

Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

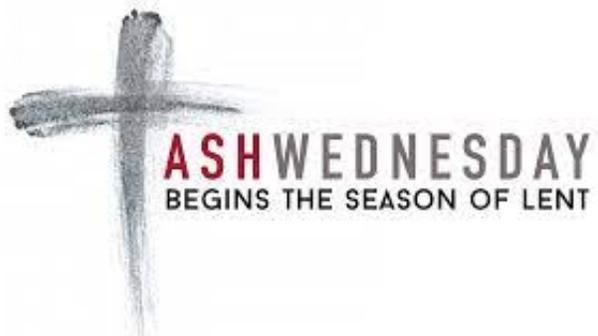
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Upcoming Events for the week

- March 2 - 12:00 NOON DAY Service at the Chapel 605 Union Street
- March 2 - 5:30 p.m. In-person Ash Wednesday Service.
- March 6- 8 a.m. In-person Morning Prayer Service
- March 6- 9:00 a.m. In-person Sunday Forum
- March 6 - 10:00 a.m. In-person Morning Prayer Service.
- March 18 - 1:00 p.m. In-person Jim Ramsey funeral

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Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and humiliation, wherein we are publicly to confess our sins, meekly to implore God's mercy and forgiveness, and humbly to intercede for the continuance of his favor.



Thanks from Rev. Marilyn Roth

Beloved Community of St. Paul's,

There are no words to convey the fun and joy we had together celebrating the end of my ministry. Thank you seems too simple, yet, my heart is overflowing with gratefulness. It was so wonderful just to have fun together.

I feel so blessed to know that "We" have continued the ministry of Christ



during some tough times, but “We” prevailed together. Thank you for trusting me to be your priest for the last three and half years.

I so look forward to new beginnings with Rev. Jonathan, knowing you will welcome him with open arms and hearts as you did me. I am blessed to be part of the community of St. Paul’s.

Love in Christ,

Marilyn+

Sound the Alarm

Ash Wednesday

The Rev. Anna Tew

www.episcopalchurch.org

“Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain.”

There are moments for all of us when our lives change forever: When someone is born or when someone dies, or when you get injured or have a health episode that threatens your life. These are moments when our own humanness and mortality are shoved into our faces. When the preciousness and the fragility of human life are undeniable. And I can’t help but notice how often those moments involve hospitals.

And then there are the people who work with people whose lives are changing like that: EMTs, ER doctors and nurses, and other healthcare workers confront death each day. This has been all the truer during the last two years.

Healthcare workers watch people their own age die suddenly of accidents and cancer and are forced to confront their own mortality. They understand, perhaps better than the rest of us, the truth of Ash Wednesday: that we are dust, and that life is so, so fragile. The prophet Joel calls to the people in our Old Testament reading to “Blow the trumpet in Zion, [to] sound the alarm on [God’s] holy mountain.” Kings did this from time to time in ancient days; they would call for a fast, a time for the whole community to rend their clothing, put ash on their heads, and repent of their sinful ways. But here in Joel, it’s God, not a human leader, who calls for the fast. The whole thing is meant to be a wake-up call: you can’t continue as you have been. You can’t go on like this.

Wake up. Pay attention. Things must change.

In today’s world, it may seem a little bleak to spend a day talking about death and even more so, sin. Sin is not a popular modern concept.

Too often, “sin” is reduced to the times that Jesus was looking over our shoulders and heard us say a bad word. If all we’re talking about is relatively trivial offenses (or non-offenses that people think are offenses) committed by individuals, we are not getting at exactly what “sin” is. Though nearly all of us have a psychological need to be forgiven

when we've done wrong, we miss the picture when we only think of sin as individual and not communal.

Things in the world are not as they should be. And it is on each one of us and all of us together.

To read more of this article, please click on the link below:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/radical-amazement-ash-wednesday-march-2-2022/>

The Rev. Anna Tew is a Lutheran pastor serving Our Savior's Lutheran Church in South Hadley, Massachusetts. A product of several places, she was born and raised in rural south Alabama, lived most of her adult life to date in Atlanta, and has called New England home for the past four years. Anna graduated from the Candler School of Theology in 2011, and since then she has served in both parish ministry and hospital chaplaincy.

From the Alter Guild...

There are many changes for the altar guild throughout Lent starting with Ash Wednesday. For all of Lent there will be no frontals used on the altar and after the 1st Sunday there will not be a fair linen either. You will also notice that the wood cross above the altar will be changed out for a very plain cross. The stations of the cross will be hanging up around the nave. Another big change is that there will be no flowers or any shiny metal candlesticks, paten, chalice, missile stand, offering plate or gospel book on the altar.

