



Bede's Journal

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Bede's Episcopal Church

June 2019

Month at a Glance

Sun 2 - 7 Easter

9:00am Soulwork
10:15am Last Sunday school
11:30am Renewal celebration planning mtg

Wed 5 - noon Buildings & Grounds Cmte mtg
7:30pm Last choir rehearsal

Thu 6 - 6:00pm Taizé on Thursdays

Sun 9 - Day of Pentecost (All-ages at 10:15am)

9:00am Soulwork: Gia recounts her renewal
10:15am Last choir-supported service
noon Safe Church training

Tue 11 - 5:00pm Finance Committee meeting

Wed 12 - 10:00am Trinity School graduation

Thu 13 - 6:00pm Taizé on Thursdays

Sun 16 - Trinity Sunday

9:00am Soulwork
10:15am First Sunday Funday

Mon 17 - 4:00pm Outreach Steering Cmte mtg

Tue 18 - 7:00pm Vestry meeting

Thu 20 - 6:00pm Taizé on Thursdays

Sun 23 - 2 Pentecost

9:00am Soulwork
11:30am Renewal Celebration luncheon

Mon 24 - 10:00am Stewardship Cmte mtg

Tue 25 - *Bede's Journal* deadline

Thu 27 - 6:00pm Taizé on Thursdays

Sun 30 - 3 Pentecost (Home & Hope move-in)

9:00am Soulwork

Coming Up

June 9 is a big day at St. Bede's! Rev. Ernie will preside at both Pentecost services as his tenure as Locum comes to a close. The 10:15 service will be for all ages with Pam Stevens leading the children. For our 9am Soulwork Rev. Gia will share highlights of her travel to the Holy Land, then join us in the pews. Coffee hours will be our chance to wish Rev. Ernie well and to welcome back Gia and Melville. It will be a meaningful and festive morning! Then, from noon to 2pm we will provide in-person Whole and Healthy Church training led by Caren Miles from the Diocese. (If you are a St. Bede's volunteer please see article and sign-up information on page 2.)

June 16 is St. Bede's send-off for Carol Shedlock & Mark Knight and Jeanne Cooper & Ian Hersey. Please join us to bless and honor them. (Carol's last day in the office will be June 28.)

On June 23, we celebrate Gia's return with a special gathering and lunch following the 10:15 service. Thanks to Anne Vitullo and Laura Gable for coordinating the event.

From June 30 to July 7 we host Home and Hope guests, our major outreach project this year. Please see Vicki Blayney's article on page 2 and sign up early. This ministry provides a variety of ways to help families without homes.

Small Groups

Bede's Bedhead Book Club

We wrapped up discussion of Anne Lamott's *Stitches* on May 22 and spent some time discussing how the book club will continue.

Bede's Bedhead Book Club will meet for casual conversations on writings about faith on the **third Wednesday of each month** through November 2019. We are not yet certain that we will have enough participation over the summer months.

St. Bede's parishioners have a vast amount of interesting material to share and explore, and we believe that the discussion leaders should nominate (and lead discussion of) their own favorites.

So far, we have three volunteers and dates:

1. Megan Ancker on **Barbara Taylor Brown** on September 18
2. Mary Working on **Elaine Pagel** on October 16
3. Deb Blackmore on **Catherine Fox** on November 20

Enjoy your summer reading!

– Deb Blackmore Group Coordinator

Community Outreach

Home & Hope is Calling You!

You should have received a SignUpGenius invitation to join the St. Bede's team in hosting Home & Hope June 30–July 7 (www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044dafa72caafb6-home). Hosting over the Independence Day holiday gives us the opportunity to celebrate our nation's birth and values as we spend it with vulnerable members of our community.

Training and tips are provided for all first-time volunteers. Some of the ways you may help are:

- * Set up (**June 30**) or take down (**July 7**) family tents and beds, prepare Lehman Hall, stage the children's area.
- * Provide a buffet-style dinner with hot entree, salad/vegetable, fruit, and optional dessert.
- * Spend the early evening hours (**7:00–9:00pm**) on site; families can serve together and youth are always welcome to sign up to entertain children.
- * Please consider overnight hosting. Singles, couples, or families may sign up. We need two adults to host on site every night. Separate sleeping accommodations for unrelated volunteers are available. This shift starts at **9:00pm** and concludes at **7:00am**, after an early breakfast fixed by the families.

If you have any questions or would like a resend of the SignUpGenius invitation, please contact me for help. Thank you for pitching in.

– Vicki Blayney Home & Hope coordinator

Whole and Healthy Church Training for Volunteers Coming June 9

After extensive input and discernment, our Diocese has adopted a new "Whole and Healthy Church" program. Nearly all volunteers for parish leadership or outreach activities including Home & Hope are required by the Diocese to be trained. With our guests arriving soon, it's time to catch up on training and we have a special opportunity.

