

AROUND THE PARISH

As of May 15, 2015

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

COMING EVENTS

- 5/18 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 5/19 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
- 5/20 6:30-9:00pm Soup Supper, PH
- 5/24 8:00 & 10:30, Pentecost Services**
- 5/25 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 5/26 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
6:30-9:30pm, Girl Scout Camp
Training, PH
- 5/28 10:00am, ECW Coffee, 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

PLANNING AHEAD

On **Thursday, May 28**, ECW is hosting a coffee in the Parish Hall starting at 10:00am. Deacon Jenny Vervynck will be our guest speaker.

There will be a sale of slightly-used books, so we are asking you to contribute a book or two.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to help ECW plan the refreshments.

We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship and getting to know each other better.

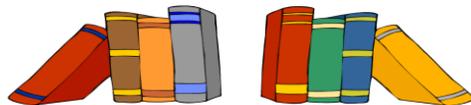


BOOKS FOR CEDAR VALLEY

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.

You can sponsor one or more children by giving them a book(s) of their choice for \$10 per child. Choose a card on the table in the Parish Hall that lists the name of a child and the books he or she has chosen. Sign your name to the card and put it in the box along with your \$10. You can also put a check in the offering plate indicating Hands On Cedar Valley Books.

This year we will be sponsoring both 3rd grade classes, so we have about 60 students to support. For some of the children we sponsor, this is the first book they have ever owned. Questions – contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461, or maryelleny@comcast.net.



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is an opportunity to honor those who died while in service to their country. This year it is celebrated on Monday, May 25.

On Sunday, May 24th, we seek to honor the surviving parents, spouses and children of those who died on active duty or later from service connected disabilities. These survivors also gave a great deal for our country.

We offer the Service Cross, which was authorized for wear with dog tags, to these family members in recognition of their sacrificial love and support of their veterans.

A Note from Father Bob:



I hope you are as excited about what is happening at St. Alban's as I am. OK. I tend to get too excited. However, there is some good stuff coming down the pike. God is blessing us!

Adult Education Ministries have made some wonderful plans for a "Soup Supper" and program on May 20th. The program will focus on those who are living on the edge in Edmonds, South Snohomish Co. The speaker is well versed in this area, Sue Walden. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter. As Phyllis Becker said during the planning, "Homeless in Edmonds?" (*Tongue in cheek of course.*)

Pentecost Sunday, May 24th is also Memorial Day weekend. The service will have several Pentecost enrichments **and** an opportunity to honor those who have served in the armed forces of our country and their families.

Speaking of Pentecost, I would like the passage from Acts 2:1-21 to be read in many languages (including sign language). If you speak a foreign language or sign language and would be able to read at 8 or 10:30, please connect with myself or Reilly Mannery so we can assign the passage. This is the passage about the Holy Spirit coming to the early church.

Also happening this month is your vestry planning for a meeting with Bishop Greg Rickel in June. Lots of thought going into this.

Fr. Bob

ADULT MINISTRY SOUP SUPPER

Homelessness in the South Snohomish County? Really?? YES!

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-8:00pm

Back by popular demand is our Soup Supper Fellowship & Discussion. We heard from a number of you that you'd like to continue our Soup Suppers during the year. So, we are offering a monthly Soup Supper & Presentation/Discussion, **starting Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30pm.**

Sue Waldin and her husband Mark will be joining us to share their knowledge and experience with the homeless in our community. They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church and have coordinated the South Snohomish County Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for the last six years. They are passionate about serving the needs of the homeless by working with the cities of Edmonds and Lynnwood. Five faith communities and many volunteers from the community offer food, fellowship and a warm, safe place to sleep during cold weather conditions. Come and hear some of the current statistics about opportunities to assist your neighbors in need.

We hope this will entice you to come out and join in the discussion.

After a break for the summer, we plan to continue these monthly Soup Supper Fellowships & Discussions as well as invite interested members of our community to join us. Come join in the discussion and discover new ways to love and serve your neighbors. Questions? Contact Carrie Cone at 206-367-7402, or cmcone@uw.edu.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
DONATIONS OF
\$427 TO THE FOOD BANK ON SUNDAY, MAY
3
and
\$643 TO THE EPISCOPAL RELIEF FUND IN
AID TO THE DEVASTATION IN NEPAL.**

**Your kindness and generosity is helping
support those in great need.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

The power of the Holy Spirit will be blowing a fresh new wind during our worship services on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. At both services we are all encouraged to wear red, symbolizing the flames of the Holy Spirit. There will be red balloons floating over our heads to add to this strong symbol of God's power in our lives. During the reading of the Bible passage from the Book of Acts 2: 1-21 we are inviting those who speak various languages, including sign language, to read portions of the text as a reminder of the original Day of Pentecost. Our music will enjoy several enrichments, including a trumpeter at the 10:30am worship.

