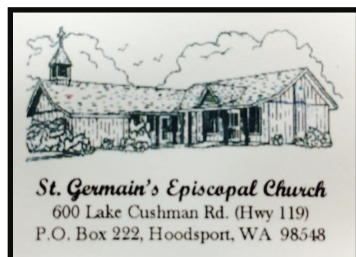


June

The MESSENGER

2024



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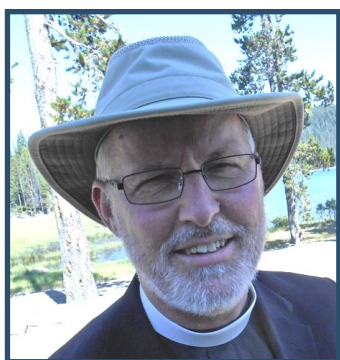
"If we are bold, love strikes away the chains of fear from our souls."

Maya Angelou, author



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

So that ALL may know and serve God, our mission is to let the love of Christ shine brightly in our daily lives by being a welcoming, nurturing, and supportive community grounded in God's Word and Sacraments.



THE VICAR'S BRAIN - REV. BILL FULTON

Most of us are familiar with the British sitcom "Vicar of Dibley" that ran in the 1990s in England. If you haven't watched it, you should look it up and stream it. It's a zany look at a small country parish in rural England whose parishioners are shocked to find they've been assigned a female vicar.

At first, the new vicar, played by the delightful Dawn French, encounters stubborn opposition from the cranky curmudgeon who heads the parish council, but

ultimately she wins him over. The parishioners are an eccentric batch of peculiar characters: a befuzzled elderly man who can't quite come up with an answer; a bright-eyed, gullible young lady; a painfully awkward sheep farmer; a sharp-tongued little old lady, and a grouchy gentleman farmer who expects always to get his way.

Somehow, the eccentric, vivacious vicar manages to charm her way through the various catastrophes that envelop the parish. With her caring manner and sharp wit, not to mention plenty of chocolate, she always finds a way to put things right. You can't help but love this show.

I guess we like it because we identify with the lovable characters. After all, aren't we all a bit eccentric? And who among us hasn't showed up at church with mismatched socks or an unnoticed price sticker stuck to the back of our pants? Life would be so dull if we were all perfect.

What we love about our parish is that we're all like the characters in Vicar of Dibley. We all have our own tics and quirks, so we're able to tolerate — and even appreciate — the tics and quirks of others. Taken all together, we're a zany lot, and we like it that way.

The way Jesus described the Kingdom of Heaven, it sounds like a motley congregation — the sad-sack poor in spirit, the tearful mourners, the limping meek, the passionate seekers of justice, the ones who care too much, the hopelessly naive, the never-ending complaints of the persecuted. It sounds like a church, doesn't it?

We're not perfect; we're human. Thank God for that... it's what we love about each other.



"We gratefully acknowledge the Skokomish Indian Tribe and all Indigenous Peoples. Our building and facilities stand on the traditional land of the people, whose ancestors have resided here since time immemorial. We honor and thank them for their culture, resilience, and indigenous identity."

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**We are an inclusive, welcoming
community of faith and**

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME HERE!**

**Join us for Sunday morning
service at 10:30 am**

Please visit our Facebook page

St Germain's Church Hoodsport

Sunday service livestream



BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



The Bishop's Committee meets monthly for the purpose of conducting church business. Our members are caring folks who are willing to share their own faith, perspective and experience to engage with other members to collaboratively manage the affairs of the church with a view toward a faith-filled, sustainable future.

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly meeting and learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more. There is a standing meeting on the third **Tuesday** of each month at **10 AM**.

WOMEN ON A MISSION



The **Women's Group** meets every **Wednesday** in the parish hall from **11 am - 1 pm** for spiritual growth and event planning.

We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing on our monthly topic which in June (held over from May) is Sabbath rest. The second hour of our meeting is usually devoted to event planning and administering our outreach ministries. The last Wednesday of the month we chair the Evangelism and Hospitality Committee at noon and **everyone** is invited to attend.

Volunteers needed for Music and Market on the Hill. Please see Peggy to sign up for a shift.

