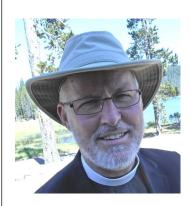


ST. GERMAIN HOODSPORT

NEWSLETTER MAY 2025

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THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



On Sunday, July 20, our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Phil Labelle, will make his visitation to us at St. Germain's. A bishop's visitation is an opportunity for us to get to know our bishop, and for him to get to know us. It's a special Sunday that comes once every three years.

In addition, the bishop's visitation is the time for baptisms, confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations. Confirmation is for those who have never made a mature commitment to the Christian faith, but would like to do so in the presence of the bishop. Reception is

for those who made a commitment in another Christian denomination but now want to affiliate with the Episcopal Church. Reaffirmation is for those who want to reaffirm their commitment to Christ for any reason.

I will be holding a series of classes in June and July for anyone who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church, and especially for those who would like to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed by the bishop.

The classes will be held after church on Sundays on June 8, 22, and 29, and July 6 and 13. We will use the book *A People Called Episcopalians* by John Westerhoff. We'll cover one chapter each Sunday. If you have to miss a Sunday, you can read the chapter in the book to get the substance of the class.

Have questions about the Episcopal Church? We'll cover the following topics: Episcopal Identity, Episcopal Authority, Episcopal Spirituality, Episcopal Temperament, and Episcopal Polity (governance). Everyone is welcome to join the classes. If you're just curious about the Episcopal Church and want to know more, please come.

I hope you'll consider whether you might like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church when Bishop Phil comes.

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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."

REFLECTIONS by Curtis Pennington

Peggy and Alec Pennington graciously share these reflections by Alec's dad.

The Simple Truth

The simple truth is
There is only God
The one power, the one presence
The sum and substance of all there is.

The simple truth is

You were created in the image

and likeness of God

The one power, the one presence

The sum and substance of your world.

The simple truth is You will find your good only from within For your good flows only from God As you surrender to his guiding light.

The simple truth is
The power and presence of God is within
To be found through your own
inner guidance
To be fulfilled through your actions.

The simple truth is
You cannot be separated from God
Nor suffer sickness or lack
Except through you own consent.

The simple truth is You are the receptacle The key The release Of Gods presence within you.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays 11 am - 1pm



We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing our monthly topic. The second hour of our meeting is devoted to event planning and administer-

ing 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...all women from the community are welcome to attend!

This month during the second hour we will be clearing out cupboards, closets and the storage shed. The week of the 19th we will sort and set up for the Annual rummage sale on the 24th.



May Birthdays

12 Rose Kallal

O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor, we
pray, on your servant Rose as
she begins another year. Grant
that she may grow in wisdom and
grace, and strengthen her
trust in your goodness all the days of
her life; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

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. to learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more.

FROM THE OFFICE

TREASURER'S REPORT

NET	113.253
Total Operating Expenses	4457.73
Total Operating Revenues	4570.98

FUND BALANCES 3-1-2025 thru 3-31-25

TOTAL BALANCES	\$46,067.48
Business Checking	13,613.40
Soul Purpose Savings	3,326.61
Grant Savings	5,710.76
Business Savings	23,416.71



The Diocese of Olympia takes its responsibility for the safety of its people seriously. The Safe Church, Safe Communities training program is now online and teaches how to identify and prevent abuse within the church community.

Safe Church, Safe Communities - The obligation to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being is binding for every baptized member of the Episcopal Church. The authority with which *church leaders* — including clergy, adults who minister to children and youth, youth in leadership roles, and adults who minister to vulnerable people —

are entrusted, creates an inherent power imbalance in the *pastoral relationship*. This power imbalance derives from the leadership role and, in the case of clergy, the symbolic authority of an ordained person. *Christian leadership is intended to provide occasions for guidance and grace; its abuse is always and unequivocally wrong.*

Who Should Take the Training?

- Safe Church, Safe Communities is required for all canonically resident and licensed clergy.
- Safe Church, Safe Communities is required for non-clergy who have a key to the church facility, vestry and bishop committee members, church staff, Eucharistic ministers/visitors, and anyone who works with minors in any capacity.
- Any other interested parishioners are encouraged to take the training. Certificates are valid for three years and then a renewal is required.

A link will be sent to you from the church office. Please contact Donna with any questions.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



At St. Germain's Church, we deeply value our volunteers who play an integral role in nurturing our church community. To honor their commitment, we've created the "Volunteer Spotlight" to shine on a light on who they are. Each month we will highlight different volunteers.



HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK

Peggy Pennington, Donna O'Leary and Yvonne Westover (L-R) volunteer at the Hood Canal Food Bank on the first and third Monday of the month. These volunteers are essential to the operation of the food bank, sorting, packing and distributing food. They witness the impact of their actions firsthand and experience the satisfaction of contributing to the lives of others. They usually start their day at 8 am and work on their feet non-stop until 2:30 pm. It is a deeply rewarding experience.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4: 10)

Volunteers don't exist to DO the ministry, we ARE the ministry. Our volunteers are the unsung heroes of the church who are passionate about the mission of St. Germain's.

There is a list in the parish hall of volunteer opportunities. You can volunteer to be a coffee host, usher, greeter, reader, etc. Please look it over and sign up if you are interested.

We are a small church, and we are all contributing in many ways. Everything you do makes a difference, we are forever grateful for each and every one of you for your vision, dedication, time, energies and talent. Thank you!

SPECIAL NOTE: We are finally scheduled to replace the flooring in the parish hall, kitchen and bathrooms the week of June 16th. We will need volunteers to stay briefly after the service on Sunday, June 15th to clear the parish hall. Many hands make light work, so it should go fairly fast. Please mark your calendars if you are able to stay. Thank you!



IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY RUMMAGE SALE!

SATURDAY, MAY 24th 9 am to 4 pm

LET'S GET READY TO RUMMAGE! Start gathering up all your stuff for this big event. We will be collecting items at church Wednesday the 21st thru Friday the 23rd. All items should be in decent shape and clean. All leftover items will be donated after the sale. We will also have an area for anything you want to designate as free. NO CLOTHING PLEASE. If you bring furniture that doesn't sell, you will be responsible for taking it back.

This is a name your price sale, so no need to price, but if you have something of higher value we will have a special pricing area.

Volunteers are needed for all days! We especially will need help after the sale loading up the leftovers to donate to Nifty Thrifty and also putting the church back together for Sunday service. Many hands make light work, right? A sign up sheet is in the parish hall.

If you have any questions, contact Donna at stgermainoffice600@gmail.com or call the church at 360-877-9879.

BASEBALL ANYONE?



We are looking at taking a group to see the Tacoma Rainiers play later this summer. We would like to go to a Friday evening game as that is when they do fireworks following the game. We would carpool so that if you are one who doesn't drive at night, you can still attend. Everyone is invited, and so that we can judge how many tickets to purchase we would like to hear from you if you are interested. There will be a signup sheet at the church, or you can let Amy or Kit know. Bring the kids, grandkids or friends along to make it a memorable evening.

The tentative date is Friday, August 8th at 7:05 p.m. (though we'd arrive early to grab food and get settled). If we get enough of us going, the group rate for tickets is \$15.50 per person. Also, a generous benefactor will provide a certain number of free tickets, so let us know if you need one. Thanks all.



ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday May 24 9 am - 3 pm

Name your price! So many incredible bargains! Huge one day only annual event.

THE SEARCH FOR THE ANTLERS HOTEL LAKE CUSHMAN

JUNE date and time TBD

A showing of this amazing documentary chronicling the 10 year quest leading to the remains of this hotel 160 feet below Lake Cushman's surface. Meet the film makers!

ART & CRAFTS MARKET ON THE HILL

Saturday June 21 10 am - 3 pm

Shop for unique local gifts and homemade goodies

MUSIC ON THE HILL presents "HELLO NEIGHBORS"

Saturday June 21 noon - 2:30 pm

Featuring local musicians Steve Beck, Rebecca Holbrook, Jim Moore, Tom McLaughlin

ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET ON THE HILL

Saturday July19 10 am - 3 pm

Shop for unique local gifts and homemade goodies

MUSIC ON THE HILL presents "LISA & THE LUGS"

Saturday July 19 noon - 2:30 pm

Featuring local musicians Lisa Ramsauer, Steve Beck, Jim Moore, Jack Bradbury, Dan Walker

ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET ON THE HILL

Saturday August 16 10 am - 3 pm

Shop for unique local gifts and homemade goodies.

MUSIC ON THE HILL

Saturday August 16 noon - 2:30 pm

Featuring local folk & Americana musicians

CONNECTIONS

Visit our website at
stgermainhoodsport.org

Sermons are posted on our
YouTube channel at
Saint Germain Church677

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)

Treasurer - Donna O'Leary

Bell Ringer - John Drumm

Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp

Facilities - Alec Pennington

Memorial Garden Sexton - Skip Hash



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The Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden - Carrie Sharp Junior Warden - Peggy Pennington People's Warden - Amy Leonard

Treasurer/Clerk - Donna O'Leary

Joanne Hash - Pat Lakeman - Kit Brooks - John Drumm