

Bede's Journal

The Monthly Newsmagazine of St. Bede's Episcopal Church



We help all ages grow in faith and service.

Summer 2013

Summer at a Glance

5:30pm, Friday-Sunday, 5-7 July
Community service evenings with Home & Hope

Sunday 7 July
Red, White, & Blue Bake Sales at coffee hours,
benefiting local nonprofits

Sunday 18 August
Outdoor coffee hours due to Great Hall floor refinishing

5:30pm, Tuesday 20 August
Community service evening and overnight with Home & Hope

Sunday 25 August
Sunday school resumes

11am-2pm, Saturday 31 August
Semiannual Rummage Sale



Look Ahead and Save These Dates!

Sunday 1 September
The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin begins her tenure as Rector of St. Bede's

Saturday 14 September
Organ concert featuring our own David Sheetz and Rani Fischer!

Sunday 15 September
Rally Day

Saturday 21 September
Annual Fun-Raiser/Fundraiser with auction

Bede's Kids

Summer Program

St. Bede's summer program for children got off to a rousing start last month at the annual Parish Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, where a brand-new, heated swimming pool also made a big splash.

Water also played an important role in the baptism-themed program led by St. Dorothy's Rest Episcopal Camp executive director Katie Evenbeck with the help of Godly Play storyteller Katie Gosling, while Bede's Youth member Graham Knight helped our posse of six school-age children and five preschoolers enjoy each other's company as well



as the beauty and freedom of the ranch environment. As usual, s'mores at the campfire sing-along were a big hit, too.

Thanks go to all who made the children's participation possible. If you missed the

retreat, we look forward to having you join us next year.

Since then, our *Sunday Funday* program has started, with Father's Day crafts and herb sachet-making two of the activities hosted by Godly Play leaders and adult volunteers. Soap-making and a water fun day on the playground are also scheduled, but volunteers to come have fun with the kids can still sign up through mid-August.

Nursery care will also be available throughout the summer; note that school-age children traditionally join their parents in the sanctuary during the offertory, but are also welcome in church at any time.

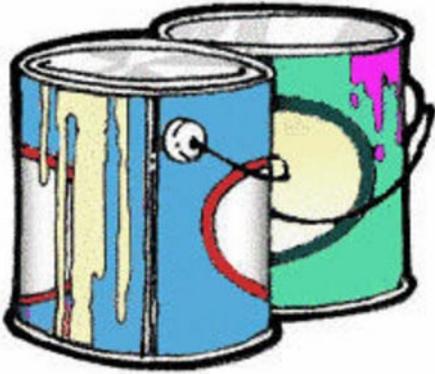
We'll resume Sunday school on 25 August, in order to begin preparing a special children's performance for Rally Dally, 15 September.

— Jeanne Cooper



Hill Center Spruce-up

St. Bede's is taking advantage of our usual summer slow-down to spruce up the Hill Center, our parish office building, which was not included in our recent capital campaign and is in need of new paint and carpet. Vestry members Diane Spath, Vicki Blayney, and Ann Latta recently pored over Diane's paint wheels, tried out colors, and



asked for Carol Shedlock's input as a color scheme was chosen. The Reverend Gia Hayes-Martin had already made her selection of colors for her office.

In addition to new paint and carpet, we are making a shift between offices. In order to have more uninterrupted time for parish business and publications, Carol Shedlock is shifting into our Finance Office—the space occupied by Angela Sherry and Hal Louchheim, who will continue to use it for accounting and finance work. Carol will still have a clear view of visitors entering the Hill

Center and will be available for questions and directions.

This shift in office space will provide us with a small reception/conversation area in Carol's previously occupied space. We will be moving a small sofa into this space and we're looking for some comfortable chairs to complete a seating area. Please let us know if you are downsizing and would like to contribute to a welcoming space for conversation and brief meetings.

