

# TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRIEST

The Rev. Canon Paige Alvarez Hanks

If you've listened to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church as he travels the country and the world sharing a message of love, you must have heard him say at least once, "If it isn't about love, it isn't about Jesus!" To that end, the Episcopal Church has developed resources to help each of us



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*The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of  
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grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world. In our Christian tradition, followers of Christ developed a Rule of Life – a way to practice a Jesus-centered life. If you examine the graphic above, there are 7 facets to developing habits which draw us closer to God as we grow in our faith: Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest, and Turn.

Our Thursday Bible Study group began discussions around a Rule of Life in July as we celebrated the

life of St. Benedict, recognized in the church for establishing these routines and habits in his monastic communities. Those who have attended Cursillo (a short course in Christianity) have also done some work to create their own Rules of Life.

As we look forward to the end of summer, we will have some opportunities this fall to gather and learn together as followers of Christ. Look for more information on these in the days and weeks to come. In the meantime, take a moment or two to reflect on your intentional commitment to being a Christ follower. What are you doing to grow in your faith? What prayer practices are you using on a daily basis? In what ways do you want to grow as a follower of Jesus? Would others meet you and know that you love and follow Christ?

Remember, following Jesus is not a solo act. The ideal way to live the Way of Love is in community. Prayerfully consider the ways God is calling you into closer relationship and listen to that quiet whisper (or shouty voice) that's drawing you nearer to God.

*Canon Paige*



Cursillo – a short course of Christianity. The Cursillo movement began in the laity after World War II in Spain and is a three-day retreat for Episcopalians who desire to develop their faith and understanding of Christian leadership. The next weekend retreat is **October 24-27, 2019**. If you want to learn more about this weekend, please speak to Don Walker, Waveney Ann Moore, or David or Paige Hanks. All participants are endorsed by their clergy, so see Canon Paige when you are ready to complete the paperwork.

## DEACON'S CORNER

The Rev. Deacon Marcus Crim

Let me start by saying that I love you all and my hope is to figure out some ways to engage the community that surrounds St Bede's. I realize that thinking about doing new things might stretch our brains and comfort levels a bit. But walking down the same road will only lead us to the same place. I want us to thrive. We have our new priest. Now we need to get busy and think about some things that we can do to grow our parish.

My first idea is to establish St. Bede's as a safe haven for our neighborhood by becoming a place of resource and meeting during an emergency situation- like a bad storm, for example. This can be set up in a few ways- as a place for people to get emergency food and water or as simply a place for families to meet up with each other. The only thing we cannot do is offer shelter. But there is still a lot we can offer. The Diocese of SW Florida has a plan that we can look at and people that can come to speak with us. FEMA also has resources. I'd like to start with the Diocese and invite the neighborhood to get organized with us.

My second idea is for us to build a small, simple, labyrinth in our front yard. I would like to ask for the neighborhood's involvement in this as well. The one I would like to build is not elaborate and would be fairly easy and inexpensive to do. If you all think this is a good idea, there is an Episcopal Charities Grant that I can apply for to offset most of the cost. The main reason for doing something right out front on 16th Street is to hopefully get passers-by to take notice and see that something new is happening at St. Bede's.

Please let me know what you all think about these ideas. Also, please share your ideas for growth with me. I've only been here a short while so you know the neighborhood and St. Petersburg a lot better than me. Together we will do this!

Community Preschool is grateful for your generosity. 16 of their PreK graduates have school supplies and back packs, thanks to you!

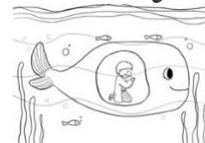


Crafter's Needed  
Spaces are \$15.00 each

For Info:  
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Jackie 920-889-6730  
Please leave a  
message, we will call  
you back!

Food and Bake Sale

## SISTERS OF BEDE PRESENTS JONAH!



The Sisters of Bede are back on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with their presentation of Jonah, the Musical. Led by Nancy Morgan, the Sisters of Bede are a group of women whose ministry is to bring The Word through story and music through God's people. There will be great props, unique table decorations, and an audience sing-along to tunes you love and already know. This year, The Sisters have been traveling in their unreliable van and find themselves serving others in a casino when the hilarity ensues. Mark your calendars to join with Sister Mary Nancy Morgan and all the Sister Mary's of Sisters of Bede on November 2<sup>nd</sup>!



