

St. Paul's Episcopal Church by 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.**

**May 22, 2022
The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

*Musicians: John Kingslight, Philip Fryer, Jan Hobson, Richard Horn,
Camille Richardson*

Vestry Greeter: Jim Manlove

Lay Readers: Alice Gray, Pat Brodin, Eric Smiley & Delia Brodin

Altar Guild: Scott de Lessart

Sign Ministry: John Kingslight

NOTES FROM YOUR RECTOR



This statue sits on the left side of the steps leading into the Supreme Court in DC. It was done in the 1930's by the artist James Earle Fraser, and is titled the Contemplation of Justice.

There is so much going on within these walls right now that touch each of us, from the Kennedy case challenging the separation of church and state, to the possible overturning of Roe v Wade. And if these dominos fall, other rights may as well. May our Supreme Court justices consider deeply, contemplate the justice of their actions for the good of our entire country, and not from any narrow perspective be it personal or religious.

At our Vestry Meeting this week, we discussed the **Bridge Blast** that will be held in Bremerton on June 25th. We hope that we can have a "Blast" with a potluck, games, and a time of enjoying the great view from the Oliver room.

The Parish Hall floors will be done this week. But our sextons intend to put down a good layer of polish on it, and buff it so that it shines like the summer sun. AND have "non-floor-scratching-footies" put on all the tables and chairs so that the floors continue to stay beautiful.

Are there folks interested in starting the 10 week course called **Sacred Ground**, and doing it during the summer? Please let me know.

Otherwise, we will have three circles that will start in September, and we intend to invite our virtual parishioners to be involved as well. As we learn more about the shooter in Buffalo, and so many of those who espouse white supremacy claptrap, it is important for people of faith to know our American history, the good, the bad and the ugly. From those in the parish who have done the program already, they've been shocked to find how much they didn't know about these issues, because they weren't taught in their schools.

And this program is a means of learning this. It is a virtual program primarily done through videos and reading done at home and then meeting together for about an hour each of the 10 weeks. One of the books is Waking Up White which many of us in the church have already been studying, and the other is Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman. Let's do our inner work, and see how this may help St. Paul's to blossom into a community of racial reconciliation.

Please note that the **Acolyte training date has been moved**, because having it on a holiday weekend wasn't going to work well. You will find the new date below, please note it in your calendars.

The upscale camera's for worship have been ordered, the broken part for the organ has been ordered, and both of those things will be wired by a local electrician once everything is here.

God bless you my friends, as we move into our new future together.
Mother Kathleen+

**Revised Date:
ACOLYTE TRAINING: June 11 at 10:00 am**

Have you felt a calling to do something special in the Lord's service since we have left the Covid Catacombs and returned to our lovely Nave? Perhaps you would like to serve at the altar as an acolyte and assist our priests as they lead us in the Eucharist?

As an acolyte for 47 years, I can testify what a blessing it is to serve at the Lord's altar. Anyone can be an acolyte from second graders big enough to carry a candle (remember an acolyte is as light bearer) to an septuagenarian who can carry the Processional Cross. Being an acolyte is spiritually uplifting, and you get to dress in cool outfits, ring bells, and fetch and carry neat stuff for our priests.

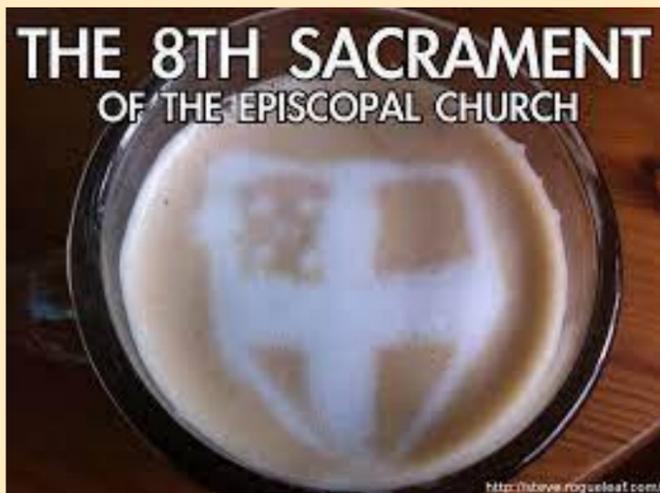


There will be an "Introduction to Acolyting" class in the Nave on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 AM. It will be informative and fun. This will also count as training for our new Licensed Eucharistic Ministers.

This is a "Save the Date" notice. More information will be forthcoming.

VERGER DECLAN JARRY III

COFFEE HOUR



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

So here is our new plan for our coffee drinking, and time to socialize on Sunday's after church:

1st Sunday - Pancake Breakfast in PH

2nd - Coffee hour in the Oliver room

3rd - Denny's or Family Pancake

4th - Coffee hour in the Oliver Room

and if there's a **5th Sunday** it will be coffee hour. We hope that this will allow our volunteers to be spaced in such a way as to not be overwhelmed, AND a chance for us to rebuild those relationships challenged by the last couple of years. Also, on those restaurant Sundays, perhaps we can get into the habit of taking newcomers to breakfast on our dollar!

We look forward to others who will step forward to becoming involved.



