

Gospel Grapevine

The newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Edmonds, WA

May 2009

Ministry Resource Day

"Being Church in Anxious Times"

Keynote Address:
Britt Olson
Canon to the Ordinary for the
Bishop of Northwestern California

SATURDAY

May 9, 2009 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: Highline Community College, Des Moines

On-line Registration: <https://ecww.wufoo.com/forms/ministry-resource-day/>

Registration fee: \$25 (includes lunch)

If you are interested or active in any aspect of church life at St. Alban's, you are encouraged to attend the Ministry Resource Day.

The keynote speaker, the Rev. Canon Britt Olson, will deliver the homily at the Eucharist, which will be held at 11:15 a.m. Olson is the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Northern California and was previously in charge of Evangelism and Congregational Development in the Diocese of El Camino Real, also in California. She will lead workshops on the subject of hospitality and evangelism. Other workshops include topics such as "A Chat With Our Bishop," "Youth and the Future of the Church," "Discernment, Icons, Liturgical Dance," "Tools for Hospitality," and much more.

This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with Episcopalians from throughout the Diocese. It's a chance to realize we are one church with common problems, blessings and hope. Go, share and become refreshed.

As thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Alban's Ministries Fair

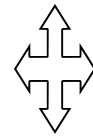
St. Alban's Ministries Fair will showcase the wide variety of ministry teams and opportunities at our church on Sunday, June 7th after each worship service. The Fair will be set up in the Parish Hall, with "booths" you can visit to learn about different aspects of parish life and our church's outreach.

If you have ever wondered what Prayer Beads is all about, or been curious to know what the Worship Committee does, the Ministries Fair is meant for you!

For more information about the Ministries Fair call Sarah Leech at 425-582-2282.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite I
10:00 a.m. Nursery Open
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II

From the Rector's Study



Great Adventures Begin On Pentecost

King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table / newly re-told out of the old romances by Roger Lancelyn Green (Penguin Books, 1953), the first 'real' book I ever owned, contains many stories of the wonderful adventures of the mythical days of Camelot.

On the first day of the Round Table, King Arthur bestowed the Order of Chivalry, and adjured all his knights to return to Camelot every year upon the feast of Pentecost to swear their oath anew. Then all would take their places together at the Round Table.

Arthur swore, however, he would not eat that day until some quest or some adventure had come to them - and many did. It became as well the custom of the knights, as they came to the Table each year, to tell of their deeds and their adventures since the last gathering.

And so it was that great adventures began on Pentecost - the Quest of the White Hart, the first Quest of Sir Launcelot, the adventure of Sir Gareth, or The Knight of the Kitchen, and, ultimately, the Quest of the Holy Grail. And so it was that each year as they took their places the members of that great fellowship would recount to one another deeds of knightly daring, acts of courteous chivalry, and journeys of amazed remembrance.

The knights, it seems, like the disciples in the upper room, gathered together expectantly, awaiting something beyond ordinary mortal anticipation, and their wait was rewarded.

There is a hymn in our hymnal, #463/464, based on a poem of W. H. Auden, which I have quoted before in this space. It begins:

He is the Way.
Follow Him through the Land of Unlikeness;
You will see rare beasts, and have unique adventures. ...

The adventures that begin on Pentecost are not just in fairy tales. Through all the ages of the Christian story God's people have been embarked on an amazing adventure together.

Like the people of Israel, called out of Egypt, crossing Sinai into the Promised Land, or called home again from exile in Babylon to return to that land of promise, God's people of the new covenant with God in Christ find themselves on a journey.

The beginning and end of that journey, like any true pilgrimage, lies in the one who is both Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, of our lives: Christ the living son of God.

Each of us has a part in that great journey of faith, of God's people, and each of us is on a journey of our own. From the beginning of our life of faith through to its completion, we are following Christ, and finding along the way that we see more than we can tell - but we gladly return to the Table, the Lord's Table, every Pentecost, every Christmas, every Sunday, bringing with us tales of experiences that are rare indeed, uniquely ours, but sharing in common the calling and the faith and the fellowship that we find together.

Pentecost brings with it the bestowing of rare gifts - each unique, but each a part of the one great gift of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the holy Breath (Hebrew: *ruach*) of God upon his disciples. Every gift and each equips us for the great adventure. And so, blessed by God, we go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

— Fr. John

Note: Fr. John will be on vacation April 30 through May 6, 2009.

