

# St. Anne's Connections

The Newsletter of  
St. Anne's Episcopal Church,  
Washougal, WA



CONNECT, SERVE & CELEBRATE  
in God • in Community • in Nature

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## *A Note from Rev. Annie*



Our message this month is from a Facebook post (original author unknown).

### *Why am I Episcopalian?*

I'm Episcopalian because we are allowed and even encouraged to use reason in our discernment and studying.

I'm Episcopalian because the tradition and liturgy are beautiful.

I'm Episcopalian because we aren't taught to hate others, or that God has some fantasy with burning people he doesn't like, even though they're good people just because they didn't believe in him "the right way".

I'm Episcopalian because we acknowledge truths, like that the Bible is filled with translation errors that were often put there purposefully, like the fact that the word homosexuality wasn't present in the English Bible until 1946, despite having been known to exist as a word in English for centuries prior. I don't suppose you know what else was happening around 1946? That's just a coincidence though I'm sure.

I'm Episcopalian because we acknowledge that there is room for conversation, and no one person or denomination/tradition has it all correct or all wrong. In fact, Episcopalianism is often called "the middle way" (jokes about Catholic-lite notwithstanding). There is enough room for both reason and scripture. In fact the 3 core pillars of Episcopalianism are Scripture, Tradition, and Reason.

I'm Episcopalian because we fight the good fight way before it's cool. We've been fighting for marriage equality since the 70s. Have always been a pro-choice church. Have always been against segregation, and for civil rights even when those weren't popular views in American churches. We ordained our first woman priests in 1974, The Philadelphia Eleven. Our first openly lesbian priest in 1977. Our first openly gay man priest in 1989. Our first openly trans priest (transgender man) in 2005. The Episcopal Church has been at this for a long time. We don't do things because they are popular with the world. In fact it has been us leading the charge for equality within and from the church and the pulpit.

I'm Episcopalian because we acknowledge it's not about someone having it altogether or all figured out. It's about walking in love and walking with God, and showing love to our fellow humans, all of God's children. In fact, the book I had to read for my confirmation process in 2023 is called "Walk In Love" When someone is being confirmed, they are asked one of the core Episcopal values, which is "will you

strive for the betterment of all humans, and reach for the dignity and humanity of all people?” The answer to which is “I will, with God’s help”. The congregation is then asked if they will assist the person being confirmed in this, and they reply with the same.

I’m Episcopalian because when the church hated me so, after years of trauma and abuse, and I’d finally come out as a trans woman and didn’t set foot in a church for a year, fully convinced I never would again, I finally found a church, on Resurrection Sunday of all days, that wouldn’t make me choose. One thing my priest (who is an openly gay man) told me the first time we spoke on the phone before I went there was “if you can’t be Victoria anywhere else, we don’t want anyone but Victoria to show up here”.

I’m Episcopalian because in 2023 when we were getting death threats and people threatening to shoot up our church during pride month, we not only continued to hold services, not only continued to express our views of love for all people, but doubled down on them. And we set up a booth at pride, calling our little church “an intentionally inclusive and affirming community, because church shouldn’t hurt”.

I’m Episcopalian because the Holy Eucharist is beautiful, and because the Nicene Creed is beautiful and true. And because Episcopalians never shy away from speaking what is true.

I’m Episcopalian because we have a ton of beautiful services, such as the renaming ceremony for transgender people.

I’m Episcopalian because when absolutely no other church wanted me, the real me and the whole me, The Episcopal Church not only did, not only welcomed me with open arms, but was quite enthusiastic to do so.

And I’m Episcopalian because we mostly and quite famously believe that animals do in fact go to heaven.

At the core of it, I’m Episcopalian because when nobody else would, The Episcopal Church welcomed me. They’ll welcome you too.

Annie+

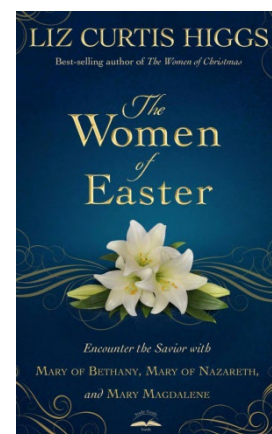
## EVENTS

### Book Club

Meets Wednesdays at 10:30am in the downstairs conference room (Hubbard Hall). We continue with the book, *The Women of Easter: Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. Everyone is welcome to join in!

