



# THE BETHLEHEM

Hebrew for "House of Bread"

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## ***Stewardship from our generous heart!***

*... They are all to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.*  
-1 Timothy 6:18-19

The moment has come when we all shall gather as the body of Christ and richly express such a faith-filled generosity to build the reign of God together. The Scriptures make it clear that God has provided an abundance of resources within stewardship opportunities, and that we

are all called to do good, to exercise our God-given gifts through good works; dedication and commitment of time, talent and treasure combined, so that we all rejoice in a healthy church with a good spiritual foundation for the future.

Our Stewardship Campaign planning has begun with our new Treasurer and our Budget and Finance Committee. Our theme this year will be called "*Faith-filled Generosity*". It is during this month that we all need to begin praying and seeking God's vision for the future ministries and programs of Blessed Sacrament in 2021 and beyond. The Committee will be contacting various Lay Leaders in our parish to share their insights and dreams that could be included in the faith-filled generous budget. The time is now to recognize who we are and what we are becoming through Christ within our community.

The question comes up each year of what do each of us desire to see happen for the parish and what areas of ministry do we yearn to excel in this upcoming year? It cannot be overemphasized that in order to expand and meet the demands of the current needs during such challenging times, we have to get busy on a genuine narrative budget that the people of

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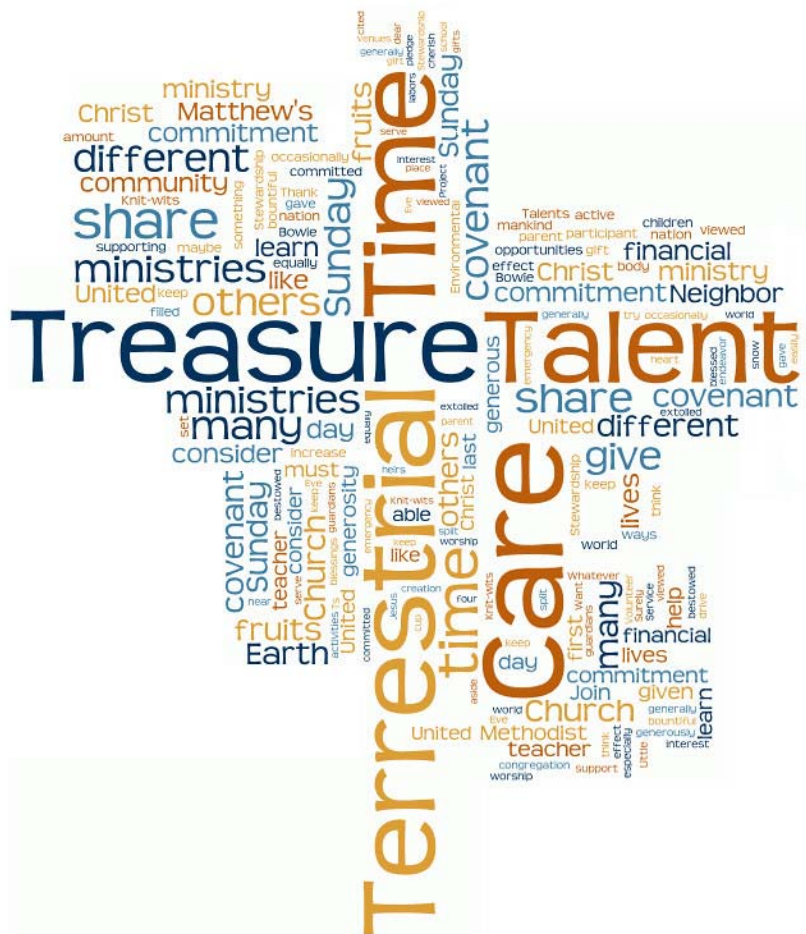
God desire from their hearts, and to work together as confident and steadfast parishioners that will move forward in faith, courage and enthusiasm.

We are all called to listen to the Holy Spirit about where we are going. God will provide all that we need to follow with the directions given and to keep our eyes focused on the prize in this glorious pathway of continuous blessings and divine expressions of God's amazing bounty and grace. Once we have each made such a decision to be a part of such faith-filled generosity in new ways, we then must ask if we are each committed to making it happen through our tithe and pledge? WE need to know the continual devotion of all our Parish Members, so that we can build a realistic and sustaining budget for 2021.

