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St. Anne's Episcopal Church Washougal, WA

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SERVING GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS
FOR 75 YEARS, 1951-2026

75th Anniversary Celebration July 26, 2026



2350 Main Street
Washougal WA 98671

This booklet was compiled using information from an original booklet printed in the 1950's, booklets created for 35th anniversary in 1986 and the 50th anniversary in 2001, the Parish Profile created in 2022, and other resources. Current members have also contributed their memories.

WHO WE ARE

- St. Anne's is a small, welcoming, and inclusive church.
- We are an Episcopal church, using Episcopal liturgies, which are expansive and inclusive.
- We support and encourage spiritual exploration and growth.
- We support and encourage the gifts of all people regardless of ethnicity, background, or gender identity.
- Our work in the community for the poor and unhoused far outweighs our size.
- We respect both science and biblical scholarship.
- We pray for each other, all of the time.
- We help each other, all of the time.

*I came for the choir and
stay for the community. I
developed relationships
and a sense of belonging.
And I value the way St.
Anne's reaches out to the
community to offer help.
~Joyce Garrett*

OUR MISSION

St. Anne's is an Episcopal church of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and is part of the Diocese of Olympia.

Our mission today is the same as it was yesterday and will be tomorrow: To love God, to love our neighbors as ourselves, to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, to uphold the dignity of every human being, and to be peacemakers in a time of strife. We are followers of Jesus the Christ.

The members of St. Anne's fulfill this mission in many ways. Our efforts include:

1. Participation in Clark County's Safe Stay program, in which organizations make available their facilities to people who live in their cars. In addition to making our parking lot available to our

overnight guests, we also provide a clean port-a-potty and access to laundry and shower facilities. Annual grant monies allow us to continue to make our facilities accessible.

2. Recovery Café of Clark County meets in the St. Anne's Parish Hall every Monday. Recovery Café provides resources for substance abuse recovery, domestic violence, and mental health needs.
3. Outreach Resource Hour (ORH) meets at St. Anne's on the first and third Wednesday of every month. ORH connects local agencies with those needing support, resources, and care.
4. Refuel Washougal is a community outreach program where various organizations provide a complete, hot meal to anyone who comes every Friday evening. Refuel works out of the Washougal Community Center, and St. Anne's is one of the founding members and a consistent participant. Refuel also sponsors a bag lunch program for young people out of school for the summer months, at a local park. St. Anne's provides storage and use of our kitchen for this project, as well as our members participating in preparing and distributing the lunches.



5. We provide a small, curbside food pantry. Members as well as other neighbors keep it stocked with non-perishable food items and it is usually emptied soon after it is stocked. The need is great.



6. Children's Ministry: St. Anne's provides a small yet vibrant children's program and children are encouraged to participate in our communion services and are fully integrated into our church life.

7. Many fellowship opportunities (with lots of food)!

The people of St. Anne's celebrate the joy of God through fellowship and serving others, living out the slogan, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!"

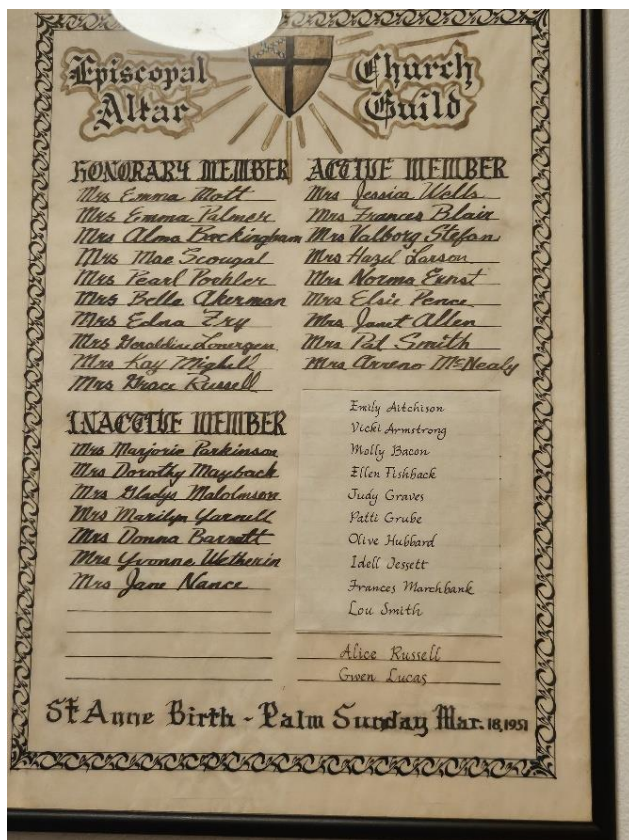
THE HISTORY AND PEOPLE OF ST. ANNE'S



From its beginning, St. Anne's has been centered in Camas-Washougal. The nearest Episcopal church at that time was St. Luke's near downtown Vancouver. A group of Episcopal women had been meeting Wednesday afternoons for Morning Prayer in their homes since the 1920's. These ladies were the nucleus of the mission. Pastoral help came from St. Luke's in Vancouver.

