

Bede's Journal

The Monthly Newsmagazine of St. Bede's Episcopal Church



We help all ages grow in faith and service.

September 2013

September at a Glance

Sunday 1 September

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

Wednesday 4 September

Simple Supper and Choir rehearsal resume

7:30pm, Saturday 14 September

Arts at St. Bede's presents an organ concert with Rani Fischer & David Sheetz

Sunday 15 September

Rally Day – ONE SERVICE ONLY, AT 9:00AM
Brunch and bounce house at 10am



Look Ahead and Save These Dates!

6:00pm, Saturday 5 October

Arts at St. Bede's presents Duruflé's *Requiem*
with the combined Choirs of St. Bede's & Christ Church, Portola Valley
PERFORMED AT PORTOLA VALLEY

Friday 18 October

Fall Gala — Watch for details.

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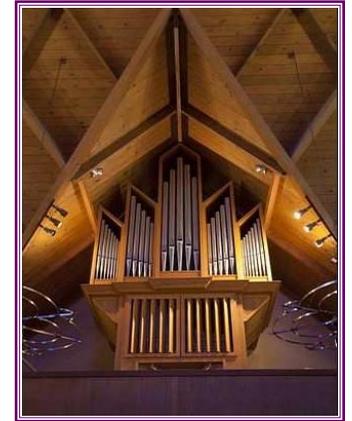
Saturday, 14 September, 7:30pm

St. Bede's Rudolph von Beckerath Organ

- ❖ Built in Hamburg, 1969
- ❖ Maintained by Hans-Ulrich Erbslöh & Bernd Becker, Hamburg, who will be present

Free admission

Reception during intermission
Tours of the organ 6:30-7:30pm



Works by J.S. Bach, Walcha, Bruhns, Scheidt, Clérambault, & Decker



Rally Day

Sunday, 15 September

9am Holy Eucharist
ONE SERVICE ONLY!



10am Festive Brunch & Bounce House



Children's Programming for 2013

We are excited to be preparing a wonderful children's program for the fall! Thank you to everyone who made summer Sundays such Fun-days!

The children of St. Bede's are highly valued by the entire community. They will be encouraged to enjoy the programming provided during the 10:15 Eucharist and to join the full congregation at the Offertory. Our curriculum will begin with the creation stories, move on to liturgy and baptism, and then move into the nativity stories. There will be crafts, music, and drama interpretation!

This fall our younger class of 3-6 year-olds will continue with Godly Play. The classroom is set up for this Montessori approach to Bible and liturgy learning. Children are engaged in interactive stories and invited to explore together in their faith journey.

The older class of 7-12 year-olds will journey in an experience of engaged learning through music, community, story, crafts, and conversation.

We are excited to involve them in expanded learning around the Christian journey of faith!

Jen+



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☀ Bede's People ☀

We have been so pleased this summer to worship again with former parishioners in town. **Jim & Pat Stocker**, visiting from Medford, Oregon, and **Clark & Jean Moore**, visiting from Nevada City, returned to our midst on the same Sunday in early August. Two weeks later, **Ann Groves** came in from Amsterdam. Ann is approaching the end of her two-year assignment to Europe. She reports that, in addition to her business travel, she found time for a lovely vacation in Norway.

Not much of one for a retiring retirement, in July the **Rev. Dr. Kitty Lehman** was received as Interim Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Junction, Texas, where her father had served as priest for twenty years.

Erratum

Howls of protest (or, actually, polite dissent) greeted the Summer print edition's erroneous report of the departure from St. Bede's of the last of the original, pioneer parishioners present at the first Eucharist in our sanctuary. In fact, our parish family is still blessed with well more than a dozen pioneers, some of whom were among the 210 present here that first Christmas morning, 1962.



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Welcome, Farewell

St. Bede's has been blessed during our transitional, or interim, period with priestly staff of great skills and godly presence. As I have worked with these folks, I have come to develop a much deeper and fuller understanding of our liturgy and our concept of the Holy Spirit working among us. We said good-bye to Kitty (the Rev. Dr. Katherine Lehman) and to Jane (the Rev. Jane McDougale) and welcomed Eileen (the Rev. Eileen Lindeman) and David Sheetz (the Rev. David Sheetz). Kevin (the Rev. Kevin Sparrow) has departed for Transfiguration in San Mateo. We have been particularly blessed to have Jen (the Rev. Jennifer Hornbeck) guiding us as we have worked to prepare for Gia's arrival (the Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin) on September 1. Jen's remaining "to-do list" is a bit daunting—stewardship, fall fundraiser, Sunday school staff and curriculum, and more—and we are scrambling to complete tasks before Jen departs.

