



**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 13, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

This Sunday's Ministry Team:
Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison
Preacher: Aaron Scott
Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete
Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker
Media Arts: Tara Curran & Terri Anderson

A Message from The Rev. Arienne



Generational Hope

[Today](#) marks the 25th anniversary of one of the most harrowing collective experiences in American history. As the nation watched in real time, terrorists attacked symbols of our country's success, wealth, and power. Now a generation has arisen that only knows the world after that wound. The sector of the economy that eclipses and drives the others is based on clicking on and scrolling through that wound and others until they gape.

Most faith traditions, including the Episcopal Christian tradition, encourage and offer generational hope. In our Book, the psalmist calls the faithful people's attention to the plight of a generation yet unborn. In Buddhism, the promise of reincarnation orients the practitioner towards existing in light of continued existence.

God's people always get burned when prioritizing short-term gratification and comfort over generational hope. This week, members of St. Paul's are working hard to listen to our neighbors and offer a vision of generational hope for our neighborhood.

On Sunday, guest preacher Mr. Aaron Scott will join us at 8 and 10 to help us think about God's deliverance of the Hebrew people at the Sea of Reeds and the need for Christians to forgive others, as we are forgiven.

Mr. Scott is the Gender Justice Officer for the Episcopal Church. In this role, he helps organize and represent LGBTQIA+ ministries across the United States and other countries where the Episcopal Church has dioceses. A Washingtonian for several years, Mr. Scott previously worked with Chaplains on the Harbor in Grays Harbor County and the Poor People's Campaign. His work has focused on the intersection of the struggle of white rural poor and other marginalized groups in the US. His book, "**Bring Back Your People: Ten Ways Regular**

Folks Can Put a Dent in White Christian Nationalism” was published in late 2025.

On Tuesday, St. Paul’s will host a second Community Meeting related to city-wide conversation about a planned shelter near the church. At the meeting last Tuesday, about 15 participants gathered to discuss our hopes for the future of our neighborhood as density is projected to increase over the next 15-20 years. Our meeting this Tuesday will include tools and support for sharing your hope for the future of our neighborhood. Conversation will include: spiritual practices to promote clarity and self-regulation in conflict, details about how to share your perspective with city leaders and neighbors, and time to talk and rehearse with others.

On Wednesday, members of St. Paul’s will join our neighbors at the Norm Dicks Building First Floor Meeting room to share our hope for all our neighbors in word and deed.

-The Rev. Arianne



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>

Welcome, baby Lucy!



Baby Lucy got to come home last week and is doing well!

St. Antony Grief Group

Drop-in Grief Group starting September 1st
will meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday
12:00pm

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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!

—Dedicated to enhancing knowledge
and understanding—

Enlighten
Kitsap Community Forum



Carol J. Williams

Photo by Kremlin photographer during the 1988 Reagan-Gorbachev summit.

Carol J. Williams:
'Dispatches From Moscow – Spies and Lies'

Carol J. Williams is a retired foreign correspondent who covered the historic upheaval that ended the Cold War in an award-winning 35-year career with Associated Press and Los Angeles Times. She lived through the USSR's brief era of hope for reform and the tragic consequences of its failure.

She followed Eastern Europe's euphoric rebellions that toppled Communist tyrants from Berlin to Bucharest. In Yugoslavia, she documented the rise of ethnic and religious nationalism fanned by corrupt leaders who pushed their peoples into devastating wars. Her dispatches from Afghanistan, Iraq, and Ukraine traced those conflicts to unresolved ideological disputes from their days of imperial oppression.

Williams is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds a journalist law certificate from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. She lives with her husband Ken Olsen, a retired editor, in Silverdale.

In-Person Only program: Friday, September 18, 2026
Time: 6 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.

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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 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

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.

Sunday

Sept. 13

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.

