

St. Anne's Connections

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



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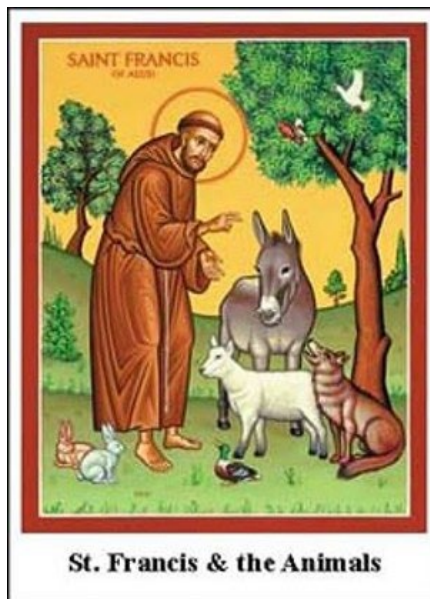
A Note from Rev. Annie

**Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday October 4
Pet Blessing during our 10 am worship**

St. Francis is known for his deep love and compassion for all creatures, referring to animals and nature as his "brothers and sisters." In addition to a special liturgy and music, we will have a pet blessing. Bring your pets to church, all real and stuffed animals are welcome!

Raised in wealth, Francis chose to leave his expected life and live according to Jesus' words by denying himself and giving to the poor. Matthew 19:21: "Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'" Here are a few pieces of wisdom accredited to St. Francis:

- "Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
- "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given."
- "The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."
- "Do few things but do them well, simple joys are holy."



A Blessing of the Animals

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless the animals and all living creatures. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

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Stewardship Campaign



A Welcome to the 2027 Stewardship Campaign *Zach Pearson*

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee of St. Anne's, I would like to welcome you to this year's stewardship campaign. Carol and I have been hard at work for the last few months preparing for this with the hope of significantly

increasing our 2026 campaign totals of 29 pledging units (these are families or individuals who have signed a pledge card) and \$143,350 in pledges. Our goal for this year is 35 pledging units and \$224,000, which will fund not only our ministries and physical maintenance needs, but also our full-time vicar and other staff members.

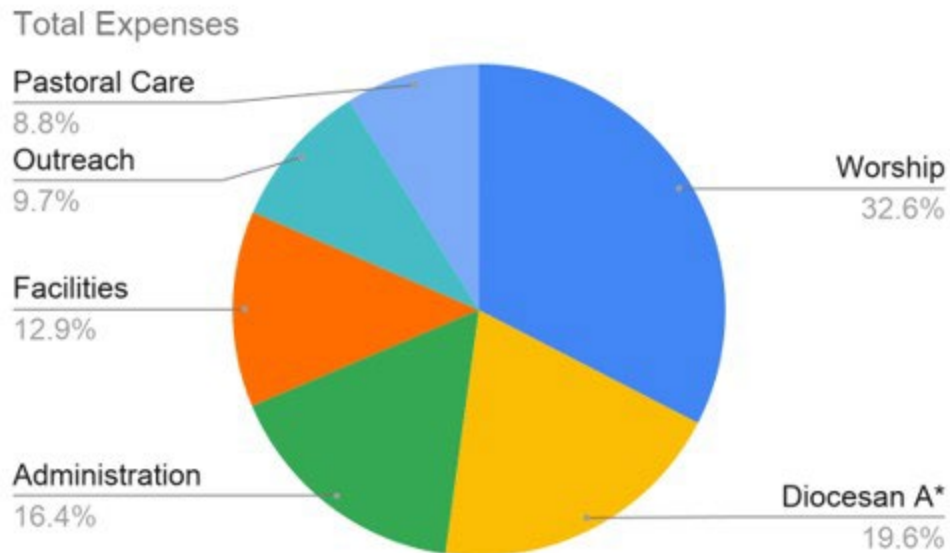
I would like to begin with a thought. Every person who attends St. Anne's has their own set of needs, wants, goals and challenges. We are all individuals who make the choice to attend this church. But once we walk through the doors, there's not a lot of talk of the individual. We do things together – we sing and pray and confess our sins and share one bread... together. We are the ones that make sure the hungry are fed, the sick visited, the marginalized comforted. We make the bread, pour the wine, lift the cross during the procession. Not as individuals, but together, as “we.”

And we need all of our help during this time of stewardship. Sixty years ago, Shirley Frosh was on the Stewardship committee when she said that it is better to give a small amount weekly than a large amount once in a while. So, I have come to tell you all some good news. At the start of this campaign, we have already raised \$181,220 through the generosity of our members. We are already close to our goal and since the children have promised some pretty amazing decorations for the pledge thermometer once we reach our goal, I would ask that you put their artist's skills to the test.

