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THE TORCH

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From the Vicar

Ten years ago, when I was new to St Aidan's, I was invited to a fellowship event at the church. It had a storied history. I'm told it began as a humble choir fundraising affair and grew from there. What I experienced was a very talented choir singing a variety of different tunes, as well as other solo acts that were both entertaining and moving. An amazing seafood dinner was served and it was our esteemed treasurer who was manning the grill. From that grill came the most delicious salmon I had had in a long time. Of course, living almost a decade on the east coast will get you ready for real-deal Pacific Northwest caught salmon! There is just no substitute. It was certainly an evening to remember.

Then, for several years, the event kind of went into hibernation. I'm not entirely sure why, but this was, in a way, a small blessing. It made many of us want to revive it and bring it back in a new, fun and celebratory way. In September of 2023 that's just what happened. We had a new (and very funny) MC, amazing talent, and salmon that was (in my opinion) to die for. As one returning from a four month sabbatical, it couldn't have been a more wonderful way to come home. The Salmon Bake reminded me of all things I love and cherish about this community and its spirit. I'm so glad it's continuing in 2024!

A little further into September a monumental moment is occurring. In 2007 Bishop Greg Rickel took our Episcopal Diocese of Olympia through one era and into the next with vision and strong leadership. After nearly 15 years of ministry he felt the Holy Spirit calling him away from Olympia into a new chapter in his life and work. In January of 2023 he retired and moved to Florida to explore the intersection of faith and ecology, volunteer with sea turtle rescue and conservation efforts, and listen for what God may be calling him to do next. Nearly two years after that announcement, and after much prayer, we have a new bishop that will help our diocese write the next chapter of its ongoing story of ministry and grace. The Rev. Dr. Philip LaBelle will be consecrated and ordained bishop of Olympia on September 14, 2024. This service of celebration and dedication will take place at the Meydenbauer Center at 11:00 a.m. I encourage all to consider attending this very special occasion!

At the end of September St Aidan's will be trying something new. Many, including myself, have been moved by the number of people in our community facing and/or carrying big heavy burdens. Whether it is the mourning and loneliness that can hit so hard after the passing of a spouse, an ongoing health issue that is quietly being endured, or a recent major diagnosis, there is a need for healing. With this in mind, a public service of healing has been planned and scheduled for Sunday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. The service will be like a normal Sunday service, but with hymns, prayers, and readings centered on the theme of healing. There will be a time when individuals may come forward to receive special prayers and the laying on of hands. Anyone and everyone is welcome to do so, no matter how great or small their need for healing may be. Many thanks to the Threshold Choir for joining their voices with ours on the 29th for this very special service.

As you make your way through September and into fall, may you be greeted by God's grace in this new season.

Drew+

PS, To our kids headed back to school - blessings to you! You go with our love and prayers for a great year.



From the Senior Warden

The only foreign language offered at my high school was German. It was a small school district, southeast of Seattle, with only 460 students in grades 10, 11 and 12. Mrs. Turk was my instructor as a freshman and Mrs. Judge taught courses for the high school grades. When I attended the University of Washington, I enrolled in two more quarters of German — who knows why!

Since the 1970s, I haven't had much opportunity to speak the Germanic language to anyone — except to a lovely young waitress in Lucerne Switzerland. When I attempted to explain "Auf Deutsch" what Jon and I wanted to eat for lunch, she quickly stopped me and then in perfect English said, "Why don't we just speak English." I was mortified! Just imagine, all those years of laboring through German classes in junior high school, high school and then at university and she couldn't even understand a word I was saying!

So, now days, the only German phrases that I can remember are ... "Danke Shoen" — "Sprechen Sie Deutsch" — "Der Himmel ist blau" and "Kommst du mit zur die Bibliothek".

However, come to think of it! ... Father Drew did give me the German scripture to read on Pentecost Sunday, a few months back. You may have heard me blundering my way through the verses. Probably, like the young waitress, you wish I would have — just spoken English!

Stanwood High School offered a few more languages so, my three kids learned Spanish. It was a good thing that they did because when my daughter and son-in-law adopted William and Jeison from Bogota, Colombia, the family was somewhat able to communicate with the boys — except me. All I could say was "Si". I tried — "Sprechen Sie Deutsch" on William, who was seven at the time, and all I got in response was a confused look.

Whether in English, German, Spanish or any language, communication and communicating well is a marvelous thing. Transferring information from one place, person or group to another may seem like a simple act but the message from sender to recipient can be affected by a huge range of things — emotions, cultural situations and/or the medium of communication used.

