

St Pauls Episcopal Church Newsletter

The Messenger

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Forum	3	4 4th of July	5 Luna Off	6	7	8
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Vestry Forum	10	11	12	13	14	15
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Potluck Forum	17	18 Chicken Run Movie Night 6:00 PM	19	20	21	22
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Forum	24	25	26	27	28	29
8 & 10 Am Service 9 Am Forum	31	1	2	3	4	5

Holidays and Observances: 4: Independence Day

Theresa

Worship Team Schedule

	Proper 8 July 2 HE	Proper 9 July 9 HE	Proper 10 July 16 HE	Proper 11 July 23 HE	Proper 12 July 30 HE
Celebrant	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	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	- - - - -	- - - - -
Homily	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	The Rev. Jonathan Galles
Worship Leader	Jeanie Senior	Jerry Frazier	Jeanie Senior	Jerry Frazier	Jeanie Senior
Lector	Amy McIlvenna	Mike Nagle	Pat Brim-Williams	Karen Coats	Diane Adams
POP	Ann Marie Woolsey	Kim McCullough	Anne Frazier	Sally Alford	Mike Nagle
Flowers	Julie Reynolds	Marta Moser	Carol Fisher	Pat Fowler	Lowry Browning
Altar Guild	Pat Brim-Williams	Kim McCullough	Anne Frazier	Pat Brim-Williams	Kim McCullough

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

Dear Saint Paul's Episcopal Church,

The June solstice is receding, and daylight hours are very gradually decreasing as we wade into the summer of 2023.

Vestry met on Saturday the 3rd of June in retreat in Wahkiacus, in Klickitat County, Washington at the home of Reverend Pam and me. The retreat agenda was developed by Reverend Jonathan Galles, our priest. We contemplated and discussed questions of St. Paul's current and future direction, understanding that Jonathan is seeking a new parish calling as St. Paul's is not able to afford the cost of his employment agreement with us.

Specifically, we contemplated whether Vestry should plan for St. Paul's being in "hospice care," gradually losing members and funding until the last member or two informs the EDEO Bishop that St. Paul's should be closed, or whether St. Paul's should reduce its expectations, reduce its expenses and focus its human and monetary reserves on meaningful, but limited outreach and slow growth of membership vs. no further net loss of membership. We contemplated how this would play out, possibly using lay ministry routinely with Sunday services augmented with a 1/4 time, 1/2 time, or 3/4 time employed priest to celebrate Eucharist on a reduced schedule. We discussed whether we should start looking for a new priest immediately, or if we should at all, or whether a gathering time to reassess our needs and desires as a worshipping and outreach community of members should be completed for a few months to several months, or a year prior to seeking a new priest.

We discussed other strategies such as combining with another Episcopal congregation, or perhaps a congregation of another denomination. We discussed raising operating funds by renting/leasing/receiving donations from a pre-school to make regular use of Tayler Hall. We discussed selling some of the 1805 Minnesota Street property to a known organization which is involved in the development of affordable housing.

We discussed whether our desires as expressed in the most recently completed parish profile still hold, whether they were realistic when formulated. We agreed to bring these concerns and ideas to the congregation in an after 10 AM Service Coffee Hour discussion with the whole congregation. We also agreed to ask our fellow St. Paul's Church members

to carefully and thoughtfully read through the current parish profile and do some updating – additions, subtractions, corrections, etc. It was noted for example that development of youth programming was the most important need identified in the latest parish profile, and yet very few members (primarily Fiona, former Church Office Secretary, and Rev. Jonathan, with few exceptions) participated in the Friday night youth sessions which were held last summer and over the Christmas break.

At the end of the retreat program, at approximately 3:40 PM, a quorum of Vestry was established, and a brief business meeting was called to order to discuss and respond to the 605/607 Union Street potential buyers' inspection report, and to respond to the buyers' consequent request to reduce their offer on the property from \$340,000 to \$328,000. This \$12,000 reduction was based on their inspection which called for extensive plumbing revision, including a new domestic water service line due to leaks, and calling for consultation with a qualified electrician as their inspector perceived the need to replace the existing electrical panel, as well as to replace the outdated knob and tube wiring, and the more hazardous aluminum wiring. Their inspector did not believe that the structure, a.k.a., The Diocesan House, could be considered habitable due to these safety concerns. The senior warden presented the buyers' proposal and moved to accept the buyers' bid of \$328,000, and to extend the closing date of the sale to June 21st 2023, with the properties and the Diocesan House to be purchased by the buyers "as is," with no additional guarantees and with the knowledge that the buyers would have the properties surveyed at their expense after purchasing the properties, and that it is known to us and to them that a 15 foot easement extends south into the 605 property along the northern, east-west lot line between 605 Union Street and 601 Union Street due to encroachment of the 601 Union Street Episcopal Chapel over that lot line. Scott Salisbury seconded the motion. Brief discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously by Charles Miller, Mike Nagle, P.K. Swartz, Chris Schanno, Scott Salisbury, Gretchen Kimsey, Denise Beasley, and Rev. Jonathan Galles, Priest. Non-voting observers included Jerry Frazier, Treasurer, and Rev. Pamela Miller, Deacon. The Vestry business meeting adjourned just after 4 PM following closing prayer.

On June 21st 2023, the closing documents and deed, selling 605/607 Union Street, The Dalles, Oregon 97058, were signed by Charles Miller and Mike Nagle for St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church as that not for profit corporations presiding officers, with the written approval of the Right Reverend Patrick Bell, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, and with the written approval of Reverend Kelly Mahon, president of the EDEO Standing Committee.