In order to prepare for new paint and carpet, we will be temporarily relocating furniture and boxing up books and office supplies. Don't be alarmed if you see desks in strange places or boxes of books piled high. All will be in order for fall activities and the arrival of Gia on September 1. Fred Langhorst, our Junior Warden and head of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, will manage the logistics for our projects and will help us meet our goal of all projects and shifts completed for Gia's arrival.

— Ann Latta
Senior Warden



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Organists: The Next Generation

Pipe Organ Encounter at Stanford, 21-27 July

The local chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a weeklong immersion into the world of pipe organs for teenagers. We will have twenty students who will participate in private lessons, workshops on improvisation and hymn playing, and field trips to San Francisco, Santa Cruz, and to the Schoenstein & Co. organ-building firm in Benicia. Every evening we will have a recital, free and open to the public. The recitals are listed at www.papenago.org, and I will bring them to your attention again in July. I hope you can join us.

As you can imagine, we will need lots of snacks. Would you be willing to make or buy snacks for our future organists? They eat snacks every afternoon. In addition, we could use snack donations for the volunteer orientation on 14 July. Please contact me if you would like to contribute.

— Rani Fischer

Don't miss St. Bede's semiannual

Rummage Sale

Saturday, 31 August, 11am-2pm

in the parish hall



Remainders will be available at both coffee hours on Sunday, 1 September.

All proceeds benefit Home & Hope, a local nonprofit which helps the situationally homeless return to permanent housing.

✻ Bede's People ✻

Founding parishioner **Carol Cutting** will move to a retirement community in Yorba Linda at the beginning of August. There she will be close to her daughter Nancy's family. Carol has been at St. Bede's since the very first service in our sanctuary, fifty years ago last Christmas.

Elizabeth & Michael Skey are delighted to announce the arrival of **Baden William Skey** on May 29. **Harper** is thrilled to be a big brother at last.

Carol Cutting recently attended her granddaughter Stephanie's graduation from the University of Washington.

Former parishioner **Diane Lantz** sends her warmest wishes and reports that her son, **Jonathan Morgan**, was graduated in June from the University of Washington with a Ph.D. in Human Centered Design and Engineering. Diane writes: "St. Bede's played a very big role in helping me, as a single Mom, to get him to [this moment]. Not to be trite but it really does take a village (parish)..."

Robin & Richard Sequeira enjoyed a dream vacation in May. Their Adriatic cruise began in Venice and ended in Athens, with many stops in between including at Dubrovnik

and Ephesus (where, it is believed, Mary the mother of Jesus lived out her days). They also spent several days of wonderment in Istanbul.

Liza Taft and a friend went on a Road Scholar trip to Cuba, exploring the island from Santiago de Cuba to Havana over fourteen days in May. Liza writes: "It was a wonderful experience and I would recommend it to everyone. I did live there as a little girl but remembered little."

Megan & David Sell visited Downeast Maine in June as part of their 2012 *Bede's in Bloom* auction purchase: a week's stay at a cottage in Castine, offered by the Cooper family.

Will and Tom Latta, and **Brian DiGiorgio** spent a week in Europe in June, on tour with the Woodside Priory choir and accompanied by chaperones **Jeanette & Bob Latta**. The choir gave formal concerts in Prague, Vienna, and Budapest, and enjoyed more informal music-making with Hungarian students in two smaller cities.

Jeanne Cooper and family members are traveling to Tokyo in mid-July to attend her brother's retirement from the Navy after thirty years of service. Afterwards, Jeanne

and **Ian Hersey** will celebrate twenty years of marriage in Castine, Maine, where they were married at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sunday school teacher **Claire Lawrence** will appear in "Damn Yankees" July 26 through August 18 at Foothill College's Smithwick Theatre in Los Altos Hills. For ticket information see www.foothillmusicals.com or call (650) 949-7360.

