

St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Salish Sea

**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 love into our world in need.

**April 24, 2022
The Second Sunday of Easter**

FROM THE HALLS OF ST. PAUL'S

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Episcopal Priest: The Rev. David Dinkins

Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Sue Ahrens

Lay Readers: Georgann Falotico, Jay Hayworth & Joseph Hayworth

Altar Guild: Scott de Lessart

Sign Ministry: Jackie King & Richard Horn

NOTES FROM YOUR RECTOR



Well, that which we have feared since 2020 looks like it may have happened. On Palm Sunday, we had at least one person in our midst who received a positive test for COVID the Monday following church. This past week, another member of our parish has tested positive, and was active over the weekend getting the church ready for Easter, and was there on Easter Sunday. **SOOOOOO, if you find that you are not feeling well: fatigue, sore throat, breathing challenges or just not yourself, please get tested and quarantine. Also, I think that it would behoove us to go back to masking for awhile, until we get through this B2 surge of Omicron.**

For everyone who is vaccinated and boosted, B2 isn't a powerful-put-you-in-the-hospital kind of virus, but it is more contagious. So be on the lookout everyone. I was having what has seemed like seasonal allergies, and John is fine, but I tested as anyway, and was negative. But I will keep testing up to leaving for DC to make sure I'm not taking any presents East.



On a happier note, John and I have gotten a new puppy.

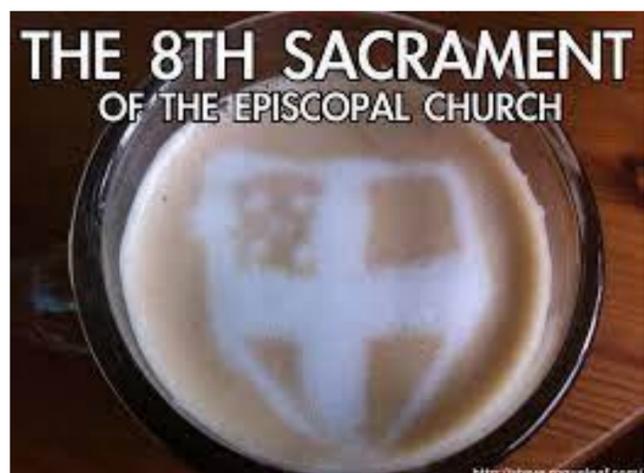
So may I introduce you to **Frizzle, our little Yorkie-poo.** He is one of Mocha's puppies, she's Margi Hall's little dog. He is 3 pounds of fuzz and joy and razor sharp teeth. It's fun for us and him, but our older dogs are asserting dominance, and keep on looking at us, like "Mom, can't you please take him back to where he came from?"

And hey if I ever need a hair transplant, his is perfect!

WANT COFFEE HOUR?

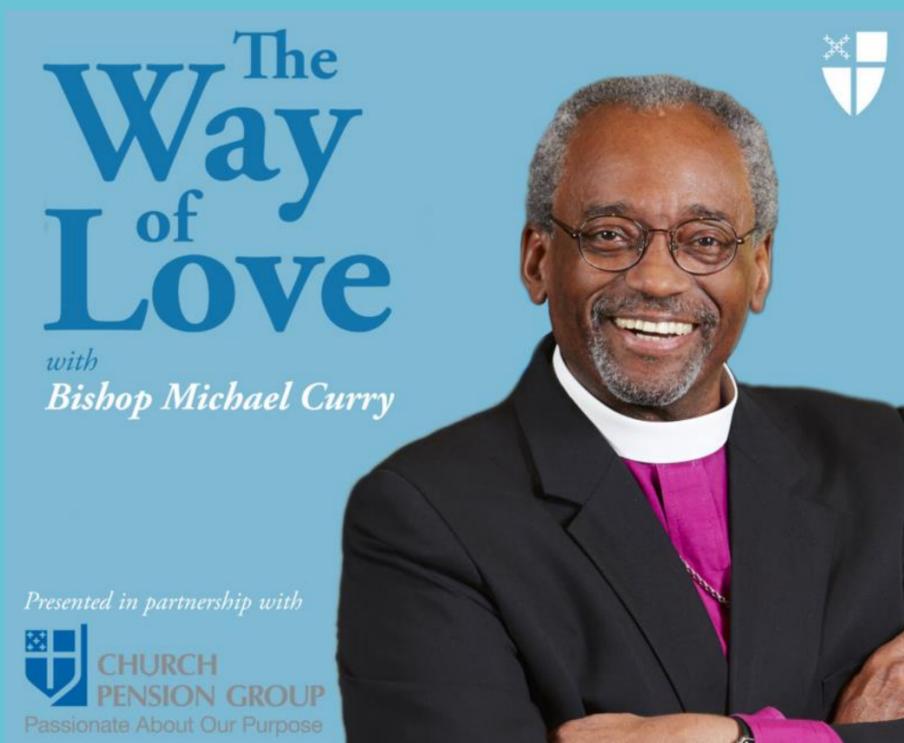
I'm hearing from everyone how much they LOVE having coffee hour again!

