

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In Exile in the Parish Hall
11.7 - 4.2?

**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.
So that together we work to bring God's loving justice
into our world in need.**

**March 27, 2022
The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

FROM THE HALLS OF ST. PAUL'S

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

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

Vergers: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Marty Stennett

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*Lay Readers: Declan Jarry, Eric Smiley & Sue Ahrens
Altar Guild: Scott de Lessart*

GET READY TO MOVE BACK UPSTAIRS!



It is with great joy, and with a prayer for no unforeseen problems, that I announce that we might be back in our sanctuary the week before Holy Week! Stay tuned for updates.

As of today, Thursday, my office, and the majority of the church are now carpeted. Friday, tomorrow it is still the plan to start putting in the pews. If ANYONE has time to come to the church, I'll be putting in the OK Corral, the music area with piano and organ, get the choir area re-setup. We will need help moving chairs, and deciding which pews stay, and which pews will be available for sale or adoption. I've already started the process of looking for local vendors who might enjoy using pews in their places of businesses. Would YOU like a pew?

As I told you last week. **I've been invited to go to DC to speak on the steps of the Supreme Court regarding the separation of Church and State, and the Kennedy vs Bremerton case.** I'll leave on 4.24, and be back 4.30. I'll be using this week as a teeny sabbatical. An opportunity for national advocacy (I've been studying constitutional law on the subject of the separation of faith and state), and a chance to see the Holocaust Museum and the American Indian Museum, and whatever else I can while my knee holds up!

May God continue to bless us with every wonderful blessing.
See ya'll on Sunday.

Mother Kathleen+

From Jan Hobson, Treasurer:

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I wanted to give an update on the donations to the Chairs Fund:

3/13 \$400
3/20 \$1,380

Total received so far: \$1,780. We are at 44% of goal.

All proceeds will go toward the Shannon Fund, because that is where we took the original \$4000 to pay for them.

"Buy a Piece of the Chair" Puzzle

Marty Stennett has devised a fun way to keep track of chair sales. Each of us are invited to buy two chairs... one for us to sit in, and the other for our rebuilding of the congregation.

The blue area of the chair puzzle works out to 100 pieces. She will number each piece, then as chairs are bought we will be given both a puzzle piece to insert and our number. As we reach milestones of 25 sold, 50, 75 and 100 sold there will have drawings for prizes. With the grand prize being a meal with the Kingslights.



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NEWS & INFORMATION

from the OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Online Training Series to Protect and Prepare Faith Communities Against Threats to Houses of Worship

Dear Ones,

The following online training series in safety for houses of worship has recently come to my attention and I wanted to pass this opportunity on to you.

The FBI's Seattle Field Office, together with other federal agencies, launched an online training series Monday night for religious communities to prepare for potential threats to their houses of worship. Leaders from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF); the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; and the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Community Relations Service participated. More than 90 participants joined the virtual introductory meeting, facilitated by Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle and SAFE Washington.

Training schedule (events are subject to change):

March 23: Building Security
Led by: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

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April 6: Active Shooter

Led by: FBI Seattle

April 20: Domestic & International Terrorism

Led by: FBI Seattle

May 4: Hate Crimes

Led by: FBI Seattle, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington, DOJ Community Relations Service

Link: <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/seattle/news/press-releases/fbi-seattle-announces-online-training-series-to-protect-and-prepare-faith-communities-against-threats-to-houses-of-worship>

If you are interested in offering this training series for your house of worship, please email seattle.fbi@fbi.gov.

Blessings,
+Greg

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[Bishop Rickel's Blog](#)

Thank you for the feedback for the "Views From the Pews: Envisioning Our Future" survey taken at last week's Annual Meeting. I want you to know that the Vestry will be using your thoughts for discussion and visioning.

Views From the Pews: Envisioning Our Future

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Come and See/ Cursillo - A Note from Fr. Craig Vocelka

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write to reacquaint you with the "Come and See ... Go and Tell" ministry of the diocese. The past two years were especially trying for this ministry as we had to cancel the "Come and See" weekend several times. The good news is that it's now scheduled for May 27- May 29 at Camp Huston in Gold Bar, WA.

Several years ago, the diocese reworked the traditional Cursillo program into a more relevant and, in my opinion, meaningful program. In my experience there was a secretiveness around Cursillo that some found intimidating and made many shy away from attending. Having been in that camp, and now involved with this ministry, I recommend the "Come and See" weekend and hope that you will invite members of your congregation to attend.

The weekend is part retreat/part beginners' class in understanding and growing in our Faith. I have seen people who have been radically changed by their experience on the weekends where I have helped. I have also found that, through the experiences of these weekends, people gain a new understanding of what building a Christian community truly means.

Several years ago, there was a car commercial that said something about this not being your parents' Buick. I can state the same for the Diocese of Olympia "Come and See" Ministry - it's not your old Cursillo!

Please give thought and prayer to who in your congregation might benefit from the blessings received on the next weekend at Camp Huston and encourage them to attend. I also ask you to keep the wonderful people involved in this ministry in your prayers as we all work together to brighten the world with the light of Christ.