16th Sunday
after Pentecost

Sunday

Sept. 13

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



Being
Episcopalian

Sunday

Sept. 13

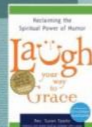
Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.
Followed by
Coffee Hour

16th 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. 15

Community Meeting
Tiny Home Proposal
6 p.m.
Oliver Room

For more information:
tinyurl.com/ya6t5e5k

Wednesday

Sept. 16

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

Readings
Exodus 16: 2-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

Wednesday

Sept. 16

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



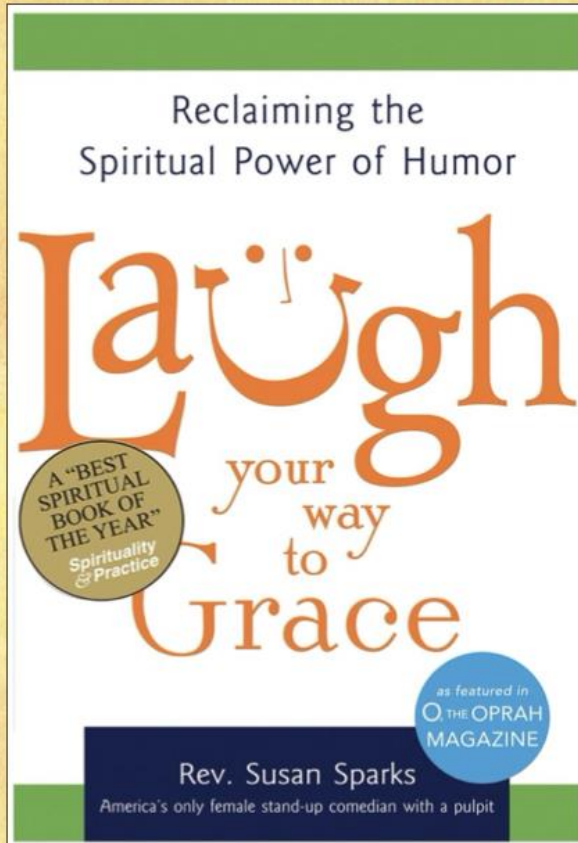
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Falotico for more
information at
(360) 908-3588 or
georgann5@hotmail.com.

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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 September 10th edition!](#)



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING



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

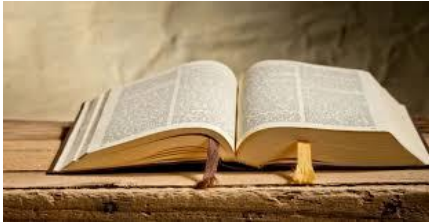
Sundays
8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
Between services.

'Being Episcopalian'

All are welcome!



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St. Paul's Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday,
September 16 at 9:30 am** in the
Oliver Room to discuss the following
readings:

- Exodus 16:2-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Philippians 1:21-30
- Matthew 20:1-16

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)

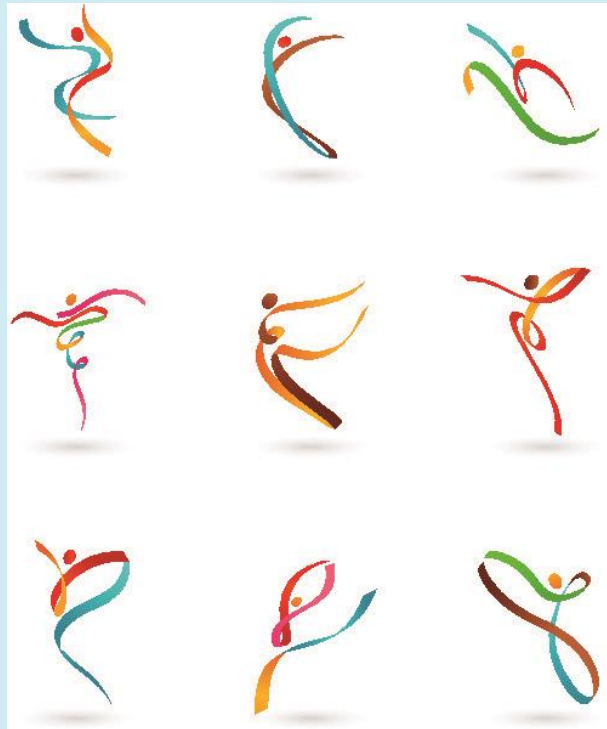
Join Zoom Meeting

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83754444747?pwd=xfmYe5xgMLZZkB6Px7
QHLVKZ8ihttG.1](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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