Opportunities to Make a Difference in Our Community

Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute in some way in our local community? Here are some organizations and agencies that are looking for your help.

These following opportunities have come to the attention of the St. Alban's Hands On Ministry, and are being passed on to give you a chance to share your gifts with those around us. We invite you to consider them as part of your personal ministry:

Clothes for Kids:

Clothes for Kids, a Snohomish County nonprofit serving low income families, is looking for adults and teens to staff its expanded service area. Tasks include receiving donations, sorting and cleaning clothing and shoes, restocking the store, and assisting clients. Contact Nancy Laird-Burris, volunteer coordinator, at 425-741-6500.

Annie's Community Kitchen:

Annie's Community Kitchen, a community meal provided to any and all each Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Edmonds Lutheran Church, can always use volunteers to bus tables and provide general help. Come for dinner and stay to help! The church is located at 23525 84th Avenue West in Edmonds.

For more information, contact Dan Mullene at 425-776-8258 or at e-mail at dmullene@msn.com.

Edmonds Community College Tutor Program:

Edmonds Community College is seeking volunteers to help adults improve their reading, writing and math skills. If you are interested in joining the college's volunteer literacy program, call Nancy Strom at 425-640-1032 for information on it and also training and support available for volunteers.

Attend the Next Hands On Ministry Meeting for More Opportunities to Serve:

The Hands On Ministry group will meet on Thursday, May 14th at the home of Barb Lagozzino in Edmonds. For more information, please contact Barb at 425-774-9265.

Helki Goes to School

by Lorrie Pruitt

Hands On has a new ministry! On Wednesdays, Reilly Mannery, Lorrie Pruitt, and I (Helki) are helping in Camille Hartley's class at Cedar Valley Community School. There are 25 children in this class consisting of second and third graders together. Eighty-five percent of the children in this school are on the edge of poverty, some live in situations that put them at risk for homelessness and some live with other trauma in their families. Many have had to give up their personal pets. There are at least 25 different native languages spoken amongst the students who now have the added stress of learning English.

On Wednesdays, the three of us go to the school to listen to children read, one by one. In lying down between two children while they read out loud, I may close my eyes but my ears are still open! It is educational to hear about the Litanic puppies (although I already know about them!), dinosaurs, ducks, etc. Also, it is said that a dog doesn't care how many times she/he hears the same story!

When we come into the classroom, it is so great to see the big smiles and to hear the children say "Hello, Helki." At the end of the time they all wave "Good bye." This does my heart good and makes the time very, very worthwhile.



l to r: Lorrie Pruitt, Camille Hartley, Reilly Mannery & ME (Helki)

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

from Connie Forsberg

St. Alban's church women have an exciting program planned for the month of May! Not only will we be having the "Annual Barbeque" cooked by the MEN, but we have several speakers to share with us.



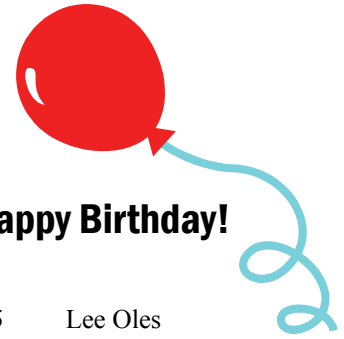
We will be honoring Nancy Boor for her five years of dedication and producing the best Gospel Grapevine the church has ever had. Thank you Nancy!

Susan Bailey will be sharing her stories with us of her recent trip and how she helped others. I'm excited to have Patti Drummond, from the Children's Home Society. She will be sharing with us the purpose of the orphanage and the special things that they do. Please help out by bringing things for their kids and families.

Here are some of the items in need: Deodorant, adult toothbrushes, dental floss, adult body lotions (no samples), adult shampoo and conditioners, cozy socks, baby wipes and lotion, diapers sizes 3,4, 5 and 6, unopened formula and children's toothpaste.

It's time to let your secret pal know who you are and to sign up for a new one. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please fill in with what you would bring to a picnic or barbeque. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Any questions, call me at 425-774-4571. Let's really support these ladies!!



Happy Birthday!

