

## St. Germain Hoodsport

NEWSLETTER
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## HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

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



Sometimes people ask me, "What do I have to do to become a member of the Episcopal Church?" I tell them, "Be a baptized person and take Communion at least three times a year."

They're often disappointed, because that's a pretty low bar. But when I say, ""If you want to be a confirmed Episcopalian, you have to take classes and have the bishop lay hands on you," then they perk up a bit. We all love to be challenged.

One of the things I like about the Episcopal Church is that we expect our members to be continual learners. I suppose you can take Communion every Sunday without knowing anything about it, but it's so much more meaningful when you learn the reasons for what we do during Communion.

There's a sensibility about the Episcopal Church that I find fascinating. Our church is, generally speaking, comfortable with openness, ambiguity, and curiosity. Episcopalians, for the most part, love tradition but hold it lightly. We love scripture but we don't take it literally.

The history of the Episcopal Church is likewise fascinating. Did you know that we trace our heritage back through the laying on of hands all the way to the Apostle Peter? Or that some of the most prominent leaders of the American Revolution were Episcopalians?

These are all topics that we'll take up in our confirmation class in the next few Sundays after church. I invite you to join us, even if just for a few Sundays. I think you'll enjoy learning more about the people called Episcopalians. And if you'd like to become confirmed by the bishop, we'll arrange for that, too.

Bill



# 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."



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 (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.

The most secure way to make your regular donations to St. Germain's is by setting up automatic payments on your bank's website. By adding St. Germain's as a "Payee" and using your bank's automatic bill pay process, we receive a monthly check and you don't have to worry about forgetting your pledge. Our address and bill pay info is as follows:

St. Germain Episcopal Church PO Box 222 Hoodsport, WA 98548

Otherwise, you can write a check and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Pledge envelopes are available in the parish hall. Also, cash can be placed in an envelope and placed in the offering bowl.

Matthew 6:21 says, "For where your treasure is, there will also be your heart."



14 Hank McCord

17 Teresa Schenk-Stephens

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen them who trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

If your name does not appear in our birthday list please let Amy or Donna know so that we can add you and celebrate your special day.

## **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.

## **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 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...all women from the community are welcome to attend!

We are reviewing our meeting time.

Please share your preferred meeting time at this week's meeting, or via email at argyle2061@gmail.com



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.

**Annual Rummage Sale:** With a cadre of volunteers, we managed to have another successful sale this Memorial Day weekend. Our single day sale brought in \$1300 to help fund our various charities, including supporting veterans groups, humane society and the Hood Canal Food Bank. The list of volunteers is long and we appreciate every hour of help from all of you!

# "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!

## New Floors are coming this month!

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 and help move the furniture into the chapel after the service on Sunday, June 15th to clear the parish hall. AND we will need help on the afternoon of Friday June 20, setting up for the Market and Music on the Hill event on the 21st! Thank you!



— ALL COMMUNITY EVENTS HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ARE CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK DURING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS —



#### 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.

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#### 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