

St Pauls Episcopal Church Newsletter

The Messenger

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St Pauls Episcopal Church
1805 Minnesota St, The Dalles, OR

MAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Skip Fisher 1 Funeral 1 Pm					
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Forum VESTRY	8	Lunch Bunch Bargeway Pub 11:30 Pm	9	Church potluck 5:30 Pm	10	
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Forum Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Forum	22	23	24	25	26	27
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Forum	29	30	31			
						Ron and Dewanda Clark Funeral 11:30 Am
						13
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Worship Team Schedule

	Easter V May 7 HE	Easter VI May 14 HE	Easter VII May 21 HE	Pentecost May 28 HE
Celebrant	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Jonathan Galles
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller
Honily	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller	The Rev. Jonathan Galles
Worship Leader	Jerry Frazier	Jeanie Senior	Lowry Browning	Jerry Frazier
Lector	Kim McCullough	Karen Coats	Sally Alford	Ann Marie Woolsey
POP	Amy McIvenna	Mike Nagle	Diane Adams	Julie Reynolds
Flowers	Chuck & Pam Miller	P.K. Swartz	Gavin & Amy McIvenna	Gavin & Amy McIvenna
Altar Guild	Kim McCullough	Anne Frazier	Pat Brim-Williams	Anne Frazier

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
Senior Warden Monthly Report
May 2023

Dear All,

As I write this, cold weather is receding, and budgetary reckoning is upon us. Bishop Pat will be present for our Parish wide, after 10 AM Sunday service meeting this weekend on April 30th. I am hopeful that all will attend this important meeting which will be completed by the time you read this. More will follow on St. Paul's budgetary direction in my next report.

At our last Vestry Meeting on April 16th, among other topics, Vestry discussed and voted to reject a first offer to buy the 605/607 Union Street properties, known to us as the Diocesan House, or the former Rectory of St. Paul's Chapel. The initial offer made was for \$280,000 (\$80,000 paid on closing after a period of due diligence with earnest money in escrow, and the remainder paid in four annual installments of \$50,000 each). Vestry's rationale was that the properties were worth considerably more, and some on Vestry felt that holding a "promissory note" for \$200,000 was not in St. Paul's best interest. Since initial proposal, the same party, returned with an offer of an additional \$20,000 to be paid as \$100,000 on closing, and again with St. Paul's carrying a promissory note for the remaining \$200,000. Yesterday, Vestry rejected that offer by consensus with a quorum of votes cast. Our broker, Philip Mascher of Sotheby's International believes that those were wise decisions by Vestry. Recently, Reverend Galles and I agreed with Mr. Mascher to have the property listed on Sotheby's commercial registry which will place it in a national commercial listing databank.

On a more congregational focus, Jim Scarborough relayed to St. Paul's that a remote tuberculosis infection which he acquired, and was treated for as a surgical resident in training 50 years ago, recently resurfaced as an active infection. Jim was hospitalized with pneumonia due to then undiagnosed active tuberculosis soon after attending St. Paul's

Annual Parish Meeting. Due to an abundance of caution, parish members who attended the February 16th Bequest & Endowment Meeting, or the February 19th 10 AM Sunday Service, or who attended the February 19th Annual Parish Meeting were informed of their potential casual exposure to active tuberculosis. The local public health departments of Klickitat and Wasco counties were made aware and by now all concerned parishioners have been tested or have been informed of their risk of infection with this difficult to acquire, slow growing bacterial organism. We are relieved that Jim is receiving treatment and is recovering.