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| 5/5 | Lee Oles |
| 5/23 | Judy Kistner |
| 5/30 | Betty Bell |
| 5/31 | Shade O'Driscoll |

A Few More Thoughts about Contributing to the Endowment Fund

By how you have most likely seen and heard a great deal of information about the St. Alban's Endowment Fund. Just to remind you again, in case you've been on the other side of the moon, it's up and running, and there's still plenty of time for you to consider making gifts.

We won't overburden you with more information this month, except to say that if you need some more details on the Endowment Fund and also the Legacy Society, please contact one of the Endowment Fund Board members: Daisy Beach, Barb Lagozzino, Reilly Mannery, Dan Mullene or Maryellen Young. We would be happy to help!

And as a final thought on the subject, we would like to share some information we received from Mr. Carl Knirk, Canon for Planned Giving/Stewardship/Evangelism in the Diocese of Olympia, on the subject of why we should consider making a legacy gift to the church:



Top Ten Reasons to Make a Legacy Gift to God's Work

1. No one has ever seen a hearse with a U-Haul behind it; I can't take any of it with me.
2. I'm so grateful for all the blessings God has given to me; I want to share some of those blessings from my estate.
3. I don't really have much, but I want to offer a tithe of whatever is left to God's work so I can stay in communion with my beloved church.
4. My children are doing pretty well, and they don't need all of it. Giving has more to do with passing values to those I love.
5. Jesus is Lord of my life.
6. Wow, I did not realize all of the assets and stuff that make up my estate, why wouldn't I want to share some of it with God and those in need?
7. My family is important. Is Jesus part of my family? How much should he get?
8. It's all been on loan from God anyway.
9. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
10. It brings great joy and comfort to know I have all of my affairs in order so I won't leave a mess for my family to clean up.

Mission to Seafarers Ditty Bags

St Alban's has a long history of donating to the ditty bags for the Mission to Seafarers. In previous years we have even made ditty bags. For several years they did not need more bags, but that has changed this year. If you are interested in making Ditty Bags, a pattern of instructions is available in the tote container marked for Seafarers.

Also, we frequently get the list of requested items in November. However for those of you who want to take advantage of sales on items throughout the year, below is the list of desired contents. They are requesting standard size items, not the small sample size. Feel free to pick these items up at any time and drop them off into the Seafarers Tote in the Parish Hall. A smaller copy of this list will be available in the tote also.

DITTY BAG CONTENTS

- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo (16oz bottles)
- Toothpaste (5.6-6.2oz)
- Bar Soap
- Disposable Razors
- Toothbrushes (single packs only)
- Knit or Fleece Hats
- Warm Gloves (no work or ski gloves)
- Small New Testaments or Gospels of John
- Playing cards
- Pens/Pencils/Notepads



Loneliness, danger and separation from loved ones. These are just some of the problems seafarers face. The Mission to Seafarers, a charity and part of the Anglican Church, is there worldwide offering help and support.

Upcoming Date for Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism will be offered at the 10:30 a.m. service on Pentecost, May 31, 2009. If someone in your household would like to be baptized, please contact Fr. John at 425-778-0371 or email him at rector@stalbansedmonds.org.



Safeguarding God's Children

Thank you to the following members of St. Alban's for attending the training for Safeguarding God's Children in February:

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| Barbara Hatt | Lee Forsberg |
| Barbara Lagozzino | Liz Bee |
| Barbara McLain | Lorrie Pruitt |
| Chris Greenlaw | Marjorie Garrard |
| Chuck Becker | Melissa Hicks |
| Hazel Shaw | Nonie Swaim |
| Jeannie Wells | Phil McClelland |
| Jim Nichols | Phyllis Becker |
| JoAn Andenes | Sarah Leech |
| John Bee | Sarah Sweeney |
| Joyce Carver | Shannon Duggan |
| Karen Ford | Susie Nichols |

Daily Spiritual Practices for Job Seekers—

Simple ways to infuse spirituality and the sacred into your job search.

BY: William Carver on www.beliefnet.com

To help you integrate your spiritual life with your job search, I recommend engaging in a committed, daily spiritual practice, combining **meditation** and **prayer**. Think of it as giving yourself a loving discipline during which you will pay attention to your inner spiritual life.

