

St. Anne's Connections

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



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A Note from Rev. Annie

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! A new year offers us the opportunity to pause and thank God for the gift of time, the year that has passed and this new year to come. This also serves as an invitation to begin again to deepen our faith, our gratitude, and our love for God and all of God's creation.

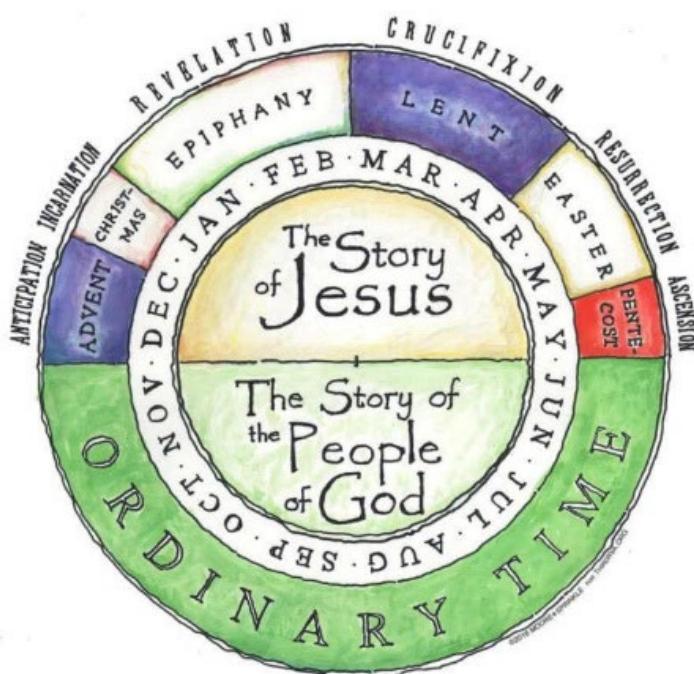
We know from scripture of God's unending compassion, faithful love, and mercy. In the book of Lamentations 3:22-23 we read, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." We really do have the gift of a fresh start every year and every day! We can enter this new year strengthened by the hope we have in Christ, knowing that God is always with us.

2026 is also St. Anne's 75th year as a faith community. I'm looking forward to the ways we will continue to build a legacy of putting our faith into actions of love, patience, generosity, and kindness. I encourage all of us to place 2026 into God's hands, knowing that "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well, for there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go." Julian of Norwich (1342-1416).



Epiphany, Sunday January 4 at 10am

Traditional worship with Eucharist and music, celebrating the Magi who recognized Jesus as divine. Join us for "Three Kings" cake and chalking the door lintel. The season of Epiphany runs from January 6 (we're celebrating on Sunday the 4th) till February 17th, 2026.



The 2026 Church Year for Liturgical Calendar Buffs

Season of Advent: Nov. 30-Dec. 24, 2025. The beginning of the church year.

Season of Christmas: Dec. 25 – Jan 5. These are the 12 days of Christmas! “On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...”

Season of Epiphany: Jan. 6 – Feb. 17. Epiphany lasts until Ash Wednesday, and includes Shrove Tuesday on Feb. 17. Within the season of Epiphany is the Presentation of Jesus in the temple on Feb. 2, also known as Candlemas. Candlemas is the traditional day that the candles to be used in church throughout the year were blessed.

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18. The date of Ash Wednesday is set by counting back

40 days from Easter (but NOT including Sundays, which are feast days).

Lent: Feb. 18 – March 28. Lent includes Holy Week, which is March 29 – April 4.

Easter: Sunday, April 5. Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21 (the spring equinox). It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25.

The season of Easter lasts until the day of Pentecost. Within Easter, the Feast of the Ascension is May 14.

Pentecost Sunday: May 24. This is the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and is celebrated 50 days (7 Sundays) after Easter. Also called Whitsunday, a contraction of “White Sunday” used in **olde England**. The first Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday.

Season After Pentecost: From May 24 until Advent begins on November 29, 4 Sundays before Christmas. Also called “Ordinary Time.”

And then we begin again!

Additionally, the Revised Common Lectionary takes us through scripture in a three- year cycle. In 2026 we are in **Year A**. You can find lectionary readings at this site:

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2026.html>.

~Janet Fischer

EVENTS & UPDATES MARK YOUR 2026 CALENDARS!

Our annual meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 25**, after the worship service.

75th Anniversary Updates

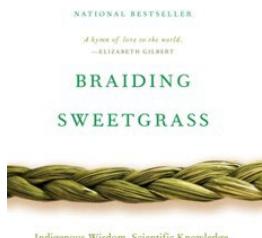
The year 2026 marks the **75th anniversary** of the founding of our St. Anne's Episcopal Church here in Washougal. We will celebrate our anniversary on the Feast of St. Anne, celebrated on **Sunday, July 26th, 2026**. More details and ways to help will be announced in the coming months, but mark your calendar for this special day! **AND**, Bishop Phil LaBelle will be joining us that day. He will celebrate and preach at our 10 AM worship! Plan to be here!

