



**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 19, 2026
The Eighth 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

If you type "St. Paul's outside the walls" into your favorite internet search provider, you will see a beautiful basilica in Rome. The site marks and celebrates the place where St. Paul is said to have been martyred, just outside the walls of Rome. St. Paul was an intrepid evangelist, building the church from the outside in, with respect to the Roman Empire. He wandered in what is now Türkiye, Syria, Lebanon, and Greece bringing faithful people to the church developing in Rome under St. Peter's leadership. The Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall is a reminder that St. Paul's presence in the wider world was a gift he brought and left with the church in Rome.

Here in Bremerton, St. Paul's ministry is outside the walls this week.

[Tomorrow](#), St. Paul's will gather with other Episcopalians from Kitsap County to celebrate our Pride in the ways God made people to love. St. Paul's Bremerton has been a place of healing and strength for many faithful LGBTQ+ for a generation. Our presence at Pride signals our desire to grow into an affirming congregation that lifts up the gifts of all kinds of people to make Jesus' dream for humankind real in our time and place.

Kitsap Pride

Gordon Field, Kitsap County Fairgrounds
[1400 Fairground Road NW, Bremerton],
Saturday, July 18, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

On Monday, leaders and members of St. Paul's will gather at the monthly **Bremerton Planning Commission** Meeting to share our concern for unhoused neighbors and hopes for a Tiny Home Village on the Sheridan Park site owned by the Bremerton Housing Authority. Currently, the zoning only permits temporary structures. This means the Village could only exist for 6 months and may not be worth constructing. The city will vote on changing the zoning to allow temporary structures for 3 years. At last month's meeting, 8 people were in favor of rezoning and 11 were opposed.

Some important factors influencing St. Paul Bremerton's perspective:

- The Sheridan Park has been unused for more than 10 years. We agree with the property owner that community use is better than no use.
- The site is ideal for folks trying to get back on their feet. The site is walkable to grocery and medical services and is on a major transit arterial.
- There is an unmet need for shelter services like a Tiny House Village where unhoused people who are neurodivergent can shut a door and shut out noise. St. Paul's has two unhoused friends who shared with us that they sleep outside because existing shelter services feel less safe due to client density, noise, and chaotic behaviors. A Tiny House Village would be ideal for our friends who are currently sleeping outside.

Planning Commission Meeting,

Norm Dicks Building-1st Floor Chambers, 345 6th St. Bremerton
Monday, July 20, 5:30 PM

-The Rev. Arienne



The graphic is a promotional flyer for Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Emerald Crossing. On the left, the 'Vacation Bible School' logo features the word 'Vacation' in blue and 'Bible School' in blue, with a large red cross behind the 't' in 'Vacation'. To the right of this logo, the dates 'July 27-31, 2026' and '9 a.m. to noon' are written in red. Below the dates is a red starburst that says 'Register Now!'. Further right is a green, shield-shaped logo for 'EMERALD CROSSING' with a sheep on top. Below the shield, it says 'An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23'. To the right of the shield is a yellow circle with the text 'Click slide to register children'. Below the 'Vacation Bible School' logo, the text 'St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church' and '11885 Old Frontier Rd. NW, Silverdale' is written in red. Below this, a blue box contains the text: 'For children entering 1st Grade through 6th Grade', 'Light snack and VBS t-shirt provided', 'Cost: \$25 per child', and 'Please complete one enrollment form for each child' with a link 'https://tinyurl.com/39683duv'. To the right of the blue box, a red box contains the text 'Adult volunteers needed!' and a link 'https://tinyurl.com/55hxhc6f'.

Vacation Bible School

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

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**Come join us at St. Paul's booth at
Kitsap Pride 2026!**

Saturday, July 18th from 3:00pm-8:00pm
Gordon Field, Kitsap County Fairgrounds
1400 Fairgrounds Rd. NW, Bremerton.

If you plan to attend, please click here to sign up:

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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/1FAIpQLSfPP080WxO6qpu7HjGNWbrz4JBMlfX8lkkWEUcikRpiMaIJAq/viewform>

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Belonging by Design: Building a Community Where *EVERYONE* Can Thrive

Join us as we welcome Dr. Jessica E. Salvador, Executive Director of the Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC), for a conversation about what it means to build belonging by design. Drawing from her lived experience as the child of immigrants and her work, Dr. Salvador will explore how communities can move beyond simply welcoming newcomers to intentionally creating systems, relationships, and opportunities that allow everyone to thrive. Through stories, insights, and examples from KIAC's work, this presentation will examine how belonging strengthens communities, why it matters for all residents, and what we can do together to build a more connected and resilient Kitsap.



Dr. Jessica E. Salvador



In person *only* program: Friday, July 17, 2026

Doors open, 6 p.m.; Presentation, 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.