Throughout this sometimes long interim period, we have also been blessed by the continuing, cohesive presence of Carol Shedlock, the parish administrator, who has apprised us of calendar, schedule, and other administrative requirements as well as being a welcoming presence and "face" of St.

Bede's and a competent, skilled, creative problem-solver. Angela Sherry has continued to serve as our bookkeeper, and particularly during the Hill Center renovation, has been notably flexible and helpful.

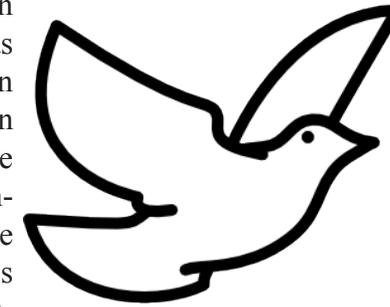
Laity has also stepped to the forefront, and Hal Loucheim and the Finance Committee, Fred Langhorst and Buildings and Grounds, and Julia Langhorst and Robin Sequeira and Altar Guild and Flowers have assumed responsibilities and decision-making above

and beyond. Jeanne Cooper and her "everywhere" presence with Outreach and Hospitality and Sunday school has served us well. Of course, the risk of naming these great folks always leaves out others of equal gifts and offerings, and we are thankful to all

those who have stepped forward with good cheer and skills.

Working with these folks has truly deepened my own faith and my sense of God's presence among us. I have always been somewhat uncomfortable speaking of faith and the Holy Spirit, but I find that the very depth and breadth of the guidance and support we have received gives me the strength to speak and write of this overwhelming presence. We are blessed.

— Ann Latta Senior Warden



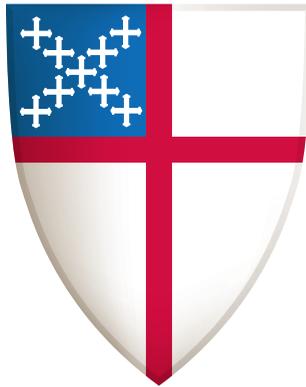
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Changes in Signage

St. Bede's is seeking greater visibility as we work to attract young families, folks new to the neighborhood, and others "church-shopping" in the early fall. Although our permanent peripheral signage is tasteful and blends well into the landscape, this very blending made the signs nearly invisible to passers-by as well as tradesmen and other visitors. As a first step toward permanent improvements to our signs on Monte Rosa and Sand Hill Road, we are trying out signs in "Episcopal blue" with white lettering. These signs are not permanent; they are a sturdy rendering of a good possibility and will serve as a starting point as we work toward greater visibility. It is likely that with Gia's arrival, we will assess signage in a larger context of growing the parish and determining who we are as a congregation and what image we wish to project. Meanwhile, we will have another option to assess. So take a careful look at what we have now and be ready for a comparison and a discussion of options.

We are also continuing to improve our interior campus directional signage and will be updating our campus map. New school parents and prospective parents as well as church visitors often wander around campus and stop in to the Hill Center to ask



directions. Additional signs should assist in minimizing interruptions and provide greater ease for visitors as they seek particular offices, sites, and personnel.

– Ann Latta Senior Warden

+ Rites of Passage +

Life is marked by significant cycles and events: we are born, baptized, confirmed; some of us are married, families are raised, illness comes, death occurs. Such are the Rites of Passage and such are marked by special prayers in the church.

+ Marriage +

John Wenstrand & Meagan Kenny
6 July 2013

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others.

+ Death +

Brad Branson Lowman
13 May 1942 - 21 June 2013

Receive him into the arms of your mercy.

+ Burial +

Barbara Suminsby Benson
12 March 1921 - 21 June 2013

Bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Community Service

Thanks to the many donors, volunteers, and patrons who are helping St. Bede's semiannual Rummage Sale (31 August/1 September) raise money for Home & Hope, the transitional family shelter program that is the focus of our fall community service fundraising due to its critical needs. Leftover items will be donated to local charities and thrift shops as appropriate.