I will be assembling a pamphlet of the history of St. Anne's, using info from prior history pamphlets, info sent from the archivist at the Diocese, and updated with current info. I would like to include short messages from the congregation about why you love and attend St. Anne's. We probably can't use all of them, but please send your comments to me at jfischer@stanneswa.com and we'll use what we can. **We'd especially like to hear from both our oldest members and our newest.** Thank you!

~Janet Fischer

Episcopal Monastic Orders

Sometimes people ask if the Episcopal Church has monastic orders and what might they be like. The Living Church, a publication for Episcopal members, published an article outlining the current orders with a brief description of each. You can read it here: <https://livingchurch.org/church-life/meet-the-episcopal-churchs-monastic-communities/>.



Book Club: Meets Wednesdays at 10:30am. We are discussing *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Available from your preferred bookseller. Everyone is welcome to join us in the downstairs conference room (Hubbard Hall). The discussion runs from November 12 - until we decide we're finished!

ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

Cursillo and Ultrea News



You are warmly invited to join us the **First Wednesday of each month at 7pm** for a Zoom Ultreya - Be sure to bring your moment closest to Christ. Here is the Zoom Ultreya direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/OregonZoomUltreyalink>.

Please join our Facebook

group: <https://facebook.com/groups/94289009763>

Visit our Oregon/SW Washington Cursillo website at <https://www.oregon-cursillo.org/>

Upcoming Cursillo - April 30-May 3, 2026. Contact Rev. Annie or Rev. Sheryl with any questions.

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!



Altar Flowers: A lovely way to honor someone is to donate altar flowers or plants 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!



Coffee Hours at St. Anne's: Be sure to come downstairs after church for our coffee hours! Thank you to everyone who contributes goodies for our coffee hours and to the good souls who helped with kitchen duties over the month. Please continue to sign up to bring food and to clean up. ~Maryanne Lovell

Technical Update: If you use the calendar on our website, you will see that it looks different. The prior calendar plug-in lost a lot of functionality and we have to use a new one. You won't see any events prior to January 2026.

Serving Our Neighbors

❖ **Streetlight Outreach** is a new outreach program in the Washougal area. They operate Thursday through Monday from 5pm to 11pm by ministering to the unhoused living out in the cold. They provide transportation to shelters, detox facilities, and the hospital. They also distribute kits to the unhoused and could use the following supplies:

tents, tarps, blankets, sleeping bags, lots of bottled water, reusable bags or backpacks, thermal socks, gloves, beanies, emergency blankets, hand warmers, ponchos, Cup(s) of Soup, protein items (tuna pouches, jerky, spam singles, etc.), peanut butter crackers, packs of peanut butter, travel hygiene items (wipes, sanitizer, toothbrushes and paste, lip balm, tissues, etc.), small first-aid items (Band-Aids, alcohol wipes, Neosporin packets, etc.)

Please drop off your donations in the box labeled "Streetlight Outreach" in the back of the church.

- ❖ **Outreach Resource Hour** at St. Anne's, first and third Wednesdays of each month. See what is offered at <https://stanneswa.com/outreach/>. Contact Rev. Sheryl with any questions.
- ❖ **Pill Bottle Collection:** We are collecting your used prescription bottles! This is part of [Matthew 25: Ministries](#) and they send the pill bottles along with shipments of medical supplies to developing countries. They are used to deliver smaller amounts of medications (which are delivered in bulk) to patients. There is a bin for your cleaned pill bottles in the Parish Hall. Chip Lees will handle the mailing of them to Matthew 25: Ministries. If you can contribute to the mailing costs as well, please talk to Chip. Guidelines: Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of clean, empty, recapped, label and residue-free plastic pill bottles.
- ❖ **Recovery Café** Recovery Café of Clark County meets in the St. Anne's Parish Hall every Monday from 9am-1pm. <https://www.recoverycafec.org/>.
- ❖ **Refuel Washougal:** Refuel serves a hot meal to anyone who comes to the Washougal Community Center on Fridays from 4-6pm. Contact Fran Whitmeyer or Rev. Annie with any questions. **Our dates to serve in 2026 are: March 20, May 15, September 11, and November 20.**
- ❖ **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. Contact Mary Tipton or safestay@stanneswa.com.
- ❖ **The Grethe Barber Prayer Shawl Ministry.** We knit or crochet prayer shawls to give away to those who are grieving, ill, or just need some extra comfort. If you'd like to join us, please email prayershawls@stanneswa.com for additional information.
 - Our next "blessing of the prayer shawls" is **Sunday, January 18.**



Ways to Pray and Worship

The Chapel upstairs is open for silent prayer before worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Prayer books and Bibles are available for your use.