From our Committees...

The Outreach Committee supports Partners in Health.

The mission of Partners in Health is to provide a preferential options for the poor in health care. By establishing long-term relationships with sister organizations based in settings of poverty, Partners In Health strives to achieve two overarching goals: to bring the benefits of modern medical science to those most in need of them and to serve as an antidote to despair.

[Click to visit the Partners in Health website](#)



Silent Auction

Church Fundraiser - Silent Bid

Ron and Dewanda Clark are donating two original pieces of art created by a former parishioner and priest of the church, Larry Fredrick.

They are beautifully created images of Old St. Paul's and New St. Paul's and fitted in handsome frames. Below are photos, however if you wish to see them in person, come to the church narthex where they are on display.

Since this offering will be a fund raiser for the church, if you are interested in owning them, please put your silent bid along with your name on a piece of paper and place it in the red tin found near the art.

Soon the winner will be announced!!



In the News

World News

Presiding bishop, interfaith leaders pray for peace as Russia steps up its advance on Ukraine

Click on link below to read article:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/02/23/presiding-bishop-interfaith-leaders-pray-for-peace-as-russia-steps-up-its-advance-on-ukraine/>

Episcopal News Service
David Paulsen
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Local News

Teacher leads The Dalles High School Students to sing out a Carnegie Hall dream

Click here to read the full article from Columbia Community Connections News

<https://www.columbiacommunityconnection.com/the-dalles/carnegie-hall/iris-cruz/shawn-lutz/alex-rector?>

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Oregon Health Authority

Coronavirus Update

healthoregon.org/coronavirus

Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 UPDATED news release
Oregon will remove general mask requirements for indoor public places
as of March 19, 2022.

Click the link below to see updated news release...

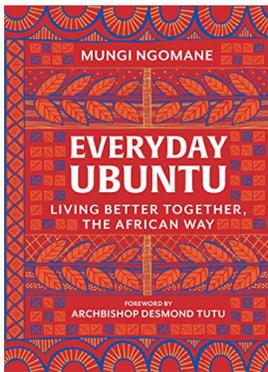
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/bulletins/30c223b>

Controversy over Faith and the Vaccine

The COVID-19 pandemic has produced previously unimaginable challenges for people of faith in Oregon. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) asked a diverse collection of leaders to share their thoughts...

Click the link below to visit the website

www.faithandthevaccine.org



Lenten study offered by Barbara Telfer and Heather Thompson - March 9 - 4 p.m.

Barbara and Heather have graciously accepted my invitation to lead the Lenten study for 2022. The In-person Lenten study will begin on Wednesday March 9 and end April 6th. I will include the Amazon description of the book.

Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Mungi Ngomane, granddaughter of Nobel Peace Prize–winner

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, offers an introduction to ubuntu, the Southern African philosophy that celebrates the universal human bond in this beautiful definitive guide, illustrated with full-color photos and filled with lessons on how to live harmoniously with all people.

“This book will open your eyes, mind and heart to a way of being in the world that will make our world a better and more caring one.—Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Ubuntu is a Xhosa word originating from a South African philosophy that encapsulates all our aspirations about how to live life well, together. It is the belief in a universal human bond: I am only because you are. And it means that if you are able to see everyone as fully human, connected to you by their humanity, you will never be able to treat others as disposable or without worth. By embracing the philosophy of ubuntu and living it out in daily life it’s possible to overcome division and be stronger together in a world where the wise build bridges, not walls.

