



St. Germain Hoodsport

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NEWSLETTER

November 2025

HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



When I start out on my daily walk, I'm usually a bit stiff in the joints. My body feels like a balky car that hasn't warmed up yet. But about five minutes in, my legs are striding, my back feels supple, the air is fresh in my lungs, and life is good! I'm filled with gratitude for the simple act of walking.

The older I get, the more I feel grateful for the little things in life. Eating dinner with my family. Listening to the birds. A good conversation. Reading a book. Things I used to take for grant-

ed have become precious as I age. Maybe it's because I'm aware I have less time to enjoy them; at any rate, my capacity for gratitude has expanded.

One of the things I'm grateful for is our church family at St. Germain's. What a miracle, in today's crazy world, to find a place where you are accepted for who you are, where caring is expressed out loud, where dignity resides, where the richness of our tradition gives us a solid place to stand.

The folk singer Joan Baez said something like, "Let your gratitude be translated into action," and for me that means financially supporting our church. Katy and I are happy to put St. Germain's in our budget and gratefully write our weekly check. Last year we gave \$600 a month; to account for inflation, we're increasing our pledge to \$620 a month for the coming year. We know that everyone gives according to their particular circumstances, and all pledges are acceptable in the sight of God.

What are you grateful for? And how do you translate your gratitude into action? I hope you'll fill out a pledge card for the coming year with a grateful heart.

Bill



"What are you grateful for?"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
10 am to 4 pm**

Support local! Experience the magic of the season as you browse through unique handmade crafts, Fudge, Jewelry, Stained Glass, Authors, Herbals, Fabric Creations, Quilling Art, Artisan Soaps, Handmade Cards, Artesnial Preserves, and Pickles. Get a Massage. Enjoy hot cider, coffee & hot chocolate with our famous bake sale treats, and much more!



**SANTA PAWS
RETURNS!**

Bring your camera or cell phone and take a photo of your pet, your littles, or yourself with Santa!

Donations will go to the Foothills Dog Park

**St. Germain Church (the church on the hill)
600 LAKE CUSHMAN RD. HOODSPORT**



**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.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



If you mention Saint Germain's anywhere in Hoodsport, someone will say, "Oh, I know Peggy!" In the last few years, Peggy Pennington has made a strong connection with the community by organizing and marketing our Markets and Music on the Hill, and spearheading the annual Christmas Bazaar.

After many years with careers in legal and medical fields, Peggy settled here with husband Alec a few years ago. She soon began attending St. Germain and helping the altar guild. Then she stole our hearts and taste buds with her amazing cookies and other baked goods. In addition to her outreach efforts, she is now serving on the Bishop's Committee as our Junior Warden. Peggy works closely with the Kiwanis, and their sewing group has been meeting at the parish hall every Tuesday. Peggy also volunteers with the food bank and delivers our donations for us. She has blessed us with her many talents, her faith and willingness to help.

November Birthdays

- 7 Shelly Andrews
- 12 Amy Leonard
- 24 Therese Frye



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.

Feeding our neighbors

The Hood Canal Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious food with dignity to our neighbors in need in Hoodsport and the Lower Hood Canal area, through donations and the work of dedicated volunteers. The food bank is a fully 100% volunteer-based organization. Please put your non-perishable donations in the barrel in the parish hall for volunteers to take to the food bank.



Thanksgiving Plans? Join us as Father Bill and Katy provide a community meal to give thanks for the help the indigenous people provided the colonial people. Dinner will be served at 2 pm.

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.

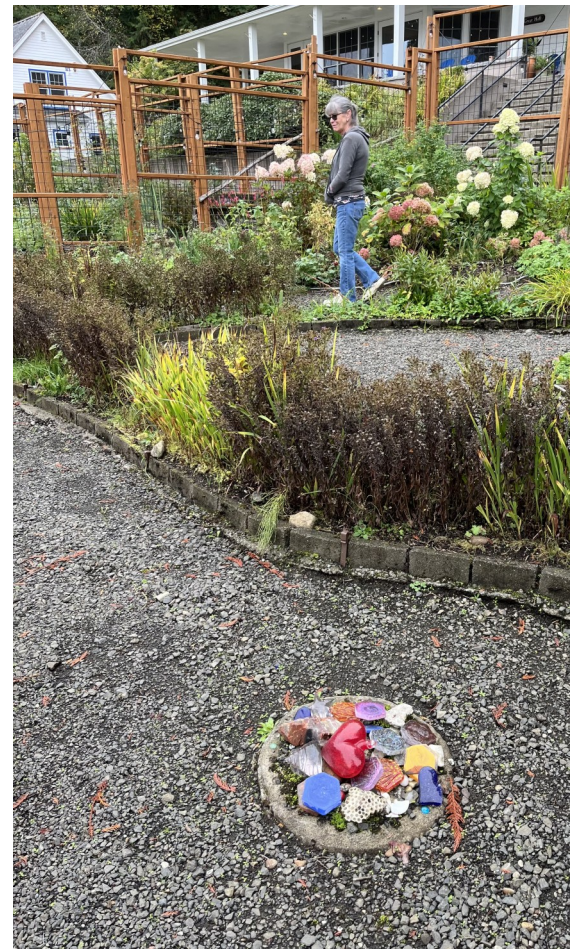
WOMEN'S GROUP



We meet the **second and fourth Monday's from 9 AM to 11 AM.** This is early for many of us, so wear your comfy clothes, and bring your coffee. We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing spiritual readings. The second hour of our meeting is devoted to event planning and administering our outreach ministries. Bring a snack 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!**



A few members of the Women on a Mission group went to an over-night retreat at Sacred Waters. Seven of us met for a communal meal, and then five of us stayed overnight. Getting away from our daily lives was a terrific way to bond and connect. We will definitely do this again for those who missed this opportunity.



Leslie, Carrie, Veronica, Sharron and Amy stayed the night, Kathryn and Susan joined us for the meal. Other pics are some of the beauty of the property at Sacred Waters.

Chamber Music & Silent Auction

A fundraiser for Hypatia-in-the-Woods



2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 (doors open 1:30)

St. David's Church, 4th and Cedar, Shelton

April Kuhr, piano; Roberta Hason Downey, cello

At auction: art, artifacts, books, DESSERTS!

Suggested donation \$10 benefits Hypatia-in-the-Woods

Hypatia-in-the-Woods offer solo artist residencies of 1-3 weeks in a well-appointed cottage, Holly House, in deep woods above Hammersley Inlet on Puget Sound.

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



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Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathryn Jasper, Donna O'Leary, Amy Leonard, and Kit Brooks

Head Usher - Skip Hash

Music Director - Carrie Sharp

Newsletter - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

Altar Guild

Director - Joanne Hash

Members- Peggy Pennington, Katy Fulton, Veronica Harlan

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

Bell Ringer - John Drumm

Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp

Facilities - Alec Pennington

Memorial Garden Sexton - Skip Hash



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The Bishop's Committee

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Junior Warden - Peggy Pennington

People's Warden/ Clerk - Amy Leonard

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

Joanne Hash - Kit Brooks - John Drumm