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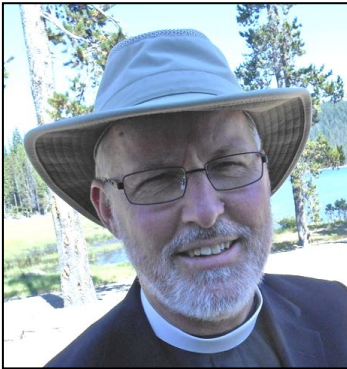
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NEWSLETTER

September 2026



THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



I've been comfortable in the outdoors ever since I was a kid. My mom and dad took us camping and hiking, I went backpacking and canoeing as a Boy Scout, and later I went on long treks in the wilderness and kayaked through the islands of Southeast Alaska.

I've learned to love the earth. To me, the natural world is proof that God exists. How else could this miraculous web of life have

come about? Science reveals the glory of God in nature, and to love the creation is to love the Creator.

We're supposed to care for God's earth. A child can understand that. I've always been dismayed when I hear of the destruction of the environment. I know we humans can do better.

So I was glad to hear that the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2024 authorized a Season of Creation for use in all Episcopal churches. This new liturgical season runs from early September through early October to emphasize the importance of God's act of creation.

Our bishop has authorized the use of new worship materials for this new season, and we're going to use some of them in our worship. This means we'll hear some different language in the prayers and readings. From what I can see, the new material is well written and very meaningful.

For the Eucharistic Prayer, we'll use a resource from the Anglican Church of Canada called "Salal and Cedar." As you may know, salal is a low-growing green plant in the forests of the Pacific Northwest, and the Western Red Cedar is one of our most valued trees. So the prayer is grounded in our local environment, even as it recalls us to the story of salvation in creation, incarnation, and redemption.

I hope the words of our liturgy during the Season of Creation will resonate with you and draw us all closer to God and God's creation.

Bill



September Birthdays

Bill Fulton September 29th

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.

We want to celebrate your special day, so if your name does not appear in our birthday list, please let Amy or Donna know so that we can add you!

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 in many of our mainstream Christian denominations. You will find yourself 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!

Women on a Mission Retreat 2026

Eight members of Saint Germain's Women on a Mission group went on a mini-retreat thanks to our fundraising. Rose got us accommodations at Pacific Beach. We missed having Senior Warden Peggy Pennington along who was sick, but the rest of us were able to relax, plan and talk.

Counterclockwise from left: Amy Leonard, Kathryn Jasper, Ellie Tucker, Yvonne Westover, Donna O'Leary, Carrie Sharp, Rose Kallal, and Leslie Johnston.



Season of Creation

We celebrate the Season of Creation every year with a theme. This year's theme is "Living Water," focusing on Ezekial 47:9,12. "Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation," according to diocesan information on this special season.

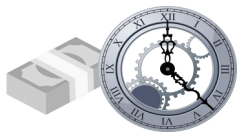
The image on the right is from a display at the Vancouver, BC Aquarium. It's a reminder of how much of our waste ends up in the oceans and washes up on our beaches. Each of us has a responsibility to consume less, recycle always, reuse and repair before we add to our trash piles. Remember we all share the same planet and breathe the same air. Peace to us all.



How to Contribute

Yes, you can make **ONLINE DONATIONS:** Donations can now be made online through the main Diocese of Olympia giving account. The diocese will manage sending us whatever funds are donated to them along with a report of giver, amount, designation information and date of transaction. Here is the link:

<https://resources.ecww.org/give-parish/st-germain-hoodsport>



What is stewardship?

The answer is generally summarized as sharing one's time, talent and treasure, but is there more to it than that? We are looking for volunteers to join a stewardship committee, led by our treasurer Jann Goodpaster. If this feels like something you'd like to help with, please contact Jann.

Feeding our neighbors

We say it in the Lord's prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread." **Hood Canal Food Bank** is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious food with dignity to our neighbors in Hoodsport and the Lower Hood Canal area. Non-perishable food donations may be put in the barrel in 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. Personal hygiene items are also accepted. As a church we also support the food bank with monthly financial contributions adding to the power of our giving.

Saint Germain's is planning a labyrinth!

We are in the process of clearing space and creating a labyrinth for walking meditation. The spiral has long symbolized growth, the cyclical nature of life, and moving into and out of our physical and spiritual selves. Walking these paths help us focus and find a peaceful path for prayer and meditation.

We need rocks and stones for the path demarcation. If you have softball size and larger rocks, we would like to have them. Drop off any time.

If you are interested in helping with the design and labor of creating the labyrinth, please reach out to our grounds lead Carrie Sharp.



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

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.

We need YOU!

Everything you do at St. Germain's makes a difference. We are grateful for each and every one of you who volunteers. We are currently in need of ushers and altar guild helpers. We also need those who are willing to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers: confirmed Episcopalians of any gender are needed to be trained and licensed (no cost to you). Please contact Father Bill if you are interested in filling this role. Finally, if you are able to help pull weeds, water or help in any way in the gardens, please let Carrie know. We have projects and weekly maintenance needs.

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 meeting is at 11:45 AM on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the church.

Bishop's Committee meeting minutes are kept in a binder and include a snap shot of our finances here, with the full monthly treasurer's

As of June '26	Monthly	YTD
Revenue	\$3877	\$26,353
Expenses	\$3,074	\$18,924

report also posted in Hash Parish Hall. Please note that this information will always lag due to reporting time and publication of the newsletter.

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



**"We gratefully acknowledge
the Skokomish Indian Tribe and all In-
digenous Peoples. Our building and fa-
cilities stand on the traditional land of
the people, whose ancestors have re-
sided here since time immemorial.
We honor and thank them for their
culture, resilience, and Indigenous
identity."**

CONNECTIONS

Visit our website at
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YouTube channel at
Saint Germain Church677

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Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathryn Jasper, Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary, Debra Rollevson

Head Usher - Skip Hash

Supporting Usher- John Drumm

Music Director - Carrie Sharp

Newsletter - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

Altar Guild Director - Joanne Hash

Members- Peggy Pennington,
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Bell Ringer - John Drumm

Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp

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Junior Warden - John Drumm

People's Warden/ Clerk - Amy Leonard

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

Donna O'Leary - Kit Brooks - Debra Rollevson