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:

Teddy, Ron, Anne, Kim, Don, Amanda, Margaret, Gavin, Fran

For the homebound, especially:

Odell, Edith, Bill, Mary, Quinn

For our family and friends, especially:

Bruce, Dave, Mica, Michelle, Deborah, Kaylee, Laura, Chase, the Phillips family, Tim, the Baker family, Gaia

For our Safe Stay guests:

Steve, John, Kevin, David, Johnse, Jay, Shelly, Jeri, Larry.

For the repose of the soul of Donna Frey, Kim Noll's aunt.

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

Our service of **Healing Prayer and Eucharist** is on **Wednesdays at noon**. All are welcome to join us in the upstairs chapel. At 11:45, before the service, we offer a simple plainsong chant of the noon service noon service from the St. Helena Breviary (an Episcopal order). It is a lovely, worshipful service that only lasts about 10 minutes. The text and chant are provided by Carol Peterman. Please drop in and give this a try! Don't worry if you think you can't carry a tune; everybody can do this.



Easy Ways to Participate in our Ministries

❖ **Sidewalk Pantry** -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** - a Girl Scout in Washougal prepared 300 hygiene kits as a part of her Gold Award. Please take a few from the box downstairs and hand them out to those in need.

❖ **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!*

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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. If viewing online, you can click on the Donate button. Online or viewing in print, you can scan our QR code.

❖ **Laundry Love** - 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. Minutes are posted **after they are approved** at the next meeting. The next Bishop's Committee meeting is TBD.

Contacts:

- ❖ OFFICE - office@stanneswa.com
- ❖ Vicar - The Rev. Annie Calhoun: 949-300-8434 or revannie@stanneswa.com
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- ❖ Senior Warden: Paul Anderson: srwarden@stanneswa.com
- ❖ Pastoral Care & Prayer Ministry - The Rev. Annie Calhoun and The Rev. Sheryl Haase: prayerministry@stanneswa.com



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<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/>.

Adult Faith Formation. The Diocese has a new website for adult faith formation offerings and suggestions, including a section on books for book discussion groups! Also included are Bible studies and topical offerings. Check it out: <https://ecww.org/faith-formation/adult/> . Resources for children and youth are here: <https://ecww.org/faith-formation/children/> . Let Rev. Annie know if something piques your interest!

Weekly Online Welcoming & Centering & Prayer – Weekly Online Interspiritual Group Contemplative Practices via Zoom. Welcoming Prayer meets Fridays from 12:00pm to 12:30pm. Centering Prayer meets Fridays from 12:30pm to approximately 1:00pm. Fee: \$20/month for either or both sessions. Register to receive the Zoom link:

https://www.thesacredwaterscenter.org/service-page/online-centering-welcoming-prayer?referral=service_list_widget.

Compline, Sung by the Compline Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral. Sunday evenings at 9:30pm. Livestream available at <https://complinechoir.org/livestream/> or <https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/>.

The Wisdom School at St. Mark's Cathedral has released their 2025-2026 offerings. These are available both in person and via Zoom. For details, please visit <https://saintmarks.org/learn/wisdom-school/>.

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>

Trinity Cathedral in Portland has launched their **Center for Sacred Learning**, with many offerings this fall. Please check it out at <https://www.trinity-episcopal.org/sacred-learning>. There are opportunities for community prayer, learning about icons, learning about how the Episcopal church is governed, and more.

Catechesis 2026

Jan 7 - May 27, 2026 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)

Every week on Wednesdays Online or In-person

Join us on a journey through the Episcopal Church – both how we worship on Sundays and what Christianity means for our daily lives. Trinity Cathedral’s Catechesis is open to anyone from the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon & beyond. Join us as an individual or as a group from your parish, either in person or online. This five-month immersion in scripture, history, worship, and Christian practices is a chance to learn more about our community of faith – and to make friendships that will last a lifetime. Catechesis is for people who are:

- New to Christianity
- New to the Episcopal Church
- New to Trinity
- Interested in meeting other people on a similar faith journey
- Lifelong Episcopalians who want to deepen their understanding of how we worship and how our worship informs our beliefs
- Members of other parishes throughout the Diocese that do not have an adult confirmation class right now

Catechesis is also for adults who are seeking one of these Rites*—Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church, or Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows—but some people take the class without seeking any rites at the end. You don’t need to decide right away! More info and registration here:

<https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopalpdx/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NmI1YWU4NzgTMWUxZi00Y2JlTlIZGYtYjM2ODAxNGRmNTJi>.

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>.

Contemplative Prayer Group ONLINE

Join fellow spiritual seekers every Saturday morning on Zoom for a group contemplative practice – a wonderful way to find support for your own meditation practice. All mindfulness practices & religious traditions are welcome! No experience necessary. Questions? Contact Pat Zimmer, przimmer@comcast.net. Register at:

<https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopalpdx/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NTZjMzZlMWItOTQxOS00N2Q4LWFmM2QtYWVmMDAwYzUzNDM2>.