



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

An Inclusive and Progressive
Community of Faith

Who, led by the Spirit, are guided to
provide a safe harbor
for those on their spiritual journey.

And who work to bring God's loving justice into our world in need.

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News for our Community

Good Afternoon Friends!

PER OUR GOVERNOR'S DEGREE WE WILL BE MASKED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL.

People have been asking, and I have an answer. We will not be returning to having hospitality after church with coffee and goodies, until after this COVID surge is over. Sorry... I love being able to hang around and visit just like you do, but we need to keep everyone safe!

Next Tuesday August 24th at 4:00, we will be hosting the funeral for Connor and Chelsea Hill here at St. Paul's. If you recall, they are the 18 year olds that Marty had been helping to care for, prior to their deaths. I hope that there will be folks from our community who will attend that day. It promises to be a big funeral, with many grieving people from the community, and it would be an opportunity for us to reflect who we are as a parish.

We have received a small green grant from the Diocese toward our work of being committed to working toward using less energy in our church. The \$750 will be used to continue our replacement of windows that are not yet energy efficient.

BIG HUGS TO YOU ALL!!!

Mother Kathleen+

Prayer for Haiti from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Eternal God, send forth your Spirit to encourage and strengthen the people of Haiti in these difficult times. We pray especially for those impacted by the recent earthquake. Encourage and strengthen those who help and support others. In your mercy, receive the souls of those who have died; comfort their families and loved ones. Surround with your presence the sick and suffering. Aid the work of those who still search and rescue. Empower the medical and aid workers and all who labor to heal.

Likewise, inspire and empower the resolve of the nations and peoples of the world to be your instruments of help and healing. Stir up the might of your love and compassion among the nations to rally resources and stay the course until the humanitarian job is accomplished.

Lastly, enfold and uphold the people of Haiti—from the youngest newly born to the oldest among us—in the arms of your love and the strength of your might. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry offers a prayer for the people of Afghanistan

Eternal God, hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. There is a profound humanitarian crisis. Countless people, mostly women and children, are now fleeing and vulnerable. The lives of many are now endangered. The hopes of many are forgone. Send your Spirit, Lord, to rally the resolve of the nations of the earth to find pathways to save human lives, protect human rights, and to resolve the hardships of those seeking refuge, asylum, and safety. Hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. This we pray as followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

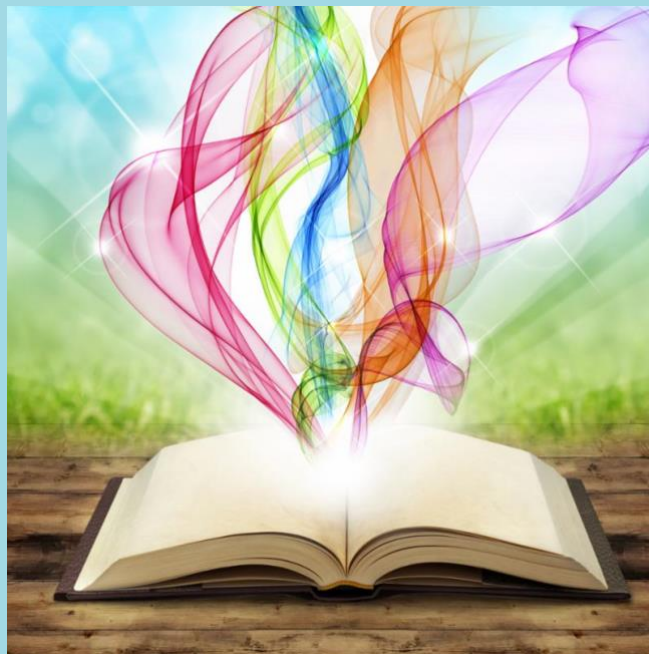
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NOTE: For the many people who have asked how they can support The Episcopal Church's efforts to resettle and provide direct assistance to Afghans seeking special immigrant visas, please visit episcopalmigrationministries.org/give.

The Book Group Of St. Paul's will

Read the book and join us on Zoom. I found the book hard to put down and a great read.

Join Zoom Meeting



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253008185?pwd=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZa2Z2UURDZz09>

**Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185
Passcode: journey**

Bible Study will be



meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will be looking at the readings for the following Sunday.

**The readings are:
Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9**

Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

All are welcome! If you have questions, please call Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139

Are you looking for a way to help your



PROJECT + RESOURCE

congregation reframe its understanding of stewardship?

Do you need an effective stewardship plan as you head into the fall?

Come and join us for Project Resource, an incredible learning opportunity and stewardship formation offering from the College for Bishops! We'll be partnering with the Diocese of Oregon and gathering online via Zoom on Sundays, September 5 through October 3, from 2:00-4:00pm. This series of trainings will build on one another and give your team a more theological and spiritual understanding of stewardship and, more practically, a completed, ready-to-implement pledge drive for 2021. Normally \$450 a person, Oregon and Olympia have partnered and paid for this offering, so that it will only cost each congregation, no matter the size of your team, only \$50 per team!

Learn more and register today! Click on the link for more details.

Project Resource



How would you like to start cleaning out your garage of stuff that you no longer need, or are able to recycle before winter sets in? Well, do I have a deal for you!

Between now and the end of September, you are welcome to utilize our church's dumpster. It's emptied early on Monday mornings. Make sure that any smelly

garage stuff is placed in the dumpster closer to Saturday so that it's not in there for a long period of time.

Also, if the dumpster is full when you arrive, please do not overfill. We need the lid to be shut tight at all times to keep critters out. Please pick up after yourselves if you drop things. No one is scheduled for dumpster cleanup and that includes me. Finally, *please do not drop off any household appliances or hazardous waste materials.*

Thank you!

Karen Hobson
Project Manager

Hello my
friends,

It's time for
another
Brigade

Bremerton Backpack Brigade

Serving the first needs of the
child, so that they may learn



newsletter! We're just starting to gear up for the new school year, but there are food drives and backpack collections going on between now and then that you might want to know about ahead of time.

I guess the most important thing to know about this upcoming year is that the kids will be back in school (in-person) and we'll resume packing and delivering on Fridays (or the last day of the school week) like we've done before. The schedule will be included in the September newsletter.

We're excited to see you all this fall, and don't forget: We'd love you to invite friends to come join us when you volunteer!

See ya soon,

Myra

[Click to read the August newsletter](#)



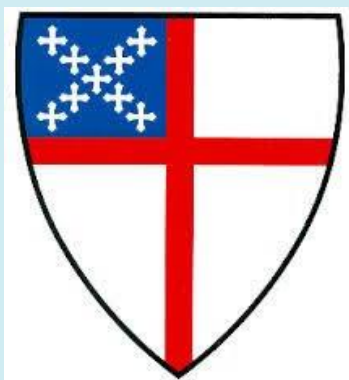
Two
weeks
before
global
climate

negotiations, on 17 and 18 October, people of diverse religions will rise to send a message: destroying the planet is against our religions.

Join us for Faiths 4 Climate Justice Kickoff.

Call to learn more about this event!

[Click here for more information on Faiths 4 Climate Justice](#)



Church office hours:

Tuesdays - Thursdays

10:00AM - 2:00PM

If you require assistance,
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