

## AROUND THE PARISH

As of April 30, 2015

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming Christ-centered community committed to sharing Christ love – empowering people to grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

### COMING EVENTS

- 5/2 8:00-5:00pm, Safeguarding God's Children/People, Parish Hall  
5/4 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
5/5 10:00am-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
5/9 All day, Girl Scouts #41002, PH, Annex, SS  
5/11 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
5/12 7:00pm, Vestry, PH

### LOVE OF CHRIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Wednesday: 7:30pm to 8:30pm – Annex  
Sunday: 11:30am to 12:30am - Annex  
1:30pm to 4:30pm – Sanctuary, Annex and Sunday School

### BLESSINGS FROM GOD!

*I have been having injections about once a month for macular degeneration. This has been going on for nearly four years. Today (April 27), my doctor examined my eye and found that the bleeding had stopped. I still have blockage from scar tissue that will never go away, but it didn't get any worse. Thank you for your prayers...and thank God for the healing!!*

*Fr. Bob*

### PLANNING AHEAD

#### Thursday, May 28

*(Please note, this reflects a day-of-the-week change; info in April 15 ATP was incorrect.)*

**Save the date of Thursday, May 28, for an ECW gathering – A Coffee Hour at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for fellowship with other members and a chance to meet those you may not know. Sign-up sheet to follow.**

### PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Add:

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Mae & Bill Lundeen  
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Woodinville, WA 98072  
206-200-4791  
206-459-8867

Add Address:

Rev. Jenny & Brian Vervynck  
13918 North Creek Dr, #2935  
Mill Creek, WA 98012



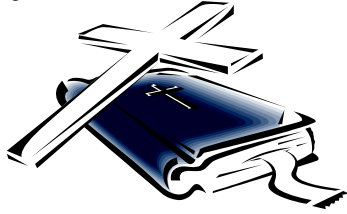
### REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK

Remember the first Sunday of the month is “**Food Bank Sunday.**” Please put some cans or boxes of staple foods in a bag on your door knob ready to bring on **Sunday, May 3.**

Contributions may be made to the Food Bank at any time. Baskets are in the Parish Hall for donations. If you prefer to contribute money, please enclose in an envelope marked for Food Bank, or add this note to your check.

Our assistance is greatly needed in our community...and greatly appreciated by those who receive our help.

## ***A Note from Father Bob:***



Good morning from the Rectory! Many important events have happened and are about to happen.

Last week I participated on your behalf at the Diocese of Olympia Clergy Conference. This year the conference was combined with the clergy from New Westminster in Canada and the clergy from the Lutheran Synod. The speaker was fantastic, calling for all of our churches to find a balance between the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the sacramental liturgies.

During this time, we were urged to find ways to work together in our local communities with the other churches and to listen closely to the ecumenical spirit that is blowing through our congregations.

I also had an occasion to talk with our Bishop, Greg Rickel, about St. Alban's and the future of this congregation. Our Bishop is very interested in St. Alban's future and is planning to meet with our Vestry and other church leaders. We hope this may take place in June.

Meanwhile, the leaders of ministry for our church are making plans for some exciting times of worship. Adult Education Ministry is beginning to make plans for a potluck and education program in May. Watch for further information.

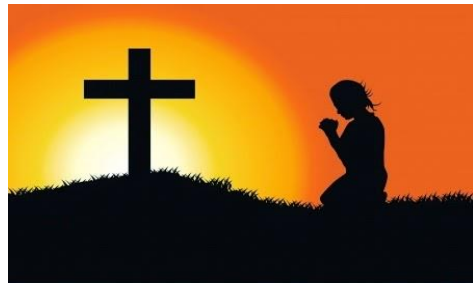
The leaders of our Worship Ministry are planning a wonderful Pentecost Service for **May 31**. At both services, we will have several enrichments and, at the 10:30 worship, we will have the trumpeter from Easter returning and a rich service of music and God's Spirit. Save the date of **June 21** for Legacy Sunday, festive receptions and music

by the contemporary music group from St. Margaret's Bellevue, the Sojourners, led by my son, Duane Dunn.

