



The Episcopal Church of the Atonement

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Drawn in by Grace • Reaching out in Love

Dear Atonemates,

“How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!”—Psalm 133:1

Welcome back! Fall is here! The kids are back in school, the aroma of freshly baked apple pie is in the air, and Atonement is stepping into a new season of worship, learning, music, and just plain being together.

This year, *let's adopt a theme of unity and family*—because that's who we are. A family. Sometimes a little loud, often a little messy, and always stitched together in love. And nothing pulls us together more than music. With Jerry Noble, our amazingly creative Minister of Music, and the choir leading the way, we have so much joy ahead—singing side by side, raising our voices (on or off key, God doesn't mind), and letting music carry us deeper into God's presence.

We're especially excited about our new Youth Sundays—the second Sunday of each month. Our young people will serve as acolytes, readers, and even share their music with us. It's going to be joyful, spirited, and maybe even a little unpredictable—in the best possible way.

And that's just the beginning. This fall is full of opportunities to gather, celebrate, and grow together:

- Fall Interfaith Worship & Picnic – This Sunday, Sept. 28 @ 10:30 in Stanley Park
- Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, Oct. 4 at Westfield Feed – 9:00-12:00
- Bill and Lois Wilson: Their Journey in Letters – Sunday, Oct. 5 – 4:30
- Special Benefit Concert – Saturday, Nov. 1 featuring guest pianist Danny Holt.
- The Rummage & Bake Sale, now over two weekends! – October 16-17 and 23-24!!

Looking to be a bit more involved? Why not explore:

- Becoming a reader of the scriptures on Sunday morning? (see Kara Noble or Rev. Sandi)
- Hosting a Coffee Hour?
- Taking part in the bi-monthly Book Group? (Watch the newsletter announcements)
- Singing with the choir? (You know where to find Jerry☺)
- Being part of the Soup Kitchen volunteers? (See Ray Brown)
- Volunteering at Laundry Love (See Holly Rodriguez)
- Helping with our youngest members in Church School or the Nursery (YES! We have babies!) (See Rev. Sandi)

There's truly something for everyone to be involved. So come as you are. Bring your joy and your curiosity. Get to know someone new. Bring your voice and your appetite for coffee hour. And bring a friend to experience this wonderful community.

As Luciano De Crescenzo reminds us: *“We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another.”*

With joy in Christ, *Rev. Sandi+*