

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



We all have something that “triggers” us, something that can change our mood and outlook. Whatever these are, we can pray for these moments to lose their hold over us, so we can see beyond what negatively affects us. Instead, we can be open for “glimmers” simple and unexpected moments of beauty and hope.

As we move into the season of summer look for moments of happiness, beauty and joy, especially when negativity surrounds us. Staying positive based on God's promises to care for us and always be with us, is a way to effectively share our faith. When asked how you can look hopefully into our future share that it is because you trust God, that

your faith keeps you open to the unexpected encounters with possibility. Share your hope in goodness and act with other centered, agape love.

As followers of Jesus, we are invited to be as much like him as possible. With positivity, kindness, and compassion we can bring God's acceptance, forgiveness and love to those needing God's love. In a world increasingly based on fear and removal of compassion, our simple actions of seeing others, being kind, sharing what we have, and praying will make a difference.

This summer as you spend time outside in God's amazing creation, look for “glimmers”. Be curious and observant for moments of God's positive work in our world. See God's presence in our lives and share that good news. Bringing the light of Christ to others can be as simple as choosing happiness and kindness.

“Everything should be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14

Annie+

The Feast of St. Anne

Tradition holds St. Anne as the mother of the Virgin Mary (Jesus' grandmother). We will celebrate on **Sunday, July 27** with a picnic following the service. Watch for signups to help with set-up, clean-up, and to bring food for the picnic!



EVENTS & UPDATES



Summer Lunch Program

Refuel Washougal will be providing summer lunches to kids age 18 or younger at Hathaway Park **starting June 23rd**. St. Anne's will provide the use of our kitchen for the prepping of the lunches. Watch for sign-ups to help prepare bag lunches and/or distribute them at the park.

Book Club Meets **Wednesdays at 10:30am** in the downstairs conference room (Hubbard Hall). We will be deciding soon what new book to read - look for the announcement in our weekly email.

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. We can provide simple patterns for knit or crochet. Our next gathering is **Thursday, June 5th**.

Juneteenth The Episcopal Churches in Clark County will be sponsoring a booth at the annual Juneteenth celebration in Esther Short Park on **Saturday, June 14**. We are encouraging members of all congregations to join us. Signups can be made using Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AD2FA1FAC43-56900023-juneteenth/171524373#/>. Questions can be directed to Rev. Lynette at sl2.deacon@gmail.com.

Contemplative Service with Taize: St. Luke/San Lucas will hold a contemplative service, based on Night Prayer from the New Zealand Prayerbook, with Taize music, on **Friday, June 13 at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome.

All Saints hosts a “Come as You Are” event on the 4th Saturday of each month.



COME AS YOU ARE SERVICE

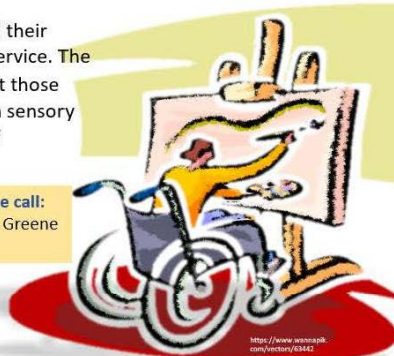
Designed to ensure everyone has access to meaningful worship

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:

- ☐ March 22nd
- ☐ April 26th
- ☐ May 24th
- ☐ June 28th
- ☐ August 23rd
- ☐ September 27th
- ☐ October 25th
- ☐ November 22nd

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 April 30, 2025		
INCOME		
	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
Pledges	\$49,827.96	\$45,292.00
Other Contributions	\$2,513.38	\$800.00
Total Income	\$52,341.34	\$46,092.00
EXPENSES		
Total Expenses	\$70,661.71	\$70,908.00
NET	(\$18,320.37)	(\$24,816.00)

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!

Notes from the Kitchen

Thank you to everyone who tackled setting up for our coffee hours this month and assisted with clean up chores afterwards. This coming month we have five Sundays to plan, including Father’s Day on June 15. Start thinking about what you would like to contribute to our special Brunch that day!

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 1st and 3rd 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 serves a hot meal to anyone who comes to the Washougal Community Center on Fridays from 4-6pm. St. Anne’s remaining service dates are **Sept. 12 and Nov. 11**. Contact Fran Whitmeyer with any questions.
- ❖ **Safe Stay Car Camping Program.** St. Anne’s Safe Stay program honors our commitment to serve our community by providing a place for people living in their cars to park at night.

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. 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, Ron, Stephen, Suzanne, Marlene, Anne

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

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

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

For those who have said no prayers, and for whom no one has prayed.

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!*
- 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

Donate

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, June 29th**, after church.

Contacts:

- ✦ OFFICE - office@stanneswa.com
- ✦ Vicar - The Rev. Annie Calhoun: 949-300-8434 or revannie@stanneswa.com
- ✦ Deacon - The Rev. Sheryl Haase: deacon@stanneswa.com
- ✦ Senior Warden: Paul Anderson: srwarden@stanneswa.com
- ✦ Pastoral Care & Prayer Ministry - The Rev. Annie Calhoun and The Rev. Sheryl Haase: prayerministry@stanneswa.com
- ✦ Altar Guild - Tusie Hodgins or Kim Noll
- ✦ Audio/Visual - Chip Lees
- ✦ Bike Club - Wayne Hodgins
- ✦ Buildings & Grounds: 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
- ✦ Finance Team - treasurer@stanneswa.com
- ✦ Flowers - Jan Freitag
- ✦ Laundry Love - Bonnie Jean Ione
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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/>.

