

# Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

Week of March 29, 2021 | Volume 13

## Upcoming Events for the week

- **March 31 - Wed Noon Day Eucharist - In person - Masks required**
- **April 1 - Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. Zoom link below**
- **April 2 - Good Friday Noon Service - Zoom link below**
- **April 2 - Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Zoom link below**
- **April 4- Easter Sunday Service 10 a.m. Zoom link below**
- **April 4- Easter Sunday Live Stream Service 11 a.m. Youtube link below**

**ALL ZOOM & LIVE STREAM LINKS CAN BE FOUND UNDER HOLY WEEK SERVICES BELOW.**

*"...Anyone can be sentimental about the Nativity; any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event; if you don't believe in the resurrection, you're not a believer. .... 'If you don't believe in Easter,' Owen Meany said, 'Don't kid yourself – don't call yourself a Christian.' "*  
One man's thoughts about resurrection.

## Holy Week is upon us ...



*Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Sunday's Collect - 03 28 21

# Holy Week Services

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

March 31 - April 4

## Zoom and Live Stream



- **Wednesday Noon Eucharist – March 31 – In person**

People must wear masks  
605 Union St. The Dalles

- **Maundy Thursday – April 1 – Zoom 6 p.m.**

Combined Worship Service with First United Methodist Church

[Join Zoom Meeting Link](#)

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/725114495>

- **Good Friday Noon Service – April 2 – Zoom 12 p.m. Worship Service**

First United Methodist Church invited to join St. Paul's Episcopal

[Join Zoom Meeting Link](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4509219777?pwd=eFQ2TVg0VW5iRHhSSVlaWWRwSjBSUT09>

Meeting ID: 450 921 9777

Passcode: 1949

- **Stations of the Cross – April 2 – Zoom 6:30 p.m.**

[Join Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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- **Easter Sunday – April 4 – Zoom 10 a.m. Worship Service Zoom**

[Join Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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- **Easter Sunday – April 4 – Zoom 11 a.m. Easter Live StreamWorship Service**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAzN7dzu4ueUoHn61RxllVw>

**Additional Holy Week & Easter Service links**

**Trinity Episcopal Church - Portland**

<https://www.trinity-episcopal.org/easter-holyweek>

## Me thinks my foot ...

Me thinks my foot  
In Heaven's bounds has strayed.  
Before me hills  
With brilliant gold o'erlaid.  
Emerald trees  
In every fold embraced.  
Worldly cares  
With Heavenly Grace displaced.  
Along the shore  
Of silvery watery strand,  
Grandfather pines  
As silent sentinels stand.  
Through birds sweet song,  
A gentle message conveyed,  
"This is God's world.  
In love His life He gave.  
No more refuse  
To love Him and His gifts.  
The Lamb, if asked,  
The sins of all acquits."  
Upon the cross  
He died to set me free.  
With His world  
I'll live in harmony.

Carolyn Thomas June 1989



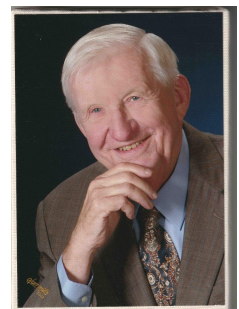
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## Advance Directives

Sunday there was a lot of discussion about advance directives and probably a lot of confusion, so let me go into some of this.

First, there are several separate forms or documents or decisions that need to be considered.

Let's start with the ADVANCE DIRECTIVE – the "living will". It's a document that allows you to name someone close to you (not necessarily related) that knows what your standards and desires are centering around what treatments you would want or not want if you are unable to speak for yourself, both in general terms and in some specific items. (Resuscitation, being on a respirator, tube feedings, blood transfusions, surgery, etc.) This person will be your HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE and is supposed to make a decision that you would make if capable, not what their desires would be. So it needs to be someone who knows you, knows your values and desires, and is strong enough to stand up in the face of criticism or well-meaning or mis-guided desires to intervene. It's to be your decision. A suitable document can be obtained from your doctor (best), from the hospital (also best), on-line, or other places. Whatever, it needs to be filled in, signed/witnessed, with copies to your doctor, the hospital, AND YOUR HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE. It really **needs to be discussed** with family, both local and remote so they know about who and where. You are entitled to change your mind about any of this at any time.



Next, is a directive (and this can be part of your Advance Directive) offering either donation of organs and tissues (eyes, bone marrow, skin, whatever is useable, or only specific parts) or denying such donation. This may also be on your driver's license, but even that will not always be available at the time of your passing. There is no "mutilation of the body" and no charge to you, your family, or your estate. It's truly a gift. Again, this needs to be explained to your family and your health care representative.

Third, there's the issue of the POLST. That's the pink paper that some may have posted on their fridge. It's the Physician's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment. Let's suppose you're in a nursing home, and your doctor has signed a Do Not Resuscitate order (DNR) but then you are suddenly transferred to the hospital. That order doesn't go with you, and by law the receiving hospital needs to go full bore in your treatment until otherwise ordered. This form is meant to correct that – it's doctor's orders. It may include DNR or it may be limited to, say, no antibiotics, or no surgery, or whatever is appropriate for your condition/diagnosis. It doesn't countermand your Advance Directive but should work together with it. It's not a necessary document for most of us.

That's the medical side, but don't forget the legal. You need a valid will even if your only estate is a postage stamp. Do your executor and family a big favor. And somewhere along the line, consider making a list of things, such as bank account number (and who is allowed to sign checks), location of important papers, your will, deeds if you own property, title to a car, insurance, things like that. And perhaps a letter listing who should get Grandma's cut glass goblet or needlepoint.

Young or old these are all important things so if not already, do it today. Then sit back, enjoy a glass of your favorite beverage, and enjoy life.

