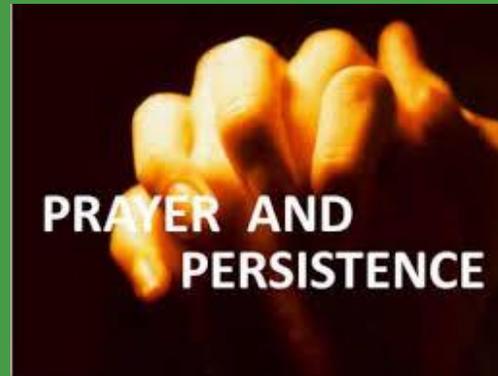


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

(In Exile in the Parish Hall 11.7 - ?)

**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.**

**December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Episcopal Priests: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight & the Rev. David Dinkins

Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Georgann Falotico

Lay Readers: Richard Horn, Mackenzie Cahill & Eric Smiley

Altar Guild: Terri Anderson, Tara Chambless & Mackenzie Cahill

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It's our 4th week of Advent Sunday, a day for considering Mary's part in the Incarnation of Christ.

This past week has been one of intense consideration of the deterioration of the Lantern, and how in part our current challenges are because of needed repairs. If you heard people thumping around in the empty sanctuary last Sunday morning, they were the footsteps of yet another contractor looking at work to be done up on high. Eventually, we will be able to enjoy our upstairs sanctuary, but for the time being, we will continue in exile in the parish hall.

On Wednesday of this past week, the three windows in the sanctuary that had blown seals were replaced. So that's one more fix accomplished in our big list of building fixes.

I delivered the Christmas tree to our family Thursday morning. You should have seen two year old Pasca guiding Jane and I as we carried the tree box into the house. It was like she was guiding a jet into it's slot. It made us both laugh!

During the season of Advent and Christmas, we are doing the **Mass of Creation**. What I've been doing is adding each part slowly, so that we all remember how it all fits together. So far we are singing the Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Die. This week we will add the Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again, and the Great Amen. I've been impressed with how quickly you've picked it all up again! By Christmas we will have all the sung parts back with us.

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 December 24th in our current home downstairs. Music, candles, community and a celebration of the Birth of Jesus. There will be no Christmas Day service, but we'll be back on Sunday the 26th.

Allow me to say yet again how **I'm proud of how everyone is doing!** This is a challenge for all of us, and I've been impressed with your flexibility. Thank you! When this is all done we will have a renovated, water free sanctuary, a newly floored parish hall, and whatever new life is on the horizon for 2022. Alleluia!

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As usual please make sure that you sign in for contact tracing, wear your masks, and we will continue to be the church... maybe in exile to the basement, but still St. Paul's Episcopal Church by the Salish Sea.

SEE YA IN THE PARISH HALL ON SUNDAY!
Mother Kathleen+

The Heater in the Parish Hall is not Heating

If you don't want to look like Bernie on Sunday, I'd like to suggest that you dress warmly for worship. Dana's Heating is scheduled to come to check on it on the 23rd, but in the mean time layer up my friends. We'll do our best to have it all warm and toasty for Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm.



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ANGEL TREE for 2021E

This year our Angel Tree will be helping to support the family that we are helping from South Sudan. Jane and her five children are in housing supplied by the local Catholic Church.

Thanks to all, who helped supply our family with a Christmas tree, warm coats, hats and gloves, clothing, as well as books and toys for the kids. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember all gifts should be brought to church, wrapped, marked with the name of the recipient as well as your name by this Sunday, the 19th.

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

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The St. Paul's Book Group has selected **Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race** by Debbie Irving for our new book to read starting Monday, December 13.

This book is part of the Episcopal Church Sacred Ground curriculum and is being read by our Vestry. It is a book for us to discuss "White Privilege." A book written from the author's personal journey as a privileged white person in the U.S. learning about the racial divide.

