



**St. Paul's
Episcopal
Church
Bremerton,
WA**

*We seek Christ and
celebrate the
mystery of God's love
for all.*

*We are progressive
Christians in an open,
inclusive, and affirming
community of faith.
We provide a safe harbor
for everyone on their
spiritual journey.*

We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.

***July 26, 2026
The Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost***

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Preacher & Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker

Media Arts: Tara Curran & Terri Anderson

A Message from The Rev. Arienne



St. Paul's outside the walls

St. Paul's has been out in our neighborhood and wider community the past few days. On Saturday, we gathered with other members of the wider Kitsap community to celebrate Kitsap Pride Festival at the Fairgrounds. Christian anti-LGBTQ protesters showed up with a speaker and signs letting Pride-goers know where they believed we were going.

Monday, a quorum of the St. Paul's Vestry along with several other members of all ages attended parts or all of the 2 hour+ meeting held by the Bremerton Planning Commission on a proposal to rezone the Bremerton Housing Authority (BHA) owned property on Sheridan to allow for pallet (Tiny Home) shelters for up to 3 years. On behalf of St. Paul's, I expressed our belief that we could better serve both our unhoused and housed neighbors with the shelter in place in the neighborhood. Those of us who attended listened to many of our housed neighbors expressing fears that a shelter would make the housed people in the neighborhood less safe. I wish that same desire for personal safety extended to people who don't have homes to live in or doors to lock when violence threatens.

St. Paul's Bremerton remains fixed on supporting and loving our neighbors including those most vulnerable to deprivation and predation. While I cannot dispel the fear particular folks may feel when interacting with our unhoused neighbors, data published by the **United States Interagency Council on Homelessness** suggest that overall, people who are homeless are not more likely to abuse substances or commit crimes than housed people. Likewise, **R Street** published an analysis summarizing several studies that confirm that people who are unhoused are more likely to be physically assaulted or murdered.

The next hearing will take place mid August. Details for folks who would like to continue advocating for the shelter will be forthcoming when we know more. As in all things, God is working out in tranquility the plan of salvation. We show up,

show compassion and try to serve who we can. Even if they don't think they need our help. Even if they deny help to others.

And in that spirit, I want to share with you how this sort of loving-kindness is remembered. Yesterday, I was on a call with some colleagues from around the church. One of them had been in the Diocese of Michigan (Detroit) at the College for Congregational Development with me a few years back. That year, smoke from Canadian wildfires had darkened the skies. Those of us from out west were used to the fire season. The people gathered at CCD Michigan weren't. When we saw people loitering outdoors or taking walks, those of us from fire country gave warnings to folks with breathing conditions, encouraged mask wearing, and shared websites that track air quality. While some became very worried, others minimized the concerns.

My colleague shared that this year when the smoke and heat came, the people who gathered reportedly said, "Hey, do you remember those people from out west who warned us? Now I get it!"

Even when the things we try to teach are as simple as breathing fully, people resist the change. Until the world has changed so much around us, the ways we were doing it just don't work anymore. When the world changes, we have to respond in the Spirit of Jesus teachings. We make space for sinners to be saved. We don't judge whose sin is worse. We keep going to places where we know we won't all agree. When we do, we are changed into the sort of people whose heart belongs to our Savior and whose hands do his work.

And even when we don't know how the story ends, we will keep living it until God chooses otherwise.

-The Rev. Arianne

Jessica will be out of the office on Friday, July 24th. She will be back on Wednesday, July 29th, ready to respond to any messages then!

YOUNG ADULT MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

KEEP/WATCH

Do you want to help build a church community where people support one another's mental health? Have you wondered what to do when a friend or family member is experiencing suicidality? Christ Church Tacoma is hosting a four-week series to reflect on ways our young adult community can normalize mental health conversations while learning tools to prevent suicidality and intervene in active suicidal behavior.

JULY 28TH

1st session will meet in-person

AUGUST 4TH



TUESDAYS

AUGUST 18TH

6-7PM PST

AUGUST 25TH

ONLINE

This training is for those 20-40yrs old. RSVP through text or email:
alexlaurenfrench@gmail.com
(253) 453-0074

CHRIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH TACOMA

Learn more about this training at keepwatchproject.org

Episcopal News Service



Episcopalians send thousands of origami cranes to Olympia for detained immigrants

During the Asiamerica Ministries' annual retreat in spring 2026, the pilgrims also followed a Stations of the Cross designed by the Rev. Arienne Davison at the Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park

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for story

Click here to read the article (scroll down): <https://www.stpaulsbremerton.org/bulletins-news#asiamerica>

Vacation
Bible School

July 27-31, 2026
9 a.m. to noon

Register
Now!