God's blessing to all!

## **WORSHIP PLANS FOR THE EASTER SEASON**

*Let's try something new!* On April 19 at the 10:30 worship, we will begin using a "A Season of Easter" booklet. This includes our worship service, all liturgical music and the Easter Blessing, along with prayers for birthdays and anniversaries, travel and the sending out of our Eucharistic Ministers. This booklet will help all of us worship together and will be user-friendly for new attenders. It will be **printed once** for the entire Easter Season, thereby saving on copier costs, etc. However, that is not the prime motivation. Enriching our worship and providing a more welcoming experience **IS** the motivation. Things that change each week – Bible readings, hymns and songs and announcements will be provided in a separate document. *The trial time is five weeks. Then we will evaluate and make the choice to do it again during the Season of Pentecost, or not.*



**Prayers of the People.** Traditionally in the Episcopal Church, the Deacon is responsible for helping the congregation connect with the larger community and the world. A part of this is to know and care for the ill and those who are in need. One way this happens is with the Prayers of the People during worship. Deacon Jenny has include Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for other Episcopal congregations, and

prayers for our secular leaders, including our President, Governor and local civic leaders, in our regular prayers. With the aid of Sheilah Reidburn, who leads our prayer chain, the names of those for whom we pray when illness or death occurs are included in a timely way. The lay persons who lead our prayers during worship have been great as they incorporate this change.

**Music Enrichments** Many thanks to JoAn Andenes, our organist and Music Director for her leadership and flexibility as we move into the Easter and Pentecost Seasons. I continue to hear positive responses to the music enrichments that have been a part of our worship. The trumpeter at Easter and the strong singing from a full congregation are prime among these. Between myself and JoAn, we are hoping to include more exciting music in the days ahead.

The need for money to pay for some of this is an important piece. If God is calling you to make a contribution to the enrichment of music, I pray that you are listening. You may identify your check for music ministry and place it in the offertory plate on any Sunday.

At the April meeting, Vestry authorized \$250 from the parish budget to provide for the trumpeter and solo voices on Pentecost, May 24. At Worship Committee's April meeting, we discussed ways that some professional voices and guest musicians might be added to our worship. We also agreed to begin the use of the older "Celebration, Folk Mass" music that is part of our rich history. Many thanks to Dr. Eric Hanson for his participation with JoAn as we prepare for the Parish Picnic on August 9.

**Pentecost Sunday** May 24 will be a high-water mark that you will not want to miss. Yes, it is Memorial Day Weekend; however, I encourage you to set aside that Sunday for a God-filled and blessed celebration of the Birthday of the Church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to God's people.

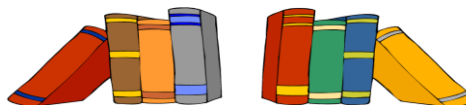
God's peace, Fr. Bob

## **ST. ALBAN'S OUTREACH DONATIONS**

On the third Sunday of the month, we collect donations for outreach.

The Vestry is implementing a new approach to how we distribute these outreach funds. We want to provide members of the congregation an opportunity to recommend a charity to receive the money collected on a quarterly basis. Special consideration will be given to organizations supported with time or treasure by members of our congregation and to local charities. We would like to invite a representative of the charity to be present at one of our services, if possible, to receive the check and have an opportunity to share with us more about the ministry we are supporting.

We are also interested in having parishioners participate in selecting these ministries. Please complete the form, available in the Parish Hall, with your recommendation(s) and also indicate your interest in participating in the selection process. Place the form in the designated box by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We plan to select our recipient for the first quarter and announce our recipient for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young, Carrie Cone or Kären Ford.

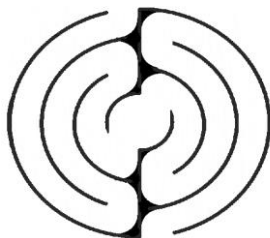


## **BOOKS FOR CEDAR VALLEY**

Once again St. Alban's will be participating in the Hands-On Outreach project of providing books to third grade classes at Cedar Valley Community School. Camille Hartley will be working with us to make this possible. Watch for a sign-up sheet soon where you can add your name to sponsor one or more children by giving them a book(s) of their choice for \$10 each. This year we will be sponsoring both 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, so we have about 60 students to support. Questions – contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or [maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net).

