



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.

September 5, 2021
Proper 18

News for our Community

Good Afternoon Friends!

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

Those of you who are part of our community virtually will have noticed our media challenges these last two weeks. Again, we apologize! This week we upgraded our streaming ability from 25 mps to 100, so we hope that this will help.

You will notice on Sunday that the hymnbooks and prayerbooks are back in the pews. Now that we know that they cannot serve as vectors for the spread of COVID, it seems silly to keep them all in boxes, when they could be being used.

As you see in the heading above, we will be moving into the Season of Creation this Sunday. The theme for this year is A HOME FOR ALL? We will be pulling prayers from our First Nation brothers and sisters, Hildegard of

Bingen, and the international community who have organized the Season of Creation since 1989.

In past years, there have been clear subjects and themes like water and air quality, how we use resources etc. But this year is more subtle. Because of the Pandemic, we have learned that we are one people, one humanity that is all susceptible to this disease. But we're also learning how the poor of the world have less access to the vaccine, how divided we are about science, and how that divide fueled by politics continues to put many at risk. So this year's theme is **A HOME FOR ALL? Who is being forgotten? Who is being left behind?** As we observe the season of fire each summer, rising temperatures, water scarcity, drought, bigger and more ferocious hurricanes and tornadoes will we wake up to the fact that it affects all of us on this planet, not just those of us in Kitsap county? What will we do, to make changes in our world?

BIG HUGS TO YOU ALL!!!
Mother Kathleen+

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RTON**

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>.



Episcopal
Relief & Development

On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal

Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief to make a gift today. And note that our outreach offering for this Sunday September 5th will be for Episcopal Relief and Development.

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 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=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZaZ2Z2UURDZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185

Passcode: journey

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, September 8 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will be discussing the readings for the following Sunday. The readings are:

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12



Mark 8:27-38

All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please call 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

Hi everyone,

The
September
newsletter is

Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



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 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

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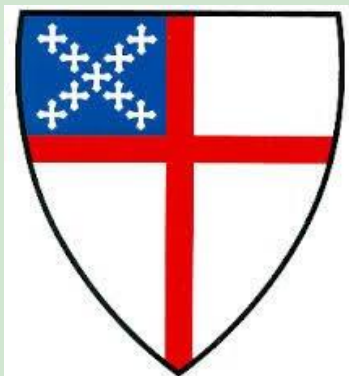
Two
weeks
before
global
climate

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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