But there are some challenges: Pre-pandemic there were two people who did just about everything Karen Hobson, and Jennifer Laris. And we were very grateful for their fine service. But they are tired and don't want to be in charge any more. If folks are willing to make goodies, and clean up, and get a schedule up and running we can do this. **So who would like to take the reins of this ministry?**



From Jan Hobson, Treasurer:

We are at 83% of our goal. \$3,320 Let's keep it going!!!! Our puzzle chair getting closer and closer to being filled in. GREAT JOB!



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 Kirn 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](#)

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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 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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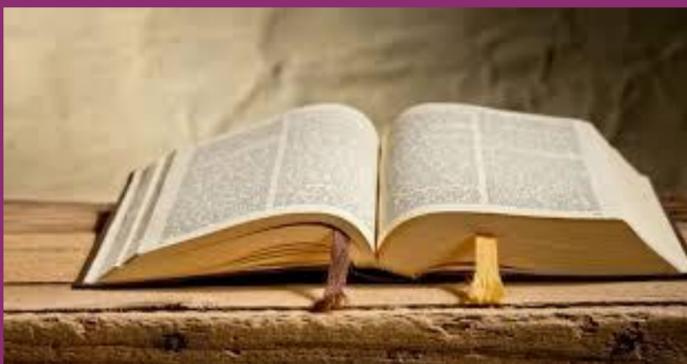
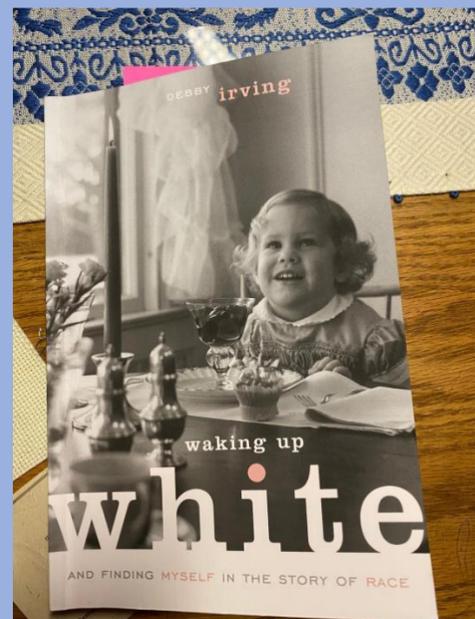
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WE'RE BACK IN THE OLIVER ROOM

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 9:30 am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday.

The readings are:

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

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



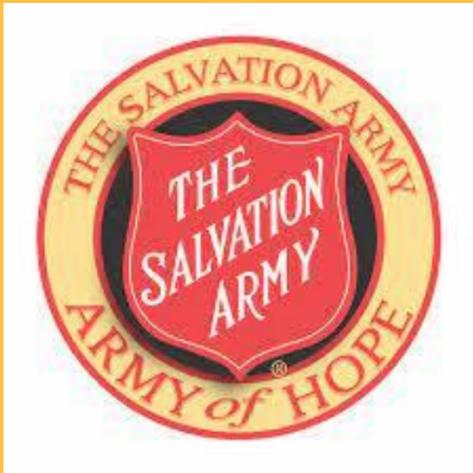
Hi gang,

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, May 14.**

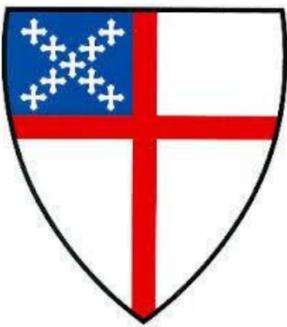
Hebrews 6:10

"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.