

St. Anne's Connections

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



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A Note from Rev. Annie

I'm sitting at my daughter's dining room table trying to write something for our newsletter and I'm empty. I can't find words to explain Jesus' resurrection and how life was changed forever on that day. And that just may be the answer – resurrection is only understood through encounters of new life because of Jesus. My prayer this Easter season is that we all can slow down and notice. Enjoy this poem by Jane Kenyon.

BRIEFLY IT ENTERS, AND BRIEFLY SPEAKS

I am the blossom pressed in a book,
found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper....

When the young girl who starves
sits down to a table
she will sit beside me. . . .

I am food on the prisoner's plate. . . .

I am water rushing to the wellhead,
filling the pitcher until it spills. . . .

I am the patient gardener
of the dry and weedy garden. . . .

I am the stone step,
the latch, and the working hinge. . . .

I am the heart contracted by joy. . . .
the longest hair, white
before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit
presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love
overcomes you, already with you
when you think to call my name. . . .

Amen.

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 palms 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.

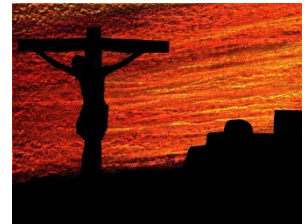
Holy Week

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 in 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.



An **Easter Vigil Service** on Holy Saturday, April 4th, is available to attend at the following churches:

- All Saints Episcopal Church, 2206 NW 99th Street, Vancouver, 7PM.
- St. Luke's ~ San Lucas, 426 E 4th Plain Blvd. Vancouver, 7PM

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 are 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.

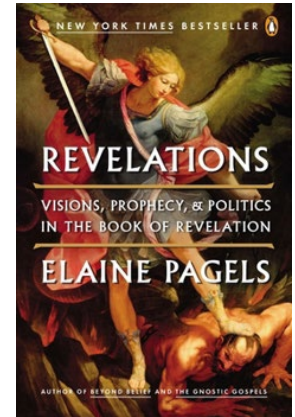
If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our Senior Warden, Paul Anderson.

ST. ANNE'S TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF February 28, 2026			
INCOME			
	February	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
Pledges	\$17,032.50	\$30,927.25	\$19,430.00
Other Income	\$1,207.16	\$2,402.28	\$5,498.00
Total Income	\$18,239.66	\$33,329.53	\$24,928.00
EXPENSES			
Total Expenses	\$19,755.12	\$35,892.22	\$37,408.00
NET	(\$1,515.46)	(\$2,562.69)	(\$12,480.00)

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

What do you think about the Book of Revelation, the last book in our bible? Do you think it is full of prophecy of the end times? “Are you eagerly waiting for the sinners to get their comeuppance? Is it just too scary or too weird to even think about at all?”

Join the book club as we explore these questions and more as we read, *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, & Politics in the Book of Revelation* by Elaine Pagels (Viking Penguin, 2012. Reprint ed. 2023). Pagels is a noted author and Professor of Religion on Princeton University. Description from Thriftbooks: “The strangest book of the New Testament, filled with visions of the Rapture, the whore of Babylon, and apocalyptic writing of the end of times, the Book of Revelation has fascinated readers for more than two thousand years, but where did it come from? And what are the meanings of its surreal images of dragons, monsters, angels, and cosmic war? Elaine Pagels, *New York Times* bestselling author and “the preeminent voice of biblical scholarship to the American public” (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*), elucidates the true history of this controversial book, uncovering its origins and the roots of dissent, violence, and division in the world's religions.”



Join us beginning **Wednesday, April 8, at 10:30am** in the conference room! All are welcome.

EVENTS & UPDATES

Church Calendar

We do our best to keep the church calendar up to date. Please be sure to check the calendar if you are planning an event at St. Anne's. The calendar is at: <https://stanneswa.com/my-calendar/>.

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!

Cursillo and Ultrea News

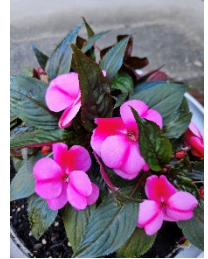


You are warmly invited to join us the **First Wednesday of each month at 7pm** for a Zoom Ultrea - Be sure to bring your moment closest to Christ. Here is the Zoom Ultrea direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/OregonZoomUltrealink>.

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 help with kitchen cleanup! Please continue to sign up to bring food and to help clean up. The signup sheet 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.



❖ **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: **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 prayershaws@stanneswa.com for additional information.

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

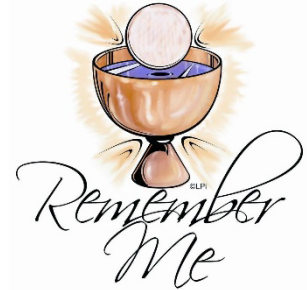
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We give thanks for our mutual interdependence in Christ, and pray for healing of body, mind, and soul:

- For Parish members, especially: *Teddy, Ron, Anne, Kim, Amanda, Margaret, Xander, Deborah, Chip, Paul, Millie.*
- 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, Patrick, Justine, Jim, Cindy, Ann, Millie, Mike, Calvin, Annetta, Mike, Clara.*
- For our Safe Stay guests: *Steve, John, Kevin, David, Johnse, Jay, Shelly, Jeri, Larry, Suzanne*
- 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 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 Share 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 meeting is **Sunday, March 29 and April 26.**

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](https://ecww.org)

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=ODdjMzljMzMtMmE5Mi00ZDg5LWFhNDgtYjBMTAwMDkyMDAy>.

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=NTZjMzZIMWltOTQxOS00N2Q4LWFmM2QrYWVmMDAwYzUzNDM2>.

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/>

The Anglican Communion

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

For the first time in nearly 1,430 years a woman was installed as the Archbishop of Canterbury (ABC). While the ABC has no direct authority over the Episcopal Church, the ABC has always been considered the senior bishop and a primary spiritual leader of the entire Anglican Communion.

Sarah Mullally was officially installed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury on March 25, 2026.

You can watch the installation ceremony here:

https://www.youtube.com/live/UX8IGCFM8uU?si=h_Fpbc58PcZ3OAd