Over the summer, teams of St. Bede's volunteers acted as overnight hosts, prepared and served dinner, and/or socialized with kids and adults in Home & Hope on five different occasions, including most recently at Transfiguration Episcopal Church. On 21 August we treated seventeen guests there to tacos, quesadillas, rice and beans from Celia's, along with home-baked cookies and fresh fruit. We also assisted Trinity Church in Menlo Park on another four nights and raised \$781 for Home & Hope with coffee hour sales of made-to-order omelets, strawberry shortcake, and pies in July.

Thanks to all our service and fundraising volunteers this summer: Megan Ancker, Sarah Babin, Jon & Julie Backlund, Steve Boisvert, Ed & Carol Brink, Jeanne Cooper, Rani Fischer, Bertita Graebner, John Hickson, Laine and Mathew Mammen, Megan Sell, Hasma Serverian, Grace Stewart and her family, and Amy Worden.

Save the date for a deanery-wide fundraising Run/Walk/Bike-athon on Sunday, 17 November, and talk to a volunteer if you're interested in joining a service team in late November or December.

– Jeanne Cooper



Help the Hungry

Please drop off ready-to-eat, kid-friendly food items in narthex baskets marked *Pack the Back*, a program for needy children who otherwise must rely on free school meals for nutrition.

Juliet Knowles, Diane Spath, and Katie Machemer make monthly Pack the Back deliveries to EHP (Ecumenical Hunger Program). David Chu and John Hickson also make monthly deliveries of adult food items to EHP.

Full of Life!

There is so much rich life happening here on the corner of Sand Hill and Monte Rosa on any given day!

Sunday mornings bring in a variety of preachers, gorgeous music, caring hospitality, and rich community.

Weekdays are full of the laughter and conversations and connections among the children. The Wednesday morning Eucharist carries into laughter and joy over a cup of coffee and the dogs eager to greet Al Harris at the Plantation.

Visitors head out to carry Communion and care for those who aren't able to make their way to church.

Volunteers shop for diapers for those in need, bake cookies for those without homes, and raise funds to house the homeless.

Parishioners ask after each other at the Vi, are quick to greet visitors, and bring in laughter and love on a daily basis.

As we give thanks for the rich blessings of this lively corner, we are also encouraged to share the Good News with others! This fall we will offer a variety of opportunities to invite others: Rally Day, the Fall Fundraiser, and Sunday mornings, as well as smaller group gatherings. Consider this a gift to

share with friends! May we all be blessed by this place so full of the Holy Spirit!

Jen+



2013-2014 Season

Arts at St. Bede's

The St. Bede's Arts Series is back! We have another full year of gorgeous recitals and concerts for you. Many of the artists you have heard before, with a few new ones for you to meet.

Saturday, 14 September, 7:30pm, David Sheetz and Rani Fischer will play a shared **organ recital** to celebrate the final work in the restoration of our beloved Beckerath organ. The German organ builders, Hans-Ulrich Erbslöh and Bernd Becker, will be present to hear the fruit of their labor. We have an eclectic program: German (Bach, Scheidt, Bruhns, and Walcha), some French Classical by Clérambault, some light versets found in a convent in Mexico in the 1700's, either written by a nun in Oaxaca or transcribed by her from a Spanish source, and a piece written by former St. Bede's organist, Pamela Decker, who now resides in Tucson, Arizona. Please come and enjoy the new and improved instrument and a reception which will take place at intermission. If I'm not mistaken, it will be in an Oktoberfest theme! If you come an hour or so early Hans and Bernd will give you a personal tour of the organ. You will see the new rank of pedal trumpet pipes and the restored Cromhorne rank in its original splendor. Admission is free, so please invite all your houseguests and neighbors along.



On **Saturday, 5 October, 6:00pm**, St. Bede's Choir joins the Choir of Christ Church, Portola Valley, for my favorite requiem of all, **Maurice Duruflé's Requiem**, sung with organ and orchestra. The performance takes

place in Portola Valley, but please don't let the distance dissuade you from coming. After college, I spent a year just listening to this requiem again and again. I never tired of it, and it provided me great solace. I know you will love it, too. Angela Kraft Cross will be organist.

Maestro David Ramadanoff conducts the **Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra** not once, but twice this year at St. Bede's—on **Saturday, 19 October, 7:30pm**, and again on **Saturday, 15 March, 8:00pm**. The March program includes Beethoven's *Leonore Overture No. 3*, Mahler's *Songs of a Wayfarer* with soprano Layna Chianakas, and Copeland's *Suite from Appalachian Spring*. This group is a favorite in Silicon Valley, and we are privileged to host an orchestra of their caliber. You may recognize one or two members of the orchestra, for they come from St. Bede's.