On **June 9 from noon to 2 pm** Caren Miles of the Diocese will lead in person training in Lehman Hall. **Registration is required** (www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044dafa72caafb6-home) and a light lunch will be presented. Although the training is also available online, this is a special opportunity to learn from an expert some tools and strategies to bolster our ministries. *Please contact Julie Backlund to sign up by June 7.*

If you are not able to attend the June 9 training and have volunteered for Home & Hope this year, you will need to complete the training online by June 24. *Please contact Pamela Stevens for instructions.*

Thank you for your dedication to St. Bede's outreach programs!

– Julie Backlund
Community Outreach Steering Committee

This is Home: A renewal season initiative on Affordable Housing

Deb Blackmore and Van Jepson led a successful panel discussion on May 5 that offered new information and insights to 23 parishioners about the affordable housing issues confronting our community. Speakers included Noel Perry from Next10.org, Brian Greenberg from



LifeMove.org, Karen Camacho from Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo, and Curt Conroy, the Menlo Park Housing Commissioner. *This Is Home* lending library has expanded to include more books, printed reports, and other resources that bring the issues into clearer focus. Deb and Van are planning the next panel discussion for October 27, 2019, so mark your calendars now to develop your advocacy skills for a better life for all on The Peninsula.

– Van Jepson



Music Programs

As the June *Bede's Journal* is being prepared for publication, we're past the halfway point between Easter and Pentecost. While there are still significant events coming up in our community service and worship calendars, most of us have our summer vacation plans in sight, and are tending to the wrap-up of the academic year that is coming to a close. The choir program and the Arts at St. Bede's series are no exceptions to that feeling that school is just about "out for summer."

Although individual members of the choir have participated in many of the season-of-renewal activities and projects on which the St. Bede's community is focused during Gia's sabbatical, the flow of the choir's work together has not been diverted in any way during these past months. The liturgical calendar governs the course of worship through the year. The lectionary—which informs and guides the choices of music—serves both as a constant source of stability to our individual community and a tie that binds us to all other liturgical churches. Within that dependable framework, the choir has added 26 new titles to its repertoire in the past twelve months, and sung at least an equal number of works that we've sung in previous years. During that same time period we've welcomed three new volunteers to the choir. As a group we've provided music at 46 worship services here at St. Bede's as well as two services of Compline at Stanford's Memorial Church. Individually, choir members have offered their skills for worship at half a dozen summer Sundays, and joined the caroling team at the San Mateo County Jail on Christmas morning. The year ahead will be much the same in structure and at least, if not more, varied in terms of the music we sing and play. The blend of old and new music is a living, breathing, weekly reminder that we are inheritors of a worship history that is broad and deep and rich. It should also make us mindful that we are charged to be stewards of that great tradition, and that we carry the responsibility to sustain and nurture it for the generations that follow us.

The Arts at St. Bede's concert series goes from strength to strength, beginning this year with a guided labyrinth walk & choral Evensong on September 23 and concluding on May 19 with a stunning organ recital by Grammy-nominated organist Gail Archer. Next year's season will begin on September 29 with a recital by French-Italian organist Domenico Severin, organist of the St. Etienne Cathedral in Meaux, France, and will conclude on May 31 with a performance by Ensemble Draca, featuring our own soprano soloist Katina Mitchell. Along the way, as in years past, our souls and senses will be uplifted by a stunning variety of instrumental and vocal music. Please save the dates listed on the following page for next year's events!

– Katherine McKee Music Director

Please save the dates for the
Arts at St. Bede's 2019-2020 Season

September 29	Domenico Severin, organ
October 13	TBD
November 24	Collage Vocal Ensemble
December 8	Kitka
January 12	The Albany Consort
February 2	Candlemas Vespers
March 15	Evensong & Angela Kraft Cross organ recital
March 29	Menlo Brass
April 26	Collage Vocal Ensemble
May 31	Ensemble Draca

Vestry View

This periodic report is part of your Vestry's commitment to serving the St. Bede's community. Following are key action items discussed at the May vestry meeting.

Stewardship. The 2019-2020 “**Time & Talent**” brochure was mailed to all parishioners in mid-May. The brochure outlines ways in which parishioners can volunteer their time and talent at St. Bede's. Among our current needs are volunteers for weekly worship, hospitality (coffee hours), and altar guild, as well as for Home & Hope, our major outreach project coming in June. If you'd like to get more involved in volunteer service at St. Bede's, please see the **Time & Talent** brochure for opportunities and contacts.

As for financial contributions, St. Bede's has received pledges of \$299,000 toward this year's goal of \$320,000. The Vestry is particularly grateful to all the parishioners who regularly fulfill their pledges. We wish to remind everyone that your gift—at whatever level is comfortable for you and your family—is important to the financial health of the parish.

