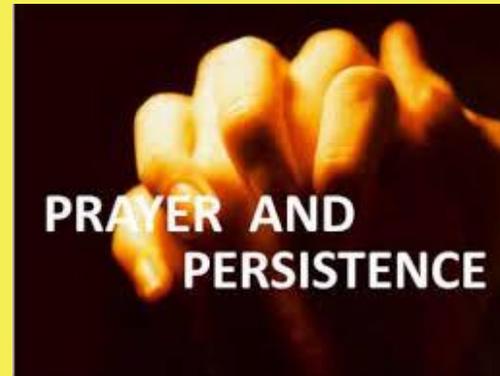


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

(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 26, 2021
Christmas**

Our Christmas Eve Ministry Team:

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

Vergers: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Sue Ahrens

Lay Readers: Jennifer Laris, Philip Fryer & Alice Gray

Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson & Terri Anderson

Sunday after Christmas Ministry Team:

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

Vergers: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter:

Lay Readers: Jackie King, Mackenzie Cahill & Joseph Hayworth

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Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson & Terri Anderson

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR RECTOR

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 December 24th in our current home downstairs. **The greening, and all the set up will take place that day starting at 2:00.** There will be no Christmas Day service, but we'll be back on Sunday the 26th.

Our first case of Omicron has been detected in the county, so I'm watching carefully to determine our next steps. First of all, I'm reading that this mutation is much more contagious, but for those of us who are fully vaccinated (ready full shots and booster) it is said that the getting sick won't send us to the hospital. In our household our kids returned from a vacation in California with something, so our Christmas plans have been cancelled. Once everyone is well again, we'll get together. I'm sure I don't need to say this, but if you feel at all sick, please stay home, don't spread anything around. If we see fast rising numbers in Kitsap, we may go back to virtual gatherings. It is at the discretion of each parish. Stay tuned.

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!

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.

I am having knee surgery on Jan. 5th, and will be out of the office at least until the 20th of February. If you have prayer requests, anything to put into the Halls or

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Prayer Vine, PLEASE contact Philip for his help in getting your things into our publications.

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

The Heater in the Parish Hall is Heating AGAIN!!!!

None of us will look like Bernie at our Christmas Eve service or on Sunday because Dana's Heating fixed whatever was wrong with the parish hall heater.



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

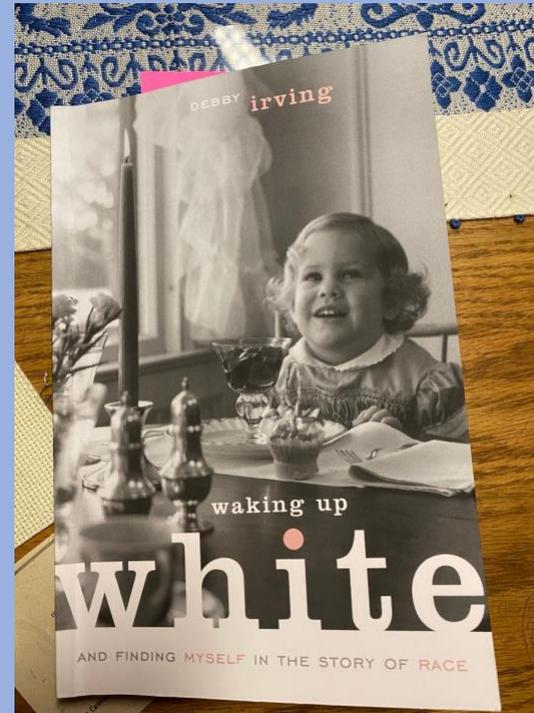
The St. Paul's Book Group has selected **Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race** by Debbie Irving for our new book to read starting Monday, December 13.

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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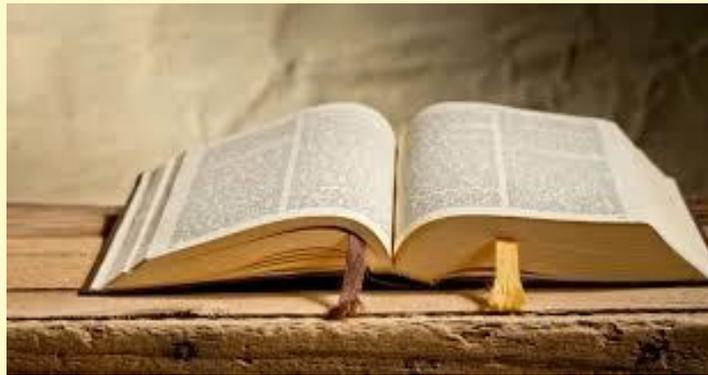
**Bible Study will meet on
Wednesday, December 29th at
9:30am in the Nursery
(temporary while the church is
under-going repairs). We will
discuss the readings for the
following Sunday. The readings
are:**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 84

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



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

See you on Wednesday!

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From the Salvation Army

We need volunteers!

St. Paul's is now supporting the Salvation Army (*akaSALLY*) by preparing dinner **ONCE A MONTH ON THE SECOND SATURDAY** of every month between **2:30 and 5:30 pm**. It is a safe environment, and you can park in the lot behind the Salvation Army for free.

Temperatures are checked at the door, everyone wears masks, and gloves are provided in the kitchen. We prepare 45-75 dinners and put our delicious cui-sine 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

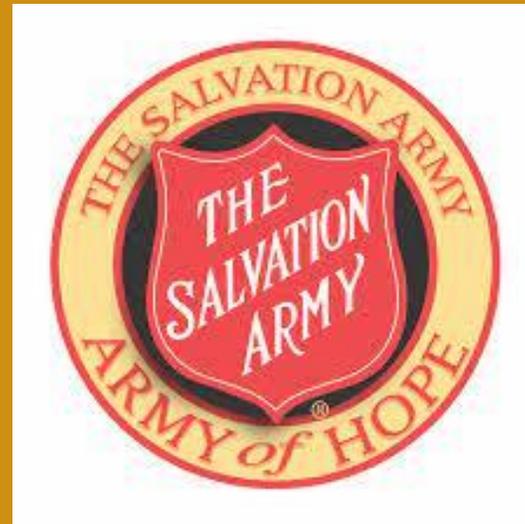
Hebrews 6:10

"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."

Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered.

Blessings,

Jackie King
Jackie_king@comcast.net
(206) 849-2803



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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.

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.

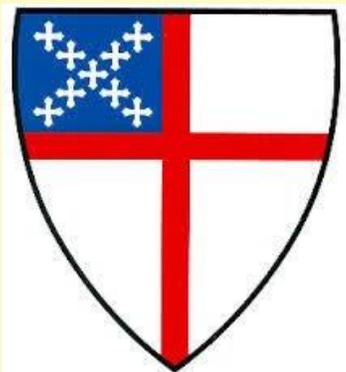
Stay safe everyone, see ya around the Pantry, or Safeway, or at the movies, who knows ...

Myra

[Click here for current newsletter](#)

[Click here for volunteer team schedule](#)

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**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.**