During the period of your job search, when you are considering so many issues, I think it is particularly important to set aside three specific times each day for a spiritual practice of some kind. Use what fits you and supplement as you choose with other personal, spiritual, and religious practices.

I will tell you this: If you are faithful to a spiritual practice, you will stay on the path to find what you are seeking.

See the complete story online at <http://www.beliefnet.com/health/2002/01/daily-spiritual-practices-for-job-seekers.aspx>.

News From Your Vestry April 16, 2009

from Kären Ford, Senior Warden

Our meeting opened with a liturgy from the Iona Community, lead by Sarah Sweeney. The meditation and discussion was based on a reading from 1 Peter 5: 1 – 10.

Dan Mullene was a special guest representing the Planned Giving Committee and the Legacy Society. There will be a special evening on April 25th with a Wine Tasting and presentation by the Legacy Society. He presented information to the new Vestry members.

Our first order of business was to elect a new Treasurer, Sid Rathburn. He replaces Chris Greenlaw and will be working with the Finance Committee.

We had a very lively discussion about Outreach and how we can improve our contributions to the community, both locally and globally. After a lengthy discussion we decided to make the third Sunday of each month our dedicated Outreach free will offering. The Mission/Outreach committee will disburse the collected monies on a semi-annual basis. This will give the committee a chance to evaluate all requests for assistance.

We had a discussion on replacing Nancy Boor as Editor of the Grape Vine. We will be actively seeking her replacement. She has produced a very professional monthly newsletter and we will miss her expertise.

The Building and Grounds committee has been very busy looking at the various needs to our physical plant. John Greenlaw presented a list of needs for the church; the most critical is replacing the roof and repairing the furnace. Our building is aging and we have to look at the best ways to preserve and protect this asset.

The Worship Committee listed the various activities that will be happening in the coming months including special recognition of mothers on Mother's Day, the Pentecost Celebration, the end of Sunday School for the year, the Father's Day Car Show/Swap Meet, St Alban Festival, the Church Picnic, Vacation Bible School, the Family Camping

trip at the end of August. We also

discussed recognizing our new members and those leaving our community.

The Christian Education Committee reported on the wonderful song led by the children in the Sunday School and the very successful Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 AM service. Both Joyce Carver and Melissa Hicks are to be commended for their hard work making this a very successful Easter for the children in our parish.

Parish Life/Pastoral Care is actively planning the upcoming St Alban Festival on Saturday, June 20th. Watch for more news to be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

The By-Laws Committee will be meeting to "tweak" a new set of By-Laws for St Alban's. The parish will be voting on them at the Annual Meeting in November.

Tabled from the March meeting, we voted to give the Hands On Ministry Committee \$356.69 to be used as seed monies for their continuing activities. The monies were discovered to be sitting in an unused account for many years. Coupled with the change to the way we can collect monies for Outreach, we hope that this will give an impetus to sharing our gifts and treasures with our larger community.

The four Vestry members who attended the Wardens and Vestry Workshop at Trinity, Everett – Phil McClelland, Barbara McLain, Barbara Hatt, and Kären Ford – shared their impressions and ideas presented. We all appreciated having the ability to spend the day with Bishop Greg and the rest of the staff from D House. It was also helpful to meet our counterparts from other parishes and to share our questions and concerns. We all agreed that we needed more time for the classes. The Diocese is planning to have this workshop every year. It was time well spent.

The meeting concluded with prayers. The next Vestry meeting will be May 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



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Registration for Summer Camp 2009 is Underway!



Forty-five people (12 men and 33 women) showed up at the Emotionally Free Seminar held at St. Alban's the weekends of March 20 and 27. I believe this large turnout was an indication that people are searching for a way to make life better. Many have tried different avenues of healing or self-help which may have offered a measure of success initially, but little lasting satisfaction.

Dr. Martin Seligman, a past president of the American Psychological Association (1997), stated in *Christian Counseling Connection*, a publication of the American Association of Christian Counselors, "Psychiatry and much of clinical psychology had been seduced into working mostly on symptom relief and had given up the notion to cure. He went on to say that the field is almost entirely about crisis management and the rendering of cosmetic treatments..." Thankfully, much of that philosophy has changed in recent years and the field of psychology is offering more.