Amy Worden & Stephen Boisvert will perform with the San Francisco Festival Chorale in Verdi's "Requiem" in the Grand Teton Music Festival production July 26-27. For details, see www.gtmf.org.



Altar Guild members past and present were honored and thanked in June at a luncheon prepared by Ann Latta, David Sheetz, and Jen Hornbeck.

In Transition Refreshment and Renewal

The Parish Retreat this year was a delightful weekend of family, fun, and refreshment. Upon our arrival the sun was shining, we found our rooms and began to explore. The little ones took to the excitement of new friends and bonded over the tire swing. The older kids formed a gang of fun and outdoor adventure. We all came together to share our intentions for the weekend and make our agreements for our time together.

St. Bede's is a community of people ready for fun and fellowship. This weekend exemplified the blessings of this community. Adventurers ready and willing to jump in, without complaint, and create warm festivity.

On Saturday morning we began with zumba, led by my co-facilitator, Katie Evenbeck, the Executive Director of St. Dorothy's. After breakfast the children joined Katie, Katie Gosling, and Graham Knight for games, art, and creation around baptism. They

were serious in their work "baptizing" baby dolls and they created skits about baptism to share.

The adults' program was also based on refreshment and renewal through the baptismal prayers. They shared in small and large groups about their experience with the sacrament of baptism. They took some time for quiet and meditation. And then they were willing participants in creating dynamic skits about baptism!

The afternoon in the pool, the hiking and exploring, the quiet conversations, the rest, and the play all made for a wonderful celebration of this wonderful congregation! We were truly nourished in our time together! The essence of St. Bede's was exemplified in the campfire, sharing songs, roasting marshmallows, and delighting in time shared together. This is the power of church life. This is the gift you carry together, as leadership changes, this is the beauty of St. Bede's Church! Thank you! Thank you for inviting me in. Thank you for willingness to play and explore. Thank you for laughter. Thank you for your unique expression of God's love!

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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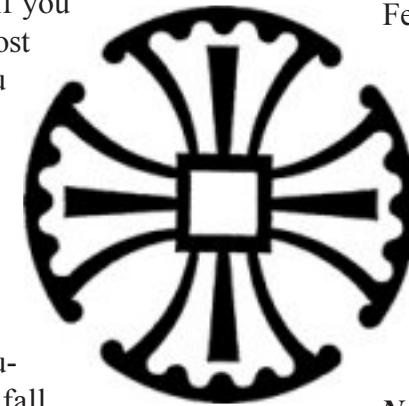
Late Summer and Beyond

With cooperation from Rev. Jen Hornbeck, the vestry, and staff, planning is underway for festivities to welcome our new rector. In September, we'll also celebrate the end of the final phase of repairs to our renowned organ and the start of St. Bede's 50th full program year.

We'll be looking for volunteers to join more detailed planning sessions beginning in August, but feel free to let a vestry, staff, or clergy member know now if you have a particular interest. Most important, we're asking you to save the dates now—you won't want to miss them. A brief overview:

Sunday, 1 September:

Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin's first day at St. Bede's is also the final day of the Community Service Committee's fall rummage sale. Browse, schmooze, and, at the 10:15 coffee hour, enjoy the return of Brian Douglas' espresso drinks and scones (donation requested for Home & Hope), along with other treats.



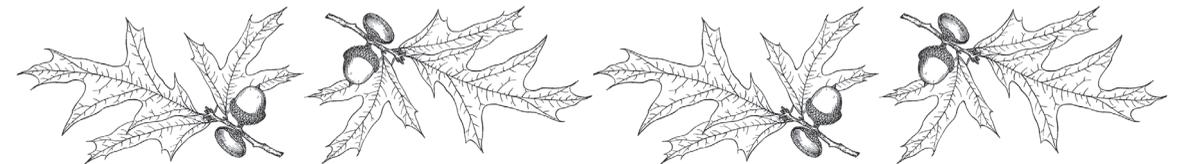
Saturday, 14 September: A concert by our organists Rani Fischer and Rev. David Sheetz in honor of the completed restoration of our Beckerath organ, and the efforts of the German duo behind its repairs. A festive reception offers a sneak preview of Rally Day.

