

THE QUILL

Homecoming-Michaelmas, 2011



Next Quill:

Advent-Christmas-Epiphany

(Mid-November-Mid February)

Deadline: November 1

Canon Jim's Jottings

I am writing my column as I am preparing to leave for a two-week trip to Colorado and New Mexico. I spent several summers in Colorado fifty years ago visiting and working (probably, more like bothering) my aunts & uncles who owned several businesses in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado - n.w. of Ft. Collins. My last summer there was 1964, and with this kind of 47-year spread, I probably will not be around to return again in 2060. We will also see much of the natural beauty in western Colorado, Native American culture at Chaco Canyon, Albuquerque & Santa Fe in New Mexico, and visit Charles and Pam Tyler Montgomery in Taos.

Thinking about my mortality reminds me to give thanks for the lives of two people who passed from our community this summer. Frances Knight, 98, was a founding member of St. Bede's and a renowned cook and party coordinator. Remind me to tell you of the story of the Easter Vigil and the strawberry pies some 15 years ago. I commented to her daughter that Frances was a "force of nature." Her life was celebrated in a memorial on August 20 led by Mtr. Vicki with Mtr. Golie preaching. Dan Pinto, 54, died after a long battle with cancer. Dan and his wife were active here and were part of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1997. He particularly loved Mt. Calvary Monastery in Santa Barbara. I baptized his son Josh here over 20 years ago and he welcomed those in attendance at his father's memorial service here on July 30.

We have also welcomed in several new parishioners in recent months and we look forward to the return to a full round of activities here after Labor Day. Church School begins on September 11 and the Homecoming BBQ will be held a week later on Sept. 18. That means

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that there will also be more classes during the week and on Sunday, more social group meetings and a resumption of full choir activities (which never totally stop).

EDUCATION

- Breakfast and Bible commenced on September 6 with the study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons.
- Church School commences on September 11 with Sunday morning classes for our young people.
- The Wednesday evening class commenced on September 7 with a discussion of the wonderful movie "The Help." Following that evening, we did a study of "The Rise and Fall of the Bible", a very interesting short book by Timothy Beal. Later this Fall, beginning in November, we will begin a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark – the Gospel from which most of the Year B Gospels will be taken.

SHARING WITH ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Josh McGuffie left St. Andrew's at the end of August to engage in graduate education in the Buffalo, NY area. I and we will miss him, and will also miss St. Andrew's music director, Yatide, who both married and moved in July. I will be meeting with the Interim Pastor in September to talk about what sharing we will do in the coming year.

MORE PICTURES, ET AL.

I have been working with Penny Jennings who has been taking more pictures – this time, the stained-glass windows at St. Bede's. I am hoping that we can publish a booklet about the windows and, in fact, all of the memorials given to the parish in our Second Century renovation, which began in 2000. We will also make note cards and post cards of the St. Bede's Icon and the "Jesus Window" for purchase

Gina Turella is working on a project which will provide new shirts - T-Shirts or Polo Shirts with a St. Bede's logo on it. After Labor Day, parishioners will have the chance to indicate the style and size of shirt they might be interested in.

Speaking of Penny and pictures, if you have not yet picked up your copy of the parish directory, please check with the office. The suggested donation is \$5.

ONGOING WORK

- We have worked on the water pipes so the patio yard looks much better.
- The new signs for the memorial roses have arrived and will soon be placed.
- We have scheduled the next care-taking day for October 8 starting at 9 a.m.
- We have trimmed (& removed) several trees: some more work to do later this year.
- The application for the sign will be submitted in September – say a prayer!!!
- The sound system has been upgraded – thanks Jerry!!!
- We have purchased new security lights, which will be installed very soon.
- We have changed the code on the lock boxes and will soon add two indoor lock-boxes and re-key the locks at the church.

OUTREACH

We do a great deal for a small congregation – AIDS Unit luncheon ministry, food collection for St. Joseph Center, hosting meals at OPCC, the Daybreak Center, various NYA contacts (including the use of our space, birthday offering & the scholarships), support of a scholarship at St. Matthew's Episcopal School in Zababdeh, Palestine. I am thankful for the new challenge issued by Vestry member Cristine Reynaert to hold "5th Sunday" hands-on outreach events (some Sunday in a 5-Sunday month). Last month, we sponsored three dozen school-kits for the children at Hillside Home. Stay tuned...the next five-Sunday month is October.