Today, the ways to communicate and sources of information seem endless. Just think of all the social media sights, television stations, radio stations, blogs, texts, emails, etc., etc., etc... At my age, it's overwhelming! Who's fact checking and making sure that what we are reading and hearing from these different sources and then sharing with our neighbors, friends and family is accurate and the truth! Gone are the days of unbiased reporting from the likes of Chet Huntley and David Brinkley!

As you are reading this message from the September Torch, I am currently traveling in France with my cousin. I'm hoping and praying that all is well with my Christian family at St Aidan's on Camano Island.

Also, I'm thinking about the way God communicates to each one of us during our time of daily worship. Through prayer, scripture and the Eucharist, we know God speaks to us in accuracy and truth. God, through his son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit has fact checked the entire message of salvation! The scripture that is read can be believed! Unbiased and meant for all! And, the message of Love — that is displayed on the cross — can be understood and shared in any language.

God knows us personally and speaks to our emotions, our needs and our cultural/life situations. Through the act of Christ's sacrifice, the Holy Spirit and scripture, God communicates well and it is a marvelous thing.

I'm here in Paris. I have heard that Parisians don't care to communicate in English. Oh dear! "Bonjour"? "Oui"? "Parlez-vous anglais"? "Help! I just want to order lunch."

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USE SOFT VOICES
AND SILENCE PHONES

Be mindful of those members of our St Aidan's family and of visitors who look forward to a time of quiet reflection in the sanctuary before Sunday services.

From the Junior Warden

My report to the Bishop Committee on August 19 included:

“Wayfinding” This is a new word for me. It is the concept of ensuring that newcomers to a campus, like St. Aidan’s, know how to get to where they want to go. This activity falls under the umbrella of the bishops’ committee Mutual Ministry Goal of “making St. Aidan’s more welcoming”. Keving King, Dick Philmlee, Greg Myers and I have been tasked to come up with a plan to present to the Bishop’s Committee. I am looking for someone to sketch out some of the concepts that we have developed. Please contact me if you have this skill or know someone who would be interested.



Front Door – The new front door has received good reviews. I am sure Pat Van Almkerk is smiling at the new look of the entryway. Thanks to Ethel Maxell, Patty Dunphy and Jackie Humes-Fear for their work in presenting recommendations to the Bishop’s Committee.

Exterior Painting – The weather has delayed the start of the exterior paint project. Once the project starts it will take 3 weeks to complete. Wood rot was discovered in several places that has increased the cost of this project. Thanks again to the committee of Kathy McNally, Susan Yerkes, Ethel Maxwell, Patty Dunphy for coming up with a color that has improved our buildings.

Dietel Hall Bathrooms – I will present a plan at the September Bishop’s Committee for updating Dietel Hall entry and bathrooms. The plan includes remove and replace bathroom doors, sink, vanity, mirror, light, fan, toilet, wall paneling, floor. Replace floor entry and kitchen to match bathroom with vinyl planks. Remove and replace molding around doors and floor, update lighting in entry way, fix the ceiling and repaint.

Landscape – Lankford Landscape Design (Scott Lankford) is developing a landscape plan for the campus. (ProBono) This also includes the PUD certificates for 10 trees to be placed near the power lines paralleling SR 532.

NOTES.

An additional handrail will be installed in the middle of the entry steps as part of the door replacement, once painting is complete.

Peter Dunphy

Women of St. Aidan’s

The meeting for the Women of St. Aidan’s this Fall is September 11th at 11:00am. It has been a busy summer and we have items coming up this fall to plan for. All Women of St. Aidan’s are welcome to come. Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00am following the 10am Service. Please bring a sack lunch - we eat together following the meeting.

I hope everyone noticed the new door leading into Dietel Hall that was recently installed. I know Pat Van Almkerk would be very pleased with the selection! Also the newly remodeled Kitchen Shed in memory of Arlyne Whitescarver. Both are fine enhancements to St. Aidan’s, as well as the new benches at the entrance! Thanks to all who were involved in the selections!

I hope to see everyone on September 11th!

God’s blessings to all, Kara Hunt

Important Events at St Aidan’s in September

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| September 1 | Feed My Sheep Sunday |
| September 7 | Salmon Dinner, 5pm |
| September 11 | Women of St Aidan’s, 11am |
| September 25 | Holiday Craft Workday, 11am-4pm |
| September 27 | Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am |
| September 29 | Healing Service at the 10am Service |

See calendar on page 6 for more activities and events at St Aidan’s.

Blood Drive

On Thursday the 22nd St. Aidan's hosted a blood drive in Dietel Hall. Bloodworks Northwest arrived early in the morning to set up the waiting area, the intake area, the interview alcoves, the donation stations and the area for resting and eating the wonderful home baked cookies!!! The cookies were a HUGE attraction for the donors to return to St. Aidan's! Many donors made comments saying, "we never had homemade cookies at the other donation sites." Thanks so very much to the ladies!