We are delighted to have arranged a debut by **baritone Matthew Goulart, Sunday, 17 November, 4:00pm**. He will sing songs by Fauré, Schubert, and Tchaikovsky in his

Junior Recital as a student at San Jose State University, studying under Joseph Frank.

Vocal ensemble, **Kitka**, is back on **Sunday, 15 December, 4:00pm**. They always thrill us with their earthy tone, percussion, and vocal nuances from centuries of Eastern European tradition. This is the perfect way to experience the darkness of winter and the light from friends, family, and feasts. The program will include selections from their CD *Wintersongs* which includes songs from Chanukah, Eastern-Orthodoxy, pre-Christian incantations, ancient Latvia, Moravia, and Georgia. Kitka devotes itself to scholarship and authenticity in performing repertoire from distant lands.

Thomas Schultz, pianist on faculty at Stanford, will be back on **Sunday, 26 January, 4:00pm**. His program is absolutely delicious: Ballade in G minor, Ballade in F minor, Fantasia in F minor, and Polonaise in F sharp minor, all by Chopin. Then for something totally different he has planned North American Ballads (1979/80) by Frederic Rzewski: *Down By the Riverside* and *Which Side Are You On?* Then, for something totally different again, a new work by San Francisco-based Korean-American composer, Hyo-shin Na. Her compositions are elegant and eloquent, with delicate dissonances which I'm sure you will enjoy.

Sunday, 23 February 23, 4:00pm we will again host the **Divisa Ensemble**, five young women dedicated to classical



music. This group always delights us with creative programs and cohesive playing. They always have pleasant surprises—composers whom we haven’t heard of, but should have. Don’t miss them!

As is our custom, we try to include several **organ recitals** to showcase our Beckerath pipe organ with its superior tone and wide range of colors. This year, in addition to the September recital, we will have two additional artists, both college students and very virtuosic ones. **Adam Detzner**

from Stanford will perform **Sunday, 13 April, 4:00pm**. In 2011, Adam won both the chapter and regional levels of the American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists for Region IX (Western United States, Taiwan, Singapore, and Australia). As one of the nine regional winners, Adam performed as a “Rising Star” at the AGO National Convention in Nashville in 2012. Our second young artist, **Chinar Merjanian**, also won the local and regional American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists for Region IX but did so this year, in 2013. She grew up locally in San Jose and is a first-year student at San Jose State University. Her recital will be **Sunday, 1 June, 4:00pm**.

On **Sunday, 18 May, 4:00pm**, soprano **Doris Williams** will regale us with a rich



tapestry of Renaissance and Celtic songs, accompanied by guests on period instruments.

I look forward to seeing you at some or all of these offerings. Your presence makes all the difference. Without an audience, there really is no reason for artists to create or practice. As you know, we turn away no one for lack of funds, and we will offer a subscription with substantial savings. Thank you for your support in past years. We hope to maintain the quality and excitement which

Jane McDougale embodied as director of the Art Series. Please join us in keeping the St. Bede’s Arts Series alive and well!

– *Rani Fischer* Organist

Developing Organists

Pipe Organ Encounter at Stanford, 21-27 July 2013

Our Pipe Organ Encounter was a week-long camp for teen-aged organists and pianists. The event was organized by Rani Fischer and hosted by the Palo Alto/Peninsula chapter of the American Guild of Organists, of which David Sheetz is dean. The purpose is to encourage young organists by providing a week of private lessons, field trips, recitals, and a chance to perform in the student recital on the last night at Memorial Church, Stanford University. Overall, we

couldn’t have asked for more good-natured students, skilled staff, dazzling artists, wondrous venues, or balmy weather. The students showed great courage, time and again, by playing in front of others. Their patience and camaraderie, always including everyone and singing together on the vans, should not be taken for granted.