NOTES

We say goodbye to former seminarian (and now priest) Amy Cox who with her family will be moving to Portland, OR in August. Good luck and God bless!

The Nominating Committee is looking for nominees for the five Vestry seats up for election at the Annual Meeting in January. Two are eligible to be reelected; three are "termed out." Also, we are electing a delegate and alternate (male slots) for two-year terms. If you wish to nominate someone (or yourself) please see Rea Crane, Liz Mohler or Alice Short.

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Reed Wilson and I are working on a new bi-monthly piece which will quickly inform parishioners and newcomers about upcoming events, opportunities for outreach, and services. Stay tuned!!

Finally, may I remind you of an important event on September 10:

The Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders will host "**One Light,**" a **Sept. 10, 2011 civic and interfaith gathering** set to envision global understanding while honoring the **10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks**. Diverse expressions of music, prayer and reflection are planned for the one-hour outdoor event at City Hall's Spring Street steps. Gathering music is scheduled to begin at 7:15pm.

In Christ,

Jim Newman



Out and About

Or

Home on the Range

By Mthr. Vicki

Where did the summer go? Hard to believe we are back on track for our fall church life!

Kids of Bede:

Sunday School begins September 11 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Adelaide Vaughn, Amy Dugre, Samira Tamer, and Nancy Mills will again be teaching our youth. We deeply appreciate their love and dedication to this program! Rosie Marie di Salvo continues to give her loving care in our nursery.

Parents of Kids of Bede:

We begin our Sunday School year with a **parent meeting on September 11** during the Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service. We will be discussing outings, movie night, outreach, and education.

Needlers of Bede:

Needlers will begin their fall program with a meeting and **Appetizer Pot Luck on Sunday, September 11 from 3 - 5:00 p.m. in Luther Hall.** We will be discussing our work for our St. Bede's sale in November. Our outing to the **Los Angeles County Fair to see needlework**, especially Barbara Sands' entry, will be on **Saturday, September 17.** Those carpooling will leave the parking lot at St. Bede's at 8:45 a.m. Please sign up. **Future fall meetings are:** Sept. 25; Oct. 2 and 16; Nov. 6 and 20; and Dec. 11.

Women of Bede:

Women of Bede will have their first meeting on October 23 from 1 - 3:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. The focus of this meeting will be spiritual growth, and will include a guest speaker. Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. Details to follow.

Sound of Music Sing-Along:

Our outing to Sound of Music Sing-Along at the Hollywood Bowl is scheduled for **Saturday, September 24.** We will meet to picnic at the Bowl

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between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. The pre-show begins at 6:00 p.m. and the film begins at 7:30 p.m. Please see the bulletin board for more details. **There are currently two tickets available.**

Movie Night at St. Bede's:

Our next movie night and potluck dinner at St. Bede's will be Sunday, October 30, at 4:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. We will be viewing *The Lemon Tree*.

In Christ's love,

Mthr. Vicki



Caretaking Day at St. Bede's

Please put **Saturday, October 8th** on your calendar and come help us take care of the physical plant where we nourish our spirits.

There is gardening work to be done, as well as indoor clean-up projects – something for everyone! You might even consider bringing your children to help as they can.

The caretaking will be from 9:00-12:00, with lunch to follow.

Save The DATE! The annual Party of Parties, sponsored by the Sisters of Bede, will be held on **Saturday, October 22, 2011**, at 6:00 p.m., in Luther Hall. At this party, you will have the opportunity to sign up for the venues you wish to attend. The proceeds from these events are given to the church and its charities.