Sunday, 15 September: Rally Day features a festive coffee hour and light lunch, displays on parish ministries, special children's activities, parish directories, and a preview of the silent auction for our first Fall Festival parish fundraiser.

Saturday, 21 September:

The spring fundraiser has moved to fall! Enjoy drinks, catered appetizers and dinner, a silent auction to benefit parish ministry, and entertainment, children's activities, and childcare.

Note: We're especially seeking sign-up events for the silent auction as a way to introduce ourselves to our new rector and other new members of our parish. Contact Jeanne Cooper or Ann Latta for details.



Community Service

Home & Hope

This summer St. Bede's Community Service Committee is taking the unusual step of designating a single nonprofit to receive funds from our traditional Fourth of July coffee hour donations and the fall rummage sale, 31 August/1 September. That's because Home & Hope, one of the nonprofits that shares in our annual Seccombe Fund grants and numbers many hands-on volunteers within our parish, is facing an unprecedented financial crisis due to reductions in government funding.

Every night in San Mateo County, some 150 families discover "no room at the inn" is more than just a phrase from the Bible. They have recently lost their housing through an unfortunate set of circumstances—sudden illness, job loss, relationship abuse or a combination of events—and are unable to find shelter, other than in their car or on a friend's couch. Waiting lists are long at area shelters, which also sometimes require families to separate or children to change schools.

But Home & Hope is different. As its former name of Interfaith Hospitality Network implies, this nonprofit relies on faith communities to provide overnight shelter, dinner, and socializing for its clients, three to four families at a time who are generally in the program no more than three to four months. At night, families sleep on cots in large tents set up in parish halls or classrooms. During

the day, those who are unemployed receive vocational assistance; a shuttle van takes those without transportation to their regular schools and workplaces.

Clients of the highly successful program often cite the emotional and spiritual support they receive as its most distinctive aspect, especially compared to the more impersonal approach of larger institutions. Volunteers sit down with clients at dinner, providing adult conversation and child distraction as needed before and after the meal, which three teams from St. Bede's will offer 5-7 July, when Home & Hope is at Trinity Episcopal in Menlo Park. A pair of volunteers also spends each night with families, which St. Bede's will cover 20 August, along with dinner and socializing, when the program is at Transfiguration Episcopal in San Mateo.

How can you help? Please consider:

- a donation in any amount for strawberry shortcake at coffee hour 7 July
- donating rummage sale items beginning in August
- helping sort items the week before Labor Day
- participating in a fundraising Fun Run on 17 November, organized by our incoming rector's current parish, St. Matthew's (more details this fall)

New volunteers are also welcome anytime to join dinner and overnight teams; contact

John Hickson or Jeanne Cooper for details. Signing up for eScrip will benefit all the nonprofits receiving grants from our Seccombe Fund; see Fred Langhorst for details.

Pack the Back

St. Bede's kids enjoy taking food donations as their offering to the altar during Eucharist year-round. Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto seeks a reliable source of food donations for needy children served by its Pack the Back program, especially since free school meals go away during the summer.

Now, thanks to donations to the Seccombe Fund and three parish mothers willing to take the lead, St. Bede's will be able to serve the interests of both parties. Dr. Juliet Knowles, who became aware of Pack the Back during her Stanford residency, Diane Spath, and Katie Machemer have come up with this plan:

* Parishioners will be asked (via e-blast and the bulletin) to bring kid-friendly, nutritious

donations for Pack the Bag on the last Sunday of each month; shopping lists are in the narthex near the marked baskets. The once-a-month request should make it easier to remember for those who are able to help.

