



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!

The Funeral for the 18 year old twins Connor and Chelsea Hill was well attended on Tuesday. Their mother continues to be held in jail. What the future holds for her future is unknown. Thank you to all of the St. Paul's folks who helped that day, you showed the greater community a loving, compassionate presence for those who were so deeply grieving.

This week for me has been very busy! I had more oral surgery on Monday and rested the rest of the day. Tuesday morning finishing my sermon for the funeral, and making sure that the church was all ready for those coming. Then a hospital visit to see Lorene Leider, see the Prayer Vine for

the latest on how she is doing. Wednesday was getting getting the sign bid off to Hansen Signs (that will mean a full overhaul of our sign after the bullet holes.) Getting caught up on correspondence and people coming in. Thank you to Jinx Cromwell for the Christmas Creche she has gifted the church this week. Thursday was bulletin, writing, email and phone calling. Friday finishing the Halls and doctor appointments.

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.



NEWS & INFORMATION

from the OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

It has been brought to our attention that several churches in the diocese have had their phone numbers "spoofed" by individuals looking to use those numbers to get people to answer the phone and scam money out of them. Phone spoofing is becoming a more common occurrence and, unfortunately, there is very little that can be done to stop it. When this happens to one of your numbers, you can get flooded with calls from individuals demanding to know why someone left a harassing or solicitous message from you.

There are a few things you can do if you discover that your church's number has been spoofed:

- Change your number
- Change your voicemail to let callers know you have been spoofed
- File a complaint with the FCC

You can find more information about spoofing and the steps above in the following article: [Someone Is Using My Phone Number. How Can I Stop This?](#)

The Book Group Of St. Paul's meets every Monday evening at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

We are currently reading: *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?: Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World* by Brian D. McLaren

McLaren uses the metaphor of great religious leaders crossing the road to converse about key matters of faith. Yet he seems to make the strongest case for fostering tolerance of other religions, while implementing Christian doctrine and maintaining Christian identity, through a single personal story. His brother offers to move some furniture into his new apartment and decides to play a practical joke, flooding the bathroom with several hundred balloons. McLaren must enlist the help of a neighbor boy to invite a virtual parade of children into the apartment to carry away the balloons. The resulting friendship between the Christian author and the Muslim boy provides an essential life lesson about loving our neighbors and tolerating their differences. McLaren makes additional valid points about the need to accept others and their various faiths while not compromising on Christian identity, but this particular anecdote leaves by far the most lasting impression. For Christians on the fence about whether to accept others and their faiths, or to insist that only Christianity can adequately serve, this book provides important insights. —Susan DeGrane



Reviews

"This is a book to cherish, to read over and over, a book that sheds light and warmth on one of the most difficult questions of our era."—Eboo Patel, Founder and President, Interfaith Youth Core, Author of *Acts of Faith and Sacred Ground*

"McLaren offers a renewed and renewing vision of Christianity that will challenge every reader to go deeper into its core Truth and find radical urgency to befriend all God's children. If you are not afraid of having your viewpoint, identity, and complacency challenged — read this, for Love itself is to be found here!"—Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church

"With wisdom and wit, Brian McLaren courageously explores the contours of his Christian faith in light of his experiences with people from other religious communities. His questions and insights are important contributions to the unfolding interfaith discussion in the United States and beyond."—Rabbi Or N. Rose, Director, The Center for Global Judaism, Hebrew College

Come and Join Us!

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=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZaa2Z2UURDZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185

Passcode: journey

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, September 1 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will be discussing the readings for the following Sunday. The readings are:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

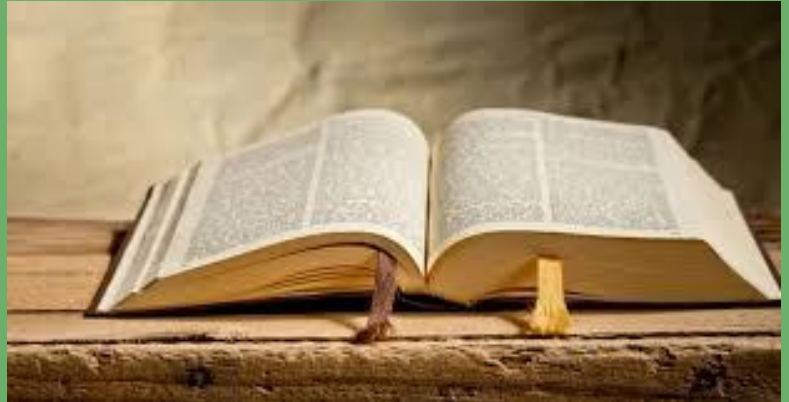
Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

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

Hope to see you there!



From the Lord's Neighborhood Diner:

We need volunteers!

St. Paul's and the Lord's Neighborhood Diner are supporting the Salvation Army by preparing dinner **ON THE SECOND SATURDAY** of every month between 2:30 and 5:30 pm. It is a safe environment, and you can park behind the Salvation Army for free. Temperatures are checked at the door, everyone wears masks, and gloves are provided in the kitchen. We prepare 45-70 dinners and put our delicious cuisine in containers that the Salvation Army staff distribute to the hungry folks. You will only be working in the kitchen and will not have direct contact with the diners.

Please let me know if you are willing to work the upcoming date of:
Saturday, September 11, 2021



Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered: Sue Ahrens, Jim Manlove, Tara Chambless, Bonda Lewis, Mary Jo Melia, Jennifer Laris, and Joseph Hayworth.

Blessings,
Jackie King
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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

Hi everyone,

The September newsletter is attached. This newsletter is going out to donors, friends of the Brigade, and volunteers alike.

Our biggest news for this newsletter is: **THE BRIGADE PANTRY HAS MOVED!** This move was unexpected but very welcome. Our board of directors are filled with gratitude for this much

Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



bigger space the school district has made available for us. The new portable is behind Naval Avenue Early Learning Center (900 Olympic Ave).

We do not have a start date yet for this year, but the goal is to begin packing and delivering food backpacks by mid to late September. We'll keep everyone posted as plans fall into place.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Myra

[Click to read the September newsletter](#)



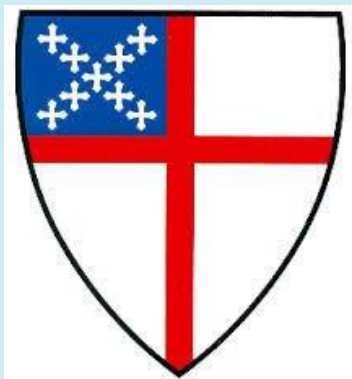
Two weeks before global climate negotiations, on 17 and 18 October, people of diverse religions will rise to send a message: destroying the planet is against our religions.

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, please call Philip

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