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>

Contemplative Chanting

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>

The National Church

Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on Episcopal Migration Ministries

May 12, 2025

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

I am writing today with some significant news about Episcopal Migration Ministries, the organization that leads The Episcopal Church's refugee resettlement ministry.

Since January, the previously bipartisan U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in which we participate has essentially shut down. Virtually no new refugees have arrived, hundreds of staff in resettlement agencies around the country have been laid off, and funding for resettling refugees who have already arrived has been uncertain. Then, just over two weeks ago, the federal government informed Episcopal Migration Ministries that under the terms of our federal grant, we are expected to resettle white Afrikaners from South Africa whom the U.S. government has classified as refugees.

In light of our church's steadfast commitment to racial justice and reconciliation and our historic ties with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, we are not able to take this step. Accordingly, we have determined that, by the end of the federal fiscal year, we will conclude our refugee resettlement grant agreements with the U.S. federal government.

I want to be very clear about why we made this decision—and what we believe lies ahead for Episcopal Migration Ministries' vital work.

It has been painful to watch one group of refugees, selected in a highly unusual manner, receive preferential treatment over many others who have been waiting in refugee camps or dangerous conditions for years. I am saddened and ashamed that many of the refugees who are being denied entrance to the United States are brave people who worked alongside our military in Iraq and Afghanistan and now face danger at home because of their service to our country. I also grieve that victims of religious persecution, including Christians, have not been granted refuge in recent months.

As Christians, we must be guided not by political vagaries, but by the sure and certain knowledge that the kingdom of God is revealed to us in the struggles of those on the margins. Jesus tells us to care for the poor and vulnerable as we would care for him, and we must follow that command. Right now, what that means is ending our participation in the federal government's refugee resettlement program and investing our resources in serving migrants in other ways.

For nearly 40 years, Episcopal Migration Ministries has put hands and feet to our church's commitment to seek and serve Christ in migrants and refugees. We have served nearly 110,000 refugees during this time, many of whom are now American citizens and beloved members of our communities, workplaces, and neighborhoods. Over the years, EMM has resettled individuals from Ukraine, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Myanmar. We have supported vulnerable populations from across the globe, regardless of nationality.

Since March, a dedicated team of Episcopal Migration Ministries employees has fulfilled our commitment to serve people who arrived just before or in the first days of the new administration. Now that we are ending our involvement in federally funded refugee resettlement, we have asked the administration to work toward a mutual agreement that will allow us to wind down all federally funded services by the end

of the federal fiscal year in September. We are working with the affected staff members to provide extensive outplacement services and severance packages.

I have said before that no change in political fortunes alters our commitment to stand with the world's most vulnerable people, and I want to reaffirm that promise. While our public-private partnership as a refugee resettlement agency is no longer viable, we are hard at work on a churchwide plan to support migrants and refugees through:

Diocesan partnerships: We have vibrant ministries around the church serving migrants of all kinds. Episcopalians support newcomers through education, direct service, and advocacy. Our dioceses also work to address the root causes of migration. We pledge to redouble our efforts to support these ministries and the migrants among us.

Global connections: We will invest in our ministries that support forced migrants throughout the countries and territories of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. This includes our powerful ministry in Europe, where the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe has served more than 140,000 refugees in the last two years, primarily from North Africa, Ukraine, and Central Asia. We will continue to work with our dioceses and Anglican partners throughout Central America to help those seeking safety.

Continued support for refugees: While new refugee arrivals and funding have been curtailed by the current administration, thousands of refugees welcomed by Episcopal Migration Ministries in previous years still need support. We will invite Episcopalians to connect with resettled refugees and explore how to continue services we have long provided—language services, continuing education, support with childcare, and job training. If refugee resettlement begins again with the support of private sponsors, we will explore those new possibilities.

Fundraising: It is important to understand the scale of federal grant money from which we are stepping away. In most recent years, Episcopal Migration Ministries received more than \$50 million annually in federal funds. This is not a loss that can be bridged with donor funds or proceeds from investments. However, we will raise funds for new and expanded migration ministries across the church and for our partners in this ministry. You can contribute to this new work by making a donation on the Episcopal Migration Ministries website.

In the coming weeks, Episcopal Migration Ministries will share more news about how to be involved. In the meantime, please pray for vetted refugees who have not been granted permission to come to this country, for the staff who will be affected by the end of these federal grants, and for everyone who grieves the end of our federal refugee resettlement work.

May our faith in the Risen Christ, who draws all people to himself, sustain and guide us through the tumult of these times.

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church

Source: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/letter-from-presiding-bishop-sean-rowe-on-episcopal-migration-ministries/>

Bishop Rowe speaks about this in the first minutes of this webinar:
<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/05/21/presiding-bishop-defends-decision-not-to-resettle-afrikaners-calls-church-a-bulwark-against-injustice/>