The women's long-time desire to have a congregation here in their own community began to be fulfilled on February 13, 1951, when the rector of St. Luke's and its vestry members met with members living in Camas-Washougal to begin the process of organizing a local mission. St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Camas-Washougal, was originally a parochial mission of St. Luke's Parish. The Rev. Frederick E. Avery of St. Luke's, who initiated the founding of the mission and lovingly nurtured St. Anne's through her early years, his senior warden, Mr. Clarence Olson of Vancouver, and 21 Episcopalians of the Camas-Washougal area were present. They adopted their first budget of \$2,439 on November 28, 1951, including \$400 towards a Building Fund.

With no building of its own, St. Anne's celebrated the first eucharist in Camas at the First Christian Church in March of 1951. For almost 2 years the congregation met in various buildings in the Camas-Washougal area, saving funds to build their own church.



The Washougal Christian Church became available for sale in late 1952 and St. Anne's decided to buy it as a temporary building as they continued to look for the perfect site to build their new church. In the 1970s, the congregation decided to accept the building as their permanent home and began a major remodel.

*I like everyone here—and
that doesn't happen often
that there is a place where
we all get along.
~Mona Barber*

Serving the community has always been a priority. The building has been used as a meeting place by a variety of organizations over the years including Alcoholics Anonymous, a co-op preschool, Boy Scouts, and Sea Scouts. Parishioners refurbished an old pipe organ with the intent that the wider community would have access for musical events. The people of St. Anne's have provided manna bags for the unhoused, backpack buddies for elementary students, teeny-tiny homes for the homeless, and is currently a safe place for car campers.

For many years Camas and Washougal were mill towns with employees moving in and out of the area; so, parishioners came and went. With such a transient community our traditions over the years have adapted to the community and new traditions sprung up based on the expertise and interests of our parishioners.

We have had picnics and outdoor eucharists and we've held baptisms in the Washougal River. Since the 1960's we've offered a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper with the wider community always welcome. Later, we added a



dinner every year the Sunday before Thanksgiving. For about fifteen years we hosted a monthly Taizé service on Sunday evenings. We have had talent shows, blessings of the animals every St. Francis day, blessings of the bikes for summer rides, art classes, and book groups. The gifts God brings are recognized, cherished, and fondly remembered as the next blessing becomes a new tradition.

We knew that St Anne's was the right place for us when our six-year-old daughter was amazed to see Bob at the pulpit when Annie was on vacation. She turned to us and whispered "I didn't know boys could do that!"

~Zach Pearson

Whether serving the community, making joyful music, gathering around the table, reconstructing an old pipe organ or remodeling the building, the people of St. Anne's share the love of God and connect in fellowship and love.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



When approaching St. Anne's, you walk the winding path to the bright red door. As you enter, you see a traditional chapel with high, white-washed ceilings, accented with dark beams. The sanctuary is narrow and long, simple, yet warm, inviting, and comfortable. The altar is traditional but not ornate. A large cross hangs

behind the altar illuminated with the liturgical seasonal colors. Much of this comforting sanctuary came from the hands of parishioners, shaping it according to the needs of the time.

*When I worship
among the people of
St. Anne's, and in
that worship space,
I feel connected to
fifty years of shared
experiences in our
journey together in
Christ.*

~Fr. Bob Rhodes



This was our temporary building purchased back in August, 1952.



The early founders had intentions of building elsewhere and began raising capital funds for a new building. Finding the right property at the right time proved to be a challenge. Property was purchased in Camas but later had to be sold to the Camas School District. Other sites were promising and St. Anne's settled on a piece of property by Highway 14 in Washougal. But that also was not to be, when the City of Washougal wanted the property for their fire station.

Then, in the early 1970's, the blackberry brambles next door came up for sale and parishioners realized they were meant to make the temporary

location permanent and remodeled the existing church. Additions were made to the south and east giving St. Anne's more room for a sacristy, a choir room, a nursery, and two Sunday school rooms upstairs. Downstairs the congregation expanded the parish hall and kitchen, added a vicar's office, along with a conference hall, and restrooms. They celebrated and dedicated the new St. Anne's on November 13, 1977.