Thank you, so much to all of you that have given so munificently in the time that I have been your Rector for 18 months. Without each of you, we would have never made it during this transitional period and current pandemic reality. We know God has big plans for this great parish now and in the future, and we look forward to sharing and inviting others of how "We have found the Christ and Grace; let us all come and see!"

Abiding in God's abundant love and peace,

Barrett+



## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

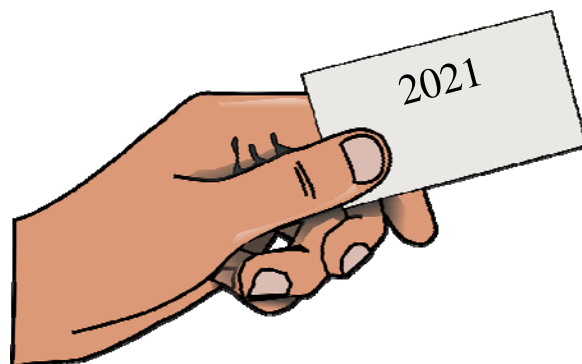
**Greetings from the new Treasurer!** And for me and our family it has something of a homecoming! When we first moved to California in the 70's we joined Blessed Sacrament and raised our children in the church. Times and circumstance led us to join another parish for quite a while. But when I started coming back to Blessed Sacrament, I was reminded why we have always had such affection for this congregation. There is a warmth and generosity of spirit in this parish that is obvious from the moment you enter the church's doors.

The spirit of this parish has been especially evident throughout this past spring and summer, and the extraordinary times through which we have been living. The pandemic has upended everything from commencement exercises to birthday parties, and even closed our physical church buildings. Yet through it all our spirit has persisted and flourished. Father Barrett mentioned that at a recent Deanery meeting other parishes expressed astonishment at the quality of the Zoom and Facebook services Blessed Sacrament was offering each Sunday, and wondered how we were ever able to do it. (And we have even begun to hold on-site services outdoors on the Rose Garden Patio.) Yet whether we gather on-site or online, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another.

In these financially challenging times, I want to thank all of you who have stepped up this summer to sustain your pledges and offer additional support as we have weathered the summer months—a usual little financial “valley” for churches each year. And though we will probably not begin our annual stewardship campaign in earnest until the beginning of October, I would encourage you to take some time even now to begin to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider what you may be able to pledge for 2021.

Next year will be an exceptional year for us. As some of you may know, 2021 will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Mass being celebrated in our church building. It took that little mission that was founded in 1956 only five years to acquire the land it needed and build the physical church we worship in today. It can only make us wonder what we might be able to accomplish not only next year but the next five years as we serve God's people and those in need in our community.

Joe Arnold



A GIFT CAN BE GIVEN IN MANY WAYS



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

**SAVE THE DATE**

On Sunday, October 11th  
from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
the American Red Cross  
will have their BLOOD-MOBILE  
in our parking lot.

This is our opportunity to gather as a community and support this amazing organization. Information to sign up for an appointment will follow in our weekly E-Tidings.





## REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

### FEEDING GOD'S PEOPLE UPDATE

Due to the current state of the pandemic, in Southern California, the Placentia Presbyterian campus remains closed, so there will be no soup kitchen ministry again this month.



However, we have, thanks to your generosity, continued to feed God's people in other ways. Many non-perishable food items have been donated by parishioners and delivered to the Friendly Center in Orange during the months of July and August. We hope to make another delivery in September, so please continue to give as you are able. Members have also dropped off food at Rose Drive Friends Church for their food program.

Food Item requests are:

- ♥ Rice and Dry Beans
- ♥ Sauces & Pasta
- ♥ Shelf Milk and Cereal
- ♥ Stuffing and Dry potatoes
- ♥ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ♥ Canned Meat
- ♥ Mac & Cheese



**LAUNDRY LOVE** Coordinator, Doug Lee,

has been keeping this vital ministry going during the pandemic by dropping off detergent, fabric softener and money for the attendants to give out.

