



**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.

**August 16, 2026
The Twelfth 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



Bookfest is happening this weekend!

Friday @ 6pm - Practices of Compassion
Explore the challenges of exercising compassion in times of great suffering and alienation with chaplain (and former St. Paul's member) the Rev. Hillary Kimsey.

Saturday @ 6pm - Practices of Anger
Explore how the expression of righteous anger can be a part of healing and reconciliation.

Sheridan Tiny Homes Zoning Meeting (Bremerton Planning Commission)

Monday, August 17 @ 5:30 PM

Norm Dicks Government Building - 1st floor meeting chambers

The Bremerton Planning Commission will meet this Monday to receive further comment on the use of the Bremerton Housing Authority's request to rezone the property it owns for a Tiny House Village for up to 3 years. [You can review the comments offered online and in previous meetings here.](#)

The Bremerton Housing Authority purchased the land from Common Spirit (operator of Franciscan Health and Virginia Mason). Previously, the hospital used the site to land medi-vac helicopters. Other than this irregular use, the site was vacant for decades.

The City of Bremerton passed a Comprehensive Plan to redevelop the Sheridan neighborhood. One goal of the comprehensive plan was to create high density housing to alleviate the current housing shortage and expected increase in population over the next 20 years. Bremerton recognizes we do not have adequate housing stock - affordable or otherwise to meet the current and expected needs.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we conclude the prayer with the English phrase "now and forever." When we say this, we recognize the need for Christ's saving help right now in our neighborhood. We also want that saving help to be available to people who we haven't met or haven't been born yet.

When this neighborhood is higher density and economically thriving, there will still be unhoused and poor people in the neighborhood. Our faith calls us to build a neighborhood that makes space for people who can't afford housing. The zoning exemption would allow the Tiny House village to help bridge the gap today while appropriate permanent structures with housing-first services are built.

If you can make it to the meeting, please consider attending. Whether you offer comments or not, your gracious presence shows city leaders that we are exercising our love of neighbor and paying attention to decisions that impact all our neighbors.

If you'd like more information on the meeting and how to join remotely, you can find it at the [Planning Commission Website](#).

-The Rev. Arienne

Rev. Arienne will be out of the office August 17-21.



Stephen Crippen, author of "Remorse: Finding Joy Through Honest Apology," speaks at the St. Paul's Book Fest on Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Oliver Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bremerton. The Book Fest continues at 5:30 p.m. Friday with Hillary Beasley Kimsey, author of "The Well Is Deep: COVID Through a Chaplain's Eyes;" and 5:30 p.m. Saturday with Elizabeth Ashman Riley, author of "Rage Prayers." Register at <https://tinyurl.com/bvaeas7u>

A credit card was found in St. Paul's parking lot on Thursday evening, Aug 13. The card belongs to Ruby L. If you know Ruby, please let her know that her card has been found and she can call the office at 360-377-0106. Thanks!



Monday, Aug. 17, 5:30 p.m.
Bremerton Planning Commission

*Meeting on zone change proposal
concerning tiny home structures
on Sheridan Road across from Saars Foods.*

Norm Dicks building, 345 6th Ave (first floor chambers)

*** Please come and show support for our unhoused neighbors***

<https://www.bremertonwa.gov/AgendaCenter/Planning-Commission-4>



**Sarah van Gelder:
“What Does It Mean to Be a Good
Neighbor in Kitsap County?”**



Sarah van Gelder, YES! magazine founding editor, Suquamish Foundation board member, and former member of the Bremerton Race Equity Advisory Board, is our August speaker.

Some of us here in Kitsap County arrived recently. Others have been here since time immemorial. While some of our ancestors crossed an ocean by steamer or plane — or came here in chains. Understanding our diverse histories, righting old wrongs and showing up for our neighbors could be the first steps in getting along — not just politely, but well.



She will look at current questions affecting us here including ... among others ... what it means to show up for immigrant neighbors, coworkers, and local business owners

Zoom/Hybrid program: Friday, August 21, 2026

In person, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Zoom sign in: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 700 Callahan Drive, Bremerton

FREE; donations welcome at the door.

Register and learn more at EnlightenKitsap.org.

Enlighten Kitsap Community Forum is a licensed nonprofit corporation (not a 501c3) with no affiliation to any religious organization or political party.

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.

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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

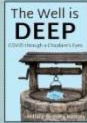
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Upcoming Events

Friday

Aug. 14

St. Paul's Book Fest
'The Well is Deep'
—with Hillary Kimsey
5:30 - 8 p.m.
Oliver Room



'The Well is Deep: COVID Through a Chaplain's Eyes'
—By Hillary Kimsey

Saturday

Aug. 15

St. Paul's Book Fest
'Rage Prayers'
—with Elizabeth Riley
5:30 - 8 p.m.
Oliver Room



'Rage Prayers,'
By Elizabeth Riley

Sunday

Aug. 16

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.

