

# Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

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## Upcoming Events for the week

- **May 12 - Noon Day Eucharist at Chapel 601 Union St. - In person - Masks required**
- **May 16 - 8:30 a.m. Sunday Zoom Forum**
- **May 16 - 10 a.m. Sunday Zoom Worship Service**
- **Zoom Vestry Meeting 05 16 21 following Coffee Hour**

Enjoy the song "Mothering God."

[Mothering God Video](#)

## Mothering God Lyrics

1 Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain...of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.

3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flower, until I know.



*Photo submitted by Marilyn Roth*

## The Journey Prayer

God, bless to me this day,  
God bless to me this night;  
Bless, O bless, Thou God of grace,  
Each day and hour of my life;  
Bless, O bless, Thou God of grace,  
Each day and hour of my life.

God, bless the pathway on which I go;  
God, bless the earth that is beneath my  
sole;

Bless, O God, and give to me Thy love,  
O God of gods, bless my rest and my  
repose;

Bless, O God, and give to me Thy love,  
And bless, O God of gods, my repose.

*~ St. Brendan the Voyager (484–577)*

*Irish monk*

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## Saturday's Garden "Party"

Thanks to Julie, Jerry, Gretchen, Sean, and Mike N. for their work in the vegetable garden this past Saturday, May 8th. We refurbished the pathways, painted garden stakes, and planted



some veggies. If you take a walk by the garden, you will see tomatoes, peppers, onions, ground cherries, and squash.

There will be more mulch to spread and some of the raised beds need some TLC. Want to help? Contact Jerry Frazier or Julie Reynolds.

Gardens are a natural connection point with our neighbors. I will always remember my neighbor

Geri who generously shared the abundance of her garden. She would call me to the fence that separates our yards and ask if I needed any tomatoes or raspberries or whatever was producing at the moment. She shared daisies and strawberry plants so I could add to my own garden. Geri and I were from different faith traditions, but we forged a connection over our shared enthusiasm for growing food. She passed away several years ago, but her neighborliness continues to shape my actions and attitudes today.

So whether you grow your own produce or shop at the farmer's market, plan for a little extra to share with your neighbor. And then share your stories with us.

Blessings,

Gigi Siekkinen

on behalf of the Neighborhood Team



## Join me in reading "Freeing Jesus" this summer

Diana Butler Bass has just written a new book called, *Freeing Jesus*. Let's read her book during the month of June, and meet on July 6th at 10 a.m. to discuss our favorite parts of the book. We will meet outside, so bring your camp chairs, your book, and I'll bring the coffee. **RSVP by email: [Marilyn.roth60@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.roth60@gmail.com). Read the below summary of her book.**

### "Freeing Jesus" by Diana Butler Bass

The award-winning author of **Grateful** goes beyond the culture wars to offer a refreshing take on the comprehensive, multi-faceted nature of Jesus, keeping his teachings relevant and alive in our daily lives.

"How can you still be a Christian?"

This is the most common question Diana Butler Bass is asked today. It is a question that many



believers ponder as they wrestle with disappointment and disillusionment in their church and its leadership. But while many Christians have left their churches, they cannot leave their faith behind.

In *Freeing Jesus*, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence.

*Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most.

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## Roth driveway becomes art project for the neighborhood



Neighbors draw for fun



Hi there neighbor!



Lucy having fun on a bicycle

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## North Central Health District submits vaccination statistics for Wasco County

Earlier this week Wasco County cleared the threshold of having at least 40 percent of its total population receiving at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Helping the county edge toward that mark, through last week, at least 19,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in North Central Public Health District's three-county service area of Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties.

In Wasco County, 40.46 percent of the total population has received at least one dose of vaccine. In Sherman County its 38.42 percent and in Gilliam County its 30.05 percent.

Entities providing vaccines include NCPHD, Mid-Columbia Medical Center, One Community Health, Arlington Medical Center, and Deschutes Rim Clinic in Maupin.

Local pharmacies, including Safeway, Walgreen's, Fred Meyer and Bi-Mart in The Dalles and Murray's Drug in Condon are also offering vaccines. Their totals are not included in the count

below.