Fraternally,
The Rev. Craig Vocelka

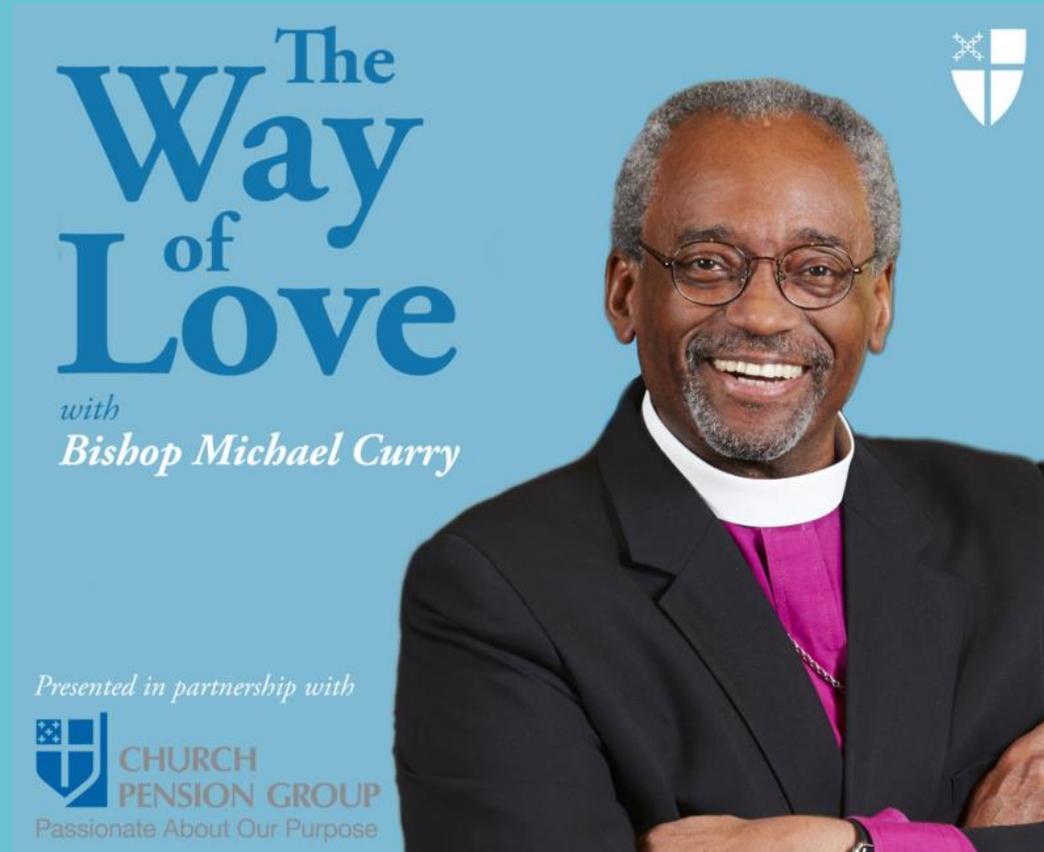
I HEARTILY SECOND FATHER CRAIG'S WORDS! THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO SAY THAT THEY HAVE MISSED DOING EDUCATIONAL THINGS DURING THE PANDEMIC. IT IS



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WONDERFUL FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS FLAGGING A BIT. IT IS A SPIRITUAL B-12 BOOST TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES, AND I'D LOVE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU!

MOTHER KATHLEEN+



The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry

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A new episode of The Episcopal Church's **podcast**, "The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry," is now available. In this episode, Bishop Curry talks with Heather Kim Lanier—an essayist, poet, and creative writing professor. Heather's memoir "Raising A Rare Girl" invites us into her first year of parenting a daughter born with a rare syndrome. Bishop Curry talks with her about how we can change our life and the lives of those we encounter by changing our perspective and looking for the good in every person. "The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry" is available on most podcast apps, including Apple, Google, Spotify, and at [episcopalchurch.org](https://www.episcopalchurch.org).



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I hope that many of you will get involved in this with me in May. It costs \$35, and it's something that you can commute to. All of us are concerned about how we recover from the Pandemic, and this will be a program series to help us to get that information.

Because I'm commuting, I'll help with taking folks to and fro. JOIN ME!

**Bishop's Leadership Conference 2022:
What's Now? What's Next?
Church in Pandemic and Beyond
*May 11-13 | Fort Worden, Port Townsend***

Our communal life as the Body of Christ has been forever changed by the ongoing pandemic, altering the ways we think about worship, formation, stewardship, and the very nature of community. In this time of unprecedented upheaval, how do we meaningfully do the work of congregational development in the midst of our current reality, all while preparing to move soberly and joyfully into the future God has called us to?

The Office of the Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia is pleased to bring back "The Bishop's Leadership Conference" both in-person and virtually – an event that will help you explore what it means to be faithful, healthy, and effective in your church's local context, at this current moment, while looking ahead to the future.

Save the date and find out more below!