## **WORLD LABYRINTH DAY**

World Labyrinth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 2, from noon to 3:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215-196<sup>th</sup> St, Lynnwood. Join walkers around the world to support Peace: “Walk as One at 1.” Enjoy several labyrinths and activities for children and adults. Bring an item for the Canned Food Labyrinth to benefit the hungry. Sponsors include Western Washington Labyrinth Network, Laughing Flower Labyrinth in Bellingham and Trinity’s Labyrinth Guild



## **RELIEF FOR NEPAL**

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on the morning of April 25<sup>th</sup>, causing severe damage and loss of life across the small nation. Episcopal Relief & Development will help meet urgent needs such as food, clean water and shelter, as well as support for assessment and search and rescue teams in the initial phase of the disaster, through the ACT Alliance in Nepal and with partners in surrounding areas including northern India and southwest China.

*Next Sunday, May 10th, St. Alban’s will take a special offering for Episcopal Relief & Development to support this effort of reaching out to the people of Nepal. Checks should be made out to St. Alban’s with ERD in the memo line.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **CURSILLO 4<sup>th</sup> DAY CELEBRATION**

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30pm, St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, Camano Island.

All are welcome to attend this fourth day celebration, especially those who have previously attended Cursillo. Celebrate with those who have just completed their three-day weekend; including Carol Hicks from St. Alban’s.

It is a potluck, so please bring a salad or dessert or gluten-free dish to share. Soup, bread and beverages will be provided.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**

### **May 3 – Easter 5**

When Philip hastens to the Ethiopian’s chariot, it is to help him understand his unfamiliar reading – and to interpret it in the light of Jesus as the Good News. As “stewards in training,” what part does the intentional study of Scripture play in our search to know and serve God...and then proclaim the Good News to others?

### **May 10 – Easter 6**

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you.* On a much more trivial scale, can you remember the child-like elation of being chosen for a team, for a part in a play, for a special class project? Shouldn’t it be a natural and gladsome thing, then to love and serve the Holy One, the Creator of the Universe, who first loved and chose you as special to Him?

### **May 17 – Easter 7**

Part of Acts:1 talks about the naming of a new apostle to replace Judas. The Disciples named two men who “*went in and out among us,*” and asked God, who knows all hearts, to assist them in their choice. Suppose you were in that situation today. What in your heart would tell God about your love and giving and service to Him?



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### May 3 – Easter 5

**Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30**

**1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy  
EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Cara Munson  
EM: Reilly Mannery

### May 10 – Easter 6

**Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98**

**1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17**

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan  
EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Carol Hicks  
EM: Dan Mullene

### May 17 – Easter 7

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-16, Psalm 1**

**1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19**

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin  
EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols  
EM: Connie Forsberg

### May 24 – Day of Pentecost

**Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**Romans 8:22-27,**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden  
EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Cloe Veillon  
Eric Hanson  
EM: Reilly Mannery

### May 31 – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

8:00 Lector: JoAn Andenes  
EM: Howard Hayden

10:30: Lector Keith Oles  
EM: Eric Hanson



### CONTACTING FR. BOB

Fr. Bob will be in his office:

Wednesdays: 10:00am – noon  
By appointment 1:00 – 3:00pm  
Evening by appointment

Thursdays: 10:00am – noon  
By appointment 1:00 – 3:00pm

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### SEASONAL BOOKLET EVALUATION

**Sunday, April 19th we began using our Easter Season Booklet at 10:30. This has been an experiment for the Easter Season, printing the service and liturgical music just one time for the full season. The goal has been to provide an easy tool for newcomer and old time Episcopalians as well. Has it worked? That is the question for all of you. Worship Ministries will be meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> to evaluate this booklet and determine if we will develop something similar for the Pentecost Season. Please give me your evaluations.**