Showing up for our neighbors

The Bremerton Housing Authority (BHA), which owns a site on Sheridan Road across from Saars Foods, has submitted a zone change request to allow tiny home structures on the lot for 3 years instead of 6 months. A Planning Commission Workshop is planned that includes opportunities for public comment.

Planning Commission Public Workshop
Monday, July 20 at 5:30 pm
Norm Dicks building, 345 6th Ave (first floor chambers)

At the last meeting, more people opposed zoning for tiny homes than favored it.

St. Paul's supports BHA's plans to provide housing-focused shelter to our unhoused neighbors.

Please consider sharing your support of the proposed tiny home village
and our unhoused neighbors on July 20.

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

Enlighten Kitsap
6:30 p.m.

Church Sanctuary

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



All welcome
enlightenkitsap.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

8:30 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

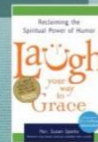
**Please share your support
of the proposed tiny home
village and our unhoused
neighbors**

Every 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

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

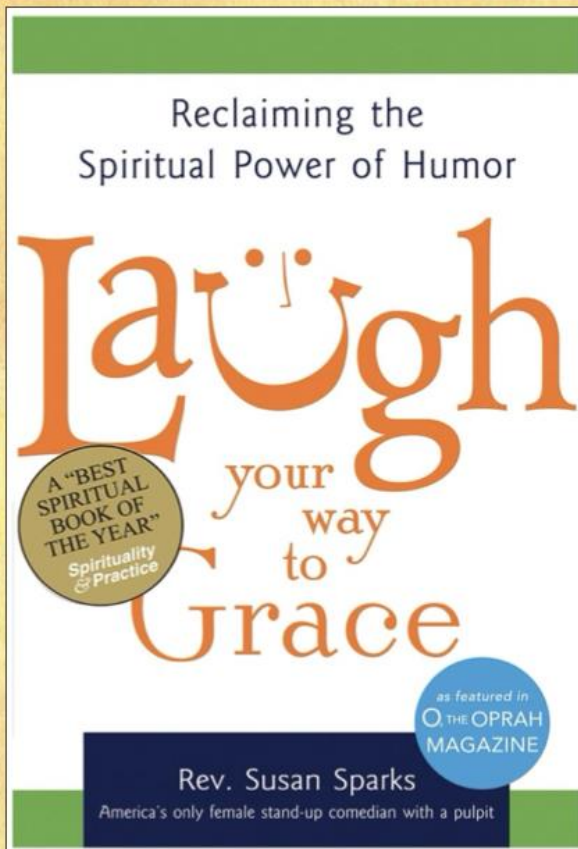
Readings
Genesis 29: 15-28
Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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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!](#)



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING



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

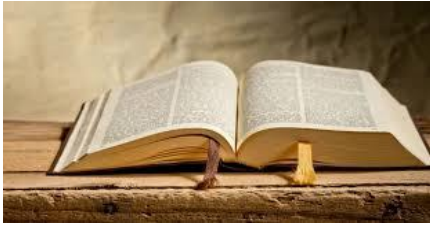
Sundays
8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
Between services.

'Being Episcopalian'

All are welcome!



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St. Paul's Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday, July 22 at 9:30 am** in the Oliver Room to discuss the following readings:

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

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:

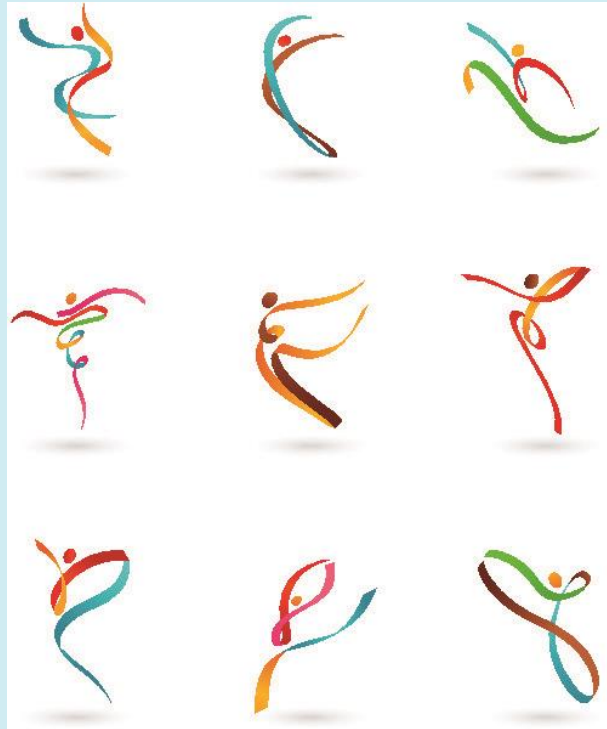
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Meeting ID: 837 5444 4747

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!**

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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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