If you're one of the families that has pledged money for the next five years so that we could even start this project – thank you. We wouldn't be where we are today without you. If you're one of the people who pledged early so that we are at 81% of our goal – thank you. You have made the mountain of a pledge goal into a very achievable molehill. If you're one of the families who pledged money in previous years, we need you now. Please give from a sense of abundance and with generosity of spirit to this place that does so many things that Jesus commanded us to do.

And if you have not pledged to St. Anne's before, I will specifically ask for your pledge this year. You have already taken the biggest step in walking through our doors and choosing to become a part of our family. Please consider taking the next step and pledging – it's a great way to become more deeply involved in the life of our community and church.

How your money is spent (“Diocesan A” is our Diocesan Assessment):



From Rev Annie:

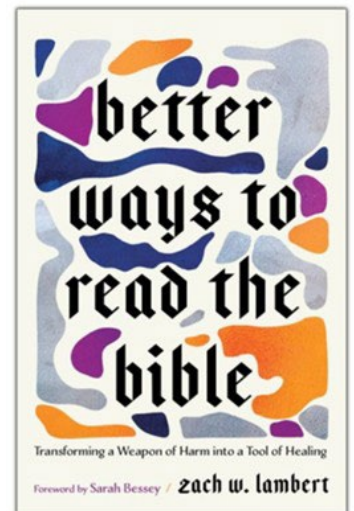
Making a pledge to St. Anne's is a tangible way to demonstrate your trust and faith in God's generosity and care. Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God is here and now, and we are asked to carry on his ministry of acting in love, caring for all others and to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world. All we do falls under the work of opening ways for others to live in all of life's fullness. Your monthly contribution or pledge helps us continue the ways St. Anne's does the work of caring as Jesus asked us to do. Thank you in advance for all your support.

Deep Conversations Wednesdays

After much discussion and thoughtful counsel from Rev. Annie, we have decided to change the name of our group from "Book Club" to Deep Conversations Wednesdays. The old name was misleading as it was never a traditional book discussion group. We choose books, but use the books as a springboard into deep conversations about life, theology, world events, and whatever else seems important. We adjust the reading schedule to fit the conversation. We are often "rambunctious!" The teachings of Jesus are always our foundation for theology.

To deepen relationships and learn new perspectives, going forward, we pledge to make introductions when new folks attend, and build in pauses to give less rambunctious people more time to speak and share perspectives. If this sort of gathering appeals to you, you are warmly invited to join us.

We're on a break 'till **Weds. Oct. 14th** when we'll start up again using *Better Ways to Read the Bible: Transforming A Weapon of Harm into a Tool of Healing*, by Zach Lambert. Please join us! We meet Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am in the downstairs conference room.



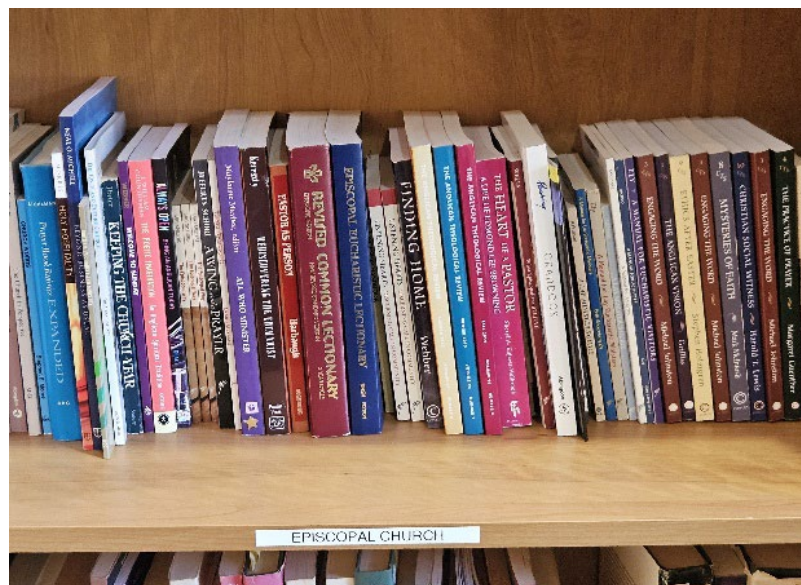
All those pill bottles...