The exciting thing to me is that the Emotionally Free Seminar material was way ahead of its time when Rita Bennett began to teach it back in 1979. Maybe it's because the material is based on God's Word and has been a relevant and effective healing tool for over 30 years.

At the Seminars, inner healing prayer is done in small groups where the focus is on getting to root causes of problems. For instance, if the person has an anger problem, they may be asked "When did you first feel that way?" Then the memory is prayed about, revealing Holy Spirit insights, and practicing the Presence of Jesus. It is an amazing experience and helps students to leave the seminar feeling much better equipped to pursue a good life, because the healing is not just temporary, but permanent.

Some of the comments made by students when asked, what did you learn that was most helpful?

- "Freedom through prayer."
- "Working with Jesus."
- "Have found myself being stretched emotionally and spiritually, doing new and
- "Expanded actions and experiences."
- "I benefited most from personal prayer ministry."
- "The most helpful were the insights I gained about myself."
- "God is awesome and personal!"

If you would like to learn more about the Inner Healing Ministry, please call Shirley Wilson at 206-542-2944 or email at wilsaw@hotmail.com.

A Story about Helki and Lorrie.

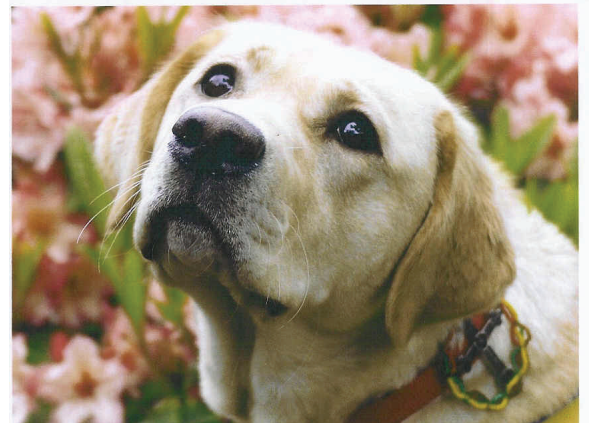
You've all seen Helki alongside Lorrie Pruitt at church on Sunday's. And chances are, you've often said hello to Helki before you said hi to Lorrie!

Helki was born three and a half years ago in Santa Rosa near the headquarters for CCI (Canine Companions for Independence). She came to Seattle when she was two months old and stayed until she was eighteen months old. Lorrie became her puppy trainer and she came to church every Sunday, learned what to do at the altar and how to act during communion. She went back to California for training to be a personal assist dog, but her heart was in Seattle, so she came back to be with all of us!

Together, Lorrie and Helki make visits to hospitals and the retirement and assisted living homes of our parishioners. Helki wears two crosses and a special beaded bracelet she received from a Sunday school child.

Helki joins Lorrie on a number of our Hands On Ministry events, including the dinner the Committee members prepare for residents of the Compass Center. Lorrie recently finished a course on visiting children in hospice and soon the pair will be visiting rehabilitating veterans at Veterans Hospital and their families at Fisher House. Helki is currently assisting with the reading program at Cedar Valley Community School (see page 3).

This busy puppy is not only about work. She gets LOTS of play time, hug time and much needed rest. And she's never one to turn down a hug, a pat on the head or a treat (don't we all?)



Vine Connections

▼ *Meet Our Greeters*

Each Sunday morning, as you enter our church building, the first person you are likely to see is one of St. Alban's greeters. Our greeters welcome newcomers to St. Alban's as people God is sending to us to become part of his family. Representing the St. Alban's family, they extend the welcome God gives us, and help newcomers understand how they can participate in the life of faith here at St. Alban's, not only during worship but also through the fellowship, service, study and prayer opportunities available to the whole church community.

Seven people currently serve in this important ministry: Barbara Campbell and Barbara Halterman at the 8:00 service, and Al Walker, Margaret Ainsley, Mary Fowler, Gaylord Sisk and Barbara Hatt at the 10:30 service.

If you are interested in becoming a greeter, talk to one of these seven people and give Sarah Leech a call at 425-582-2282.

▼ *Hands On Outreach—Food Bank*

What: Help distribute food at North Helpline Food Bank
When: Saturday, May 16th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: 12707 30th Ave NE in Seattle
Why: Hands On Outreach Ministry

Some of us will be going again to the North Helpline Food Bank located in Lake City to volunteer on Saturday, Saturday, May 16th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.—this time help is needed in the afternoon. We can meet at the church at 11 a.m. to carpool.

