



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.*

September 6, 2026 The Fifteenth 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



On September 8 and 15th, St. Paul's will host Community Meetings to discuss housing for our neighbors. St. Paul's has been a part of the Sheridan Park neighborhood for many years. As the neighborhood faces conflict and challenges, our leadership believes St. Paul's should be a place where members learn to be better neighbors. This begins by inviting our neighbors into conversation so we can learn about their hopes and concerns about a planned Tiny House Village project proposed by the Bremerton Housing Authority.

Sept. 8: Celebrating our Neighborhood, Imagining our Future Together

5:30 PM Gather for coffee and snacks

6:00 PM Sheridan Park - Comprehensive Plan and the unhoused

While folks are most anxious about the planned Tiny House Village, community leaders should be clear about how this project fits into the bigger changes happening in our neighborhood. This session provides opportunities for individuals to imagine a future for our neighborhood we can pursue together. Conversation facilitated by the Rev. Arienne Davison.

-> Participants share our experience of the changes in the neighborhood since the Hospital was removed. (15 minutes)

-> Review of Comprehensive Plan impacts on the neighborhood. (5 minutes)

-> Participants share what they hope the neighborhood will feel like in 2044 when Bremerton is projected to have 30% more people and Sheridan Park is a higher density neighborhood.

-> Participants share concerns for the neighborhood in 2044 when Bremerton is projected to have 30% more people and Sheridan Park is a higher density neighborhood.

-> Timeline, details of Public Comment before the Sept. 16 Council Meeting.

8:00 PM Close.

September 15: Sharing our Perspectives Graciously

5:30 PM Gather for coffee and snacks

6:00 PM Tiny House Village Project *After considering how changes to the neighborhood will impact all of our neighbors, we organize and support one another in sharing our perspectives. Conversation facilitated by the Rev. Arienne Davison.*

-> How to make your perspective known to city decision-makers. (15 minutes)

-> Civil Discourse and Spirituality Practice. (5 minutes) Regardless of the religion or faith of our neighbors, we believe that every person has a spiritual life. Participants will hear some breathing and purpose practices that can support the hard work of engaging in civic conflict and civil discourse.

-> Break into groups: Create spaces for people to work in groups. If folks who hold opposing views on the project are present, break into groups so that we can support one another in sharing our perspectives at the City Council Meeting

8:00 PM Close.

St. Paul's Perspective

St. Paul's has been a part of the Sheridan Park neighborhood for more than 60 years. In our time we have seen this neighborhood grow, thrive, and contract. We are excited about the plans to redevelop the neighborhood with higher density close to ground & ferry transit. We also know from the history of Bremerton's boom and bust that there have always been poor and unhoused people in this part of Bremerton. More than 30 years ago, leaders at St. Paul became concerned that seniors were not able to stay in Bremerton as they aged and housing became more expensive. We worked with Episcopal Retirement Communities to sell half of our property. We dug up the dead and moved them so the living could access affordable apartment living in this neighborhood.

As this neighborhood redevelops, St. Paul's will continue to advocate for all our neighbors, housed and unhoused.

At St. Paul's, we think in generations, not fiscal years. Our leaders believe the property in this neighborhood is very valuable and will be more so once it is developed. We want to make sure that as fellow Bremerton business and civic leaders realize that value, they do not do so at the expense of the poor who have always been with us. We believe it is poor stewardship of Bremerton's lands to not proactively plan for a place at the table for the poor in our neighborhood.

- At St. Paul's, we acknowledge that people who are unhoused are more likely to be the victims of robbery, sexual assault, and murder than people who live behind a door that locks.
- We acknowledge and respect the dignity of all persons, housed or unhoused, addicted or sober, mentally ill or neurotypical.
- We seek partnership with anyone who wants to serve our neighbors and neighborhood, housed and unhoused - even when we do not agree about particulars.

-The Rev. Arienne

Join St. Paul's for a Community Conversation



About the Proposed Tiny House Village on Sheridan Rd.

6 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 8 & 15
St. Paul's Episcopal
Church in Bremerton

700 Callahan Drive • In the Oliver Room

On August 17, the Bremerton Planning Commission voted 3-1 to recommend that the Sheridan parcel owned by Bremerton Housing Authority not be exempt from zoning requirements that prohibit pallet shelters (Tiny Homes). The Bremerton City Council will now act on the recommendation.

St. Paul's has scheduled two evening community meeting sessions at the church for friendly conversation about the proposal

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/ya6t5e5k>

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Welcome, baby Lucy!



Mason and Jazmine's baby is here! Lucille Spencer was born on Friday, August 21. She is happy and healthy, but came 5 weeks early! She is still at St. Michael's but will hopefully get to come home soon.

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St. Antony Grief Group

Drop-in Grief Group starting September 1st
will meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday

St. Antony of Egypt
11885 Old Frontier Rd. NW
Silverdale, WA 98383>

No book is needed-- the format will be similar to 12-step groups where individuals drop in to share if they would like and support one another. We'd be glad to see any of your congregants there who could use some extra pastoral care and support!

For all St. Paul's keyholders

YOU'RE **SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
OLIVER ROOM

SAFE
CHURCH
TRAINING **INVITED**

Snacks provided!

Please bring your own laptop or tablet.
Devices are available to borrow.