Here is a sketch of our week, apart from the daily morning lessons. Sunday evening was an eloquent beginning with an introduction to Memorial Church and recital by Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University Organist. On Monday, we visited San Francisco, where the students played freely on the organs at St. Mary’s Cathedral, St. Mark’s Lutheran, and Grace Cathedral. Angela Kraft Cross offered us the recital that evening at Memorial Church. Tuesday included a workshop on hymn playing, then testing out the Mighty Wurlitzer at Stanford Theater, then an afternoon recital at All Saints, Palo Alto. The evening recital was given by Adam Detzner at Christ Church, Portola Valley. Wednesday we met Robert Huw Morgan, then later drove to Benicia to tour Schoenstein & Co. where they build pipe organs. The evening recital was given at Memorial Church by Nicole Marane, our guest from Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Thursday, we were treated to several centuries of organ history in an hour by Angela Kraft Cross, and later scrambled into the vans with box lunches in hand for a trip to

Santa Cruz. There we visited the charming Kingdom of Boomeria, visited Holy Cross Church with the graceful Felgemaker organ from 1889, and then rode the wooden roller coaster on the boardwalk. We raced to make the evening recital at Memorial Church played by Weston Jennings, our guest from Interlochen and Eastman. On Friday we were versed in the components of a Catholic Mass, then traveled to Hoover Tower to play the carillon. Students had fifteen minutes each to get used to the organs at Stanford where they would perform that night. Saturday was our graduation ceremony and reception.

This POE fostered the next generation of organists by exposing them to new sights, sounds, and most of all, inspiring people. They will never forget the thrill and grandeur of the acoustics and instruments at Memorial Church. The successful experience of performing there will give them confidence, skill, and joy for the rest of their lives.

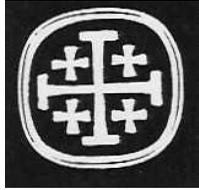
We are grateful to St. Bede’s and those who helped us with snacks, driving, and paperwork: Hasma Serverian, David Chu, and Carol Shedlock.

– *Rani Fischer* Organist



Planned Giving

How to Do Permanent Good



“I want to give something that won’t ever go away,” asserted the prospective giver. “Making a gift that won’t ever go away is called an *endowment fund*,”

I replied. “When you establish an endowment fund, your gift is reinvested long term and only an annual percentage is spent—so that the gift goes on giving forever.”

A gift in the form of an endowment fund makes it possible for the giver to do *permanent* good. Some examples are:

- The woman who left her house to the church to be sold and the proceeds are used to establish an endowment fund for ministry to children and youth
- The vestry member who endowed his annual pledge
- The sisters who established an endowment fund as a memorial to their parents whose love for the church so shaped their lives
- A music-lover whose endowment gift provides trumpets and strings for church festivals

A legacy gift to the church may either be spent for some immediate need or become part of a permanent endowment. In planning your gift, consider the advantage of designating it for endowment—if you wish it to be permanent.

If you wish the income from your endowment gift to be used for some specific purpose, it is *very important* that:

- You consult with the church regarding your intended purpose
- Your gift instrument (will, trust) frames the terms of the endowment so that it will be flexible if circumstances should change in the distant future
- You recognize that while any gift may be added to an existing endowment fund, a fund with a specific purpose or name requires a certain minimum dollar amount (e.g., \$100,000) to justify the accounting necessary over the next several centuries

If you are thinking about making an endowment gift, please call me at (415) 869-7812 so that I may let you know your best options for accomplishing your objectives.

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In the Month of September

Birthdays

- 1 Keoni Carman
Elizabeth Mintz
- 2 Charley Geoly
Mike Spath
- 5 Jane Ross
- 6 Frank Hill
Kevin Kopczynski
- 7 Mandi Weavil
- 8 Tanya Gulevich
Amy Worden
- 10 Rachael Bowman
- 11 Quentin Long
- 13 Larry Bowman
- 14 Julia Weber
- 18 Irene Lawrence
- 20 Carol Shedlock
- 21 Lorri Brady Jackson
- 24 Barbara Wood
- 25 Gia Hayes-Martin
Becky Zeren
- 27 Rita Horiguchi
Daniel Machemer
Angela Sherry
- 29 Carol Louchheim

Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Renee Hannebrink
Kevin & Toffie Kopczynski
Jack & Linda Wenstrand
- 6 Doug Ross & Liz Bellock
Gerald & Margot Spillman
- 15 Donna & Jack Reynolds
Jiffy & John Vermynen
- 17 Joe & Lorri Jackson
- 19 James & Mary Madison
- 22 Steve Debenham & Gretchen Hug
- 25 Meredith & Michael Pellegrin



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The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin *Rector*
The Rev. David A. Sheetz *Priest Assistant & Interim Music Director*
The Rev. John Oda-Burns *Priest Assistant*
Carol Shedlock *Parish Administrator*
Rani Fischer *Organist*
Angela Sherry *Bookkeeper*

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

Trinity School + Preschool-Fifth Grade



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