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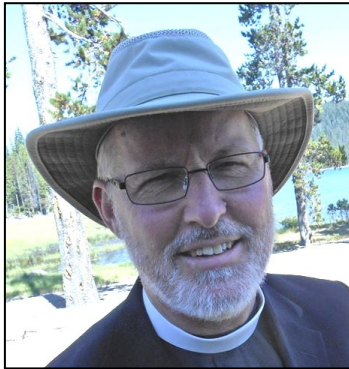
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NEWSLETTER

June 2026



THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



Recently Bishop Phil sent a Pastoral Letter to all the parishes of our Diocese.

In the Episcopal Church, a bishop may send out from time to time a letter to all the clergy and members of the diocese. This letter may pertain to any matter the bishop deems important to the church. The canons specify that pastoral letters must be read aloud in church or otherwise sent to members of each congregation. So it's a big deal when we get a pastoral letter.

In his letter, Bishop Phil raised concerns about changes in the process that immigrants must go through to obtain a green card, or work permit, in the US. Currently immigrants may apply for green cards in the United States. But the new policy required by the administration will require them to leave the US, fly to their home country, and apply from there.

This new requirement will place an enormous burden on immigrants. Not only will it require them to pay for costly flights and travel expenses, it will mean that immigrants will be away from their families and their work while they wait for their permit to be processed. That could be a long time.

Bishop Phil notes that this policy will affect members of our congregations, both ordained and lay, who have come to the US seeking asylum or a better life. He writes, "If this policy is enacted as described—a significant departure from previous immigration policies—it will rip congregations, communities, and families apart."

He reminds us that we are called by God to be in relationship with God, with all people, and with the creation. Jesus himself constantly worked to deepen relationships among human beings.

Our bishop calls us to be grounded in prayer and contemplation, to remember our brothers and sisters affected by this new policy, and to remember our baptismal vow to respect the dignity of every human being.

I share Bishop Phil's concerns. What kind of a country are we to split families apart, to deny immigrants the opportunity to improve, and to send needed workers away? It seems like a country with a heart of stone, not a heart of flesh. May God give us a new heart.

Bill

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. Meeting is at 11:45 AM on the 3rd Sunday of the month. **June's will be on the 28th to accommodate our anniversary celebration**

WOMEN'S GROUP



NEW MEETING TIME and DAY.

Wear your comfy clothes, and we will have coffee ready. We spend the first hour sharing & discussing spiritual readings. 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!**

Every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

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.”



June Birthdays



6-11 Skip Hash

6-12 Ellie Tucker

6-14 Hank McCord

6-17 Theresa 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.

We celebrate Holy Eucharist every week!



Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for Holy Communion and for our potluck meal 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!

Saint Germain is turning 50!

Celebrate with us on Sunday June 21st as we remember our foundations here in Hoodspport. We will begin with a special service at 10:30 AM, and will also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the building of our Parish Hall with a naming ceremony following. Our monthly potluck will also be on this Sunday, rather than the last Sunday, to make it a true celebration. We would also like to celebrate all the cuisines of the world at this event: bring your favorite international dish, a food that reflects your origins, or just your favorite food (maybe the one your parents had for holidays). We hope you can join us for this momentous occasion.



FUN, FUN, FUN for families!

Saturday, July 11th we will host a community wide event to help celebrate our 50th and give families a chance to see our church up close. We will have games, arts and crafts, and food. Details are being worked out, but put it on your calendar! And if you have ideas or would like to help, please contact Amy at 360-633-6405 (call or text).



Feeding our neighbors

The need for food is year round

We say it in the Lord's prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread." But not all are neighbors have food security. 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. Financial donations and the work of dozens of dedicated volunteers keep this service going. Please put your non-perishable donations in the barrel by the parish hall for volunteers to take to the food bank. Easy open cans, boxes of pasta, and other easily transported items are most welcome.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Amy (left) with her adult children, Jack (center) and Sophia (right) in Seoul, South Korea, May 2026.

The first time Amy visited St. Germain, she made an impression none of us forgot. She arrived with a bright smile, an open heart, and a willingness to jump right in. After the service that day, she joined the fellowship brunch as if she had been part of our community for years—chatting easily, helping with clean-up, and bringing a sense of joy to the room.

Although some time passed before she returned, her name stayed on our newsletter list, and many of us quietly hoped we'd see her again. Then one Sunday, she walked through the doors once more, and my introverted self greeted her with a burst of excitement and gratitude. It felt like a missing piece had come home.

Since that day, Amy has become one of the most dedicated and uplifting presences in our parish life. She volunteers for everything—often before anyone even asks. She has chaired our rummage sale, serves faithfully as a Eucharistic Minister, and is a valued member of the Bishop's Committee. She works tirelessly in

the garden with Carrie, helps at church events, and brings flowers and treats on Sundays that brighten both our tables and our spirits. Our women's group is richer, warmer, and more vibrant because she is part of it.

Last summer, when I stepped away from administrative duties, Amy stepped forward without hesitation. She took on the monthly newsletter, Bishop's Committee clerk responsibilities, and countless behind-the-scenes tasks that keep our church running smoothly. She does all of it with grace, competence, and a big heart. And every Sunday, watching her worship with such devotion is a quiet inspiration. Her faith is lived not only in words, but in action—steadfast, joyful, and generous. Thank you, Amy, for all you do for the St. Germain community.

Written by Donna O'Leary

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.

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