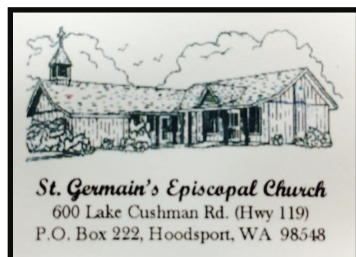


September

# The MESSENGER

2024



**Our vision is to be the inclusive people of God.**

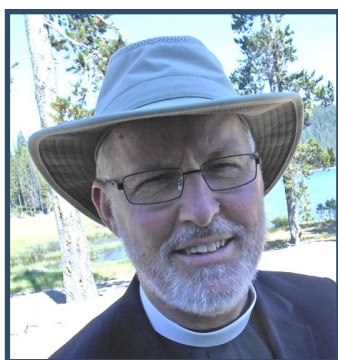
*"I thank you God for this most amazing day, for the leaping greenly spirits of trees, and for the blue dream of sky and for everything which is natural, which is infinite, which is yes."*

e.e. cummings, poet



## 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

We Episcopalians love an ordination.

We crowd together with all the faithful as the organist pumps and flails mightily on one of the grand old church hymns, like "The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ Our Lord." As the congregation lifts up the words of the hymn, the choir enters two by two in streaming robes, followed by the clergy in their ancient ridiculous regalia, with solemn bishops trailing behind the grand procession.

After affirming the weighty calling and responsibility of the office of a bishop, the ordaining bishops lay their hands on the candidate and invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit. A voice seemingly from heaven floats over the congregation leading the prayers for the candidate, and voila! A bishop is ordained. We all leave well satisfied.

This is what we're going to do at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue on Saturday, September 14. I'm sure a huge crowd will show up because we're all curious to get a good look at our new bishop, Phil Labelle. I plan on going myself, and maybe others from St. Germain's would like to join me.

A bishop is called to be "one with the apostles", to "guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church", to ordain priests and deacons, and to be "a wholesome example for the whole flock of Christ." That's a tall order.

In addition, the bishop has to make sure that all the congregations in the diocese, including faraway St. Germain's, are provided for and watched over. In due time, our new bishop will come to St. Germain's with his mitre and crozier and give us a pastoral visit, for which we will be grateful, I'm sure.

Our bishop is not only our chief pastor and spiritual leader, he's also the CEO of a large organization, our diocese. Although we may not see him often, he's still an important figure for us in many ways, and we'll keep him in our prayers. May God bless him and his family as he begins this new ministry.



*"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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Skip Hash, Usher and attendance

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Joanne Hash, Director  
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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. The second hour of our meeting is usually devoted to event planning and administering our outreach ministries. **Please join us any time!**

## Intercessory Prayer List

Please sign the prayer request list at the church. You may include the need if you choose.

This month we are praying within our parish for Margaret, Willie, Patrick and Kathryn. 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.

*"Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." — James 5:16 NRSV*



10 AM to 4 PM

# Market *on the* Hill

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The last two markets of the season are on September 14 and September 28th. Many of our favorite vendors will be here, so get a jump on your holiday shopping now, and check out some incredible art and crafts. Then on November 9th, we will have our annual Christmas Bazaar. Details TBA.

## Musings by Amy Leonard

Patience has been on my mind during this election year. It's hard living in the limbo of who our next president, governor or senator might be. Dawn Foisie, vicar of St. Phillip's in Marysville, preached recently about patience. She said while it seems like it's about waiting or being acquiescent and passive, patience is the *action* of staying open and willing. With compassion, patience allows us to sit in discomfort without having an immediate answer, or perhaps having any answer at all, she told the congregation.

We are reminded that to love our neighbor as Jesus commands, we must be willing to accept that the way another chooses to live and love might not mesh with ours. We can choose to accept the reality of their choices, without judgment or needing to do anything other than pray for them. I have been thinking about the population of people who are homeless, and they are as unique as any of us who have permanent housing. We might not want to see them, because it's easier to ignore those who may be addicted to drugs, or mentally ill, or who are poor and struggling because of questionable choices, or being unlucky, or without support. But these neighbors need our love and acceptance, too.

I often think about how blessed I have been, that in the darkest of times, a light would arrive. I was impatient for the light, thinking how hard my life was. But here's the thing, the light always arrived. Sometimes it was a little extra money, or someone gifting me some food for my kids. And the biggest and brightest light, that I admittedly turned away from on occasion, was Jesus. But every time I turned toward him; he was there. A smiling, loving light reminding me to share my blessings, to love everyone, and to be patient just a little while longer.

Altar Society

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I always think of them as gladiolas,  
tall and straight backed,  
dressed in yellows and apricots,  
those grandmothers who entered  
the sanctuary silently at dawn,  
arms full of violets, carnations, azaleas.  
They entered the church like sunrise itself,  
arriving early without fail.  
We could count on them, without knowing.  
They stepped past saints in stained glass,  
stations of the cross along the wall  
to ascend three steps to the altar.  
Their hands shaped their gathering  
into humble bouquets around the altar.  
Never seen by us parishioners,  
home in time to serve breakfast,  
their tending of the sacrifice was invisible.  
Visible only to themselves in their doing.





SEPTEMBER CONCERTS: 5 TO 7 PM

# Music on the Hill

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*Please note that a donation is gratefully accepted for the musicians. About \$15 per person is expected, but any amount is welcome. And if you are financially challenged, please come join us anyway. We are a community of music lovers!*

## September 28th: Laura and Mick McCartney & Tom and Aileen Wilson



Laura and Mick McCartney (Rhythm and Sass) and Tom and Aileen Wilson offer warm music, warm smiles, old friends. A variety of styles from old songs to new songs. Classics, originals. Fun stuff: come and check it out. You'll be glad you did, I betcha!

## ***Bell Ringer Needed***

We only have the one bell, so you won't be deafened like Quasimodo, but we would like someone to take on making sure the call to worship bell is rung on Sundays. Jerry Jasper did this for us in the past, and we have missed hearing the bells since he passed. If you are interested in this ministry to our church, please let Father Bill know.



## **HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK depends on us!**

St. Germain regularly donates food and money to the Hood Canal Food Bank which distributes food every first and third Mondays of the month at the Hoodspout Fire Station. **We take donations on the first and third Sundays at our worship service, or you can leave a donation in the barrel any time.** Please bring food in cans (preferably with pop tops like chili or pasta or fruit) and dried or boxed foods. Other items to consider, oil, spices, tea and coffee. Cake mix and frosting. Dish and laundry soap never go out of date. Please avoid glass jars.

## **September Birthdays**

**September 29**

**Bill Fulton**



**Remember to let Donna know if your day needs to be added to the list.**

# Our Community Partners

*We are blessed to have the support of these local businesses and individuals. They have posted flyers, and supported our community events. This church and our greater Hoodspport community appreciate them all.*



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