



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We are 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.

September 12, 2021
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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.**

This upcoming Sunday I will be trying a different kind of mask, which is a gift from Camille Richardson. Being clear, it may make it easier for those who need to read lips to understand what is being said, to actually see my lips, and it won't have to be taken on and off. Let me know what you think.

This is our second week in the Season of Creation. Below you will see the statement put out this week to the leaders of the world about our earth, by Pope Francis, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Patriarch of the Orthodox churches. Please read this before Sunday, because I will be asking you what you are doing to respond to the cry of our earth.

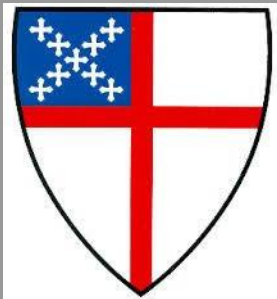
On Saturday the 11th I am hosting the Kitsap Spinners and Weavers at the church for an outside spin in. We will be spinning under the entrance of the church from 2-4 if you want to see what we are doing.

BIG HUGS TO YOU ALL!!!
Mother Kathleen+

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In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to: Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. One of the best ways to do that is through our involvement in local elections and activities.

Here is the link people can use to sign up for the newsletter for Indivisible Bremerton:
<https://eventbrite.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=4ec6912c1146b2b6fd2418e57&id=8e83146350>.



Pastoral word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on the 20th anniversary of September 11

As followers of Jesus, and with our siblings in other faith traditions, we place great value on the act of remembrance. As we reflect on the solemn anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember many loved ones lost and first responders who put their lives at risk, modeling the sacrificial love of Jesus, who said: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

While 20 years have passed, I also want us to pause and remember the days that followed these tragic events. There was a moment in the aftermath when people came together. We were praying, grieving, and also working together. Because in that moment, however fleeting it was, we knew with immediacy and vulnerability that we need God, and we need each other.

Memories of that tender cooperation—of love for each other as neighbors—serve as guiding lights for the present. Amidst the ongoing pandemic and natural disasters that have taken so many lives and pushed first responders to their limits, and amidst a worldwide reckoning with the sin of racism, we are called to become the Beloved Community whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love.



Joint statement on climate change by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch

Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and Archbishop Justin Welby urge everyone to play their part in “choosing life” for the future of the planet.

In a joint statement, the Christian leaders have called on people to pray, in this Christian season of creation, for world leaders ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) this November. The statement reads: “We call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.”

The joint declaration issues a clear warning—“Today, we are paying the price... Tomorrow could be worse”—and concludes that, “This is a critical moment. Our children’s future and the future of our common home depend on it.”

The three Christian leaders spoke against injustice and inequality, saying, “We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth’s resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them.”

The statement calls on people to do the following:

- Pray for world leaders ahead of COP26.
- For individuals: To make meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources.
- For those with far-reaching responsibilities: To choose people-centered profits and lead the transition to just and sustainable economies.

Read the full statement at [this link](#).

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

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=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZa2Z2UURDZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185

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Bible Study will meet
Wednesday, Sept. 15 at
9:30am in the Oliver
Room at St. Paul's. We
will discuss the readings
for the following
Sunday. They are:

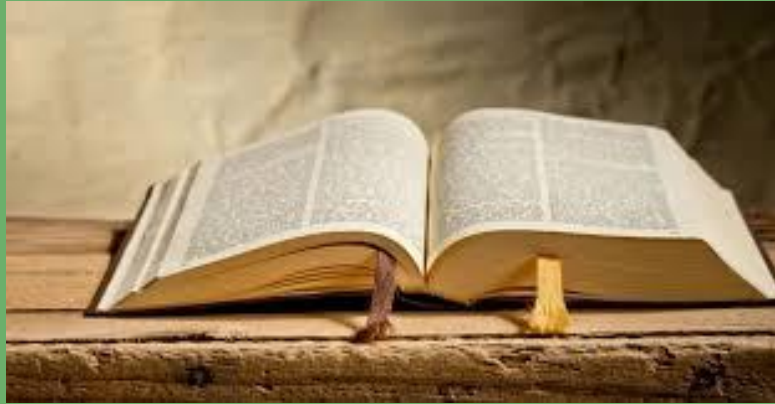
Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13- 4:3, 7-

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Mark 9:30- 37



Hope to see you there. Have a nonpareil day!
Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139

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.

We now have all the necessary volunteers for the month of September.

Please let me know if you are willing to work the upcoming date of:
Saturday, October 9, 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

350 West Sound Climate Action and Sunrise South Kitsap

present....

Global Day of Climate Action

September 25th, 2021

11 AM, Bremerton WA

Meeting at Manette Bridge and
marching to Evergreen Park



Speakers, music, booths and more!

SAVE THE DATE

Port Madison Dialogues

Four Part Online Panel Discussions

Suquamish Tribal leaders will share the history of the Suquamish Tribe, current issues facing the Tribe, and the impacts of the sometimes difficult relationships between Tribal and non-Tribal communities.

Tribal members will share poetry, songs, and stories.

Thursdays

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Sept. 23

Oct. 7

Oct. 21

Nov. 4



<https://bit.ly/PortMadison>

Please plan to attend all four sessions.

Sponsored by Kitsap County, the Suquamish Tribe, and the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County.

Discussions take place 6:30-8:00 pm on the following Thursdays: Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21 and Nov. 4. The sessions will cover: Since Time Immemorial - Early History; Tribal Sovereignty and Governance; Current Issues Facing the Tribe; and a Wrap-Up Circle - Grief and Healing.

The events are open to the public and people are encouraged to attend all four sessions.

To learn more and to register in advance (required), click [here](#) or visit <https://bit.ly/PortMadison>.

Hi everyone,

Our biggest news for this newsletter is: THE BRIGADE PANTRY HAS MOVED! This move was unexpected but very

Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



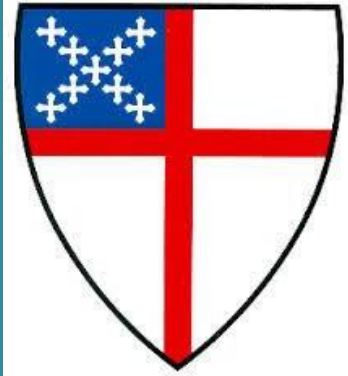
welcome. Our board of directors are filled with gratitude for this much bigger space the school district has made available for us. The new portable is behind Naval Avenue Early Learning Center (900 Olympic Ave).

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](#)



Church office hours:

Tuesdays - Thursdays

10:00AM - 2:00PM

**If you require assistance,
please call Philip at 360-377-0106
or email stpaul700@gmail.com.**