---Dedicated to enhancing knowledge and understanding---

Cycling the World

Friday, May 20th

6:00pm Doors Open 6:30pm Program

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 700 Callahan Drive, Bremerton

Families Welcome

Donations Support Enlighten



Janice, Kelsey and Tyler McFarland along the Middle Mosel in Traben-Trarbach, Germany

The **McFarlands**, Gary, Janice, Kelsey and Tyler, will present an entertaining account of their World Bicycle Tour and how that experience has influenced other adventures on bikes and afoot. Experience what life was like while traveling around the world for one year on bicycles with two teenagers.

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime. -Mark Twain

Register and learn more at: EnlightenKitsap.org



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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.

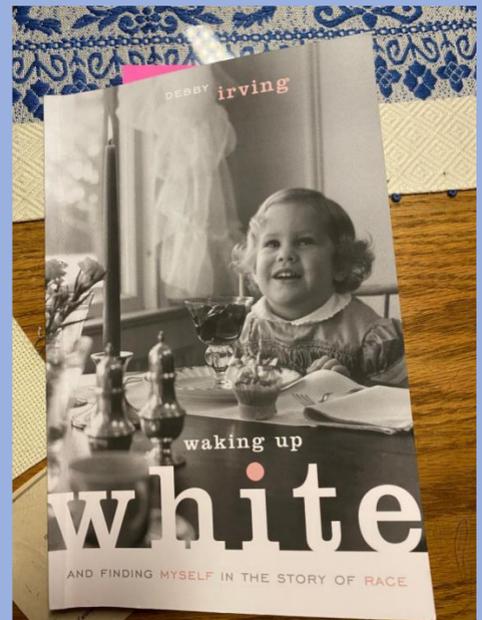
The book group feels that by reading the book aloud each week, we will be able to focus on the journey of racial reconciliation, take time to discuss the chapter questions, and learn from each other. Come and join us; books can be purchased, checked out at the library, or you can just listen. **When 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253008185?pwd=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZaa2Z2UURDZz09>

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St. Paul's Bible Study

will meet on Wednesday, May 25 at 9:30 am in the Oliver Room.

We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday.

The readings are:

Acts 16:16-34

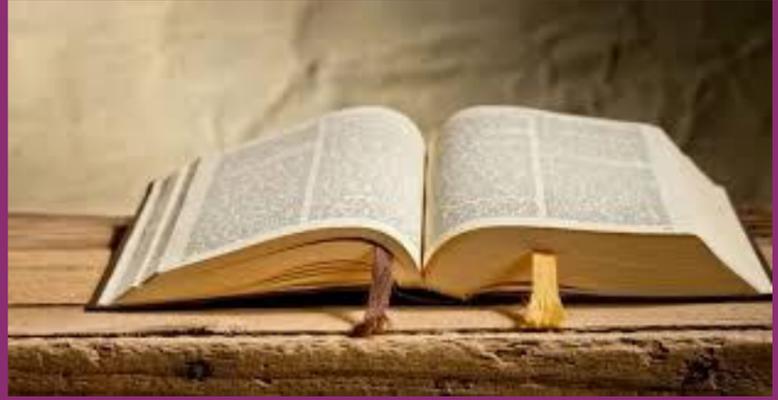
Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

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



Attached you'll find the May newsletter. There's a lot going on as we wind down (only 6 weeks left until the box pack-out for the end of the school year). Speaking of those boxes, we will be sending them out June 8-9. Please save one (or both) days to help us get those big boxes of food out to our kids to tide them over during summer break.

We'd really, really love it if we had a bunch of folks walking in the Armed Forces Day parade. Ideally, we need at least 20 people (that's how many carts and wagons we have. But if you have your own wagon, bring that too!) At this time, we have 5 commitments, so let us know soon if you're interested. Bring a friend and do a relay if you think the whole route might be too much for you.

Don't forget there's a THURSDAY pack and delivery the fourth week in May (May 26). That change has been a little problematic in the past, so if you find you're free that day, give us a call (360.471.9588) and let us know if you're available to come help get the food backpacks out.

Thank you everyone,

Myra

May 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, June 11.**

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."

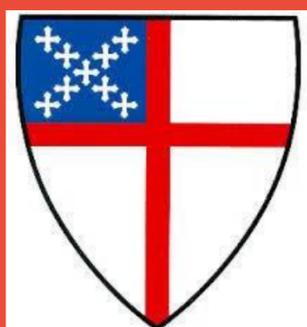
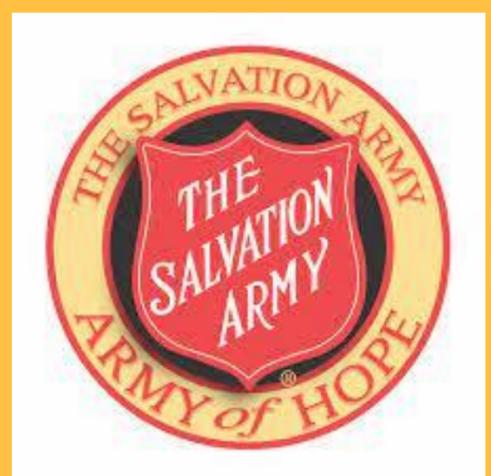
Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered.

Blessings,

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**New church office hours:
Monday - Wednesday
10:00am - 2:00pm or by appointment.
If you need assistance, please call Philip at 360-377-0106 or
email stpaul700@gmail.com.**