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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Coffee Hour Volunteers Sept - Dec 2026

Sunday	Name	Contact Information
Sept 6	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Sept 13	Karen Hobson	
Sept 20	Jackie King	
Sept 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Oct 4	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Oct 11	Karen Hobson	
Oct 18	Eric Smiley	(206) 310-8237
Oct 25	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Nov 1	Sue Ahrens	(360) 471-2139
Nov 8	Karen Hobson	
Nov 15	Olivia Holgate	(314) 546-3345
Nov 22	Bob Ellis	
Nov 29	Fifth Sunday Brunch Outing	
Dec 6	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Dec 13	Karen Hobson	
Dec 20	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Dec 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752

Upcoming Events

Sunday

Sept. 6

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.

**15th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday

Sept. 6

Faith Formation
Series

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



*Being
Episcopalian*

Sunday

Sept. 6

Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.

Followed by
Coffee Hour

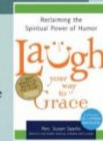
**15th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Every Monday

Book Club of St. Paul's
6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

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



Tuesday

Sept. 8

Community Meeting
Tiny Home Proposal

6 p.m.
Oliver Room

**For more information:
tinyurl.com/ya6t5e5k**

Wednesday

Sept. 9

St. Paul's
Bible Study

9:30 a.m.
Oliver Room

Readings

Exodus 14: 19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14: 1-12
Matthew 18: 21-35

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

Wednesday

Sept. 9

Moved by the Spirit
Liturgical Dance

11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



Contact Georgann
Falotico for more
information at
(360) 908-3588 or
georgann@botmail.com.

Saturday

Sept. 12

Group Safe Church
Training

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Oliver Room

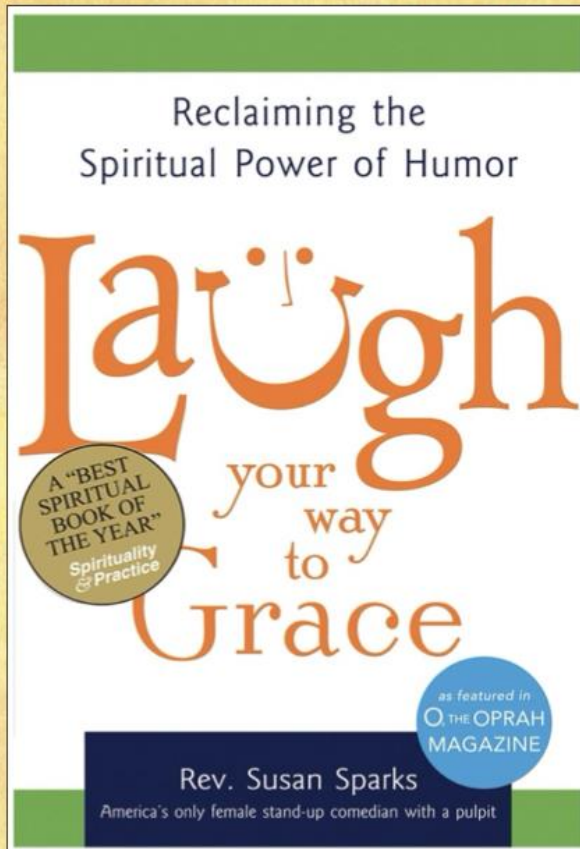
**For all St. Paul's
keyholders. Bring own
laptop or tablet. Devices
available to borrow.**

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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 September 3rd edition!](#)



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING



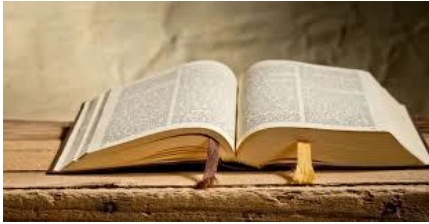
Sundays
8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
Between services.

'Being Episcopalian'

All are welcome!



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St. Paul's Bible Study Group

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

- Exodus 14:19-31
- Psalm 114
- Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35

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

Topic: Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: Sep 2, 2026 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

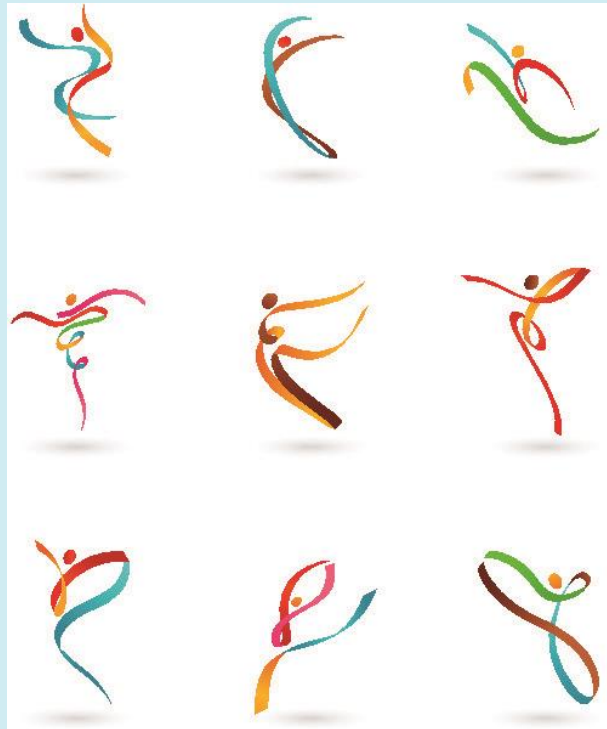
Join Zoom Meeting

<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



" The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission not just to be part of but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community."

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!**

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

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