* Using recent donations to the Seccombe Fund in the memory of Jean Seccombe, a Bede's nursery teacher for more than thirty years, Diane will also purchase food on a monthly basis to supplement those donations, which will also help ensure our children have something to bring to the altar throughout the month.

* Katie, Diane, and Juliet will rotate taking contributions on a monthly basis to EHP, where Diane recently witnessed children waiting patiently for their free weekday lunch. Once our new rector arrives, the Pack the Back team will see if there are more hands-on ways to involve Bede's children and others.

We thank them for their initiative, and to all who have been supporting this ministry to children in need.

— Jeanne Cooper



Heart of Trinity School Awards for 2013

As a culmination to their service learning experiences and leadership throughout the grades at Trinity School, each year Grade 5 students research and present Heart of Trinity Awards. The students select organizations which reflect core values of Trinity School through their work in the world.



World-Wide Learning Award: DIL (Developments in Literacy)

Presented by Roman, Grant, Madison, and John

We think that it is good that you give children in the rural areas of Pakistan, who would normally never be able to go to school, a chance at getting a good education. A good education will help you get a good job so you can earn money, and make a positive impact on the world.

Fit for the Award: The Riekes Center for Human Enhancement

Presented by Ian, Sofia, Hank, Caroline, and Christian

We think that you do amazing things for this community. You give some schools PE. You also give scholarships to people who need financial aid. You let people with disabilities have a chance to do things that people without disabilities do, which makes them happy and more confident.

Eco-Earth Award: Greenpeace

Presented by Piper, Kyle, Anya, and Shelby

We really love how active you are and that you actually go to the site where this problem is and try to find out how to fix it. We really think you deserve this award because when you set out to solve a problem, you never give up until it's gone.

Worldwide Peace Award: No Bully

Presented by Eli, Mark, Cole, Liam, and Lauren

What you do to stop bullying really makes a difference. We are lucky to have peace at our school and a helpful "talk it out" program, and we want to help other schools also have no bullies.

A peaceful environment helps students learn more and have more happy friendships.

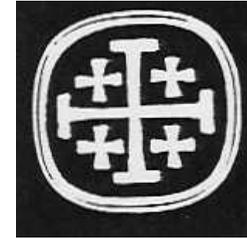
Animal Compassion Award: Pets in Need

Presented by Sarah, Ellen, Pari, and Ella

You are an inspiring influence for our school. Animals are important to us because they add to nature's beauty and they make our life so much better. We really like the fact that Pets in Need saves dogs and cats that are running out of time at shelters.

Planned Giving

Who Will Take Over for You?



If you voted for President Roosevelt you may be in a pickle. You may have outlived most of your contemporaries and you may not have any family members living in this part of the country. So whom can you name as your healthcare proxy or as executor of your will or trust?

Parish priests are sometimes asked by parishioners to serve in one of these capacities. However tempting to fill the evident need, this is not appropriate.

Fortunately there is a good solution. It is called "Professional Fiduciary."

Recently a rector alerted me to the situation of a widowed parishioner who needed to update her 25-year-old revocable trust and was at a loss. Key people mentioned in her original trust were no longer living and at that time she had named her bank as successor trustee. This meant that if she became unable to manage her own affairs, a representative appointed by her bank would take over. She wished to change this. She wanted someone to take over whom she would know and trust. This is an advantage of a Professional Fiduciary.

A Professional Fiduciary is trained and licensed by the State of California to perform

such services. In the case of the distressed parishioner, the fiduciary will also identify and contract for needed homecare, arrange to have medications monitored, pay bills, and so on.

For people of any age, engaging a professional fiduciary as executor of your will or as successor trustee on your revocable trust may be a good alternative to naming a friend, distant family member or an impersonal institution. For more information about choosing an executor or trustee, or for referrals, contact your Gift Planning Officer. My ministry is to serve you in your desire to be a good steward of all that God has given you.