### History Project

Janet Fischer has been given permission to gather historical information about St. Anne’s. This material will be scanned and uploaded to a secure cloud drive. The hard copy materials will be kept in storage at church. The end goal is to create a book or booklet of the history of St. Anne’s available to purchase as a fundraiser and to give to local libraries and the Clark County Historical Society. She has enough material to start for now, but if you have any materials – newspaper clippings, old reports, photos, etc., please give them to Janet, and let her know if



you want them back or if they can go into the archive. The scanned collection will also include Bishop Committee meeting minutes, treasurer's reports and budgets, and annual reports, all for easy access for Bishop Committee members and any other interested parties. Contact Janet at [jfischer@stanneswa.com](mailto:jfischer@stanneswa.com). Thank you!

## UPDATES & COMMUNICATIONS

### Pledges

We run a tight ship here at St. Anne's and it makes a big difference when we receive your pledges weekly or monthly. Please help the Bishop's Committee and our financial team be good stewards of your pledge and donations by maintaining your financial contributions year-round.

Please prayerfully consider sharing a portion of your tax return or any unexpected financial gifts with St. Anne's. Our ability to be a loving and progressive place for worship, community and service depends on your support in volunteer time, sharing skills and your commitment to contributing money to cover our costs. Thank you so much!

ST. ANNE'S TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF March 31, 2025		
INCOME		
	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
Pledges	\$37,321.61	\$33,369.00
Unpledged Contributions	\$710.58	\$600.00
Total Income	\$38,032.19	\$33,969.00
EXPENSES		
Total Expenses	\$55,034.07	\$53,181.00
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# St. Luke's is hosting a "Come as You Are" event on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.



## COME AS YOU ARE SERVICE

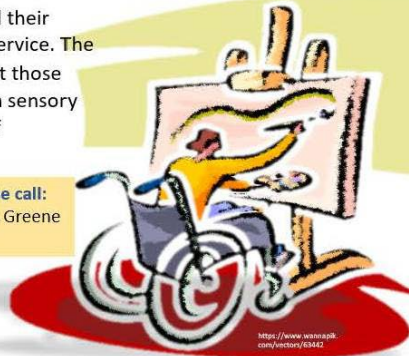
*Designed to ensure everyone has access to meaningful worship*

**Loving, Inclusive, Understanding, All Ages...**

Our vision is to provide a service for individuals and their families who may feel restricted in the traditional service. The **Come As You Are Service** is structured to benefit those who prefer exploration of religious content through sensory based, individually paced activities, with a range of developmental hands on materials.



Questions, Please call:  
Reverend Donna Greene  
(360) 609-2180



*We are all God's children, and everyone deserve a place  
to worship in a way that draws us closer to God,  
just as we are.*



**All Saints Episcopal Church**

**360 573-8106**

2206 NW 99th Street,  
Vancouver, Washington 98665

**2:00 pm the Fourth Saturday of Each Month:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> March 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> August 23 <sup>rd</sup>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 26 <sup>th</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> September 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 24 <sup>th</sup>   | <input type="checkbox"/> October 25 <sup>th</sup>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 28 <sup>th</sup>  | <input type="checkbox"/> November 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |

### ❖ Altar Flowers

A lovely way to honor a loved one is to donate Altar flowers in their name. Please use the "Altar Flowers Sign Up" poster in the parish hall. A \$50 donation would be greatly appreciated! Please indicate on the check or pledge envelope "flowers." Flowers may be donated for any reason - in memory, for a birthday, or just because. Thank you!

### ❖ The Grethe Barber Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet, or want to learn how? The Prayer Shawl Ministry involves either knitting or crocheting shawls from simple patterns. They are made with prayers and can be blessed at a Sunday morning church service, then given to anyone who is recovering from illness or injury, who is homebound, or who has suffered bereavement. This gives them a tangible reminder that that we care about them and are praying for them. It also has the added benefit of warming cold shoulders! Please email [prayershawls@stanneswa.com](mailto:prayershawls@stanneswa.com). We can provide simple patterns for knit or crochet. Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 1st**.

### ❖ AV Crew

We can always use more people to help with the Sunday morning camera to live-stream to our Facebook page, and to do the slides for the screen up front. Training will happen! If you are interested, please contact Chip Lees.

## ❖ Notes from the Kitchen

Please join us for Coffee Hour after our Sunday morning worship. We all take turns providing the food so please sign up using the clipboard on the dining room bulletin board.