At Vestry's last meeting on April 16th:

- 1) Jim Foster and Jerry Frazier presented relevant history of the formation of the Bequest & Endowment fund, and the Vestry Savings fund in the early 1990's.
- 2) Dr. Pam Miller was welcomed as Interim Deacon.
- 3) The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.
- 4) The initial bid on the Diocesan House was discussed and rejected.
- 5) The Vestry Retreat was discussed and set for Saturday, June 3rd at Chuck and Pam Miller's home in Wahkiacus, Washington.
- 6) The EDEO's intention to divest itself of St. Paul's Chapel on Union Street, The Dalles after transferring the Diocesan archives to Diocesan headquarters in Cove, Oregon in the near future, was discussed without resolution.
- 7) St. Paul's church secretary, Luna Molina's notice of resignation, effective August 15th was discussed. It was resolved to seek a replacement for Luna by then. (Luna will be moving to Eugene, Oregon on September 1st 2023 in order to further her goal to be a certified school teacher which she is now pursuing through on-line classes. We wish Luna peace, blessings, and grace in her pursuit of this honorable endeavor.)
- 8) It was noted that St. Paul's was gifted 500 white #2 pencils printed with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles, Oregon, and with the Episcopal shield of the national church. Gretchen Kimsey was thanked for this generous contribution. Parishioners should make note of these small but meaningful additions to the pencil holders on the backs of the Sanctuary's pews.

- 9) Reverend Jonathan Galles' annual performance review procedure was discussed. It was resolved to have Vestry review the Parish Profile and follow guidelines to be presented by and forthcoming from the Senior Warden to complete that review. The annual performance review is stipulated in the Letter of Agreement which was signed by Rev. Galles, then Sr. Wardens of St. Paul's, and Right Rev. Bell in January 2022 when Rev. Galles was hired by St. Paul's. Rev. Galles' start date was April 1, 2022. The performance review is stipulated to be completed by July 1, 2023.
- 10) Last, Vestry discussed the Church's financial prospects and discussed various solutions for financial solvency with plans to present these ideas and ongoing actions in these regards to St. Paul's members on Sunday, April 30th at the parish wide coffee hour discussion with Bishop Pat after the 10 AM service.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dr. Chuck Miller, Sr. Warden, on April 28th, 2023

Saying “Hallelujah” throughout the day is claiming your part in what God is up to in this mysterious, amazing, challenging gift of life. Saying “Hallelujah” expresses obeisance to God as we seek to find our way – and help others find their way – back to where we began, where we belong, and where we will end: in the company of God. Saying “Hallelujah” heralds the hope of Easter.

~ Br. Curtis Almquist

Submitted by: Gretchen Kimsey



There are several opportunities to sign up for flowers in the coming months, if you can and are able please sign up by contacting the office at info@stpaulsthe dalles.org OR by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you.

Submitted by: Mike Nagle

Summer Camp 2023

Beginners

July 30th - August 3rd
entering grades 3-4

Discovery

July 5th - 7th
entering
preschool - grade 2

Combined

July 9th - 14th
entering grades 5-6

Senior High

June 25th - July 1st
entering grades 9-13


Junior High

July 23rd - 28th
entering grades 7-8

Belong

We'll be tackling the beauty and complexity of belonging as we explore personal identity, community, and the gift of inclusion.

Register easily on our website!
coveascensionschool.com/summer-camp/

or scan here! 



Ascension School

PO Box 278 | 1104 Church St | Cove, OR 97824

Camp registration is OPEN!

We're accepting registration for Discovery, Beginners, Combined, Junior High, and Senior High camps. Visit our [website](https://coveascensionschool.com/summer-camp/) to easily register your camper.

We're still accepting (and encouraging!) applications for camp staff as well; [residential counselors](#), [junior counselors](#), and [support staff](#).

'Tis the season for camp posting. Ha la la la la, la la la la!
Lots of fun and marshmallow roasting. Ha la la la la, la la la LA!

Cursillo, a short course in Christian living, has been active in Eastern Oregon since the late 1970's. On May 4th through the 7th, the 50th Cursillo in Eastern Oregon will take place at ascension school. Six members of St Pauls will be attending, three as candidates and three as team members, Carolyn Thomas, Salmoe Alford, Ginger Crowley, Chuck and Pat Brim Williams, and Gretchen Kimsey. Your prayers for a joyful and life changing weekend will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Submitted by: Gretchen Kimsey

IT'S LUNCH BUNCH TIME!!