Hannah, the coordinator from Bloodworks Northwest, made this comment; "Thank you, SO MUCH for all your help with the blood drive yesterday. All in all, we were able to register 35 donors and collect 29 units of blood, woo hoo!!!"

One of the technicians informed me each unit of blood helps at least 2 or 3 other people. So, based on that information, the donors and St. Aidan's raised up about 60 people in need on Thursday!!

Thank you so very much!

I would add at least seven of the new visitor handouts were given to those donors interested in attending our services.

PS. Oh, and we had a lot of fun!!!

Marshall Eberhart
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Community Engagement



What — *St Aidan's Ministry Fair*

When — Sunday, October 13, 2024 — following the 10 o'clock worship and during coffee hour.

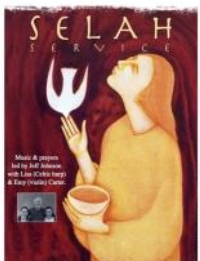
Where — Dietel Hall

Why — For St Aidan's congregation to learn more about the different ministries currently in service at St Aidan's.

How — Tables will be set up around the perimeter of Dietel Hall. Representative(s) of each ministry will monitor a table and share ministry information, pictures, handouts, brochures, etc., that may explain — What, When, Where, Why and How the ministry serves, either for our congregation itself, the Stanwood/Camano community or the body of Christ in general.

PS.... Please plan to come on into the Dietel Hall after the 10 o'clock worship and join the congregation for coffee, refreshments and an opportunity to learn more about the ministries at St. Aidan's.

Selah



Selah at St Aidan's in August with Jeff Johnson, Lisa and Emy Carter sharing their incredible gifts and passion for worship of our Lord blessed everyone who came. I hope everyone will make time to come and be spiritually refreshed at the next Selah.



Salmon Dinner Saturday, September 7th

The Bishop's Committee will be hosting St. Aidan's Annual Salmon Dinner in September on Saturday the 7th.



September 7, starting at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. Entertainment follows. If you have a talent to share let Allen or Ray know. This will be a potluck for side dishes and desserts. Sign-up sheet is in Dietel Hall—space is limited.

Contact Allen Feris or Ray Riches for further information.

St Aidan's Day



Wearing Plaid

Tuesday 10:30 am—Study Group

The group meets in Dietel Hall and will begin reading and discussing *Women Who Do: Female Disciples in the Gospels* by Holly J Carey the first week of September.

This is a very informal group, stop by and join in the discussions.



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| Marshall & Suellen Eberhart | 01 |
| Robby & Patty Both | 07 |
| Jeff & Susie Johnson | 11 |
| Patrick & Carrie Buffington | 14 |



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| Sue Perry | 01 | Nancy Uhlmansick | 21 |
| Gayle Thomas | 01 | Hellen DeMoyse | 23 |
| Teresa Bennett | 06 | Yonnah Ben-Levy | 25 |
| Wendy Campbell | 09 | Jerri Feris | 27 |
| Gloria Archambault | 13 | Claudia Stephens | 29 |
| Donna Myers | 17 | Moses Walter | 30 |
| Phillips Trautman | 17 | | |

Healing Service September 29th

On Sunday September 29th at the 10am service of Holy Eucharist there will be a Healing Service with the laying on of hands for those who desire healing for anything - emotional, physical, spiritual.



Coffee Hour After Sunday 10am Service



If it is your Sunday consider bringing a light snack—sweet or savory to share during coffee hour.

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| First Sunday (September 1) | A-D |
| Second Sunday (September 8) | E-L |
| Third Sunday (September 15) | M-R |
| Fourth Sunday (September 22) | S-Z |
| Fifth Sunday (September 29) | All |

If it is your week to host please stay to help clean up after Coffee Hour and take all leftover food home each week.

The last to leave? Please check to make sure the front door is locked before leaving.

Ten Years Ago This Past August

A new vicar was welcomed to St Aidan's.



Is this You?



Did you miss your opportunity to get your photo taken? Is your photo missing from our church directory or does it need updating? Please let Ann Boid know or contact the church office.

Food Bank Sunday (September 1st)

“Feed My Sheep”



Collections are on the first Sunday of the month. If not attending services you can drop off donations on the porch the first Saturday or Sunday of the month.

Thank you for your donations.