The nave and sanctuary have had minor changes over the years but have maintained the original footprint. In 1987 the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary were commissioned in honor of Charles K. Bishop, first Senior Warden and former vice president and co-owner of the Pendleton Woolen Mill in Washougal.

Members have contributed time, talent and craftsmanship over the years. We can see these elements inside in the beautiful wooden pieces that still adorn the altar during lent, stations of the cross, large quilt wall hangings used during the Christmas season, and permanent installations in the parish hall. Parishioners have also contributed to the necessary repairs and upgrades required to maintain the building.

The gardens throughout the property were designed by parishioners with ornamental flowers and bushes including prize rhododendrons. Later, the small Peace Garden behind the parking lot was added for a tranquil

place to sit and contemplate. Also behind the church is a composting system cleverly blended into the landscape; the system provides enough compost to maintain the garden beds and more for parishioners to use at their homes.

LOOKING FORWARD

Over the years we have weathered many changes in membership, finances, and clergy. Trusting in God, St. Anne's will continue to love God, to love our neighbors as ourselves, to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, to uphold the dignity of every human being, and to be peacemakers in a time of strife.

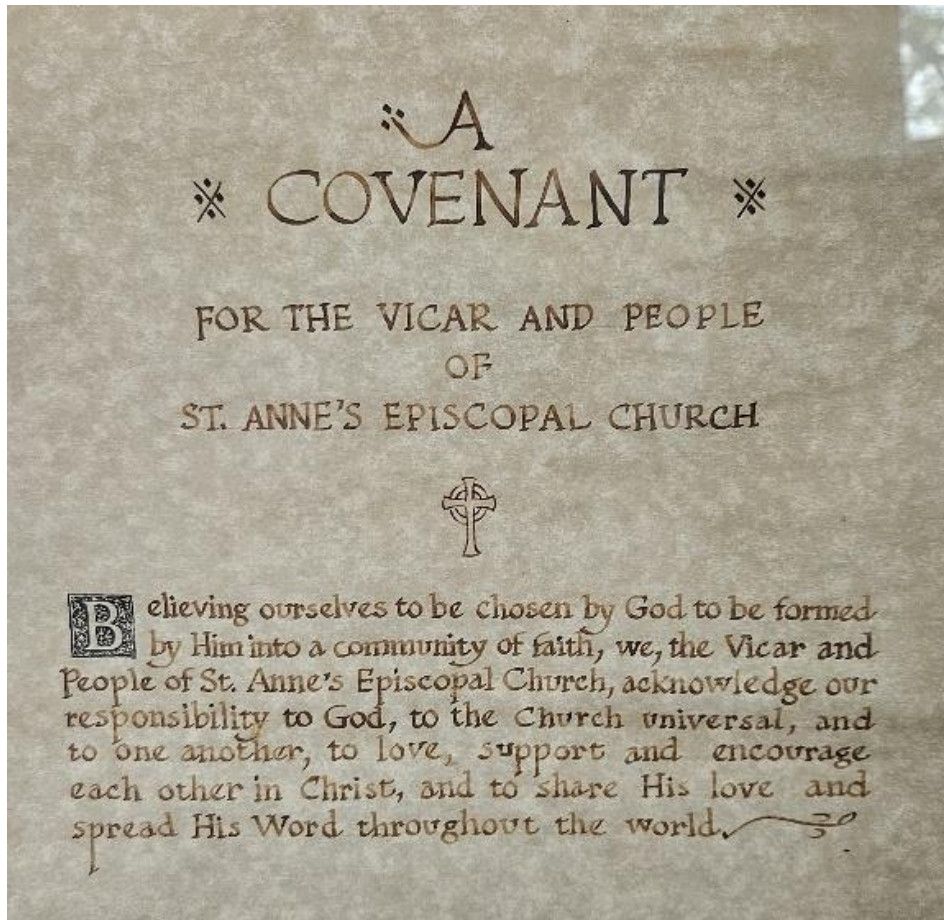
ADDITIONAL INFO

Who Was St. Anne?

St. Anne is the traditional name of the mother of Mary, and therefore Jesus' grandmother. She is not mentioned in the canonical gospels but she is part of the Christian tradition and her story is told in the apocryphal book, The Book of James. She is the patron saint of unmarried women, housewives, women in labor, grandmothers, childless people, equestrians, lacemakers, miners, the poor, and seamstresses. The Feast Day of St. Anne is July 26.