Adding to the Pentecost enrichments we will also include a time to honor those who died as a result of service to their country on this Memorial Day weekend. The Veterans Ministry of the Diocese of Olympia has prepared a service Cross to be given to the survivors, parents, spouses and children of those who served. St. Alban's is pleased to participate in this and will be singing Hymn #608, Eternal Father Strong to Save...

If you know someone who has not been to St. Alban's Episcopal Church for a while, or perhaps a person who has not benefited from any church family, this is the perfect Sunday to invite them to join you at worship.

Fr. Bob

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

One of the many ministries at St. Alban's is "Hospitality." This group of parishioners offers refreshments, fellowship and service to members, as well as visitors, by offering receptions and coffee hours.

Along with help from various congregation members with their assistance of time and material contributions, Evie Arneson has led this ministry for many years. Evie and her crew have our heartfelt thanks!

PRESIDING BISHOP NOMINATIONS

Four nominees were announced May 1 by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop include a bishop, a member of the clergy and a layperson from each province and youth representatives appointed by the president of the House of Deputies. Bishop Suffragan Mary Glasspool of the Diocese of Los Angeles was a member of the nominating committee, as bishop representative from Province VIII.

The 27th presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church will be elected on Saturday, June 27, during the church's 78th General Convention, which will be held June 25-July 3 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City (Diocese of Utah). The House of Bishops elects the presiding bishop; their choice must be ratified by the House of Deputies.

A procedure has been put in place for nominations "from the floor," which must be submitted in advance to allow for the same background screening process required for the initial nominees.



Listed alphabetically the nominees are:

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio since 2007.

Previously dean of Religious Life and of the Chapel at Princeton University; professor of Christian ethics at General Theological Seminary; rector of Trinity Church in Ashland, Oregon; senior chaplain at Harvard School, Los Angeles (1986-1988); Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow, Oxford England.

Holds a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University, master's degrees from Church Divinity School of the Pacific and the University of Victoria, and a bachelor's degree from Portland State University. He also has two honorary doctorates. He is married to Margaret; they have two adult children.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina since 2000.

Previously rector of St. James' Church, Baltimore, Maryland; rector of St. Simon of Cyrene Church, Lincoln Heights, Ohio; chaplain at Bethany School; rector of St. Stephen's Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Current chair of the board of Episcopal Relief and Development.

Holds a master of divinity degree from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and a bachelor's degree (with high honors) from Hobart and William Smith College, as well as four honorary doctorates. He is the author of two books: *Songs My Grandma Sang* (to be published in 2015) and *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, as well as published sermons, articles and essays. He is married to Sharon; they have two adult daughters.

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut since 2010.

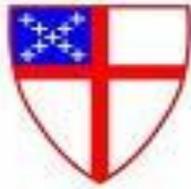
Previously professor of Mission and World Christianity at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; associate at St. James' Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts; a consultant to Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold; associate for overseas leadership development for the Episcopal Church; Volunteer for Mission, Episcopal Church of Haiti. Member of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion; represents the Episcopal Church on the Anglican Consultative Council. Awarded the Cross of St. Augustine by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. Author or editor of four books and more than 150 academic articles, book chapters, review and popular articles.

Holds a doctorate in religious studies/missiology from Boston University; a master of divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School; a master's degree in counseling and consulting psychology from Harvard, and a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College, Vermont. He also holds two honorary doctorates. He is married to Kristin Harris; they have three adult children.

The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida since 2007.

Previously rector of Trinity Church, New Orleans; rector of Holy Trinity Church, Melbourne, Florida; rector of St. Michael & All Angels Church, South Bend, Indiana. President of Province IV Bishops, vice-president of Province IV. Serves on Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori's Council of Advice.

Holds a doctor of ministry from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary; a master of divinity degree from Nashotah House; and a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida. Married to Mary, with five adult children and six grandchildren (one more on the way).



Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.”

-Denis Waitley

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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 17 – Easter 7

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

I John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

8:00 Lector: JoAn Andenes

EM: Jeff Tobin

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

June 7 – Pentecost 2

Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Cara Munson

EM: Claudia Walker

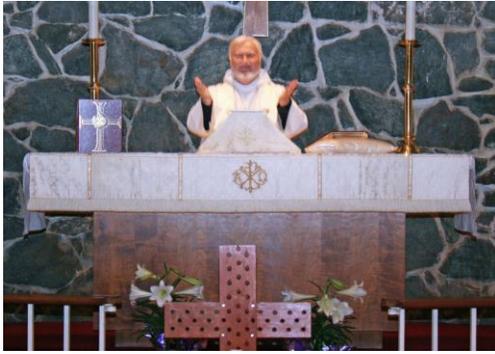
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EDMONDS PARK

AUGUST 9





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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