

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

**April 10, 2022
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

FROM THE HALLS OF ST. PAUL'S

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

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

Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Marty Stennett

Lay Readers: The Rev. Don Moon, Joanna Moon & Richard Kelso

Altar Guild: Scott de Lessart & Philip Fryer

NOTES FROM YOUR RECTOR



Every day this week, we've been settling back into the church. Marty and Harold Stennett are doing GREAT work getting all the dust, and mess from the reconstruction all cleaned up! Though I say it now, there will still be a bit of a mess in the Narthex, that will be gone this upcoming week. **Terry Anderson** cleaned up the altar, and credence table, and on Friday worked on the sacristy getting everything ready for Sunday. The men's group: **Richard Horn, Jim Manlove, Rick Seelhoff, and John Kingslight**, with the help of **Jan Hobson** got the sound system up and running. **Doug Leider** our **H.E. (head electrician or honorary Episcopalian)** has been helping with electrical things all over the upstairs, and he discovered that both of the pillars surrounding the stained glass have electrical power. We're working on getting set up with the new camera system. So a BIG

thanks to all of you for your work in making our home ready for company again.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4.10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 We start from downstairs and move back into the sanctuary with a procession. For those who find the walking a challenge, we'll meet you upstairs.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6:30 pm Eucharist followed by the washing of feet, and the stripping of the altar. There will also be a time for praying in the church following the service. Please note the invitation below.

GOOD FRIDAY: Noon Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary

EASTER MORNING: 10:00 service with four Baptisms and coffee hour

Please join me in signing up for the Bishop's leadership conference mentioned below. As all the programming done by our Diocese, it promises to be informative and fun! I'm already signed up.

May God continue to bless us with growth as we rebuild.
See ya'll on Sunday.

Mother Kathleen+



There are spaces for 20 Choir members, which will you take?



Word and Sacrament closer together.



Just come upstairs and see what I mean about all the space we have for growth!!!!

From Jan Hobson, Treasurer:

We are at 65.5% of our goal. Let's keep it going!!!! Our puzzle chair is looking like this right now. We won't be able to sit quite yet.



"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. The Kingslight's won the first prize, and Jen Laris the second prize. Stay tuned, your name may be next.

As you can see, we can't sit in our chair yet, because all the pieces have yet to be assembled. Are we missing yours?

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL AN INVITATION by Katherine Adams

While studying the Palm Sunday readings at our Bible Study on Wednesday, Sue Ahrens, Jennifer Lairs and I (Katherine Adams) thought about the approaching Holy Week.

Each Holy Week is unique and yet traditional. This year St Pauls will be celebrating Palm Sunday upstairs in our beautiful Sanctuary for the first time in nearly 6 months. This is cause to give thanks and start us off to a very special Holy Week and Easter Celebration.

One important service in our Christian tradition is Maundy Thursday. At this service we remember Christ giving us two very special acts to do in his memory: The Sacrament of his Body and Blood and washing each others feet. We are also reminded that our work is to love one another. Each Sunday we share in Holy Communion but we only wash feet on Maundy Thursday or special retreats.



Another special occurrence after Maundy Thursday service has been a prayer vigil. I have often been part of a prayer vigil since I was a young adult and each time I have felt a new connection with Christ on the journey of Holy Week from the cross to the Easter Resurrection.

So our invitation, Mother Kathleen, myself, Sue, and Jennifer, is to join us in quiet prayer in the Sanctuary after Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm service. We will just gather, no fancy scene, come just as you are, after the service and stripping of the altar, as a group of disciples of Christ, to share in the moment. Remembering, he asked his disciples to stay and pray with him on the night after the Last Supper. You might share a prayer, a song or poem, maybe just silence. The Holy Spirit will be our guide.

We do have a few rules: The last people to leave the church must put out any lights and or candles and walk out the side front door which will lock without a key. I know I don't stay up late so I don't expect this to be a long vigil. If we want to cover the entire night I will have a sign up sheet so we can sign up to pray at home (just setting your alarm and for an hour kneeling by your bed or going to another room for prayer). Who knows, we might cover the night with our prayers.

Collect of the Day for Maundy Thursday

Infinite, intimate God; this night you kneel before your friends and wash our feet.

Bound together in your love, trembling, we drink your cup and watch.

Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen (New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)



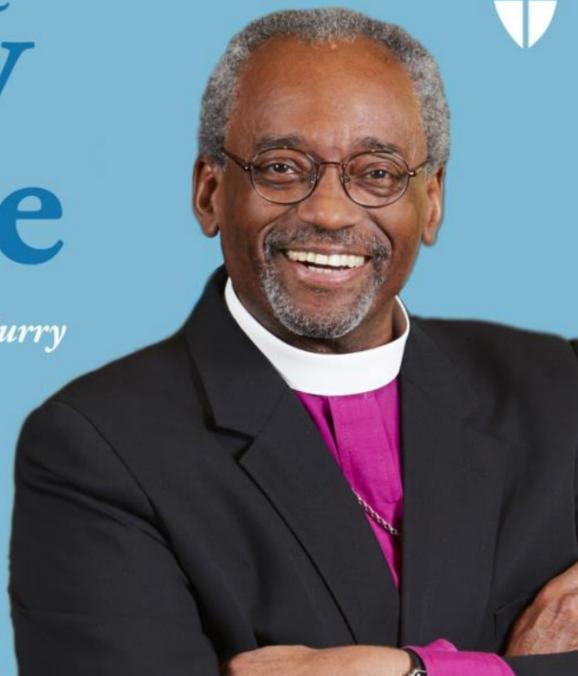
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The Way of Love

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.



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.

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.

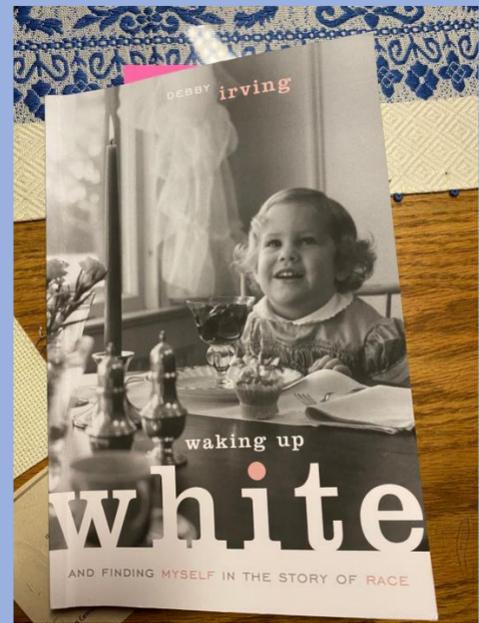
This book is part of the Episcopal Church Sacred Ground curriculum and is being read by our Vestry. It is a book for us to discuss "White Privilege." A book written from the author's personal journey as a privileged white person in the U.S. learning about the racial divide.

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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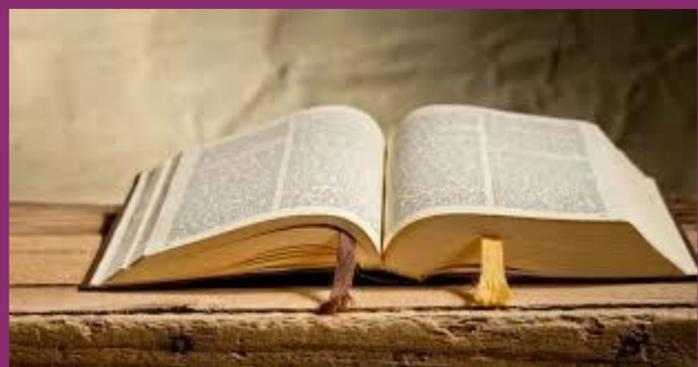
WE'RE BACK IN THE OLIVER ROOM

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday.

The readings are:
Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Acts 10:34-43
Luke 24:1-12

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

See you on Wednesday!



Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



Hi gang,

Here is our April newsletter. There's a lot of gratitude packed in this issue because you're all so amazing! We took many pictures of all the helping hands and hard work that happened this past month but just couldn't fit them all in. Next time you're in the pantry, check out the volunteer wall and find the smiling faces of the many incredible volunteers from across our community, and know that the Brigade is incredibly grateful for their hard work and faithful support.

Thank you everyone, for all you do and all you are!

Myra

[Click here for the April 2022 newsletter](#)

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.**

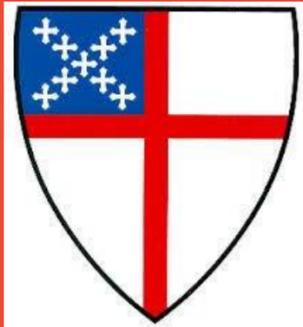
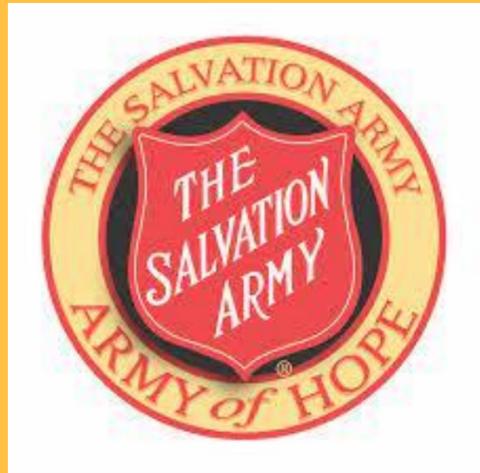
Hebrews 6:10

"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,

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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.