

St. Anne's Connections

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



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in God • in Community • in Nature

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A Note from Rev. Annie

From the Diocese:
Blessings to you and your beloveds as the seasons change to ever-increasing light.
We offer this prayer as we turn towards summer:

Breath of Summer

Creator God
who breathed this world into being,
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature,
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
the grandeur of a mountain range,
the soaring eagle and humming bird,
thank you for this world
which you have created.
Thank you for summer sun,
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world, your garden.





75th Anniversary

This year marks the **75th anniversary** of the founding of our St. Anne's Episcopal Church. We will celebrate our anniversary on the Feast of St. Anne, celebrated on **Sunday, July 26th, 2026**. Mark your calendar for this special day! **AND**, Bishop Phil LaBelle will be joining us that day. He will confirm, preach, and celebrate at 10 AM, and an outdoor BBQ will follow. BBQ and a sheet cake and cupcakes will be provided. **Look for the signup sheets to bring sides and salads, and to help set up and clean up. Plan to be here!**

Church Update

Four years ago, the St Anne's Bishop's Committee began a program to grow our church by hiring a full time vicar to lead us. The projections estimated that by 2026 we would have an average of 85 people in attendance on Sundays and our income would likewise grow to meet our new spending. Eighty percent of our income currently goes towards staff and our assessment to the Diocese. 2026 began with a budget deficit of \$76,000 and the Bishop's Committee has made the difficult decision to transition to a part time priest.

At the same time, we appealed to our congregation to "Bridge the Gap" and you have responded wonderfully. We now expect our year end budget deficit to be \$36,000. We feel that at our current funding level we can pay for a part time priest and continue with our mission.

We know that transitions like this are difficult for any church and hope that you will continue to be with us in thought, word and deed. Please read the full presentation given on June 21st [posted on our home page](#).

~Zach Pearson

Pride In the Park

July 11, 10-5, Esther Short Park. Pride in the Park is a month away! 600 rubber duckies are arriving today for duck races, and preparation is in full swing! Below is the link to the volunteer sign-up. Please contact Rev. Sheryl or Rev. Lynette if you have any questions.

Volunteer sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABAD2CA6F5C52-57147510-pride#/>

Baptisms

“Soloman, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.”



St. Anne's Members at Impact Washougal



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/>

Refuel Washougal Summer Lunch Program

The program runs June 22nd-August 27th, Monday-Thursday. Lots of details to be found on our website here: <https://stanneswa.com/summer-lunch-program/>

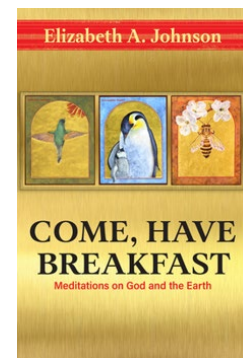
Altar Flowers

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!



Book Club

Book Club is on a break for the month of July. We resume **August 5th** with the book, *Come, Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth*, by Elizabeth A. Johnson.



Coffee Hour



Be sure to come downstairs after church for our coffee hour! 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.

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/>. If you have made your Cursillo in the past and want to update your information, please [download the form here](#) and give it to Rev. Sheryl.



Serving Our Neighbors

We have many opportunities to love our neighbors as ourselves:

Laundry Love: This program helps people in need wash their clothes. 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.

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.

The Grethe Barber Prayer Shawl Ministry: On a break until the fall.

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.

Recovery Café Recovery Café of Clark County meets in the St. Anne's Parish Hall every Monday from 10am-2pm.

Pill Bottle Collection: We collect your used, washed, and de-labeled prescription bottles. Bin is in the Parish Hall. They are then sent to [Matthew 25: Ministries](#) who sends the pill bottles along with shipments of medical supplies to developing countries. 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.**



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: **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.

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.

Streetlight Outreach ministers to the unhoused. 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.