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## Parish Profile Committee submits survey report



Julie Reynolds



Jerry Frazier



Amy McIlvenna

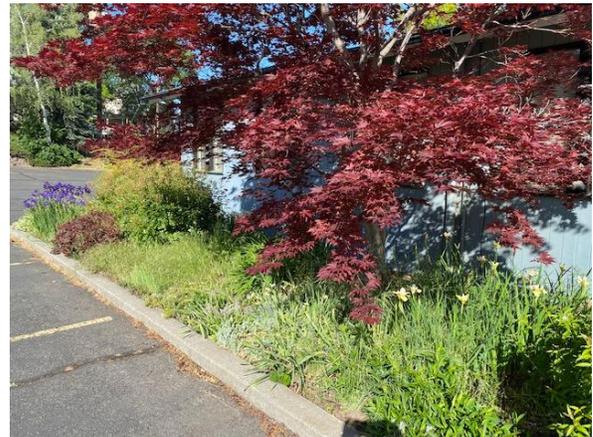
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**TO VIEW ST. PAUL'S PARISH SURVEY, PLEASE TAP ON GREEN LINK: [St. Paul's Parish Survey Report](#)**

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## Have time to weed?

Do you have an extra 30 minutes to help out with a little weeding in St. Paul's flower beds, then grab a trowel or hoe and head up to 1805 Minnesota St.



## Serious Theater in The Dalles to Safely Resume Live Performances May 15 & 16

Live theater returns to The Dalles the third weekend in May as the Serious Theater pod of actors presents **“The Edgar Allan Poe Afterlife Radio Show”** by Patrick Greene and Jason Pizzarello, produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. ([www.playscripts.com](http://www.playscripts.com)).



A tap at a chamber door, and the beat of a hideous heart evoke the very best and creepiest of Edgar Allan Poe. So when Poe sets out to keep his stories alive from beyond the grave, an otherworldly radio studio proves just the thing. Wandering spirits gather to play the roles in Poe's most classic works: The Cask of the Amontillado, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Raven, and The Telltale Heart. But the grim master of

the macabre is a little new to radio. What's all this about commercials? And why is a skeptical cemetery cat sticking around for all these stories?

Local actors Linda Pyles, Amy Jo Harley, Janelle Child, Lydonna Marks, Nan Brown, Sue Matney and Kelly Brown bring these stories back to life, featuring our signature live music and sound effects. Director Garry Estep will open the show with some chillingly haunting organ music.

Performances are Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. As always, admission to Serious Theater productions is by donation. There is limited safe seating available in the Zion Lutheran Church sanctuary for these shows, and masks are required. Reservations may be made by calling (541) 296-9146. Zion Lutheran in The Dalles is located at 101 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street (corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Union).

Please join us and support the return of safe live theater to the Columbia River Gorge.

*Written by Gary Estep and submitted by Carl Vercouteren*

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### May Birthdays:

- 10 Phil Swartz
- 11 Gavin McIlvenna
- 12 Betty Hartmann
- 13 Matthew Kirby
- 16 Ross Hucke
- 20 Peggy Davis
- 29 Dan Durow
- 31 Dewanda Clark



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### Please pray ...

**For your prayers:** Peggy Davis, Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Ross Hucke, Don and Alice, Dale Newton, Ginger Crowley, Ruth Welle (Carol Yakish's sister), Sarah, Barbara Portwood, John Davis, Lorrie (friend of Alan Alford), Lee Keifer, Andrew Larive, Melanie from Ascension, Mary who is suffering from ALS (a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Pete Speight (Georgia Giacobbe's husband), Geri (Carolyn Thomas' sister), Laurence & Ava Kerr's daughter, Bev, undergoing cancer treatments, the Jeff Krier family as they grieve his death, the Carolyn Thomas family as they grieve the loss of Griff Thomas, Sam Woolsey's family as they grieve the loss of Bill Martin and Doug Woolsey, Kathy Scarborough's family as they grieve the death of her cousin, and relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country, and our Nation. 05 11 21

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*To submit articles or pictures for the weekly newsletter, please submit them by Friday. Some articles may be held over for the following issue due to immediacy and space. Your articles keep us smiling and feeling like a community. Thank you, Marilyn*