**May 11 is Mother's Day!** One of us signed up to bring a cooked turkey. Please bring a side dish or a dessert so all can enjoy this special day. Nothing fancy needed. Please talk to Maryanne with questions. Thank you all!

.... **And Clean Up Help** is needed after each coffee hour. This is easy and with many hands it goes quickly. The directions are posted in the kitchen to scrape dishes into trash or compost, load the dishwasher and start it, put recycling into the appropriate bin (marked), package up food and send it home with people, wipe tables and counters with sanitizer spray, put soiled counter pads into a pile by the sink, quick mop the floor with Swiffer wet cloth, take the trash to the dumpster outside, and push chairs back around each table. Teamwork makes Dream Work!

## *St. Anne's Serves Our Community!*

❖ **Resource Hour:** Resource Hour meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month, from 3-4pm in the Parish Hall, and we invite various agencies to attend and present what they can do to help those with various needs. Contact our Deacon, Rev. Sheryl, with any questions.

❖ **Refuel Washougal:** Refuel has returned to the Washougal Community Center. All dates are on Fridays from 2-6pm. St. Anne's next day to serve is **May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## *Ways to Pray and Worship*

### Prayer Requests and Prayer List

If you would like prayers for yourself or a loved one, please add their name to our prayer list. There are a few ways to do this: prayer cards are in the pews, a request for prayer is available by clicking on "Pray" on our website, or contact Rev. Annie or Rev. Sheryl, in person or by phone call, text, or email. You can also send an email to [prayerministry@stanneswa.com](mailto:prayerministry@stanneswa.com). We list people by first names only for privacy.



We give thanks for our mutual interdependence in Christ, and pray for healing of body, mind, and soul.

For Parish members, especially: Shirley, Quinn, Teddy, Mary, Chris, Bobbie, Ron, Stephen, Marlene, Suzanne

For the homebound, especially: Odell, Edith, and Bill

For our family and friends, especially: Carla, Bruce, LeeAnn, Fiona, Michael, Gabe, Victor, Lorraine, Dave, John, Jeri, Susan, John, Rhoda, Dan, Liz, Felix, Mica, Sandy, Katie & Lee, Charlotte, the Ball family, the Allen family, Aaron, Kathy & Pauline

For our Safe Stay guests: Steve, John, Randy, Kevin & Gaia, Al & Tracie, Kendra, Marlene, and for those who reach out to help them.

The Chapel upstairs is open for silent prayer before worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Prayer books and Bibles are in the seat pockets for your convenience.



Our service of **Healing Prayer and Eucharist is Wednesdays at noon.** All are welcome to join us in the Chapel. The breezeway gate by the front door of the church will be open to enter on that level for those who find stairs difficult. A unique service focused on healing for yourself or to pray for a loved one.

## *Easy Ways to Participate in our Ministries*

- ❖ **Sidewalk Pantry** – **Food is gone as soon as it is put out!** The need is great. Our sidewalk pantry can always use your donations of food for the needy. As soon as food is added it is gone! Please consider picking up a few extra items at the grocery store and bringing them each Sunday. See this list of most needed items [here](#). Used books also welcome.
- ❖ **Manna Bags** - Items to fill Manna Bags are available in the Parish Hall. Put a few items in a baggie and hand them out to those in need. We can always use donations of travel sized toiletries, new socks, tooth brushes, etc.
- ❖ **Stewardship** - Give back to God from all the gifts God has given us. We invite you to share your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure with St. Anne's and our local community. Please ask how you can share. *Thank you!*

**Donate**

TIME – Your gift of time is unique, because you are the only one who can give it.  
TALENT – Your gift of talent is a special gift only you can give. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, “It is in giving that we receive.”  
TREASURE – Your financial contribution is important for the ministry of St. Anne's.
- ❖ **Laundry Love Project** – This program helps people in need wash their clothes. This is an ongoing community-wide program that St. Anne's supports. Bring your quarters, dollars, or checks (made out to Camas Friends Church, note in memo line: Laundry Love) and put in the jar at the back of the church. Friends Church gives cards to those needing to wash their clothes which they redeem for quarters at the laundromat. Friends Church then reimburses the laundromat.

## *St. Anne's Bishop's Committee*

Please check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for the most recently approved meeting minutes and financial report. The next Bishop's Committee meeting is **Sunday, May 25th**, after church.