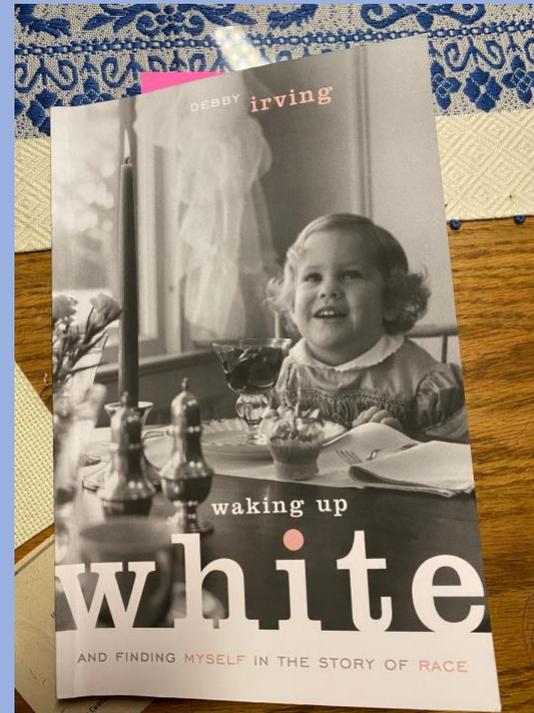
The book group feels that by reading the book out loud each week we will be able to focus on the journey of racial reconciliation, take time to discuss the chapter questions, and learn from each other. Come and join us; books can be purchased, checked out at the library, or you can just listen. **When was the last time you listened to a whole book being read by friends?**

Peace to You,
Call if you have questions or just join in.
Katherine Adams 360-377-9942

Join Zoom Meeting

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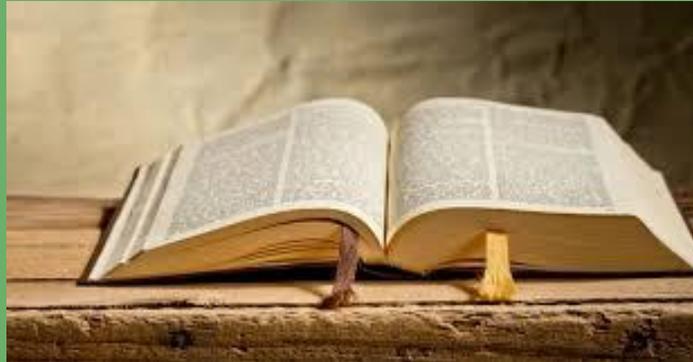
**Bible Study will meet on
Wednesday, December 15th at
9:30am in the Oliver Room. We
will discuss the readings for the
following Sunday. The readings
are:**

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalms 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)



All are welcome! Please contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139 with any questions.

See you on Wednesday!

From the Salvation Army

We will need volunteers!

St. Paul's and the Lord's Neighborhood Diner are now supporting the Salvation Army by preparing dinner

ONCE A MONTH ON THE SECOND SATURDAY of every month from **2:30 to 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

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in the kitchen. We prepare 45-75 dinners and put our delicious cuisine on trays that we distribute to the hungry folks through a window in the kitchen. It is fun, safe, and secure.

Please let me know if you are willing and available to work the upcoming month of:
Saturday, January 8, 2022

Hebrews 6:10

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

Continually serving others is a form of expressing our faith in and to God. When we start to grow weary in our serving, we can be reenergized in our commitment by knowing that he sees us, and he will not forget.

Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered.

Blessings,

Jackie King
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Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



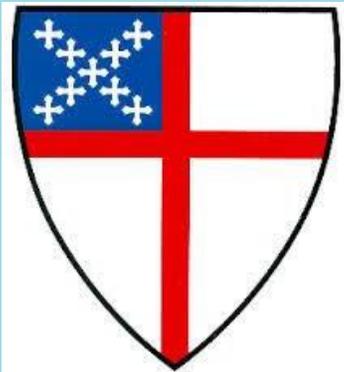
Hi everyone,
Here we are in December! This will be a short but busy month. I really look forward to seeing you. Check out the volunteer schedule carefully - box packing for winter break happens mid-month, and we could use a few extra helping hands to get this big undertaking done. Let us know if you can be there either day.

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The Food Drive at Fred Meyer is postponed for a few months. Too much COVID spreading out there; let's all stay safe. Besides the newsletter, I'm attaching a volunteer task list. It gets updated nearly every week, so I thought you might need a more recent copy.
Stay safe everyone, see ya around the Pantry, or Safeway, or at the movies, who knows ...
Myra

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[Click here for volunteer team schedule](#)



**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.**

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