I'm taking a chance for some patio weather for our April gathering. Fingers crossed ☺ Please join us,

Tuesday, May 9th

11:30 am

@ The Bargeway Pub

1535 Bargeway Rd

As our numbers are growing, the favor of a reply would be most helpful. Looking forward to seeing you! Hugs.

Denise Beasley

541-980-5626

ddbreez@gmail.com



**FOR THE BACK PACK PROGRAM
AND KIDS GOING HUNGRY**

I'm still here and still packing food bags for kids. The sad part is that the **numbers have more than doubled from last year.** We packed **277** bags of food yesterday to be distributed today. Here's my urgent request.

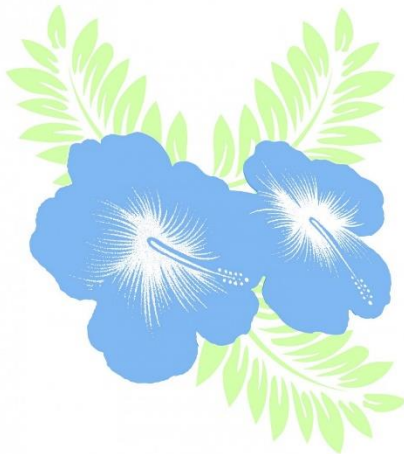
We are out of oatmeal packets and do not have any granola bars. We need 60 boxes of 10 to meet our weekly need. Please announce it to your groups, churches, book groups, and anyone that will listen to you. We are in the pantry from 12-1 on Wednesdays and 9:30-11:30 on Wednesday. If someone has a large donation we could arrange to pick it up. We also need crackers to go with the soup and peanut butter and individually wrapped snacks. Oatmeal is out emergency need. Apparently Fred Meyer has it for .99 on sale now. I don't know for how long. Thank you for your support of this very necessary program. We can't do it without you and the rest of the community.

Glenis Schreffler: 541-993-3059

If you would like to be removed or know someone that would like to be added to our list, please let me know.

In Memoriam

Flowers on Sunday, April 23 were given by Lowry Browning,
"In honor of my late brother, Dr. Trip Browning."



Submitted by: Lowry Browning

Reminder!

Outreach Team Meeting: May 18, 2023 @3:00pm

(Outreach meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 3 Pm)

Submitted by: Ann Marie Woolsey

Episcopalian Church News

An episcopal church in Brookings, OR is facing fines for services it is providing to individuals experiencing homelessness in the area. Copy and paste in your internet browser to learn more.

<https://katu.com/news/local/brookings-church-facing-fines-over-homeless-services-responds-to-governors-shelter-plan>

Submitted by: Jeanie Senior

Uppercut Barbershop presents a

"Cut the Rug Extravaganza"

Saturday, July 8, 2023 at the Eagles Lodge on 2006 W 7th Street

6:30-7:00 pm Line Dancing with a DJ

7:00-11:00 pm live band **Stone Country** from the Tri-Cities area

Cost for the dance is \$5, \$4 for Eagles Members, pay at the door

Dance instructions:

4:00-5:00 Learn the Traveling Cha Cha with Don Slusher \$15 includes admission to the dance

5:15-6:16 Learn the Country Two Step with Robin Robinson \$15 includes admission to the dance

Want to learn both dances? \$25 includes admission to the dance

Online registration for dance instruction will be available soon

For the funeral of Skip Fisher



Monday May 1st at 1 Pm at St Paul's Episcopal Church

Reception to follow

All are welcome to remember the life and legacy of Skip, Army Veteran, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother-In-Law, and friend. We pay our respects to him and his loved ones during this time of mourning.

For the funeral of Ron and Dewanda Clark



Saturday May 13th, at 11:30 Am at St Paul's Episcopal Church

The joint funeral for Ron and Dewanda Clark will take place on Saturday May 13th at 11:30 Am. The Clarks, well-loved members of the parish, will be greatly missed by all whose lives were touched by them. Please join us as we celebrate the life they lived, and honor them in passing.

Please mark your calendar to join this AFS thank you event. I am hoping for a large response. If you know of friends, work colleagues, or neighbors who might like to get involved with our foreign exchange program please invite them to our AFS Dessert Social. We are looking for families interested in sending a student to study abroad, hosting a foreign student or being an AFS volunteer. Please help spread the AFS word and invitation.