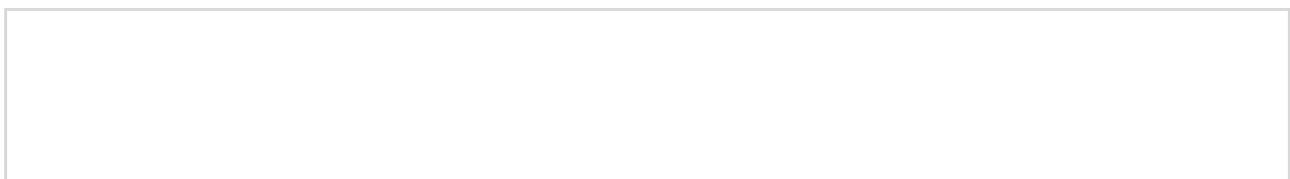
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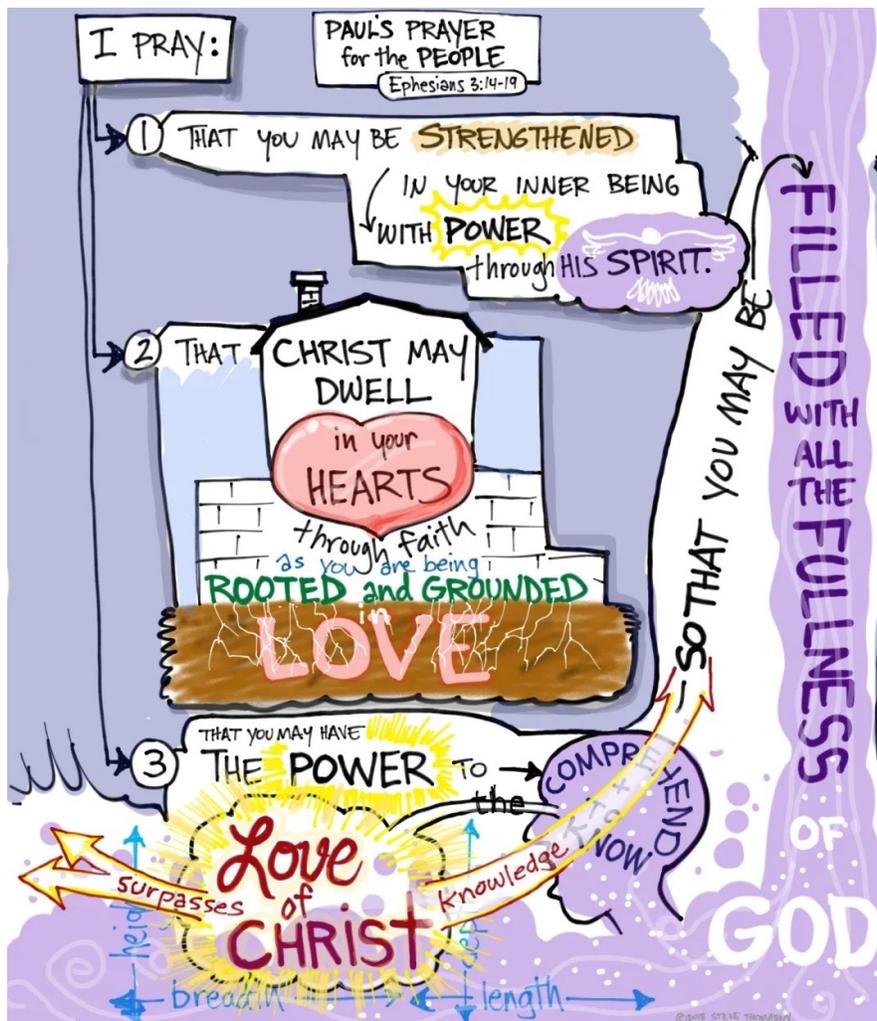
Sacred Journey meeting dates

March 6 (Session 8: Divisions in Present Day White America)

March 20 (Session 9: Racism’s Long Life)

April 3 (Session 10: Becoming Beloved Community)





March Birthdays

13 Ron Clark

15 Sage Booren

17 Ned Kice

24 Kyle McCullough

26 Jill Durow

28 Jane Schafroth

29 Judy Reid

30 Chuck Miller



For your prayers ...

Bill Ketchum, Glenis Schreffler and family, Christi McCarren, Megan and Hayden (sister and family of Kim McCullough), Heidi (John and Diane Adam's granddaughter), Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Melanie from Ascension, Mary who is suffering from ALS (a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Steve and Colleen Schafroth, Michael Hayes (Gretchen Kimsey's nephew suffering from colon cancer), Peter Russell (Jeanie Senior's nephew), Elen Thomas (Carolyn Thomas' granddaughter), Evelyn Nultemeier (Georgia Giacobbe's sister), Ken Schlieff, Harrison Richter, Pat Peickert at the death of her grand son, Christi McCarren, daughter Megan and grand daughter, Hayden, and relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country, and our Nation.

Deb Hucke and the Hucke family as they grieve the loss of Ross, and comfort for Jan Newson as she grieves the death of her son, Jeffrey Miller, Mary Ellen, Laura and Carly Lowe as they grieve the loss of Cary, and the Kimsey family as they grieve the death of Andrew Larive.

For the departed:

Jim Ramsey, Wanda Olsen, Ross Hucke, John Ringlbauer, Jeffrey Miller, Alice (John Langfeldt's sister), Cary Lowe, and Andrew Larive. *01 18 21*

*To submit articles, poems, recipes, or pictures
for the weekly newsletter,
please submit them by Wednesday.
Some articles may be held over for the following issue
due to immediacy and space.
Your articles, etc. keep us smiling and feeling like a community.
Thank you!
Fiona-Church Secretary*
