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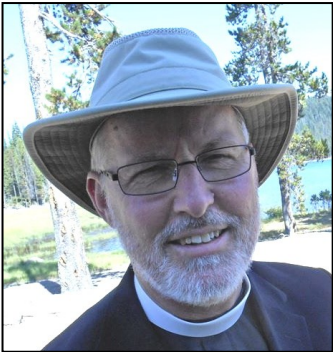
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NEWSLETTER

February 2026



THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



Just a nudge to remind you that Lent is nearly upon us. We'll observe Ash Wednesday at noon on February 18, with the administration of ashes and the Litany of Penitence.

This Lent, I'd like to invite you to meditate on Gratitude and Reciprocity. These themes are central in the small, easily read book, *The Serviceberry*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

The author uses the serviceberry bush as an example of the "gift economy" in nature, where berries and seeds and birds and worms and the earth work together to produce abundance for the common good of the earth. As we learn about the gift economy, we learn that "all flourishing is mutual."

In other words, when we receive God's gifts with gratitude, we naturally want to share them with others, and a virtuous cycle of giving and receiving begins: the gift economy. Instead of destroying limited resources, we begin to thrive on mutual abundance.

Katy is using this book in her anthropology class on Indigenous Peoples of the Northwest. It helps the students to imagine a kind of economy that doesn't destroy the earth or exploit other people.

Lent is the season to take on a spiritual discipline, and I can't think of a better discipline than meditating on gratitude. Being grateful is a constant theme in scripture, and it's well worth our time in Lent.

This book, *The Serviceberry*, is the focus of a Lenten program offered by United Thank Offering, an office of The Episcopal Church. Our Women's Group will use the program to guide their weekly discussions, and UTO has online resources, including a weekly Zoom discussion group, that you can find at unitedthankoffering.com.

May you have a blessed and grateful Lenten season.

Bill

Copies of The Serviceberry are available at betterworldbooks.com, thriftbooks.com or at your independent book sellers.



**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!

**NOTE: Sunday, February 8th
we will have morning prayer
only at our usual 10:30 AM
time as Father Bill pursues his
watercolor skills.**

February Birthdays



February 1 **Kit Brooks**
February 3 **Veronica Garcia**
February 6 **Frank Lakeman**
February 9 **Katy Fulton**

**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



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 be-
ing a welcoming, nurturing and
supportive community that is ground-
ed in God's Word and Sacraments.*

OUR VISION

Be the inclusive people of God

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 Hoodspport and the Lower Hood Canal area, through donations and the work of dedicated volunteers.

The food bank is a fully 100% volunteer-based organization. Dozens of people volunteer many hours to keep our food bank functioning. Please put your non-perishable donations in the barrel by the parish hall for volunteers to take to the food bank.

The need for food is not just during the holidays, please remember to continue to provide for our neighbors in need throughout the year.

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to our food and monetary donations, several church members volunteer their time at Hood Canal Food Bank. Yvonne Westover, Peggy Pennington and Donna O'Leary are among the many volunteers who keep the food bank staffed.

How to Contribute

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 paper check which is counted regularly with the monies put into the plate on Sundays. If you are set up on bill pay through your regular bank you may send your donation in that way. Our address and bill pay info is as follows:

St. Germain Episcopal Church
PO Box 222
Hoodspport, 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. Again, thank you with all our hearts for your pledge, your presence, and your engagement in God's mission as it is expressed at St. Germain's.

Please remember to pick up your copy of Forward Day by Day in the parish hall.

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Each month's meditation is written by a different author.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
NOON

Join us as we acknowledge the beginning of Lent with this annual act of repentance. Lenten practices include fasting, making a sacrifice of some sort, or a Lenten daily devotional act. However you choose to honor the season, we look forward to seeing you all as we begin the season leading up to Easter. The Women's Group will meet from 9-11 AM as usual.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

During this last year we began writing spotlights to highlight the amazing individuals who make this church a welcoming, vibrant community. We will continue to do this this year, but we wanted to remind everyone that volunteerism doesn't mean giving hours each week. It can be as simple as helping with readings during Sunday service, hosting coffee hour by making coffee and providing snacks (you can be reimbursed for any snack purchases), being a

greeter at church or helping with the endless custodial duties. Each moment of volunteerism is an opportunity to spread the love of neighbor, and the love of God, and make the world a better place.



“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.

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

The BC Retreat is scheduled for February 23rd, 10 AM to 3 PM. The retreat is a time for members to set goals, reflect on the previous year and prayerfully consider where we are as a church. The monthly meeting will be incorporated into this time together.

WOMEN'S GROUP



NEW MEETING TIME and DAY.** Wear your comfy clothes, and we will have coffee ready. We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing spiritual readings: currently using the book *Dancing from the Inside Out*. The second hour of our meeting is for hands on work around the church, writing notes, event planning or whatever needs to be addressed. 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!

****NEW DAY & TIME:**
Every Wednesday from 9 AM to 11 AM

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.

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

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, Amy Leonard, and Kit Brooks

Head Usher - Skip Hash

Supporting ushers- John Drumm and
Veronica Garcia

Music Director - Carrie Sharp

Newsletter - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

Altar Guild Director - Joanne Hash

Members- Peggy Pennington,
Katy Fulton, Veronica Garcia

Bell Ringer - John Drumm

Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp

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Junior Warden - Peggy Pennington

People's Warden/ Clerk - Amy Leonard

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

**Donna O'Leary - Kit Brooks - John Drumm
Debra Rollevson**