Thanks to the generosity of those who hosted and attended the 2010-11 venues, the Sisters of Bede were able to gift a total of \$8,100 to the following:

St. Bede's Church - \$3,600 & Friends of Music - \$500



Neighborhood Youth Association - \$3,050

Since its founding by the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles more than 100 years ago, Neighborhood Youth Association (NYA), has been improving the lives of at-risk young people and their families, providing services that accord with changing times and changing needs. NYA's Learning Center (for elementary, middle and high school students) is located just a few blocks down Grandview Blvd. from St. Bede's Church. St. Bede's provides two scholarships for NYA students entering or continuing in college. These honor two St. Bede's parishioners closely associated with the agency, the late Bonnie Dawson and current member Ruth Nicastro. This year each scholarship was split among three awardees: Elizabeth Martinez is studying business accounting at CSU Bakersfield and considering dentistry; Kenya Mejia, who was valedictorian of her class at Hamilton High School, is majoring in civil engineering at MIT; Jose Santiago is studying film production at CSU Northridge; Ilia Blas is majoring in biochemistry at Hancock College in preparation for entering medical school; Laura Y. Hernandez attends Marymount College and is pursuing a double major in political science and Spanish; Marisela Hernandez (no relation to Laura) is majoring in health administration and minoring in psychology at CSU Northridge. To learn more please visit: http://www.nyayouth.org/about_nya.asp



Educate for Hope - \$350



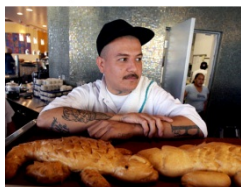
Educate for Hope, a Hands in Healing initiative founded by Mary Bruno, is one of several partnerships between the Diocese of Los Angeles and the Diocese of Jerusalem, which share a companion relationship. Located between the cities of Nablus and Geniène in Palestine, Zababdeh is one of the few remaining predominantly Christian towns in the area. Educate for Hope helps educate children so that they may build lives for themselves, stay in their home country, and help stem the steady decline of the Christian population in the Holy Land. Educate for Hope now sponsors 56 students each school year. It costs about \$700 for each child to attend the school for one year. To learn more please visit: http://episcopalnews.ladiocese.net/dfc/newsdetail_2/255



NetsforLife Inspiration Fund - \$300



Since 2008, NetsforLife (a partner with the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund) has delivered nearly 4.8 million nets across 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa resulting in less sickness, fewer deaths and stronger communities. By partnering with churches and faith-based groups in remote communities, NetsforLife combats malaria by training community agents to deliver life-saving nets, educating community members about proper net use and maintenance, and providing ongoing monitoring and evaluation of net use. Just one life-saving, insecticide-treated net can save three people from needless suffering due to malaria. Our \$300 donation will give a net and training to each of 25 families. To learn more please visit: <http://www.inspirationfund.org/>



Homeboy Industries - \$300

Homeboy Industries, a Los Angeles based organization, serves at-risk and gang involved youth with a broad range of services and programs designed to meet their many needs, and runs six businesses that serve as job-training sites. From a charter high school to tattoo removal to poetry classes and solar panel installation training, comprehensive services are offered to anyone seeking Homeboy's help. After completing job-readiness programs, clients are placed in one of our four businesses, where former rivals work side by side baking bread, learning to silkscreen, developing retail skills, or running a restaurant and catering business. To learn more please visit: <http://homeboy-industries.org/index.php>

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School and Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE:
9 a.m.: Breakfast and study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:
9/7: Discussion of the movie "The Help"
9/14: New Class on "The Rise and Fall of the Bible" by Timothy Beal
- available at bookstores or on download.
The class will run for seven sessions ending on 10/26.

BOOKWORMS OF BEDE:
9/19: "Blue Shoe" by Anne Lamott
11/21: "Holy Fools" by Joanne Harris

ST. BEDE'S STAFF & VESTRY

STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman
ASSISTANT: The Rev. Victoria Mouradian
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile
VERGER: Michael Gallagher
HEAD SACRISTAN: Jeannette Young
FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam
SEXTON: Joaquin Perez
NURSERY CARE: RoseMarie DiSalvo

VESTRY

Rea Crane ('12) - Senior Warden
Carly Portalupi ('13) - Junior Warden
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Jerry Hornof ('13) Liz Mohler ('12)
Christine Reynaert ('13) Phil Schultz ('13)
Alice Short ('12) Gina Turella ('12)
Annette Graw - Clerk
Jennine Townsend - Financial Secretary

CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

Annette Graw (D)/ Kyle Ferstead (A) ('13)
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