



GLAD TIDINGS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER

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From the President Elect's Desk

2008 has been a very busy year for your ECW group. We have had many out reach projects and many fun events. We thank you all for your great support in all of our functions. With out you "we are nothing."

2008-2009 will be an exciting year for your ECW group. We look forward to seeing all women of St. Bede's at our next meeting.

Have a Great Summer & may God Bless & protect each and everyone of you. See you in August!!

Beth Delos-Reyes

President elect

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Upcoming Events 2008

Sept 6 ECW Mtg 2:00pm

Sep 26-28 Rally Weekend

Oct 4 ECW Mtg 2:00pm

Oct 25 Boot Sale

Nov 1 ECW Mtg 2:00pm

Nov 4 Vote

Nov 27 Thanksgiving

Circle of Faith Dec?

Planned Events 2009

Feb 14 Sweet Heart

Festival Dinner Dance and
Silent Auction

March 21 3rd Annual
Progressive Dinner with a St.
Patrick's Day Theme

Let's Get Acquainted with Marion Kaslikowski (Community Member)

By Jennifer Rich



Q. How long have you been an Episcopalian?

A. My grandmother was an Anglican so I guess you could say I was born into it. My dad and his brother were both born in England.

Q. What is one thing about you few people know?

A. I was born in Iroquois Falls, Canada in Ontario and I'm still a Canadian citizen.

Q. What is your favorite book?

A. The Razor's Edge by W. Somerset Maugham. I liked it because it had a lot of living in it.

Q. If you were shipwrecked on a desert island, who or what would you want to have with you?

A. My husband, Jack. He makes me think of different angles to things and he calms me down. We've been married 32 years and I know what he's going to say before he says it.

To Our Winter Residents:

Hello to Ann Kocher, Clayton and Lorraine Painter, Al and Jane Taylor, Ken and Lillian Garrett and Joe and Barbara Bedrin. We hope this newsletter helps us keep in touch with you all during the summer months. We miss you in church and on the patio and look forward to seeing you soon.



A Special Thank You:

The ECW at St. Bede's Episcopal Church is fortunate to have rector , Fr. Boyd Carson who supports us and our ECW projects and who encourages us in our outreach to the community.

St. Bede's Altar Guild:

When you enter your church, all is in readiness. The silent ministry of the Altar Guild has been at work. All the proper vessels, vestments, and hangings are in place. The silver and brass has been polished and all the linens have been washed and ironed. Everything in the sanctuary has been prepared by the Altar Guild. Its members are God's housekeepers. All who perform these chores are devoted to God and are privileged to serve him.

Mother's Day Thanks:

Mother's Day was a delightful surprise on the patio as the men of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew served a piece of cake and a glass of juice to each woman of the church. Additionally, they personally gave each lady a carnation. The ECW would like to thank all the men of St/ Bede's for making all of us ladies feel special.

Who's on the Web:

WE ARE! You'll be pleased to know that our web master, Scott Nichols has added an ECW page to the St. Bede's Church website. Our ECW Glad Tidings Newsletter will be the first item on our page. Our special page is entitled: ECW—Making A Difference. Check out our website at www.venerablebedes.org and read all about us and tell your friends and relatives to check us out too.

What is the Sara Howell Memorial Fund?

The Sara Howell Memorial Fund is a ministry that was created and administered by the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. It was in May 1988 that this new ministry was named in memory of Sara Howell, who had served as ECW Diocesan Chair of Christian Social Concerns. Sara had, years before, found herself a single parent with no means of support or any skills. She met her challenge, entering the workforce and sustaining both herself and her daughter. The intent and purpose of this ministry is to provide needed financial aid and support to Episcopal women seeking entry or re-entry into the job market. Paramount among those needing assistance are single parents who must support their families as well as older women who need training to return to the workforce. Every dollar given means new life, new vision, and hope to an Episcopal women in need of help. Your donation to the ECW Donation table helps us help our sisters.

