

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 love into our world in need.**

**May 29, 2022
The Seventh 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
Vergers: The Rev. Declan Jarry III
Musicians: John Kingslight, Jackie King, Janet Hobson, Richard Horn
Vestry Greeter: Tara Chambless
Lay Readers: Georgann Falotico, Jay Hayworth & Joseph Hayworth
Altar Guild: Scott de Lessart & Philip Fryer
Media Arts: Tara Curran
Sign Ministry: John Kingslight*

NOTES FROM YOUR RECTOR



This is the altar of the War Memorial Chapel in our National Cathedral. It was dedicated in the wake of World War II to commemorate America's Armed Forces. The dramatic altar piece contains representations of bayonets and cannon fire. The simple cross on the altar of the chapel was given to the Cathedral by military chaplains following the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.

As we celebrate Memorial Day this weekend, there is so much to remember; so many sacrifices, so many deaths, too many wars. But as we enjoy our day off, may we remember that our freedom has been hard won on the battlefields of foreign lands, the battlefields of divided ideologies, and not take our freedoms for granted, because our Republic and our freedoms depend upon all of us.

This Sunday's liturgy will start with a liturgy of lament. In it we will be invited to remember the people of Buffalo, those from Sandy Hook, in Uvalde, and all the children we have lost in school shootings since Columbine.

I've found this week especially hard. It's hard to hold fast to the hand of Christ, when we keep on repeating these same violent actions in different places all over our nation. Our faith requires lots of prayer, as well as action. As a very wise man once said: "I prayed for 20 years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs," Frederick Douglass (Slave turned Abolitionist statesman)

Next week **June 5th is Pentecost**, please put on your best red clothes and happy red hats for our parish picture, and the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Also, please put the **Bridge Blast** that will be held in Bremerton on June 25th on your calendars. We hope that we can have a "Blast" with a potluck, games, and a time of enjoying the great view from the Oliver room.

As I said last week, the Parish Hall floors are done, but not sealed, waxed or buffed. So since our first Sunday of the month is Pancake Breakfast, that will be our first day of enjoying our newly refurbished parish hall.

The Bishop will be coming to St. Paul's December 4th. If you'd like to be confirmed, received into the church, or would like to renew your faith, that will be a fun day to do that with us. Put this on your calendar as well as a parish celebration.

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.

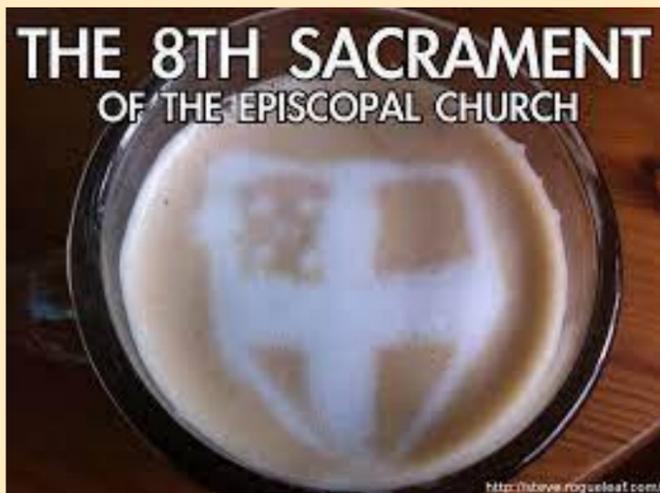


There will be an "Introduction to Acolyting" class in the Nave on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 AM. It will be informative and fun. This will also count as training for our new Licensed Eucharistic Ministers.

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.

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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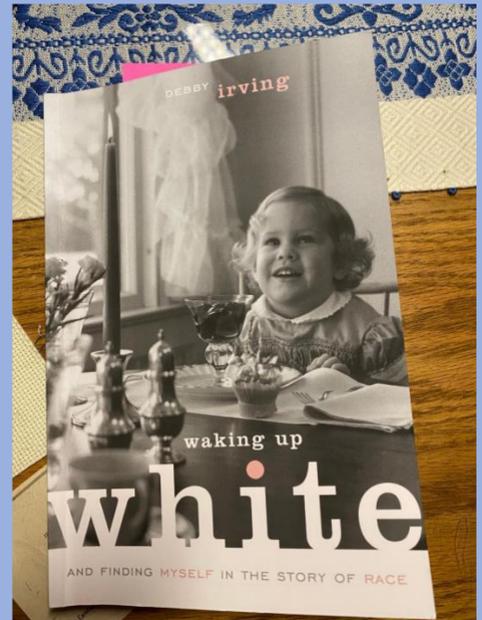
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St. Paul's Bible Study

will meet on Wednesday, June 1 at 9:30 am in the Oliver Room.

We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday.

The readings are:

Acts 2:1-21

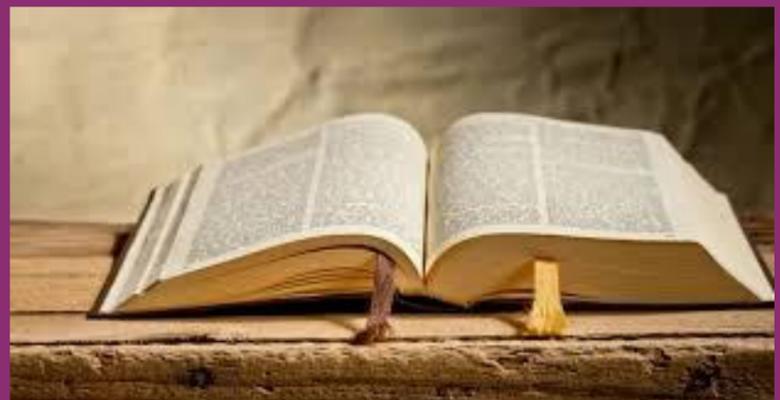
Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

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.**

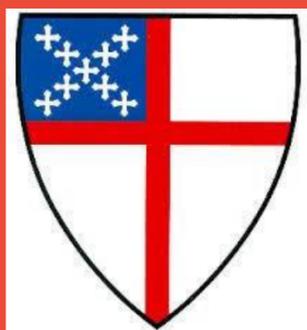
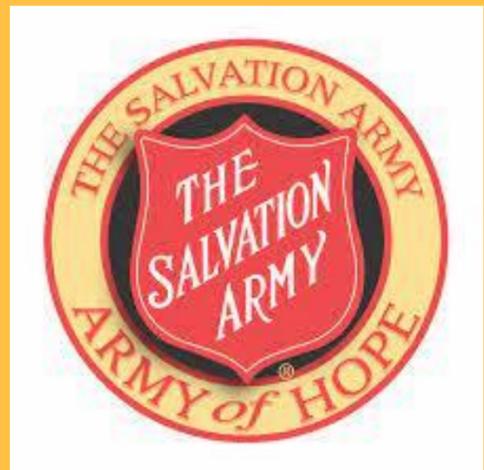
Hebrews 6:10

"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.