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, Amanda, Margaret, Xander, Deborah, Paul, Millie, Theo, Gavin, Frank, Janet.*
- For the homebound, especially: *Odell, Bill, Mary, Quinn.*
- For our family and friends, especially: *Bruce, Dave, Mica, Michelle, Deborah, Kaylee, Laura, Chase, the Phillips family, Tim, the Baker family, Justine, Jim, Cindy, Millie, Mike, Calvin, Annetta, Mike, Clara, Malachi, Gary & Tracy, Becky, Cindy, Jackie.*
- For our Safe Stay guests: *Steve, John, David, Johnse, Jay, Shelly, Suzanne, Andra, Edwin, Grace.*
- For those who have said no prayers, and for whom no one has prayed.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer through 2026 as a PDF:

https://anglicancommunion.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/acp_from-aba-to-divine-hope-via-zululand-2023-to-2026_webpdf.pdf.

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/>

Our service of **Healing Prayer and Eucharist is Wednesdays at noon**. All are welcome to join us in the upstairs chapel. The short plainsong chant before the service is on break until July 29th.

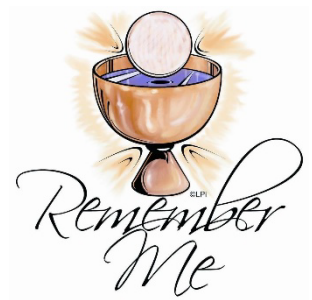
Stewardship

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.



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 June 28, July **TBD**.

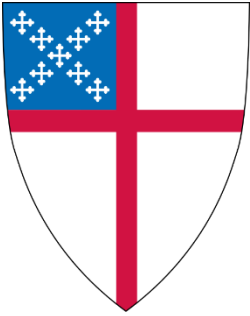
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THE WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Tidbits



The Episcopal Shield: The red Cross of St. George on a white field is symbolic of the Church of England. The blue field in the upper left corner represents the Episcopal Church. It features a Cross of St. Andrew, in recognition of the fact that the first American bishop was consecrated in Scotland. This cross is made up of nine crosslets or mini crosses, which represent the nine dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789 to form the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

Here is a nice timeline of the development of the Anglican to Episcopal church:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/history-episcopal-church/timeline-2/>

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/>.

Weekly Online Centering Prayer, Fridays at noon. Welcoming Prayer at noon, centering prayer starts at 12:30. Register to receive the Zoom link. https://www.thesacredwaterscenter.org/service-page/online-centering-welcoming-prayer?referral=service_list_widget.

Diocesan Creation Justice Meetings 4th Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM | Zoom

All are invited to join monthly diocesan Creation Justice meetings on Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting. Register at: <https://ecww.org.zoom.us/meeting/register/P82FYQyPQkisGyuET3RQ7w#/registration>

Season and Feast of Creation Webinar July 1 @ 1:00 PM | Zoom

All are invited to learn about the [Season of Creation](#) (September 1-October 4) with the diocesan Liturgy & Arts Committee. Fr. Samuel will be sharing Zoom info soon, stay tuned!

[The Season of Creation Perennial Resource](#) for Episcopal parishes is our preferred resource for liturgies and has been approved by Bishop Phil.

Diocesan Convention: October 23-24, 2026. Encountering Hope, Embodying Love: The 116th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.

Details at <https://ecww.org/about-the-diocese-of-olympia/diocesan-convention/>.

Iona School for Ministry

Applications are now open for the 2026–2027 academic year at the [Iona School for Ministry](#) in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.

Recognizing that not every call to ministry is a call to ordained ministry, the Iona School is expanding its work to include formation pathways for lay leaders who seek deeper theological grounding and practical ministry preparation. These programs provide structured learning and spiritual formation for those serving in leadership roles within congregations and ministry settings. Proposed licensure and certificate pathways include: Administrative Leadership, Worship Leadership, Pastoral Care, Catechist & Christian Formation, and Preaching.



This 10-month program includes supportive gatherings among a like-minded group of fellow Episcopalians, coursework from Seminary of the Southwest professors, in-person and synchronous online instruction with local faculty, and one-on-one mentoring with Iona staff. The core Lay Ministry Certificate Track costs \$390 for the 2026-2027 academic year, and scholarships are available. If interested, please contact Rev. Annie.

Information is also available at this temporary link: <https://sites.google.com/ecww.org/info-iona-school/home>.