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
11885 Old Frontier Rd. NW, Silverdale

For children entering 1st Grade through 6th Grade
Light snack and VBS t-shirt provided
Cost: \$25 per child
Please complete one enrollment form for each child
<https://tinyurl.com/39683duv>



Click slide
to register
children

Adult volunteers needed!
<https://tinyurl.com/55hxhc6f>

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BREMERTON
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FAITH IN TRYING TIMES: REMORSE, COMPASSION, AND RAGE

A Festival of Books
August 13-15, 2026

THURSDAY, AUG 13
Remorse

An exploration of
the Christian
practice of
Remorse with
author Stephen
Crippen



SATURDAY, AUG 15
Rage Prayers

Get in touch with
righteous anger
with author
Elizabeth Riley.



FRIDAY, AUG 14
The Well is Deep

Hear and reflect
on compassion
with COVID-era
chaplain and
author Hillary
Kimsey



PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5:30 PM AND CONCLUDES AT 8:00 PM

All are welcome at Book Fest August 13-15, 2026 at St. Paul's Bremerton, whether registered or not. Letting us know if you are coming helps us plan for a light meal at the beginning of each program.

- Light meal and gathering 5:30 PM -6:00 PM
- Program 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Click here to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPP080WxO6qpu7HjGNWbrz4JBMIfX8IkkWEUcikRpiMalJAq/viewform>

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Coffee Hour Treat Volunteers May - August

Sunday	Name	Contact Information
May 3	Susan Porter	
May 10	Karen Hobson	
May 17	Bob Ellis	
May 24	Colleen Shoemaker	
May 31	Fifth Sunday Brunch Outing	
June 7	Jim Manlove	
June 14	Karen Hobson	
June 21	Jackie King	
June 28	Mollyshannon Neel	
July 5	?	
July 12	Karen Hobson	
July 19	Sue Ahrens	
July 26	Colleen Shoemaker	
August 2	Jim Manlove	
August 9	Karen Hobson	
August 16	Georgann Falotico	
August 23	Sue Ahrens	
August 30	Fifth Sunday Brunch Outing	

Thank You, Volunteers

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Upcoming Events

Friday

July 17

Enlghten Kitsap
6:30 p.m.

Church Sanctuary

Dr. Jessica Salvador:
'Building a Community Where Everyone Can Thrive'



All welcome

enlghtenkitsap.org

Saturday

July 18

Kitsap Pride Festival
With Episcopal Church booth

3-8 p.m.
Kitsap Fairgrounds

Gordon Fields, 1400
Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton



Sunday

July 19

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.

**8th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday

July 19

Faith Formation
Series

8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
in Oliver Room



Being
Episcopalian

Sunday

July 19

Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.

Followed by
Coffee Hour

**8th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday

July 20

Bremerton Planning
Commission

5:30 p.m.
Norm Dicks Building

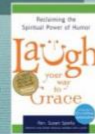
**Please share your support
of the proposed tiny home
village and our unhoused
neighbors**

Evening Monday

**Canceled
because of
Planning
Commission
meeting**

Contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

'Laugh Your Way
to Grace:
Reclaiming the
Spiritual Power
of Humor.' By the
Rev. Susan
Sparks



Wednesday

July 22

St. Paul's
Bible Study

9:30 a.m.
Oliver Room

Readings
Genesis 29: 15-28
Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

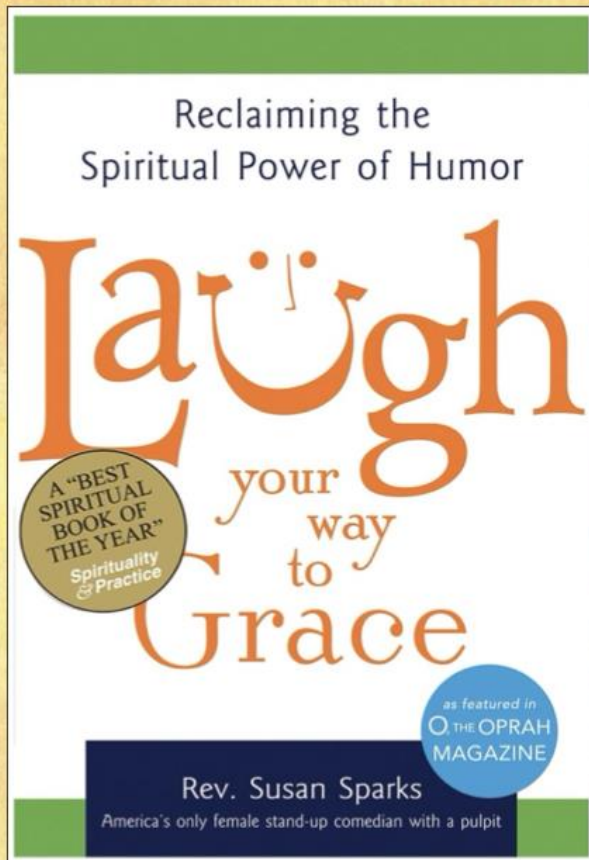
Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

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St Paul's Book Club

New Book for Summer!

