



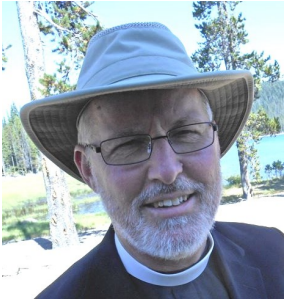
NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2024

ST. GERMAIN HOODSPORT

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HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

## THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



The first time I voted, at age 19, I was in college. Despite wracking my brain, I cannot remember where I cast my first vote. Was it in an armory? A school gym? A church hall? I hope you remember your first voting experience better than I do.

I think of voting as a vast privilege. When I vote, I participate in the sweep of history. My voice is heard. I join the throng of multitudes to influence the course of our nation. Even though I am only one person, my vote makes a difference.

In a representative democracy, every person has one vote, and the candidate or issue with the most votes wins the election. That simple principle makes our representatives and our institutions responsive to us. If we don't like our representatives, we can vote the rascals out!

I was taught in civics class long ago that one of the most solemn and weighty responsibilities we have as citizens is to vote. A democracy won't last if its citizens are apathetic or lazy. Voting is a high privilege, one that many people in the world don't have.

I guess what I'm saying is, make sure you vote in the upcoming election. It matters!

I read recently that some churches are holding events to promote one or the other of the presidential candidates in the election next month. If true, this is strictly against the rules of the Internal Revenue Service.

If a church endorses a political candidate, its tax-exemption status can be revoked. A church may endorse an issue or a cause, but not a candidate. So you'll never hear me endorse a candidate for office from the pulpit.

Besides, I know you're a thoughtful, committed citizen with a good brain that can figure out for yourself who is the best candidate. And I know you'll do your research so you can make a well-informed decision.

So I hope you'll exercise your God-given right to vote in the upcoming election. You'll be glad you did!

*Bill*

## HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK

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 Hoodsport Fire Station. The food bank barrel is located in the parish hall.

### THANKSGIVING DONATIONS NEEDED



Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times of the year for food banks. Healthy, non-perishable food items are even more in a higher demand

around the holidays. While you are shopping for your Thanksgiving, please consider donating items such as:

boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, yams, pumpkin, applesauce. *Thank 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.

## BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



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 on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.** and learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more.

## WOMEN'S GROUP



The **Women's Group** meets every **Wednesday** 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. Bring a lunch and if you have a craft to do while we meet (knitting, drawing, etc.) feel free to bring it.

**Please join us any time!**



**MUSINGS**  
by  
**AMY LEONARD**

*I endeavor in my musings to examine life, spirit and the human experience. Email me at [argyle2061@gmail.com](mailto:argyle2061@gmail.com).*

It's that time of year. The leaves from our few deciduous trees are changing color and dropping along with the temperature. And Episcopal churches are asking members to recommit their support for our congregations. When we talk about support and sharing our resources, we use the phrase "time, talent and treasure." Although most of us focus on the treasure, carefully evaluating how much money we can afford to give, perhaps using the traditional tithe (ten percent), I ask everyone to consider the equally if not more important sharing of talent and time. As most of our congregants are in our golden years (aka old as dirt, Methuselah years, senior, etc), we might not feel that we can contribute much time or talent due to health issues, or conflicting needs of our families, or other reasons. But something Father Bill recently said hit me. When talking about the Eucharist, he reminded us that we use bread, because a loaf of bread represents the unity of the church with Christ. When that bread is broken into smaller pieces and shared it continues to represent the whole. Every crumb has purpose and binds us together.

This made me think that even if we can only share one hour a week (outside of worship), when added to the one hour of others, our loaf of time can become quite filling. Or even if we can only bake one dozen cookies for a bake sale, or give one can of food to the food bank, when we do these small acts, combined with others, we can change the world for the better.

The other piece of wisdom Father Bill shared that helped me decide to write this, was the Biblical words of Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians. "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." As we discern what commitments we will make in the coming year to St. Germain's, the Episcopal church and our body of Christ in the next year, I hope everyone will take time to reflect that this giving creates abundance. Not just for ourselves, for we do reap what we sow, but for the entire world. We will change the world, bringing the light of Christ into a full spectrum, when we commit what we are able to, and do so with a loving, cheerful heart.

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*



ST. GERMAIN CHURCH HOODSPORT

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024  
10 AM TO 3 PM

600 LAKE CUSHMAN RD.  
(THE CHURCH ON THE HILL)

LOCAL VENDORS, HANDMADE  
CRAFTS, DECORATIONS, AND MORE

BAKED GOODS, HOT CHOCOLATE &  
CIDER AND LIVE MUSIC!



## SANTA PAWS RETURNS!

Bring your camera/cell phone for photos with your pets, your littles, or yourself with Santa!

Donations go to the Foothills Dog Park.



Grab a slice of pizza from Lake Cushman's newest and best pizza truck!

## SUPPORT LOCAL!

**George Stenberg Photography**, **Luella Day** t-shirts, jewelry, **Carol Simpson** custom purses, **Halleluja Fudge**, **Sharron Heatherly** Jewelry, **Ruth & Andy Peterson** Native American Woodwork, **Ginny Slack** stained glass, **Hal Burton** author, **Reiko Sullivan** glass artist, **Kit Brooks** shirts, jewelry, **Vivian Reinen** cozies, potholders, **Randi Lindgren** herbal teas & soaps, **Marla Gisi** dog bandanas, **Nora Haugen** jewelry, **Dayna Dempsey** soaps, lotions, etc., **Jessica Spillman** massage, herbals, **Gary Bell** framed paintings, and more!