PK



## POLST Information from Julie Reynolds

Here's another point: The POLST is now being electronically entered in an OHSU database, so the information is available no matter where you are (although other states may not honor it). Advance directives don't have this electronic backup at this point. I think that's the reason MCMC and other hospitals are encouraging its use. However, the POLST is not very subtle. It only covers resuscitation and a basic question about what kind of treatment you might want. The advance directive covers a lot of options for a variety of medical situations, and most importantly, asks for the name of a person who can make health care decisions for you (this authority recedes if you are able to make your own decisions later).

A quote from Death with Dignity online: A **POLST** is intended to be used only if you are seriously ill and at risk of experiencing a life-threatening event. An advance directive, by contrast, **can** and **should** be **completed** any time, independent of your current state of health.

Both documents are important, but they are different, and not well understood by the public.

Julie

**A note from the Most Reverend Michael Curry on why making a donation on Good Friday for the Province of Jerusalem is a good decision**



A Muslim woman and her infant waiting for a checkup at Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City. The hospital runs a three-month program for undernourished children. ENS  
Photo/Lynette Wilson

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Good Friday Offering was first gathered in 1922 as an intentional response by the Episcopal Church to the devastations of World War I, the Spanish flu pandemic and political and social unrest affecting Armenian Christians, among others throughout the Middle East. This effort to establish strong relationships with indigenous Christians in the Holy Land continues to bear fruit.

This prior era a century ago reminds us that ours is not the only time in which forces beyond our control affect the lives of God's people. We are all aware that the Covid-19 pandemic has affected virtually every person on the planet in one way or another. Economists and medical professionals suggest that recovery from the pandemic's impact will take years.

The churches, schools and medical programs sponsored by our Anglican sisters and brothers in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East have been, as is no surprise, sorely affected. The Good Friday Offering has been a lifeline of hope in times of genuine need in times past and continues today.

I hope you will encourage your people to participate in this effort. Due to the variety of ways we find ourselves gathering to worship together, gifts can now be made online or via text giving in addition to mail. Information, including bulletin covers, inserts, and more, is available online [here](#). Any questions about this program may be directed to the Rev. Canon Robert Edmunds, our Middle East Partnership Officer. He can be reached [here](#).

**DONATE: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>**

Thank you for considering this important witness to the love of Jesus across our Church. May God bless you and keep you always. I remain

Your brother in Christ,  
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
*Presiding Bishop and Primate*  
The Episcopal Church

## It takes a team ...

There are times when a little bragging is in order.  
Or, if bragging seems a little too brazen for you,



then let's just give some 'kudos' to people who continue to make a difference. And you, of course, know what happens when you start making a list, you miss people in the process.

If I've missed someone to give a big thank you, well, then it will give me another chance to create a new list for the future. For now, please join me in saying thanks.



Marilyn

1. **Revs. Steve Schafroth and Georgia Giacobbe** for managing the Warming Place for several years, so that today we have shelters to house the homeless. People like Harold who now works at St. Vincent de Paul's entering data ... where does he stay at night? In one of the shelters.
2. Alan Alford and Pk Swartz for continuing the struggle to improve the living standards for the homeless. Alan Alford gets a second thank you for helping with IT issues.
3. Our music wizards who volunteer their voices and time: **Julie Reynolds, Anne Frazier, Diane Adams, Amy McIlvenna, Sean Kimsey and our pianist, Rule Beasley.**
4. **Verna Browne** for her ongoing weeding of the front flower beds.
5. For angels of mercy, like **Kim McCullough**, who show up with a big heart to weed flower beds for a parish member.
6. Pastoral callers for the year: **Ginger Crowley, Pk Swartz, Ann Marie Woolsey, Mike & Pat Fowler, Gretchen Kimsey, Denise Beasley, Pat Brim-Williams, Carolyn Thomas, Doug & Judy Reid, Andrea Booren, and Marta Moser.**
7. **Anne Frazier** for her ongoing service managing altar guild during a pandemic.
8. **Jerry Frazier** for remaining faithful to Sunday forum each week.
9. **Rev. Gigi Siekkinen**, for her strong efforts to manage a start-up evangelism ministry called Hilltop Neighbors.
10. Sunday meal team: **Jerry Frazier, Mike Nagle, Julie Reynolds, Ann Marie Woolsey, PK Swartz.**
11. **Jill Durow** on caring for St. Paul's structure and grounds. She truly is a miracle worker at times.

A short note about Pastoral caller and Sunday meal teams: Both of these services will be set aside as we look to the future to meeting together inside the church. The hope is to start meeting together the first Sunday in May if people receive their vaccinations and Covid numbers in Wasco County continue to remain low. Let's hope for the best.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ...

### April Birthdays:

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| 1  | Julie Reynolds  |
| 8  | Carolyn Thomas  |
| 9  | Helen Elsmore   |
| 10 | Verna Browne    |
| 10 | John Hildebrand |
| 20 | Sandy Leibham   |



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Please pray ...

For your prayers: Peggy Davis, Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Ross & Deb Hucke, Don and Alice, Dale Newton, Ginger Crowley, Ruth Welle (Carol Yakish's sister), Sarah, Barbara Portwood, John Davis, Carol healing from lung cancer, Lorrie (friend of Alan Alford), Lee Keifer, Rosemary Ross, Andrew Larive, Melanie from Ascension, Stuart Foster (Jim Foster's son healing from a ski accident), Kathy Scarborough's cousin who has Covid, Mary who is suffering from ALS ( a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Pete Speight (Georgia Giacobbe's husband), the Jeff Krier family as they grieve his death, and relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country, and our Nation. 3/25/21

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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*

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