Starting July 13



'Laughter was honored by the ancients as a spiritual healing tool and celebrated by the world's great religions. So why aren't we laughing along the spiritual path today? What would happen if we did?

In this personal and funny look at humor as a spiritual practice, Rev. Susan Sparks—an ex-lawyer turned comedian and Baptist minister—presents a convincing case that the power of humor radiates far beyond punch lines.'

6:30 p.m. Mondays on Zoom

Invitation: tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185 Passcode: journey

Or contact Katherine Adams (360) 377-9942

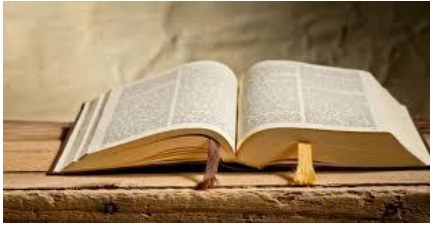
[Click here to join via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd](https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd)



[Click here to read the July 16th edition!](#)

A complex block with a green textured background. On the left, there is a logo featuring a blue cross, a yellow flame, and a yellow book. To the right of the logo, the text "Faith Formation" is written in a blue script font, with "LIFELONG AND ONGOING" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it. In the top right corner, there is a small circular logo with the text "St. Paul's Episcopal Church In Bremerton, Washington" and "An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith" below it. To the right of this, the text "Sundays 8:50 to 9:20 a.m. Between services." is written in red. In the center, the text "'Being Episcopalian'" is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below it, the text "All are welcome!" is written in a red, script font. On the right side, there is a shield-shaped logo with a red cross and a blue field with white stars.

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St. Paul's Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday, July 29 at 9:30 am** in the Oliver Room to discuss the following readings:

- **Genesis 32:22-31**
- **Psalm 17:1-7, 16**
- **Romans 9:1-5**
- **Matthew 14:13-21**

All are welcome! **Contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139** with any questions. If you would like to join via Zoom, the link is below. See you on Wednesday!

Here is the Zoom link for Bible Study:

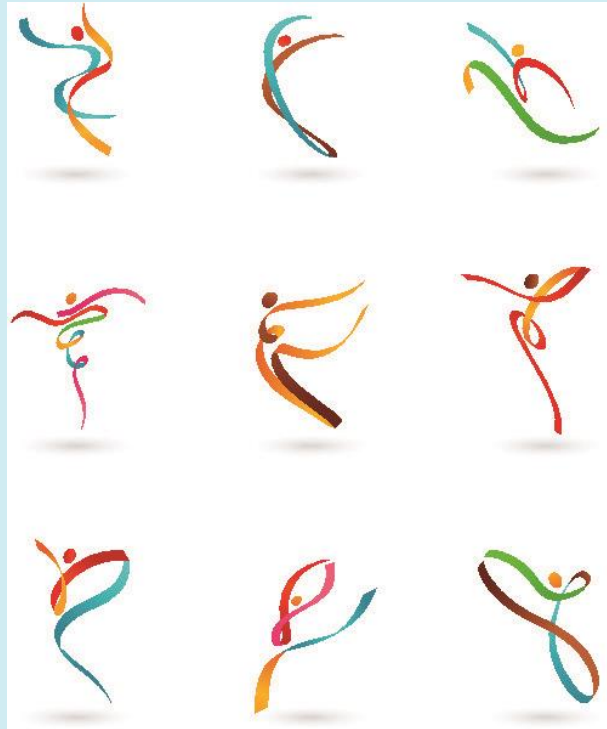
Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83754444747?pwd=xfmYe5xgMLZZkB6Px7QHLVKZ8ihttG.1>

Meeting ID: 837 5444 4747
Passcode: 438263

Moved by the Spirit

Love dancing? Join us
at Moved by the Spirit
every Wednesday
morning at 11:30 on
Zoom.



Katherine Adams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Dance

Time: Jun 10, 2026 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, 110 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZwsdOuorjopH9bzJ8BkMMzfsICYYPsXHGp6/ics?i>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/88132001352>

Meeting ID: 881 3200 1352

Passcode: Dance



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***Please check to see if your Fred Meyer card is linked
to St. Paul's to ensure continued donations.
Thank you!***

**During April - June 2026, 27 households
participated. Donations were \$58.42!
You're awesome!**

Please submit any changes/updates for the
Halls of St. Paul's or Prayer Vine to Jessica Lewis
at stpaul700@gmail.com. Thanks!