

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Catacombs of the Parish Hall
11.7 - 4.10

**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 3, 2022
The Fifth 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

Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Tara Chambless

Lay Readers: Tara Chambless, Sue Ahrens, Jim Manlove & Declan Jarry

Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson

WHAT A WEEK IT HAS BEEN!!!!



Every day this week, I've been settling back into my office, wondering if all of my books were making babies for the last five months while they were hiding in their boxes. It seemed like the book box emptying would never end! Dust is everywhere, and our parish "Shark" has been doing a great job of sucking up dust, spider webs, pieces of carpet scraps and the detritus of our life in reconstruction.

April 1st UPDATE: **BUT I DO HAVE SOME NEWS....** I've heard that we still have five weeks before we're going to be back for worship upstairs. We have to wait until Jesus rises from the dead, looks to see if he can see his shadow or not, and then we'll know when we can return upstairs.

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

UPDATE: Thursday I signed on to the Amicus Brief that will be the basis for the materials that will be given to SCOTUS on the 24th of April. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be able to participate in this piece of legislation along with by Jewish brothers and sisters of Bremerton.

I do have some pictures of the rough set up, upstairs. As you'll see, we have LOTS of chairs!!!! Way too many pews!!!! I have at least 13 that are looking for new homes. These are the ones that are the most worn out, chipped or needing the most fixing. Any memorial plaques will be removed and kept in the archives, before leaving the church. Please know, that the current set up, will be subject to change as we settle back in to our worship.

Also, not all the electrical units have been wired, there is trash to go into the next dumpster, carpet scraps to be moved to the back, robes were just dumped in a heap by my guy helpers from the construction crew (BUT as I was moving all the other robes, I realized that there is a not so lovely aroma wafting from them...perhaps someone would take on washing them?), and many other small jobs that still need doing. But Palm Sunday, here we come!

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:

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

We have received the following toward our goal of \$4,000 to pay for the chairs

3/13 \$400

3/20 \$1,380

3/27 \$640

Total received is \$2,420. We are at 60.5% of our goal. We only need \$1,580 to meet it! Can you give one more chair?? All proceeds will be returned 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.



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

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

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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.

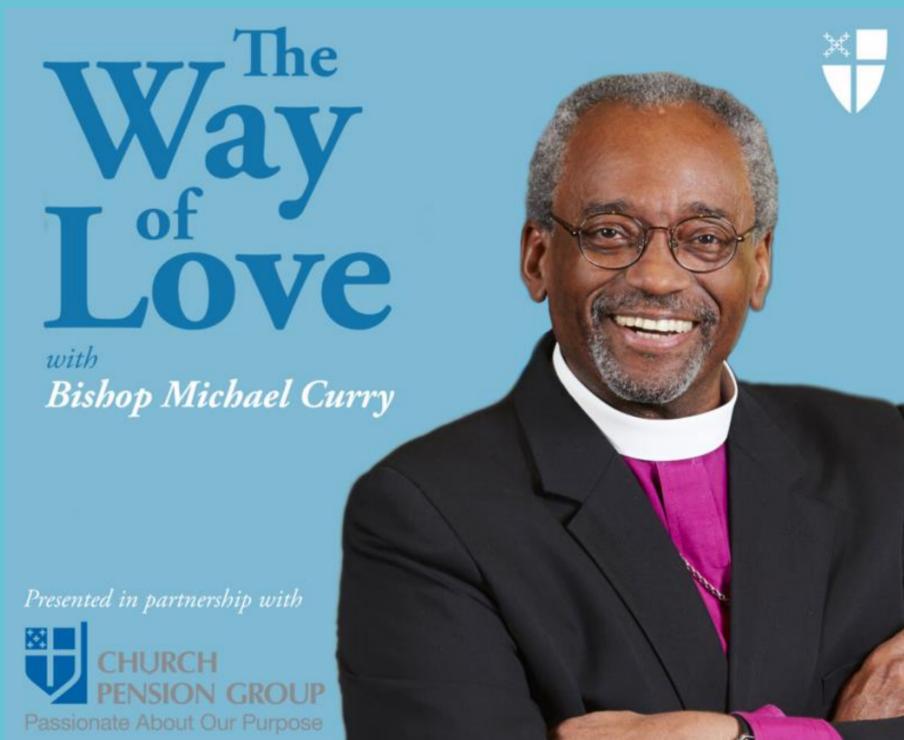
Blessings,
+Greg

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The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry

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?

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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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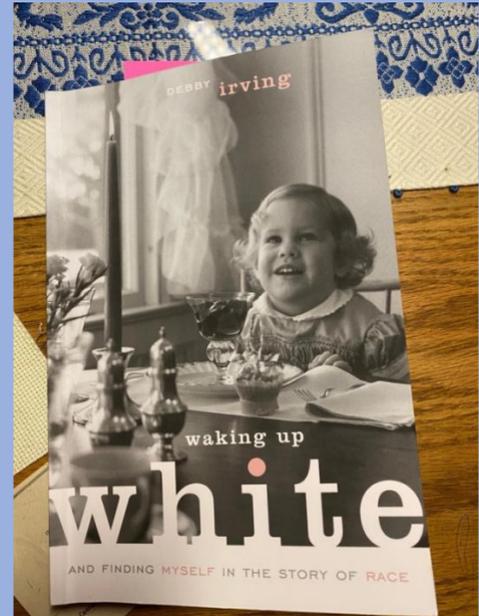
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Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 6 at 9:30 am in the Nursery (temporary quarters while the church undergoes repairs). We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday. The readings are:

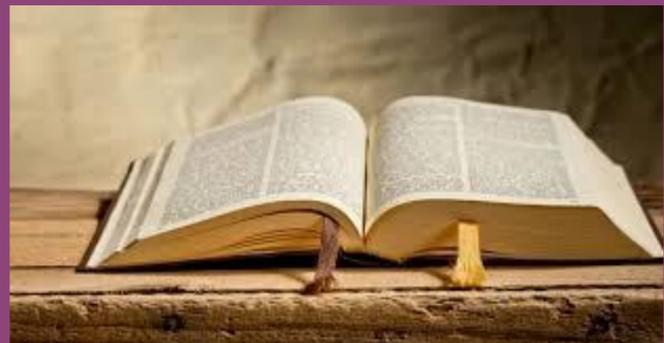
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31: 9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23; 56

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

"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."

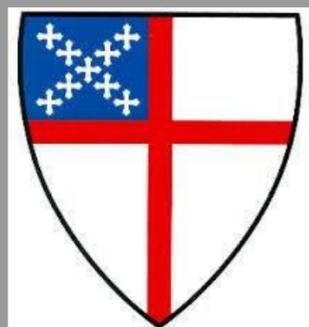
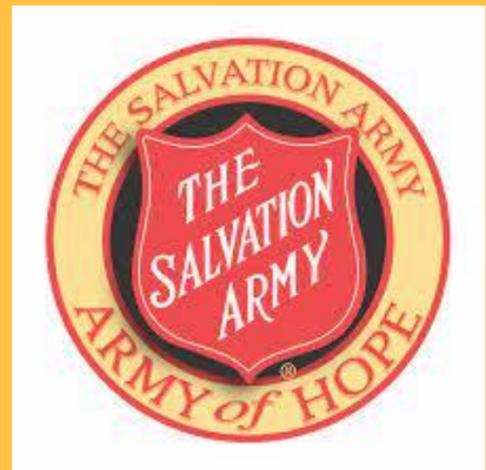
Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered.

Blessings,

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