Intercessory Prayer List

Please sign the prayer request list at the church, or email Amy at argyle2061@gmail.com. You may include the need if you choose.



This month we are praying within our parish for Kathryn, Skip, Therese F. and Betsy. May they receive abundant health and healing through Jesus with whom all things are possible.

Our long term prayer list is included with Sunday bulletin announcements. Please let Donna know about changes to this list.



10 AM to 4 PM

Market *on the* Hill

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Mark your calendars for the return of Market on the Hill, featuring a range of local craftspeople and artisans. Your favorites from last summer will return with a few new faces. The market is following the 2nd and 4th Saturday schedule beginning on June 8, but continues on June 29, (as the third Saturday, June 22 is Fjord Crossing). ***New hours this year are 10 AM to 4 PM.***



JUNE CONCERTS: 5 TO 7 PM

Music *on the* Hill

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June 8
Oma, Greg
& Corinne



Oma plays a variety of styles from old Americana to bluegrass to more contemporary with three part harmonies. Greg Linder produces the Bluegrass Festival in Shelton.

June 29 Angel and the Outlaw Kathy Jonas started as a 60's folk singer. In all her music, she has a wonderful way of taking songs from past and present and making them her own. Craig Gurney is an epic storyteller and poet. Craig's stories and poems will have you both laughing in and tears.



MUSINGS by Amy Leonard

My father, Paul Eldon Randolph, passed away at age 86 on Sunday, March 24, 2024. This happened to be Palm Sunday this year. I am taking editorial license and sharing my eulogy to honor his death. Peace, Amy

My father was a complicated person. He was kind and generous, but also rude and inappropriate. He was a Michigan State graduate and Phi Si fraternity brother who spoke Russian, AND he peppered his extensive vocabulary with every curse word in the English language. Dad appreciated the intellectual humor of George Carlin but adored The Three Stooges as well.

He used me as “slave” labor in the garden, but he also taught me the joy of watching things grow. He was afraid of vampires, but courageous enough to walk into his first AA meeting when he was 41. As everyone knew, Paul R. lived and breathed AA. It was his sanctuary; it was where he was accepted as the flawed human he was, and where he learned to live, one day at a time.

The phrase “renaissance man” gets overused, but Paul Randolph embodied it. He could run his sawmill as well as a sewing machine. He made wooden Christmas ornaments and Nativity scenes from trees that he felled and milled, and gently held his grandchildren with the same two hands.

Dad got to travel the world sharing his passion for horticulture and was part of the team who did flowers for the 1980 Winter Olympic games in Lake Placid. He canoed and fished all around the US and Canada. He found a special level of serenity when he was on water.

My father loved my mother more than anything or anyone. I know he loved Patrick and me, but he put all of his trust in the woman who stood by him for 63 years and loved him with more grace than anyone deserves.

And finally, my father loved that I was a poet. This is one I wrote after my daughter was born.

New Life

Once lit, you must use both hands:
One with steady support,
And one to protect
From the harsh wind of your own breath.
You must walk deliberately,
Remembering the small flame
Can burn bright and warm,
Or be snuffed,
Leaving only women with bowed heads
And no one to pray for.





Skip Hash celebrates on June 11

Teresa Schenk-Stephens special day is June 17

God's blessings for a long and happy life.

**If your day is missed , please make sure that
Donna or Amy gets birthday date information.**

St. Germain needs you!

Everything you do at St. Germain's makes a difference. We are grateful for each and every one of you for your vision, dedication, time, energies and talent. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall for volunteers to be Sunday greeters/ushers, readers, and coffee hosts. You may also sign up for weekly custodial which includes basic housekeeping such as vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning the bathrooms.

Help keep the HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK shelves stocked!

St. Germain donates food and money to the Hood Canal Food Bank which distributes food every first and third Mondays of the month at the Hoodport Fire Station. **We take donations on the first and third Sundays at our worship service.** Please bring food in cans (meal in a can like chili or pasta or fruit) and dried or boxed foods. Also please avoid glass jars that might break. When you go shopping for your family put in a couple of items for the Food Bank.



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