FUND RAISERS

CHURCH SALE FUNDRAISER:

St. Bede's and St. Giles ECW's joined together at St. Giles for a Church sale fund raiser. We enjoyed fellowship with our sisters. Dean Hartnett, Rector of St. Giles commented that he was pleased that our two churches worked so well together. He said, "that's the way it should be."



His support to both our ECW's was appreciated. Thank you Beth, Ann, Nancy Gloria, Dottie, Jennifer, Betty Kathy and Helen who worked two hour shifts, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

We had two tables in the St. Giles air conditioned Parish Hall. Thanks George, Nancy, Pat, Ed, Helen, Ken, Ann, Barney, Joan, Beth and Joel who donated wonderful items to sell and all others who donated jewelry etc. We sold jewelry, books, plants, videos, misc. items. We made \$304.00 and had fun doing it. The ladies of St. Giles were in the Parish Hall cooking breakfast, lunch and baking cookies and goodies to keep us going.

ST BEDE'S 2nd ANNUAL BOOT SALE:

Our Boot Sale will be held on October 25th (Saturday). We're beginning early and planning for a bigger and better Boot Sale this year. We are collecting any costume jewelry you may want to donate for our church donation table and for the tourist season at the Flea Market. In September we'll have sign up sheets for everyone who wants to purchase a space to sell their own wares from the "BOOT" or trunk of their car.

If you cannot participate in selling your own wares from your car, but still want to help St. Bede's... please gather up any sellable items and donate them to our St Bede's Donation table. Please give them to Nancy Morgan, Beth Delos Reyes or Vickie Ashmead. This year the Boot Sale will be bigger and better; so start cleaning out those jewelry boxes and closets to find some good sellable items for our sale.

ECW Ongoing Projects

- ◆ Social Hour
- ◆ Bread Blessing
- ◆ Community Pre-School
- ◆ St. Petersburg Homeless Families
- ◆ St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen
- ◆ St. Francis Christian School in Haiti
- ◆ St. Bede's Roof and Church Flooring Fund
- ◆ EWC Bulletin Board on the Patio
- ◆ ECW Glad Tidings Newsletter



"When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there"

OUTREACH PROJECTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL Community Outreach Project:



On Friday June 11th the community Pre-School had a graduation ceremony in the St. Bede's Parish Hall for 22 five year old boys and girls who will attend kindergarten. One of our Community Outreach Projects for the year was to provide backpacks and school supplies and a new pair of shoes for each of those 22 children. Our fund raisers gave us enough money to purchase the backpacks and our congregation provided ALL of the school supplies.

We asked St. Mathews Episcopal Church if they would like to join us in this huge project and they happily agreed. They held a special fund raiser and raised enough money to purchase gift certificates for a new pair of shoes for each of the kids.

Together, representatives from the ECW of St. Bede's and St. Mathews attended the graduation ceremony to distribute the gifts. Our churches received a standing ovation from the parents and grandparents of the children which was humbling. As we looked down into the sweet, smiling happy faces of these children as we put on their new backpacks; they each thanked us. This Outreach Project is one way that our ECW serves the Community and is blessing those who least expect it. May God continue to guide us to do his will.

UNDIE SUNDAY:

Mark your Calendars Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. Those are the next dates for Undie Sunday, our day to help the homeless of our community by donating new underwear. Collection boxes will be located in the back of the church for those two Sundays to accept donations of new packages of underwear for men and women who are homeless and in need. All sizes are accepted.

St Vincent De Paul Food Center

Volunteers are needed to prepare food and serve it the fifth Thursday of each month for the homeless at the St. Vincent De Paul Food Center in Downtown St. Petersburg. The center serves three meals a day for 365 days a year to the homeless population of our community. If you are interested in getting involved, see Jennifer Rich.

On Going Fund Raisers

- ◆ Jewelry Sales
- ◆ Greeting Card Sales
- ◆ New Donation table on the Patio- With pamphlets explaining the Sara Howell fund, the Samaritan Counseling Center, and Community Pre-School.

On the Lighter Side

You'll know you're an Episcopalian- if you watch Star Wars and they say, "May the force be with you", and you automatically reply, "And also with you."

The Episcopal Church Women's Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son, Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world.

Amen