## Contacts:

- ✚ OFFICE - [office@stanneswa.com](mailto:office@stanneswa.com)
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- ✚ Senior Warden: Paul Anderson: [srwarden@stanneswa.com](mailto:srwarden@stanneswa.com)
- ✚ Pastoral Care & Prayer Ministry - The Rev. Annie Calhoun and The Rev. Sheryl Haase: [prayerministry@stanneswa.com](mailto:prayerministry@stanneswa.com)
- ✚ Altar Guild - Tusie Hodgins or Kim Noll
- ✚ Audio/Visual - Chip Lees
- ✚ Bike Club - Wayne Hodgins
- ✚ Buildings & Grounds: [buildingsgrounds@stanneswa.com](mailto:buildingsgrounds@stanneswa.com)
- ✚ Coffee Hour and food for special events - Roger Rissler and Maryanne Lovell
- ✚ Communications - Janet Fischer, Chip Lees, Rev. Annie @ [communications@stanneswa.com](mailto:communications@stanneswa.com)
- ✚ Finance Team - [treasurer@stanneswa.com](mailto:treasurer@stanneswa.com)
- ✚ Flowers - Jan Freitag
- ✚ Laundry Love - Tusie Hodgins
- ✚ Nursery & Sunday School - Meg Sundseth
- ✚ Readers/Lectors - Mary Tipton
- ✚ ReFuel Washougal - Fran Whitmeyer
- ✚ Safe Stay Ministry - Mary Tipton, Chair, or the whole group @ [safestay@stanneswa.com](mailto:safestay@stanneswa.com)
- ✚ Ushers and outdoor set-up - Chip Lees





# THE WIDER CHURCH



## The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

The Episcopal Church in Western Washington

<https://ecww.org>

You can sign up for diocesan newsletters to be delivered directly to your email. Go to <https://ecww.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page for the link to newsletters.

Our cathedral, St. Mark's in Seattle, has a quarterly publication: *The Rubric*.  
The issues are available online at <https://saintmarks.org/connect/the-rubric/>.

### Cathedral Day

**May 3, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Cathedral Day is a “family reunion” for Episcopalians from across western Washington. It's a time for connecting across congregations and experiencing all your cathedral has to offer. Cathedral Day celebrates the idea of pilgrimage, with Saint Mark's serving as your sacred destination. We can't wait to welcome you to YOUR cathedral! Please RSVP for all attendees to secure your free food truck lunch. Please print out your voucher at home and bring it to the food truck of your choice to receive your meal. All congregations attending Cathedral Day are encouraged to bring their banners to carry in the procession.

### Convene

**May 31, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm / Everett Community College**

Reconnect with Episcopalians from across the Diocese, and join us for this exciting event open to everyone! Gain new resources and support and spend time learning from and networking with churches from every corner of Western Washington! Convene 2025 will feature multiple workshop sessions throughout this day-long opportunity for learning and connection, preparing us all for the future of our communities, helping us discover (and rediscover!) new ideas, and giving us the time and space to share information about programs and ministry opportunities.

Convene 2025 is designed for leaders, potential leaders in congregations and interested others – clergy, staff, vestries and bishop's committees, administrators, members of convention, and anyone who wants to reconnect with others in the Diocese over ways to strengthen our congregations. So put together a team from your congregation and get ready to join us on May 31 as we Convene at Everett Community College.

Have questions about the 2025 Diocesan Convene? Please contact Matt Koski, Resource Coordinator, [mkoski@ecww.org](mailto:mkoski@ecww.org).

# Events at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

147 NW 19th Avenue (at NW Everett)

Portland, Oregon 97209

Check out the Cathedral's events at:

<https://www.trinity-episcopal.org/spiritual-formation-special-events>

## [World Labyrinth Day](#)

Sat, May 03

Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and a celebration of the labyrinth experience. Join us on the labyrinth in Kempton Hall as we join people across the world to "Walk as One at 1," creating a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next! Gather with us at 12:30 for a short program & meditation before we walk together with intention. The ending ceremony will be at 1:45 pm, but come & go as you please.

## [Contemplative Chanting](#)

Tue, May 13

Join us every 2nd & 4th Tuesday for sacred chant. We will chant the Psalms (using both the Biblical and the Nan Merrill translations), Taize, Gregorian, contemporary and Songs of the Presence as a way to connect with the Spirit in prayer.

*Free to attend, but advance registration is required. Registration is always open; join anytime!*

**Register in Advance:**

<https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopalpdx/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ODdjMzljMzMtMmE5Mi00ZDg5LWFhNDgtYjBlMTAwMDkyMDAy>