

St. Anne's Connections

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



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A Note from Rev. Annie

Jesus calls us to be witnesses of hope in our world. We are in the church season of Lent, a season of prayer, reflection, and renewal. I encourage you during this month to set aside time each day for prayer, to read the daily Gospel at: www.prayer.forwardmovement.org, and to seek opportunities to serve others with compassion.

One such opportunity is to help feed those who are hungry through the free Friday night meal with Refuel on **March 20**. If you can help prepare food and serve, please let me know. Our shared efforts bring God's love and justice into the world. As Scripture reminds us, "Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5).

As we turn our hearts toward God, we are also called to care for each another and for those in need through our time, skills, and financial gifts in support of the mission and ministry of St. Anne's. During this Lenten season, please prayerfully consider your financial commitments and how they reflect your faith. If you are able, consider increasing your support of the parish and of organizations that serve those in need as an act of generosity and solidarity.

May this Lent be a time of spiritual growth as we draw closer to God and to one another.

With blessings,
Annie+

SPRING FORWARD! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 7th or you'll be late to church!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The most significant Holy Days of our faith tradition are coming up. During Holy Week our hearts move quickly from joy into sorrow as we remember the last days of Jesus' life. I hope you can join us during this somber time before we celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday March 29



On Palm Sunday March 29 at 10 AM we gather to remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. During our service of the palms, we wave palm fronds to celebrate Jesus as the King of kings. Our service then dramatically shifts into Passion Sunday, when we read about Jesus' last supper with his closest friends, his betrayal, midnight trial, beating, crucifixion, death, and burial.

Holy Week

Looking ahead to the rest of Holy Week the first week of April:

Wednesday April 1 we celebrate Holy Eucharist with healing prayers at noon in the upstairs chapel.

Maundy Thursday April 2 we remember Jesus' last supper during Holy Eucharist, recreate his humble demonstration of service to his disciples with washing each other's feet, and then solemnly stripping the altar remembering the preparation of Jesus' body for burial. This service will be held at 5:30 PM in the church.

Good Friday April 3 we symbolically walk with Jesus remembering his interaction with others as he walked to his death during the Stations of the Cross at noon in the church.

Easter Sunday April 5

Easter Sunday is April 5 and we joyfully celebrate Jesus' resurrection and overcoming death during our worship at 10 AM, followed by brunch and an egg hunt for children!



Church Finances

St. Anne’s, as all Episcopal churches, is self-funded. This means the costs of running the church, from utility bills to staff salaries, happens only with the pledges and donations from the members of our church.



In recent years St. Anne’s has moved money from our savings to cover the operating costs as pledges and donations have not been enough. Unfortunately, the Diocese does not have the ability to financially contribute, and our long-term investments in the ‘Diocese Investment Fund’ are not accessible for operating costs. We do receive some money from renting out the church for events and from the income of the rental house next door. These are helpful, but not significant enough to cover the gap between costs and pledges.

As we announced at the Annual Meeting in late January, we don’t have room to cut costs any more than we already have. For 2026 we are operating on a **deficit of \$77,000**. The Bishop’s Committee will be considering ways to make up the deficit. Please pray for them as you prayerfully consider if you can increase your financial contribution to St. Anne’s.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our Senior Warden, Paul Anderson.

ST. ANNE'S TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF January 31, 2026			
INCOME	January	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
Pledges	\$13,894.75	\$13,894.75	\$11,323.00
Other Contributions	\$1,195.12	\$1,195.12	\$2,312.00
Total Income	\$15,089.87	\$15,089.87	\$13,635.00
EXPENSES			
Total Expenses	\$16,137.10	\$16,137.10	\$17,222.00
NET	(\$1,047.23)	(\$1,047.23)	(\$3,587.00)

EVENTS & UPDATES

Safe Stay Update

Thanks to the efforts of Mary Tipton and her team, our Safe Stay program has received a Grant Award for \$6,000 again this year from the Camas Washougal Community Chest! A quote from the award letter: "Our CWCC Committee was inspired by your proposal. Your dedicated efforts and innovative

approach to (hunger, homelessness, health and welfare) align with our mission. We believe your work is essential to supporting the Camas and Washougal communities."

This grant will continue to pay for the twice a week cleaning of the Port-a-Potty, a portion of St. Anne's church indoor/outdoor utility expenses and program supplies for the shower, laundry and kitchen. It also covers the Safeway gift certificates given to our guests at Christmas, as well as some guest assistance requests during the year for food and gas. We will receive a check for \$3,000 in March and another \$3,000 in June. Thank you all for your support and volunteering your time and energy to Safe Stay! ~Mary Tipton

75th Anniversary Updates

This year 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

Book Club: Meets Wednesdays at 10:30am in the downstairs conference room. We are reading together *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans (Nelson Books, 2018). Available from your preferred bookseller. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Cursillo and Ultrea News

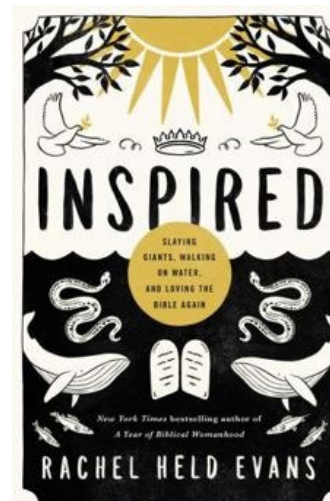


You are warmly invited to join us the **First Wednesday of each month at 7pm** for a Zoom Ultrea - Be sure to bring your moment closest to Christ. Here is the Zoom Ultrea direct

link: <https://tinyurl.com/OregonZoomUltreyalink>.

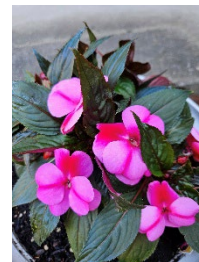
Please join our Facebook group: <https://facebook.com/groups/94289009763>

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.

Altar Flowers: A lovely way to honor someone is to donate altar flowers or plants in their name. A \$50 donation would be greatly appreciated! Please indicate on the check or 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 help clean up. The signup sheet for March is in the Parish Hall.

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:

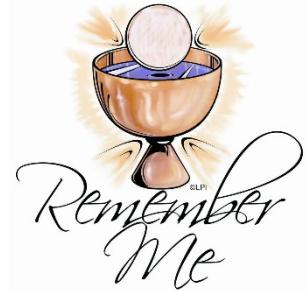
tents, tarps, blankets, sleeping bags, lots of bottled water, reusable bags or backpacks, thermal socks, gloves, beanies, emergency blankets, hand warmers, ponchos, Cup(s) of Soup, protein items (tuna pouches, jerky, spam singles, etc.), peanut butter crackers, packs of peanut butter, travel hygiene 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.



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. 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!*

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.

Donate



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 meetings are **Sunday, March 1** and **March 29**.

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



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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 2026, April 25. **Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle** 1245 10th AVE E., Seattle. Save the date for Cathedral Day 2026 - a joyous time of celebration as we come together as the entire Diocese at our cathedral for a day of confirmations, receptions, reaffirmations, food, and fun!

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Episcopal Diocese of Western Oregon

147 NW 19th Avenue (at NW Everett), Portland, Oregon 97209

<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>.

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=NTZjMzZlMwltOTQxOS00N2Q4LWFmM2QyYjYwVmMDAwYzUzNDM2>.

The National Church

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

Public Witness Weekly Prayers: The Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs weekly prayers are available in English, French, and Spanish as we seek God’s guidance and discern how each of us can respond. Prayers are at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/public-policy-and-witness-weekly-prayers/>