The Buyers, Daniel P. Cosgrove and Elizabeth Boldt also signed the closing documents on June 21st 2023 at Wasco Title, Incorporated 210/212 East 4th Street, The Dalles, Oregon and received the deed to the properties in exchange for \$328,000.00. Wasco Title, Inc allocated seller's and buyer's agent fees and title insurance fees from that amount. The balance was provided to St. Paul's Church.

The Senior Warden received a check for \$307,043.52 from Wasco Title, Inc. which was then deposited in St. Paul's Money Market checking account at Umpqua Bank (formerly, Columbia Bank), in the presence of Jerry Frazier, Treasurer, before 5 PM on June 21st 2023.

In keeping with St. Paul's agreement to purchase of 605/607 Union Street from the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon for \$17,101, one half of the sales proceeds after subtracting the original purchase price and the cost of any capital improvements and repairs, will be remitted to the EDEO for their use.

The next Vestry meeting will be held coincident with coffee hour in the library at the east end of the St. Paul's Sanctuary after the 10 AM service on Sunday July 9th 2023. The agenda will be forthcoming and posted on the church bulletin board by next Sunday, one week prior to the meeting. The agenda will also be sent to those on the St. Paul's email list via Constant Contact email service by Friday June 30th this week.

Respectfully submitted Monday June 26th 2023 by:

Charles "Chuck" Miller, Senior Warden

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](#) 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!



**MOVIE
NIGHT !!**

**WEDNESDAY
19 JULY**

**SOFT DRINKS
&
POP CORN !!**

6:00 PM

**Some
Fellowship
announcements
from PK 😊**

**POT LUCK !
POT LUCK !!
POT LUCK !!!**

Tricks & Tips
of
i Phones
and
i Pads
from
Alan Alford

**JULY 16TH
AFTER 10 AM SERVICE**

Missionary

We are all missionaries. By our own cultural heritage, by our own geographic setting, by our training, education, life experience, and unique access to certain people, we are to bear the beams of God's light, and life, and love, knowing that God is with us and that God will provide.

Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

- Submitted by Gretchen Kimsey

Planning for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon Convention

We are getting ready to host the EDEO convention at St. Paul's on October 20, 21, and 22. As you can guess, we need "All Hands on Deck" to prepare for this wonderful gathering. Several people have agreed to help and many more are needed. If you would like to help, please let me know.

-Submitted by Pam Miller pgmillerphd@gmail.com or 541-993-5851



SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

For ages 1-18
June 20th - July 21st
MONDAY - FRIDAY

**Thompson Park
(Pool)**

1-2 pm

**The Dalles Middle
School**

**8:30-9:30 am
11:30am - 12:30pm**

**The Dalles High
School**

11:45am - 12:15pm

This institution is an equal opportunity provider



July Birthdays



- 1.** Sarah Alley

- 3.** Jerry Frazier, Kasey McCullough, & Steve Schafroth

- 10.** Diane Adams

- 13.** Don Smith

- 14.** Sean Kimsey

- 15.** Fiona Ferguson

- 23.** Ava Sue Kerr

- 24.** Cal McDormid

- 26.** Sandy Kice & Robin Smith

- 28.** Lowry Browning

- 29.** Kim McCullough

- 30.** Sam Woolsey & Kathy Scarborough

For Your Prayers

Mary Mongold

Bill Ketchum

Ginger Crowley

Kelly Swanson

Christi McCarren

Thea Beasley

Turf McCullough

Megan and Hayden

Carol Fisher

Steve and Colleen Schafroth

Jeff Stewart

John Langfeldt

Vicki Ellett

Sam Woolsey

Carolyn Thomas

The Rev Armor Larive and Ruby Larive

Bob Haechral

Jim and Kathy Scarborough

Debbie McMeel

David Davenport

Pat Fowler

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Amarillo, TX

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

Laurie & Tom Nichol

Debbie Wolfe

Catherine Sessions

Erik Day

Mike Telfer

In Thanksgiving:

Valedictorian Sage Luth's High School Graduation, attending OSU in the fall.
Anna Miller graduating from PSU-OHSU with a Master's Degree in Public Health.
Iris Hart's High School Graduation, attending SOU in the fall.



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

We are in the heart of summer! It's time for camping, cookouts, and celebrations. There are many birthday's to celebrate this month here at St. Pauls so be sure to wish those listed, as well as anyone else who may have been forgotten a very happy birthday.

With this edition of the newsletter we begin the countdown to my last month and a half here at St Pauls. I have grown to know quite a number of you and I am always so honored by the kindness and joy I've encountered in my conversations with you all over the past 7 months. My next job is gonna have some pretty big shoes to fill as I don't think I have worked in an environment where I knew I was treated more than just an employee. I would love to meet with anyone who would like to sit down and talk before I leave, my last day being Friday, August 18th.

This month we also begin the search for a new secretary- but don't worry as Fiona knew I would be a good fit for you all, I too will make sure my replacement continues the legacy of kindness, and uplifted openness here at the office.

For those of you unaware, I am leaving because I will be moving down to Eugene to be closer to my circle of people close to me, and to finish out my

bachelor's degree in English, before going on to get my master's in education.

While I know there have been obstacles for this congregation to overcome- it is my hope that after I leave, this church will grow and continue to do the good work it has brought to this community. With the end of pride month, and the current state of the world, now, more than ever, we need more love.

But don't worry- I'm not quite gone yet, you will still receive one last Luna Newsletter for St. Paul's, and I'll make sure to make my last one, my best work yet. Till then! Have a great rest of July!

Luna Molina

Front Office Coordinator