Each time we help at the food bank is different, but always lots of fun. Not only do we have fellowship with each other, many of the clients are so grateful for our being there and the food they receive. The needs are growing. Last time we helped, over 500 clients were served that day. Come see the face of Christ and be the face of Christ.

If you are interested in this ministry, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net.

▼ *Newsletter Editor Needed*

The Vestry is looking for someone to take over the production of the monthly Grapevine newsletter. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Fr. John or any member of the Vestry.

▼ *Sunday School News*

Accolades go to the angelic performance the children gifted to the congregation on Easter Sunday!

The last day of the formal Sunday School program will be June 14th. Shannon will be in the nursery to present her usual meaningful program to the children during the 10:30 a.m. service. We'll convene again in the fall September 13th.

Vacation Bible School takes place July 13 – 17 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is the first time the schedule is designed to accommodate working parents. "The Jerusalem Marketplace" will take place outdoors and welcomes pre-schoolers through sixth graders. We encourage everyone (parents, parishioners, youth) to participate.

Stay tuned for more information and registration. You may call Liz Bee at 206-546-1105 or Joyce Carver at 425-640-9164 with questions.

We teachers thank the parents for the blessing of working with their children.

▼ *Update on Chris Perry*

Hi everyone!

Just wanted to shout out a big "Thank you, Lord" and thank YOU for all your prayers for Chris. It's been two years since his diagnosis of brain cancer and today he went in for an MRI, testing, and meeting with his oncologist. They are happy to see no new growth and that his 18 months of chemo haven't taken a toll on his blood counts, etc. They feel he's in a good position right now as he has had no symptoms (i.e. seizures, paralysis in body parts and organs, speech issues, etc.) and truly feels great. He hasn't even missed work from the monthly chemo as he's been able to schedule so his rough days land on the weekends.

We are truly grateful for this continued period of grace and for the faithful prayers you have offered for our son. We have grown to recognize God's presence with us through this and the peace it brings to us is beyond words.

Thank you and God bless you!

Love,
Bob and Sue Perry

(Send your good wishes to them at perrys123@gmail.com)

Calendar—May 2009

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Wednesday	5/6	Prayer Beads/Annex @ 7:15 p.m.
Saturday	5/9	Ministry Resource Day @ Des Moines (see page 1)
Thursday	5/14	Hands On Ministry @ 7:00 p.m., Barb Lagozzino's home
Thursday	5/14	Vestry Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	5/16	Hands On Food Bank (see page 8)
Tuesday	5/19	ECW BBQ at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	5/31	Pentecost Sunday

Diocesan Convention

Delegates: Kären Ford, Eric Hanson

Alts: Barbara McLain, Sid Rathburn



Memorial Day

May 25, 2009

Remember

Freedom's Colors

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Red is for Bravery;
blood shed in sacrifice.
Freedom came with lives the
price.

White is for Liberty;
freedom's purity.
Life be free from God's decree.

Blue is for Justice;
as vast as the sky.
Over freedom's land to occupy.

Recurring Events:

Adult Education
Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.
Annex

Music Rehearsal
Thursdays @ 5:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
at St. Alban's

Annie's Kitchen
Wednesdays at 5-6:30 p.m.
at Edmonds Lutheran Church

St. Alban's Vestry

Kären Ford, *Rector's Warden*
Phil McClelland, *People's Warden*
Phyllis Becker, *People's Warden*
 Carrie Cone
 John Greenlaw
 Mark Gregory
 Barbara Hatt
 Barbara McLain
 Erin Munday
 Gaylord Sisk
 Sarah Sweeney
 Jeannie Wells
 Shirley Wilson, *Clerk*
 Chris Greenlaw, *Treasurer*

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 Susie Nichols, *Interim Parish Administrator*
 JoAn Andenes,
Music Director & Organist
 Joyce Carver, *Director of Children & Youth Education*
 Ben Johnson, *Youth Leader*
 Phil McClelland, *Webmaster*

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

The Lessons Appointed for:

May 3

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

May 10

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

May 17

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

May 24

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 31

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Giggle Box:

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh, she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



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