Historical Documents



Covenant Epiphany, 1978

St. Anne's has been in the news over the years:

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2016/mar/07/washougal-church-offers-space-homeless-safe-car-camping-program-new-clark-county/>

<https://www.camaspostrecord.com/news/2024/jul/25/recovery-cafe-pop-ups-build-community-in-gorge/>

<https://www.camaspostrecord.com/news/2022/nov/24/st-annes-episcopal-church-in-washougal-names-new-vicar/>

<https://www.camaspostrecord.com/news/2014/oct/14/st-annes-offers-alternative-worship-service/>

Karl Marx
Lauterbach, Chie. Hull
Alton Lehrer
+ (Mentor) Wimmer
Lukischer Kasperberg
Barbara A. Brum
Wanda + Jess Mithel-
Hillemann + Albrecht
Joh. C. Hoffmann

Liese v. Hildebrandt
Engelstien
Katharina
Julius H. Dent
Friedr. Fiedler

Cora McCauley
 Richard C. Anderson
 Mrs. R. H. Hagan (Mary)
 Charles H. Hagan
 James Jones
 James J. Hagan
 Delia Sullivan
 Lawrence H. Kearney
 Henry C. Hagan
 James Hagan
 Christopher & John Hagan
 James H. Hagan
 at Paul Hagan
 Bill Hagan
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Fred Heaton
 Edw. Lewis
 Wm. K. Rogers
 Maria Brown
 Charles Mudge
 John H. Woodcock
 Francis Kearney
 Ann Turbell
 Thomas Mealy
 Leslie Roth
 Mary A. Smith
 Henry Campbell
 William Lake
 George B. Swickard
 C. Kirk Helkin

John W. Gross
Ethan Clark
Ray Beardsley
James W. Thompson
W. A. Kae
Edwin Loring
Mary Benson
Nathan Briggs
Charles M. Parsons
Augustus Hunter
George C. Rice Jr.
Jesse Harrison
David

Yth ruled
Dick Mitchell
James H. Mitchell

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Senior Wardens of St. Anne's

1952-1953	Charles K. Bishop	1990-1992	Idell Jessett
1953	W.A. Buckingham	1993	
1954-1955	Willam Palmer	1994	David Boggs
1956	Craig Povey	1995	
1957	Floyd Blair	1996	
1958-1959	Bob Finney	1997	
1959-1960	Charles K. Bishop	1998	
1961	William Jurgens	1999	C. Keith Heikkinen
1962	Charles K. Bishop	2000-2002	Rick Thomas
1963	Joseph Barratt	2003-2004	Keith Heikkinen
1964	Dudley Winters	2005-2007	Steven Clark
1965	Elton Richardson	2008	Mary Tipton
1966	Eloise Bishop	2009	Fay Tooley
1967	William Jurgens	2010-2011	Steven Clark
1968	Charles K. Bishop	2012	Wayne Hodgin
1969	William Cyrus	2013	Ron Tooley
1970	George Hubbard	2014	Cherie Kearney
1971	Joseph Barratt	2015	Karen Lasher
1972	John Fishback	2016	Wayne Hodgin
1973-1975	William Jessett	2017	Cherie Kearney
1976	Charles K. Bishop	2018-2019	Mark Sundseth
1977	Gordon Brown	2020-2021	Mary Tipton
1978	Gwen Lucas	2022-2023	Fran Whitmeyer
1979-1980	Carabelle Hubbard	2024-2026	Paul Anderson

Vicars of St. Anne's

1951-1954	The Rev. Willis Lonergan, Jr.
1954	The Rev. Eric Biby
1955-1958	The Rev. Edwin L. Bishop
1959-1962	The Rev. John H. Mighell
1962-1969	The Rev. Robert Anderson, Jr.
1969-1974	The Rev. Charles W. Hunter
1974-1975	The Rev. Robert F. Burger
1976-1980	The Rev. Robert W. Rhodes
1980-1982	The Rev. Harry N. White
1983-1990	The Rev. Mary Ann Peters
1990-1999	The Rev. Robin Leuthe, Priest-In-Charge
1999-2003	The Rev. John Glase
2004-2011	The Rev. Alice Scannell
2012-2017	The Rev. Jessie Vendanti Smith
2018-2021	The Rev. Kathleen Patton
2021-2022	Supply Clergy: The Rev. Bob Rhodes, The Rev. Grethe Barber, The Rev. Alice Bowers, The Rev. Charlie Foss
2022-2026	The Rev. Annie Calhoun