## Pub Theology

Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Are you interested in talking about God, especially in light of current events? Do you have friends who are wary of church, but still are seeking to know and understand more about God? Please make plans to join us for our first gathering of Pub Theology. We will meet on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Old Northeast Tavern at 6pm. Our format will be casual and food and drinks are available to order. Don't feel like eating or drinking? No problem! All are welcome (over age 21) for the discussion time. Questions? Contact Canon Paige or Deacon Marcus.

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### Calling all Acolytes, Lay Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers!



We will hold a training for **ALL CURRENT SERVERS** as well as those who are interested in becoming part of this vital ministry of worship. Those who serve as acolytes, lay readers, and Eucharistic ministers enhance the liturgical experience for everyone on Sunday mornings. If you are currently serving in this ministry, we want you to attend so that we can all be on the same page with the protocols and guidelines. If you have been worshipping in the pews but have been praying for a way to be more involved in the life of the church, we want you to know that you are welcome to serve in any or all of these opportunities. Make plans to attend our required training on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> after the service. If you have questions, please contact Canon Paige or Deacon Marcus.

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### Planning for End of Life

If the heading for this section of the newsletter makes you uncomfortable, you are not alone. Your clergy is here to assist those who mourn the loss of their loved one in deciding about all the details that come with loss of life. Sometimes, in the midst of grief, it is difficult to focus on the details and decisions and we want to be sensitive to parishioners experiencing this grief and make the planning process as easy as possible. We would be happy to meet with you before you are forced

to make these decisions and help you plan your service and other details around your death, no matter how far away you are from this. We have a funeral planning guide to help with these decisions and will happily keep these on file for you for when those plans are needed. Please contact Canon Paige or Deacon Marcus to begin your planning process.



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### Second Annual Gospel Sing

We are excited to announce our Second Annual Gospel Sing at St. Bede's! Mark your calendars for Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for a potluck dinner and a time of fellowship as we sing some gospel favorites. If you have special songs you would like to request, we are open to hearing those and will take all recommendations under advisement. We welcome all parishioners, and this is a great opportunity to invite a friend or two to join in the fun! Please bring a dish to share with the group and make plans to be with us for this fun evening. If you know of a musician who might want to join us, please let Jon Peterson know at [jdpete1692@gmail.com](mailto:jdpete1692@gmail.com).

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### Adult Formation Opportunities

Learning about our faith is one of the ways that we find ourselves drawing closer to God. Here are some upcoming opportunities within our parish, and across the diocese:

- Our Thursday morning Bible Study has had some wonderful learning activities over the past few months. The only thing missing is YOU! We meet after the Healing Service (10am Thursdays in the Chapel) for a look ahead at the readings for Sunday.
- Pub Theology – see above!
- You can learn more about all the parts of our liturgy and worship by viewing these free videos by The Rev. Callie Swanlund and her project How2charist here: <https://how2charist.com>
- The Diocese offerings for formation can be found here: [http://www.episcopalswfl.org/digital\\_faith/events](http://www.episcopalswfl.org/digital_faith/events)

## ECW PLANNING MEETING

The Episcopal Church Women will hold their annual planning meeting after church on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to plan their activities for the year. Your voice is important and all women are invited to attend. ECW would like to acknowledge the generosity of our parishioners for your support of Community Preschool as we gifted their pre-kindergarten graduates with backpacks to help them have a great start in kindergarten this month. Questions about ECW? Reach out to Beth Delos Reyes at [uririsheyes@yahoo.com](mailto:uririsheyes@yahoo.com) to get all your questions answered!

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## NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

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We are hard at work curating a new directory for the parish. Most of you have checked your information to make sure it is correct, but if you still want to double check or haven't yet had the chance, please email Rose Mary Winslow at [Winslow\\_Rosemary@yahoo.com](mailto:Winslow_Rosemary@yahoo.com). We are also including a list of birthdays and anniversaries in the directory, so please email Rose Mary with that information as well. We want this directory to be accurate and helpful to the parish, so please make sure your information is correct today!

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### Important Reminders – Mark your Calendars!

- 8/4 ECW Planning Meeting after Church
- 8/11 Acolyte, Lay Reader, and Eucharistic Minister Training after Church
- 8/21 Ticket Deadline for Purchase for **Baseball with the Bishop** (Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>). Contact [jdrury@raysbaseball.com](mailto:jdrury@raysbaseball.com) or call 727-342-5719
- 8/28 Pub Theology with Deacon Marcus and Canon Paige at Old Northeast Tavern @ 6pm
- 9/22 Vestry Meeting after Church

### Save the Dates!

- Gospel Sing – Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>
- Octoberfest – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Sisters of Bede present: Jonah The Musical – Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>