Enjoy some coffee, tea, or hot cider and our yummy baked goods, prepared by the famous Cookie Queens, Peggy and Carrie!

**DON'T MISS OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!**

## STEWARDSHIP



To be a good steward means to be a good disciple of Christ. When you become serious about giving, you become serious

about your discipleship. We give so that our relationship with our Lord grows. If we grow in our giving, then we grow in our relationship with God.

In Luke 12:34 we are told *"For where your treasure, there your heart will be also."* The act of giving is its own reward. Each pledge of support, especially in a small church like ours, makes a big impact. Our annual commitment is an investment in something important and precious in the hope and promise that God will continue to show up in our lives.

Pledge packets available on Sundays or by mail. Please return them by Giving Sunday, November 28th. Thank you!

## TRUNK OR TREAT

## THANKSGIVING POTLUCK THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th



### LET'S GATHER TOGETHER !

A big invite to anyone who wants to share potluck Thanksgiving dinner at Saint Germain, 2 p.m., Thursday, November 28th!

The turkey will be provided.

A signup sheet is at the church, or you can contact Katy Fulton at [ktdiscourse@yahoo.com](mailto:ktdiscourse@yahoo.com). She'll include you on the list along with the dish you want to bring.

Bill Fulton will give his annual reading of *The Vicar of Nibbleswick* by Roald Dahl.

P.S. You can have two or more Thanksgivings. Join us and have dinner someplace else too. See *The Vicar of Dibley* Christmas dinner episode at <https://dai.ly/x8pnijm>



**Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
for Holy Communion**

**Potluck on the last Sunday of the  
month after the service**

Many of us grew up Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian and other faiths.

You will find yourself very familiar with our liturgy and our celebration of Holy Communion. Our doors are open to **ALL** and we believe that a community of diversity and acceptance starts in a safe and inclusive place of worship.

You are welcome to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding and mutual respect. No matter your identity or orientation, you are always welcome here!



### *OUR MISSION:*

*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 that is grounded in God's Word and Sacraments.*

### *OUR VISION*

*Be the inclusive people of God*



**"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."**



# VOTE *faithfully*

## ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

*"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."* -Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

**REGISTER** You cannot vote unless you are registered! Don't procrastinate— get registered to-day! Even if you believe you are registered, double-check your voter registration status to make sure. Visit <https://vote.gov/> to get registered NOW

Quotes for thought and communal reflection By Minister Jason Carson Wilson, M. Div., Justice and Peace Policy Fellow, United Church of Christ

**Ephesians 4:31-32:** *Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.*

**John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the United States of America:** *"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."*

**Bayard Rustin:** *"If we desire a society of peace, then we cannot achieve such a society through violence. If we desire a society without discrimination, then we must not discriminate against anyone in the process of building this society. If we desire a society that is democratic, then democracy must become a means as well as an end."* Audre Lorde, *Our Dead Behind Us: Poems*: *"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."*

**Isaiah 58:6-10:** *Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?*

*"Cast your vote, not on a partisan basis, not based on your biases, but vote your values. Vote the values of human dignity and equality. Vote the values of the rock on which this country was built. Vote."* -Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

## CONNECTIONS

Visit our website at

**stgermainhoodsport.org**

Sermons are posted on our  
YouTube channel at

## Saint Germain Church677

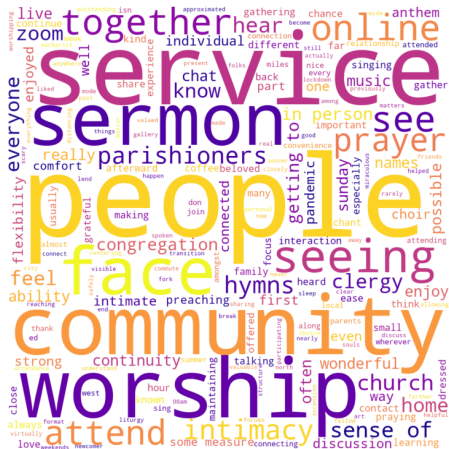
Our monthly newsletter  
***The Messenger*** is found on the  
website. To receive the newsletter  
email us at

**saintgermainhoodsport@gmail.com**



Watch a live stream of our Sunday service on our Facebook page.

## St. Germain's Church Hoodsport



## Volunteer Leaders

**Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington**

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Kathryn Jasper, Donna O'Leary, Amy Leonard, Teresa Schenk-Stephens, Kit Brooks

## Head Usher - Skip Hash

**Music Director - Carrie Sharp**

**Newsletter** - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

## Altar Guild Director - Joanne Hash

(Peggy Pennington, Katy Fulton)

**Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp**

## Facilities - Alec Pennington

## Memorial Garden Sexton - Skip Hash

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**Hoodsport, WA 98548**  
**360-877-9879**

## Connect to Staff

The Rev. Bill Fulton, Vicar, [billfulton2001@yahoo.com](mailto:billfulton2001@yahoo.com)  
Donna O'Leary, Church Office Administrator, [stgermainoffice600@gmail.com](mailto:stgermainoffice600@gmail.com)

## The Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden - Carrie Sharp  
Junior Warden - Peggy Pennington  
People's Warden - Amy Leonard  
Joanne Hash - Kathryn Jasper - Kit Brooks