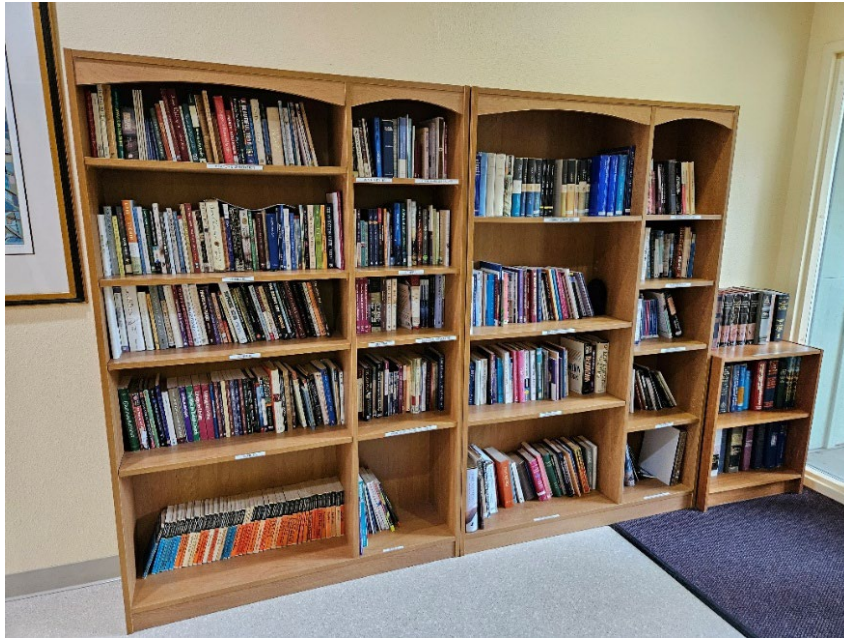
Chip Lees and Kim Knoll have been busy boxing up your donations of clean Rx bottles and sending them to [Matthew 25: Ministries](#), which sends the pill bottles along with shipments of medical supplies to developing countries. If you can help Chip with the cost of mailing the boxes, please talk to him. Shipments being prepared:



The Church Library

Our little library in the downstairs hallway has been weeded and reorganized. You can now find books of interest by topics, such as prayer & meditation, general theology, bible studies, seasonal devotionals, and the Episcopal Church. We also have a number of bible dictionaries and concordances. Check it out! Feel free to borrow, just return the books when you are finished with them. Contact Janet Fischer with any questions or donations.





Regular Events & Updates

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 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/OregonZoomUltreyalink>. 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.	The Grethe Barber Prayer Shawl Ministry: We knit or crochet prayer shawls to give away. If you'd like to be part of this ministry, please email prayershawls@stanneswa.com.
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 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: WE ARE SEEKING A DEDICATED PERSON TO COORDINATE St. ANNE'S PARTICIPATION IN REFUEL. Please talk to Rev. Annie if you have interest or questions. Our next date to serve in 2026 is 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 supplies. Please drop off your donations in the box labeled "Streetlight Outreach" in the back of the church.



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/>

Giving

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.

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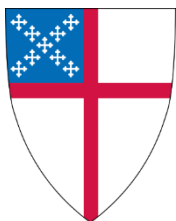


St. Anne's Bishop's Committee

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 **October 25th**.

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THE WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Tidbits

Who Does What Now...? October 23-24 is our diocese's 116th annual convention at the cathedral in Seattle. Convention is the annual meeting of the Diocese. The Convention elects certain officers, ratifies a budget, sets assessment levels for financing the operation of the Diocese, admits congregations as missions or parishes (and may suspend them),

votes upon resolutions, elects General Convention (which will happen in 2027) deputies and alternates, hears the bishop's annual address, and conducts such other business as the Convention may determine. In addition, the meeting of Convention provides an opportunity for worship, information sharing by exhibitors and others, networking, and fellowship. Who votes? Each parish or mission sends several people to represent them and vote. The number of representatives depends on the size of the church. Our representatives this year are Rev. Annie, Rev. Sheryl, Rev. Lynette, and Meg Sundseth. All the convention documents can be found at <https://ecww.org/2026-convention-documents/>. See also: <https://ecww.org/convention-faq/> and <https://ecww.org/convention-guide/>.



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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/>.

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

Details at <https://ecww.org/diocesan-convention-2026/>.

The Wisdom School at St. Mark's Cathedral has released their schedule for 2026-2027. Please find it at <https://saintmarks.org/wisdom>. Unless marked "in person only," events are available via Zoom. They include: A Spirituality of Suffering and Solidarity, God and the Alcoholic Experience, Talking to God in the Whirlwind, Co-reactors or Co-creators, among others.