AFS

**Thursday, May 4, 6:30 - 7:30 Dessert Social,
7:30 - 8:30 Program, Thank You's and AFS
Business.**

**Location: Basement of UCC Congregational
Church**

5th and Court St.

**Call Rymmel Lovell 541-296-6546 with questions
or for more information.**

It would also help to call with an RSVP, so we know how much dessert to buy.

Thank you for supporting AFS.

Rymmel Lovell

541-296-6546

tlovell@netcnct.net

Submitted by: Gretchen Kimsey



May Birthdays



2. Pam Miller & Scott Lepinski

8. Sue Foster & Dick Scherzinger

9. Mary Stocks

10. PK Swartz

11. Gavin McIlvenna

13. Matthew Kirby

20. Peggy Davis

29. Dan Durrow

31. Pippa Willis

For Your Prayers

Mary Mongold

Bill Ketchum

Ginger Crowley

Kelly Swanson

Jim Scarborough

Christi McCarren

Thea Beasley

Turf McCullough

Megan and Hayden

Carol Fisher

Steve and Colleen Schafroth

Jeff Stewart

John Langfeldt

Vicki Ellett

Laurie Nichol

Sam Woolsey

Carolyn Thomas

The Rev Armor Larive and Ruby Larive

Bob Haechral

Jim and Kathy Scarborough

Debbie McMeel

David and Tanna Davenport

Mary and Gary Shane

Pat Fowler

For all affected by gun violence

For all who suffer from illness

For all people awaiting surgery and medical care

Relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country.

The people of Ukraine.

The people of Yemen

Our Nation.

For the departed:

Jim Ramsey.

Ron & Dewanda Clark

Skip Fisher

Debbie Wolfe

Catherine Sessions

Erik Day

For the grieving:

Kay Elverum



Church Leadership

The Reverend – *Jonathan Galles*

Senior Warden – *Chuck Miller*

Junior Warden – *Jill Darrow*

Treasurer – *Jerry Frazier*

Vestry Members

Denise Beasley

Gretchen Kimsey

Mike Nagle

Scott Salisbury

Chris Schanno

PK Swartz

Office Hours & Services: 9 Am to 1 Pm

-Sunday 8 & 10 Am Service

Tuesday – Friday

(Childcare at 10 Am)

Info@stpaulstheDalles.org

-9 Am Adult Forum

541-296-9587

Letter from the front desk

Spring is a season of change, growth, and new life. Having been here for nearly 5 months now, I am continuously humbled by the patience and understanding you all have shown me. And in the way I see the care you hold for each other. May is here, and in this period of time we are dealing with all the many aspects that life has to offer. There has been immense loss in your community, and as someone who has experienced loss from a young age, I empathize greatly with many of you. I recently lost a close friend of mine, and the other day I just sat outside and kept repeating to myself, “My friend is gone, my friend is dead”, and I was so angry with the world. I was angry for the loss of my friend, but more so I think I was angry because I lost a part of my life.

Life is constantly changing, constantly giving us things and taking things away from us, and I know for many it is all part of God’s plan. It’s healthy though, to allow ourselves to feel these emotions, cause if we don’t feel them- they get bottled up, and we become hardened and cruel. To ourselves, and to one another. I often ask myself, how can I take all this hardship, all this loss, all this hurt and transform it into something new?

I feel that many of us get stuck, and it is up to us to decide, will we be stuck where we are at? Will we allow ourselves to continue on a certain path because it’s the easiest? Or do we take up the challenge and try something different, try something that pushes us to bring newness and change for the good into our lives?

This May, be gentle with yourselves, allow yourselves space to feel whatever it is you need to feel. In the same regard however, I encourage you all to invite the Lords peace to enter your heart, and embolden you to bring newness and change for good for yourself, and for those around you. Spring is here, its time to let go of that which has plagued us, and welcome in the possibilities of growth and new life.

Humbly and gratefully yours,

- **Luna Lux Molina**