On 7/16/20 Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love served 9 clients, doing 74 loads, spending \$107.25. No volunteers attended. Doug dropped off detergent, fabric softener, and money for the attendants (Maria and her helper) to give out. The attendants did a terrific job, even though Beatrix, the regular attendant, was not there. Doug also dropped off face masks and hand sanitizer, but all clients had their own face masks. The turnout was low but should increase with word of mouth from clients and attendants. With the increase in Corona virus infections, the usual clients probably doubted that we would have Laundry Love.

On 8/20/20 Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love spent \$268.25 to do 215 loads for 22 people. The detergent and money were dropped off and picked up. The Busy Bee Laundromat attendant, Maria, served the needy.

## OUTREACH UPDATES

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who donated filled back packs or gave a monetary donation. Through your generosity we were able to donate twelve (12) back packs to the Friendly Center in Orange where they were received with much appreciation.



## A Recognition "Thank-you" From The Friendly Center.

In appreciation for Blessed Sacrament's ongoing support of the Friendly Center we have been recognized in their recent News letter. Please visit : <https://friendlycenter.org/donor-spotlight-episcopal-church-of-the-blessed-sacrament-placentia/> to review their article and also visit their site to see all that they do for our community.

**The Manny Moto Foundation** will not be sending a sea container to the Dominican Republic this year because of the pandemic, so we will not be requesting donations of medical supplies and equipment and/or toys as was our intention for the month of September.

Let us continue to **FOCUS** on the needs of our community and continue to bring in donations of non-perishable food items. Please read weekly E-Tidings for updated donation requests.

If you need further information please contact Marion Hetherington at 714-595-4219 or send her an email at [csssquared@roadrunner.com](mailto:csssquared@roadrunner.com).

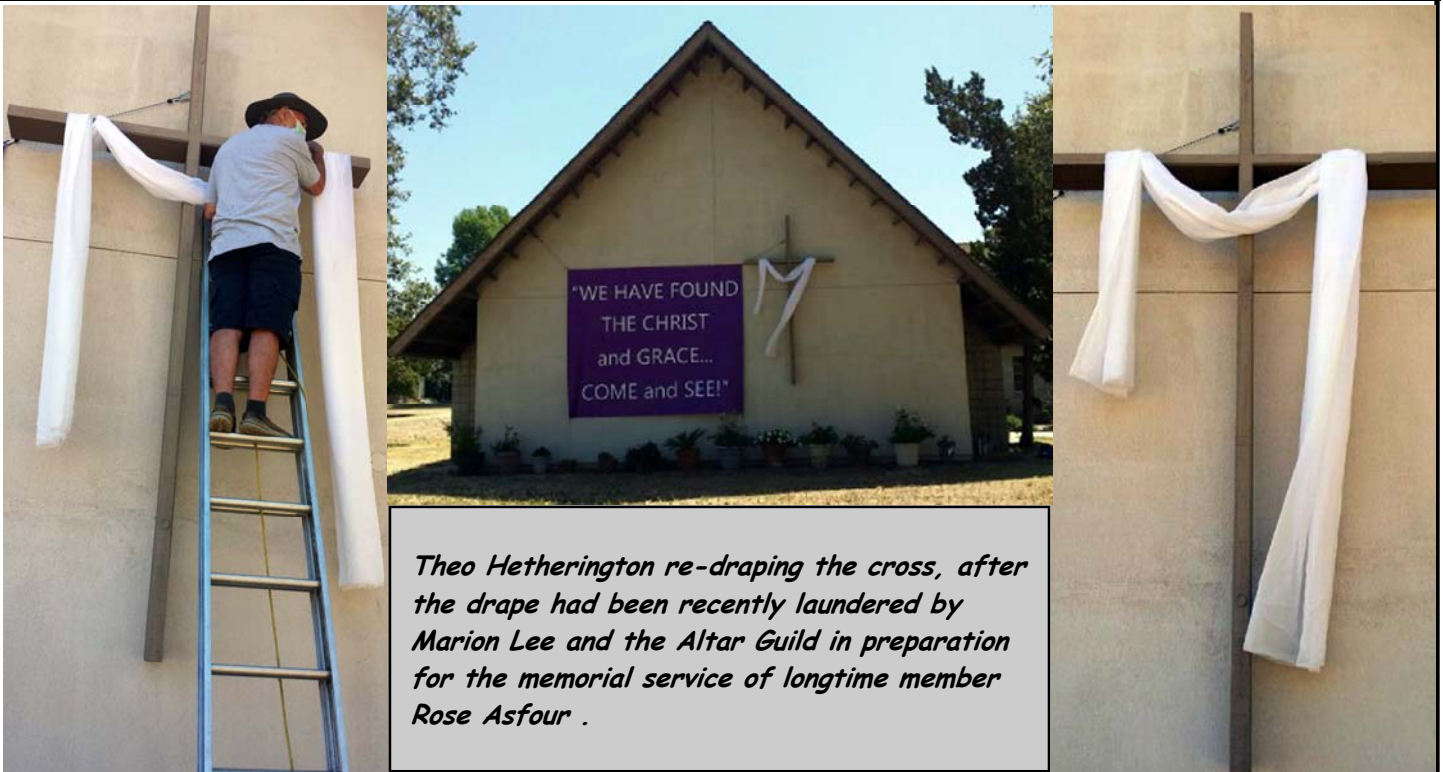
*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