**12th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday

Aug. 16

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



*Being
Episcopalian*

Sunday

Aug. 16

Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.
Followed by
Coffee Hour

**12th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Monday

Aug. 17

Planning Commission
5:30 p.m.
Norm Dicks Building
345 6th St, Bremerton

**Meeting on zone change
proposal concerning
Tiny Home structures
On Sheridan Road**

Wednesday

Aug. 19

St. Paul's
Bible Study
9:30 a.m.
Oliver Room

Readings
Exodus 1:8 - 2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12: 1-8
Matthew 16: 13-20

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

Wednesday

Aug. 19

Moved by the Spirit
Liturgical Dance
11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom

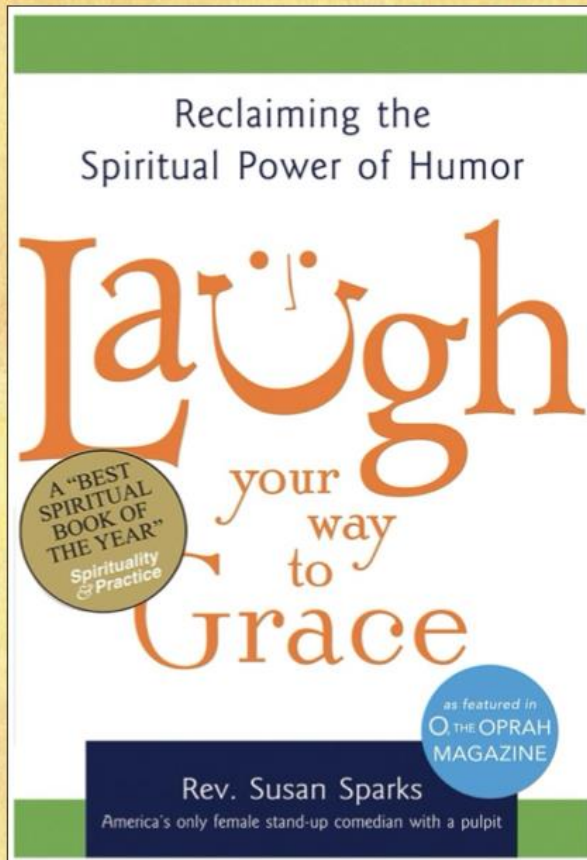


Contact Georgann
Falotico for more
information at
(360) 908-3588 or
georgann@botmail.com.

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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 August 13th edition!](#)



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
In Bremerton, Washington
"An Inclusive and Progressive
Community of Faith"

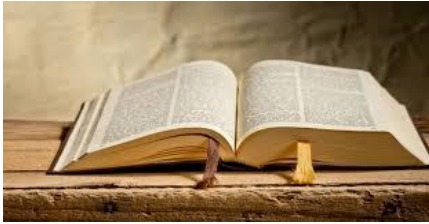
Sundays
8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
Between services.

'Being Episcopalian'

All are welcome!



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St. Paul's Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday,
August 12 at 9:30 am** in the
Oliver Room to discuss the following
readings:

- Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm 124
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

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:

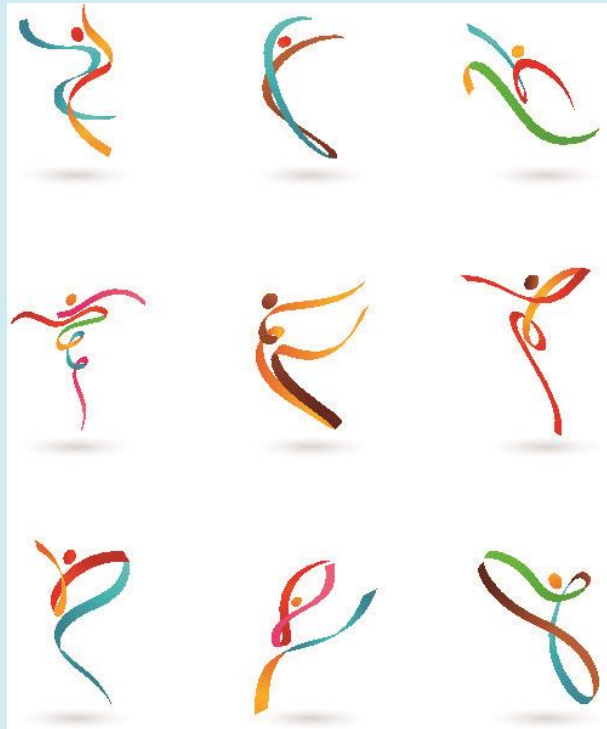
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Moved by the Spirit

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!**

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