Hospitality. Junior Warden Anne Vitullo has been serving as “transition manager” as we transition St. Bede's Hospitality Committee to a team-based approach. Just after Easter, we launched online sign-ups for coffee hour hosts via SignUpGenius (www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044dafa72caafb6-coffee). This is proving to be a very effective way of eliciting coffee hour hosts, as all volunteers can now see a master schedule with dates, times, and needs. We are also working on a revised checklist for coffee hour hosts, general kitchen use guidelines, and a master list of coffee hour/kitchen supplies and vendors for each. These and other resources will be contained in a new reference binder for hospitality volunteers that will be available in the kitchen. Team leaders for the new Hospitality Committee have been named: Brendan Deocariza-Nee and Helen Greenwood have agreed to serve as coffee hour captains and Kathy Thompson will be supply captain.

Renewal Season – Small Groups. Faith Practices for Families and Bedhead Book Club have wrapped up for now; the book group may continue into the summer depending on interest. Pizza Theology has one more session scheduled for the end of May, while Taizé on Thursdays is scheduled to meet through the end of June. A brief evaluation survey will be sent to small group leaders in early June to gather their feedback. That will be followed by a short online survey, likely using SurveyMonkey, to the entire parish about small group participation/future interest. Date for that release is TBD—please watch for it and share your thoughts freely.

Community Outreach/Housing Advocacy. The panel discussion organized by Deb Blackmore and Van Jepson on May 5 attracted nearly 25 attendees—and a lively discussion about local housing issues. Panelists were Noel Perry from Next10.org, Karen Camacho from the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County, and Brian Greenberg of LifeMoves. As a follow-up to this discussion, we hope to explore ways in which our parish can influence affordable housing initiatives in our communities. Another panel discussion on housing is planned for October 27.

Community Outreach/Home and Hope. Vicki Blayney has shared information about Home & Hope volunteer opportunities with the parish; sign-ups are being managed by SignUpGenius (www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044dafa72caafb6-home). We expect to be hosting three to five families in transitional housing on the St. Bede's campus June 30–July 7. Vestry encourages everyone to check your calendar and see where you are able to lend a hand that week; also consider inviting friends and family members to volunteer with you, as we have approximately seventy volunteer slots to fill over the course of the week.

If you are planning to volunteer for Home & Hope, you may need to participate in “Whole and Healthy Church” safe church training on Sunday, June 9, from noon to 2pm. Caren Miles from the Diocese will lead the training and share her insights along the way. A light lunch will be included. This training is also available online if you are unable to join us on June 9.

– Anne Vitullo, 2019 Junior Warden

Celebrations in June

Birthdays:

- 3 Dick Zeren
- 7 Megan Ancker
Luke Norman
- 8 Will Kopczynski
- 10 Joan Sanders
- 11 Alexander Burrs-President
Zachary Burrs-President
Sue Sartor
- 12 Rani Fischer
- 14 Helen Greenwood
- 15 Mike Sartor
- 16 Anna Poon
- 17 Liz Bellock
Felipe Muñoz
- 18 Kathy McKee
- 19 Evander Deocariza-Nee
- 20 Catherine Clover
- 24 Randy Kriegh
- 26 Melanie Hayden-Gephart
Cameron Skey
- 28 Elizabeth Churchill
- 30 Linda Brown

Anniversaries:

- 2 Clark Barrett & Melissa Valentine
- 8 Mathai Mammen & Anna Poon
- 10 John & Francie Maletis
- 12 Becky & Dick Zeren
- 13 Carol & Hal Louchheim
- 15 Carol & Ed Brink
- 16 Barbara & Bob Wood
- 17 Megan Ancker & Edward Perez
- 18 Joan & Mo Sanders
- 19 Jeff & Staci Homrig
- 19 Mike & Sue Sartor
- 21 Bill & Cristina Harris
- 23 Brendan & Evan Deocariza-Nee
- 25 Elizabeth & Mike Skey



Celebrations in July

Birthdays:

- 2 Molly Kearnan
- 4 Cristina Harris
Marcel Hayden-Gephart
- 8 Ann Mason
Nancy Stork
- 10 Toffie Kopczynski
- 15 Jeanne Cooper
Emma Homrig
- 16 Cyrus Hayden-Gephart
- 17 Eileen DiGiorgio
Jack Wenstrand

- 20 Clark Barrett
Curtis Grisham
- 21 Ray Ross
- 23 Julie Ha
- 25 Isabel Gable
- 28 Ed Chrapla
- 29 Dave Sell

Anniversaries:

- 6 Jon & Julie Backlund
- 13 Doug & Vicki Blayney
- 24 Jeanne Cooper & Ian Hersey

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The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin *Rector (on leave until June 9)*
 The Rev. Ernest L. Boyer *Locum (through June 15)*
 Pamela Stevens, M.Div. *Children's & Youth Minister*
 Katherine McKee *Music Director*

Rani Fischer *Organist*
 Carol Shedlock *Parish Administrator (through June 28)*
 Angela Sherry *Bookkeeper*

Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist 8:00am, 10:15am
Sunday Programs: Adult Education 9:00am, Nursery 10:00am, Children's Sunday school 10:15am
Parish Office Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Trinity School + Preschool-Grade 5

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