## Matthew 26:40



**The Outreach Committee thanks you for your amazing support of our requests.**

## ON CAMPUS



*Theo Hetherington re-draping the cross, after the drape had been recently laundered by Marion Lee and the Altar Guild in preparation for the memorial service of longtime member Rose Asfour .*



*The "open air" altar prepared for the funeral service for Rose Asfour. Please keep all her grieving family in your prayers.*



## CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

We have just finished up our summer program here at the C.L.C. I know the children all had a great summer and enjoyed getting to be around friends.

As many of you know we did end up with a positive case of Covid 19, with one of our staff members at the end of summer, but I am happy to report that she is doing well, and that none of the other staff members tested positive. This assured me that we are doing everything correct at our school for the safety of our children and staff.

The staff spent a busy week getting prepared to reopen on our school on August 31st with the approval of OC Health and licensing.

Please continue to keep us all in your prayers as we begin our fall program.



Blessings,  
Tracie Donaldson ,  
Director.





## GIVING OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

### From Teri Niebuhr, Tuesday Task Force Volunteer

Although Gary and I were not able to participate in Tuesday Task Force this week and see our dear brother and sister (Dick and Anita), most Tuesdays we are eager to assist with whatever tasks are required. Our 88 year old leader, Dick, is our hero, and as many may know, spends much of his time, (not just Tuesdays), around the church, painting, raking, repairing and eager to help wherever needed. During the pandemic, there are four of us regulars, Gary, Dick, Anita and myself. When Midge was up and around, we could set our watches to 10:00 AM and promptly snacks and Gatorade would appear. During this beastly heat, we still manage to tend to the grounds, each focusing on small areas so by quitting time Noon-12:30 pm, we feel we've accomplished the tasks at hand.



As you can imagine, we socially distance quite well around the 3.46 acres of land, not to mention over at the rectory on AnnaJeanne.

We all enjoy tending to the grounds, where the children's laughter is the sound track, as well as observing the flora and fauna. Now that the butterflies are visiting the Passion Fruit vine, we hope one will fly close enough to land on our heads or shoulders.

Peace,  
Tuesday Task Force Volunteers

**TALENT** is a strange word;

It means a coin, or one's capability, or a gift.

So when we are given children and we neglect to tell them  
the stories of faith;

We are burying our talents.

When we are given friends, and we neglect to significantly  
touch their lives,

We are burying our talents.

And when we are given a song to sing and we sing it not,  
We are burying our talents.

Whatever talent means.....

Whatever it is we're burying...

Our money or our song, or our helping hands,

The meaning of the story is clear; Burying talents means not using God's gifts.

My prayer is that we'll all be called good and faithful servants!!



Submitted by Marion Hetherington, author unknown.

## The Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Placentia.



### *Mission Statement*

*Answering the call of Jesus to follow the gospel, we honor the dignity of all God's children and strive to grow together in prayer and spirituality.*

### *Vision Statement*

Making our Lord Jesus Christ visible to the world through our word and service.

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