St. Anne's Connections

The Newsletter of
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Washougal, WA

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CONNECT, SERVE & CELEBRATE
in God • *in* Community • *in* Nature



A Note from Rev. Annie

November causes me to reflect on a simple yet profound truth - gratitude changes everything. My practice is intentional and simple; as I notice what is good and beautiful around me, I quietly thank God. I encourage you to take a few moments throughout your day to look around and notice all that is good in your life and thank God. The practice of gratitude opens our hearts wider to receiving and sharing greater love with those around us.

Yet sometimes our lives are full of challenges and seeing the good takes a lot of effort. The prayer below reminds me to practice gratitude even when times are difficult.

"Loving Creator, I asked for strength, and you gave me difficulties to make me strong. I asked for wisdom, and you gave me problems to solve. I asked for prosperity, and you gave me purpose and a brain to use. I asked for courage, and you gave me fears to overcome. I asked for patience, and you gave me situations where I was forced to wait. I asked for love, and you gave me troubled people to help. I asked for justice, and you called me to be just and to lead with integrity. I have received nothing that I asked for or wanted. And yet, I received everything that I needed. For this, I give thanks. *(Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Xavier University)*

Thank you for being a community of faith that inspires me. May this season be filled with gratitude, unexpected joy and an overflowing sense of God's peace.
+ Annie

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Our Team at Diocesan Convention



(photo credit: Yashuhiko Kamakura)

Day of the Dead was remembered on Oct. 25th.

We remembered our loved ones who have passed.



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Upcoming Church Calendar:



Sunday November 1 "All Saints/All Souls" celebration with special liturgy, music and opportunity to light a candle in honor of loved ones who have transitioned to the next life.

Saturday November 5 Refuel volunteer appreciation dinner. Please RSVP to Fran Whitmeyer at refuelfran@gmail.com.

Friday November 20 St. Anne's provides Refuel dinner.

Sunday November 22 Thanksgiving meal after church; blessing of Stewardship pledges.



Sunday November 29 Advent One, making Advent wreaths to take home

Sunday December 6 Advent Two "St. Nicholas Day" St. Nic visits during 10am worship

Saturday December 12 Greening of the church.

Sunday December 13 Advent Three.

Wednesday December 16 "Blue Christmas" noon and 5:30pm.



Sunday December 20 Advent Four "Christmas Pageant" during 10am service

Thursday December 24 Christmas Eve service at 5pm.

Friday December 25 Christmas Day service at 10am.

Sunday December 27 "Lessons and Carols" during 10am service.



We are delighted to welcome our new organist, Julie Cross!

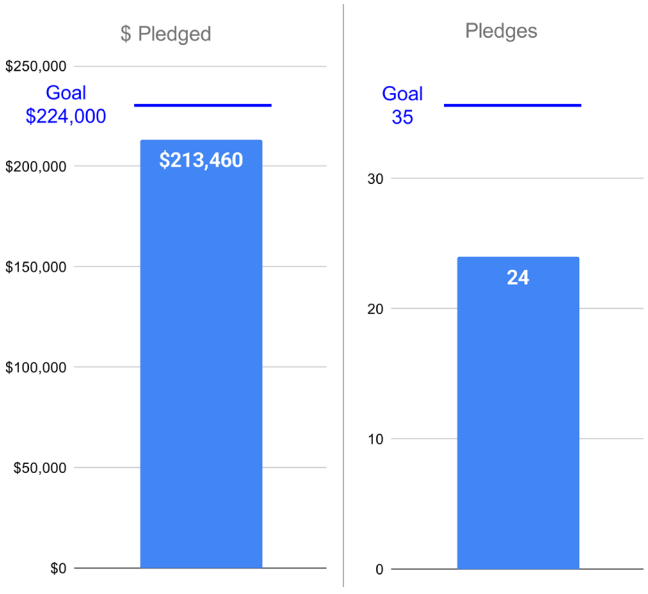


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Stewardship Campaign

Please read all the info about pledging on our Giving page.

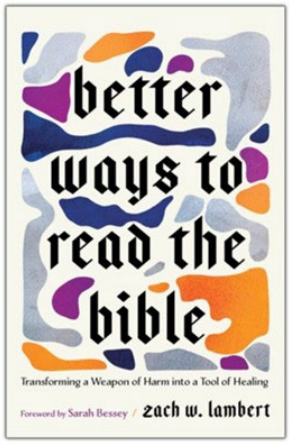
2027 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



With four weeks left to go in the campaign, we're pleased to report that we're close to achieving our 2027 pledge goals! 24 individuals and families have already pledged a total of $213,460. Additional pledges totaling $10,540 by November 22nd will not only meet St. Anne's $224,000 goal, but also help our Bishop's Committee put together a balanced budget for 2027. If you've pledged in 2026, but haven't yet made a pledge for 2027, you can help us reach this goal by renewing your pledge ~ just fill out a 2027 pledge card. And if you've never pledged before, perhaps this is the year to start!

