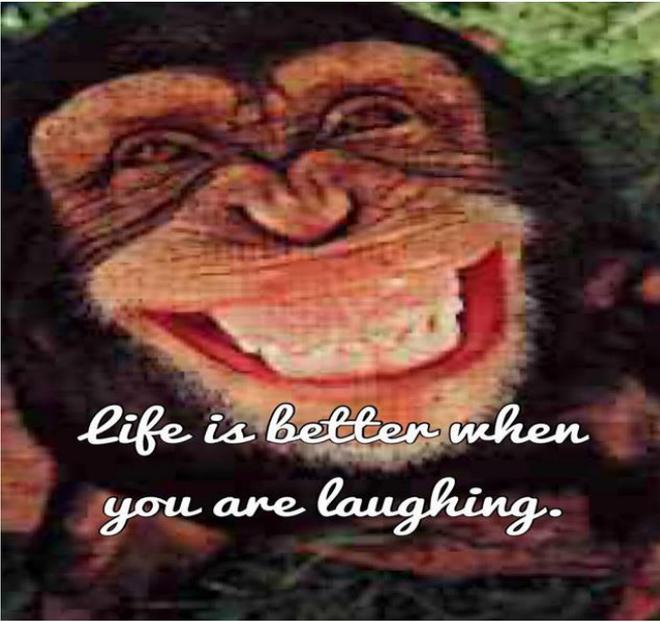


“Laughter IS the best medicine”.

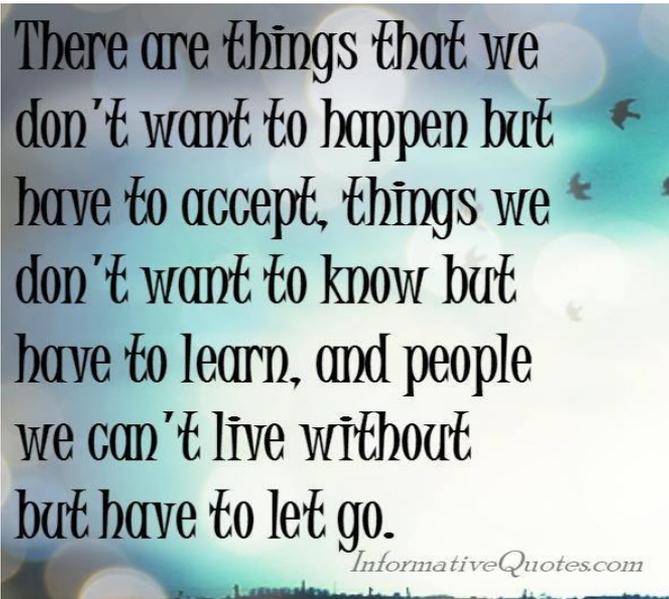
One minute of anger
weakens the immune system
for **5 hours.**

One minute of
laughter
strengthens the
immune system
for **24 hours.**





*Life is better when
you are laughing.*



There are things that we
don't want to happen but
have to accept, things we
don't want to know but
have to learn, and people
we can't live without
but have to let go.

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Stay safe and healthy.

Ken and Mary Hulet, Parish Nurses

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Services:

*Times of our Sunday and Wednesday
Services may (or will) be reviewed
when the Covid-19 restrictions are
lifted.*

*On-line services and videos may be
viewed on www.facebook.com and
enter St Bede Episcopal Church Port
Orchard, or St Antony Episcopal
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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