[Click here for more information](#)

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 aloud 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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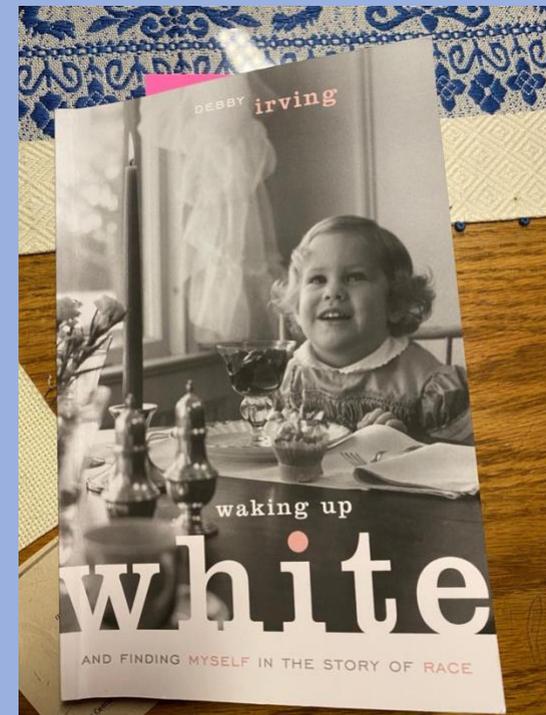
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Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, March 30 at 9:30 am in the Nursery (temporary quarters while the church undergoes repairs). We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday. The readings are:

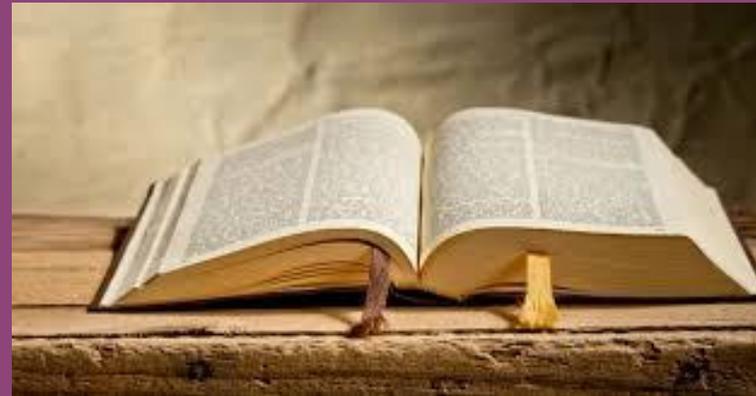
Isaiah 43:16-21

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Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

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

See you on Wednesday!



St. Paul's Serves at SALLY'S

We need volunteers!

St. Paul's is now supporting the Salvation Army (*aka SALLY*) by preparing dinner on **the second Saturday of every month from 2:30-5:30 pm**. It's 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 50-80 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 available to work on: **Saturday, April 9.**

Hebrews 6:10

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“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.”

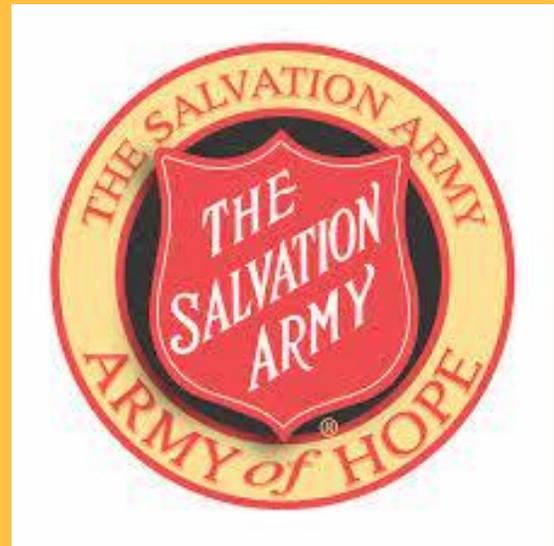
Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered.

Blessings,

Jackie King

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Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



Hey friends,

The food drive is really big this month, too! I didn't have room in the newsletter to talk about all the volunteer opportunities, so here are some times and descriptions:

We'll need volunteers at the store from 8:30 am-5:30 pm. The day at the store is divided into two-hour shifts, i.e. 8:30-10:30 am, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, etc. We will need teams of 2-3 people at each of the three doors, each two-hour shift. We'll need volunteer drivers in two-hour shifts, starting about 10 am, to ferry the food collected from the store to our pantry. And we'll need volunteers to be in our pantry from 10 am (also in two-hour shifts) to receive the food, weigh it and put it away.

Just let me know via email, so I can keep track, if you're interested. This is a big deal! We hope for at least a literal ton of food to be donated; once, we received way over 3000 lbs! Can we do that again? Lots of willing hearts and hands could make that happen.

Thank you everyone,

Myra

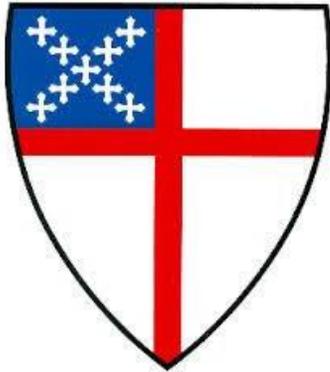
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Volunteer Team Schedule

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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.**



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