Your gifts of time, talent, and financial resources make worship, pastoral care, outreach and community life at St. Anne's possible. Pledging is one of the ways to say, "I believe in this community, and I want to help it flourish." We are grateful to be part of this flourishing community.

Zachary and Carol, St. Anne's Stewardship Committee



Deep Conversations Wednesdays

We are currently reading and conversing with *Better Ways to Read the Bible: Transforming A Weapon of Harm into a Tool of Healing*, by Zach Lambert. Please join us! **Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am** in the downstairs conference room.

The Church Library

The Church Publishing Company has produced three series on the teachings and theology of the Episcopal Church. The original series came out in the 1940s-1950s. *The New Church Teaching Series* came out between 1997-2001. **The current set is *The Church's Teachings for a Changing World* and was published between 2014-2018.**

Our Little Library has most of the volumes from the first and second series but we have none of the current series. To purchase the set for the library will cost approximately $115. If you are interested in contributing to this purchase to help bring our library up to date, please talk to Janet Fischer.

Regular Events & Updates

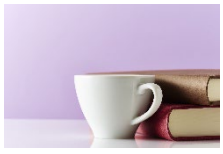
Altar Flowers



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 Ultreya – Be sure to bring your moment closest to Christ. Here is the Zoom Ultreya 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:

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

Ways to Pray and Worship



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

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:
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> For Parish members, especially: *Teddy, Anne, Theo, Frank, Stephen, Fran, Amanda.*
> For the homebound, especially: *Odell, Bill, Mary, Quinn, Ron.*
> For our family and friends, especially: *Bruce, Dave, Mica, Michelle, Deborah, Chase, the Phillips family, Tim, the Baker family, Justine, Jim, Cindy, Millie, Mike, Calvin, Annetta, Mike, Clara, Malachi, Gary & Tracy, Becky, Cindy, Michael, Jim, Delma, Kathy.*
> For our Safe Stay guests: *Steve, John, David, Johnse, Jay, Shelly, Suzanne, Grace, Mark.*
> For those who have said no prayers, and for whom no one has prayed.

The 2026 Anglican Cycle of Prayer: 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/

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.

Donate

Anne's. If viewing online, you can click on the Donate button. Online or viewing in print, you can scan our QR code.

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 **November 29**.

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- **OFFICE** – office@stanneswa.com
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- **Deacon** – The Rev. Lynette Poulton: diplomaticdeacon@gmail.com
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- **Pastoral Care & Prayer Ministry** - The Rev. Annie Calhoun and The Rev. Sheryl Haase: prayerministry@stanneswa.com

THE WIDER CHURCH
Episcopal Tidbits

Lesser Feasts & Fasts. Lesser Feasts and Fasts is a supplement to the liturgical calendar in the Book of Common Prayer. It provides additional feasts and commemorations of saints and notable figures in Christian history, the early Catholic church, and the Anglican Communion. Lesser Feasts and Fasts includes biographies, collects, and scriptural readings for each saint or notable figure recognized by the Episcopal Church. These commemorations are optional, allowing congregations to celebrate them at their discretion. The list is updated regularly, most recently in 2024. You can find it online at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/lesser_feasts_and_fasts_-_2024__final_.pdf and on the liturgical calendar at https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/TxtIndexLFF.html. We use LF&F during our worship on Wednesdays.

The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

The Episcopal Church in Western Washington, Seattle

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/.

Choral Evensong is every Sunday at 5:30pm, at St. Mark's Cathedral. Streaming access is available. Details at https://ecww.org/event/choral-evensong/2026-11-01/.

Compline, Sung by the Compline Choir. Every Sunday at 9:30pm. Streaming access is available. Details at https://ecww.org/event/compline-sung-by-the-compline-choir-2/2026-11-01/.

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.

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Episcopal Diocese of Western Oregon

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Closer to home, Trinity offers many programs. Check them out at https://www.trinity-episcopal.org/.

The National Church

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/

Check out all the news from our national church at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/news-announcements/.

The Anglican Communion

https://www.anglicancommunion.org/

The Communion consists of 42 autonomous Member Churches, also known as Provinces, from around the world.

The Anglican Communion News Service: https://www.anglicannews.org/.