SEPTEMBER 2024—Activities Calendar*

*Check for status on St. Aidan's website, current ePistle or with organizers of specific groups for updates.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------|--------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube) Food Bank Sunday | Labor Day 5:30 pm AA | 10:30 am Study Group | 10:00 am Holy Eucharist I | | | 7 pm AA |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube) | 5:30 pm AA | 10:30 am Study Group | 10:00 am Holy Eucharist I 11:00 am Women of St Aidan's | | | 7 pm AA |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube) | 4 pm Bishop's Committee 5:30 pm AA | 10:30 am Study Group | 10:00 am Holy Eucharist | TORCH DEADLINE | | 7 pm AA |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube) | 5:30 pm AA | 10:30 am Study Group | 10:00 am Holy Eucharist I 11 am—4 pm Holiday Craft Workday | | | 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 7 pm AA |
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II and Healing Service (also live streamed on YouTube) | 5:30 pm AA | 10:30 am Study Group | 10:00 am Holy Eucharist I | | | 7 pm AA |



Altar Servers



If you cannot serve on your assigned day please find a substitute and let the office know.

| 8:00 AM | September 1 | September 8 | September 15 | September 22 | September 29 |
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| Lector | Ann Morgan | Kathy Hosley | Kathy Hosley | JoAnn Moffett | Ann Morgan |
| Chalice Bearer | JoAnn Moffett | Ann Morgan | Ann Morgan | Ann Morgan | Morning Prayer |
| Acolyte | Jim Miller | Jim Miller | Jim Miller | Jim Miller | Jim Miller |
| Usher | Kathy Hosley | Terra Stang-Johnson | JoAnn Moffett | Terra Stang-Johnson | Kathy Hosley |
| 10:00 AM | September 1 | September 8 | September 15 | September 22 | September 29 |
| Lector | Kara Hunt | Nancy Pates-Riches | Candy Trautman | Rhoda Venditto | Jeff Maxwell |
| Chalice Bearer | Theresa Strain Jan Donovan | Jackie Humes-Fear Bob Perry | Kara Hunt Peter Dunphy | Theresa Strain Mary McConnaughey | Freda McKeown Jan Donovan |
| Acolyte | Jan Donovan | Bob Perry | Peter Dunphy | Mary McConnaughey | Jan Donovan |
| Usher | Bill White Dick Philmlee | Dick Bingay Joey Sontheimer | Suellen Eberhart Marshall Eberhart | Susie Johnson Jeff Johnson | Ethel Maxwell Suellen Eberhart |
| Counter | Kathy McNally Pam Sontheimer | Sue Perry Pam Sontheimer | Patty Dunphy Marilyn Rockwell | Julie Vaux Jackie Humes-Fear | Patty Dunphy Kathy Hosley |
| Childcare | JoAnn Moffett Donna Myers | JoAnn Moffett Julie Vaux | JoAnn Moffett Kathy Hosley | JoAnn Moffett Pam Sonthierner | JoAnn Moffett Vonda Buse |



Altar Guild Teams for September

September 1-15

Team 1: Kara Hunt, Freda McKeown,
Patty Vermilye

September 16-30

Team 2: Judy Bingay, Candi Bialon,
Gayle Thomas

St. Aidan's Technology Issues?

If you have an questions or concerns about the operation of St. Aidan's website, Facebook pages, or YouTube please contact Allen Feris.

Feris_allen@msn.com or by phone at 425-870-2622

Need Help?



If you need help please contact
Ray Riches

**NEXT TORCH
DEADLINE**

Thursday, September 19th

Email submissions to: mcnallyk@outlook.com
Photos, suggestions and/or comments are greatly appreciated

Windows of St Aidan's

The 10 windows in the sanctuary tell the story of the spread of the Good news in the British Isles over a period of seven hundred years (63 AD to 735 AD) through the lives of ten saints. Each saint has a window and the sequence is chronological.

A debt of gratitude is owed to these saints for the gifts given through their faith and sacrifices—the gifts of the Good News and a rich Church history and tradition.



Window 5: St Columba, Abbot, Iona, Scotland (*His symbol is the Celtic cross.*)

St Columba left his monastery in Ireland to found a religious community on the tiny island of Iona, off the western coast of Scotland. Due to his efforts, the heathen Picts were converted, and the Gospel was brought to the people of northern England.

Learning was protected and fostered at Iona and it is generally believed that the Book of Kells was produced at Iona. The Book of Kells was less widely known as the book of Columba and tradition suggests that it was created for the 200th anniversary of St Columba's death.

St Columba consecrated missionary bishops; he ordained St Aidan. A leader of the Celtic Church, he was beloved and revered. A poet and musician, he saved the bards and their harps from being banned.

Window given in thanksgiving to God.

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