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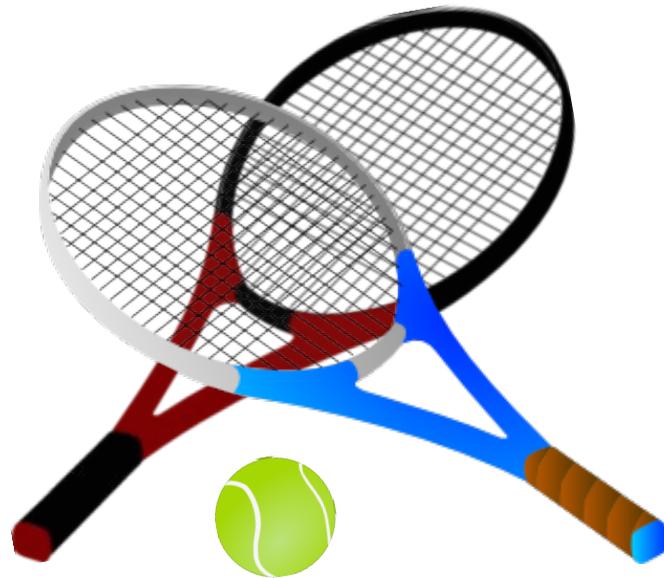
In the Month of July

Birthdays

- 4 Cristina Harris
- 6 Jeff Dunn
- 8 Ann Mason
Roan Morace
Nancy Stork
- 10 Richard Dickens
Toffie Kopczynski
- 15 Jeanne Cooper
- 16 Cyrus Hayden
- 17 Eileen DiGiorgio
Jack Wenstrand
- 19 Brian DiGiorgio
- 21 Nathalie Baldwin Blais
Ray Ross
- 23 Taylor Whitney
- 24 William McDowall
Marge Posthauer
- 25 Isabel Gable
- 28 Gretchen Hug
- 29 Emilee Wilhelm-Leen
Dave Sell

Anniversaries

- 5 Fred & Julia Klasson Langhorst
- 6 Julie & Jon Backlund
- 13 Doug & Vicki Blayney
- 24 Jeanne Cooper & Ian Hersey



In the Month of August

Birthdays

- 2 Alexandra Spath
- 4 Elaine Kriegh
- 5 Alex Coleman
Jeanette Latta
Diana Powell
- 7 Mathai Mammen
Rosemary Reynolds
- 8 Julie Backlund
David Chu
- 9 Doug Ross
Megan Sell
- 12 John Posthauer
- 17 Madelaine Mammen
- 19 Christopher DiGiorgio
- 22 Elizabeth Chamberlain
Ananda Morace
William Wenstrand
- 25 Judith Paulus
- 26 Abigail Machermer
- 28 Jean Culbertson
- 29 Scott Weavil
- 31 Bill Harris
Allison Mintz

Anniversaries

- 3 Bertita & Michael Graebner
- 9 Brian Leen & Emilee Wilhelm-Leen
- 12 John & Marge Posthauer
Gregg & Stephanie von Thaden
- 14 Chris Morace & Saira Ramasastry
- 23 Anne & Wes Poulson
- 26 Elaine & Randy Kriegh
- 27 Diane & Mike Spath
- 29 Dora Ho & Pedro Lo
- 31 Chris & Linda Brown



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The Rev. Jennifer Hornbeck *Transitional Ministry*
The Rev. David A. Sheetz *Priest Assistant & Interim Music Director*
The Rev. Kevin Sparrow *Priest Assistant*
The Rev. John Oda-Burns *Priest Assistant*
Carol Shedlock *Parish Administrator*
Rani Fischer *Organist*
Angela Sherry *Bookkeeper*
Ann Latta *Senior Warden*

Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist 8:00, 10:15am
(Nursery 10:00, Sunday school 10:15am)

Weekday Service

Holy Eucharist Wednesday 8:00am

Parish Office Hours M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
650-854-6555

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