

AROUND THE PARISH

As of June 30, 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

- 7/6 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
7/13 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
7/14 7:00pm, Vestry, PH

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School Rm.)

LOVE OF CHRIST KOREAN CHURCH

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday:

7:30pm to 8:30pm – Annex

Sunday:

11:30am to 12:30pm - Annex

1:30pm to 4:30pm – Sanctuary, Annex
and Sunday School



HONORING OUR YOUTH SUNDAY

A big THANK YOU to our youth for their wonderful presentation of a special service, "Honoring Our Youth Sunday," on June 14.

Those who participated in worship are:

- *Greeters: Jacob and Brandon
- *Crucifer: Sam Wells
- *Gospel Book: Charlotte Finnell
- *First Lesson Reader: Sam Wells
- *Second Lesson Reader: Lucy Finnell
- *Preacher: Chloe Verillon
- *Prayers of the People: Emily Goergen
- *Music: Mary, Emily, Lucy, Charlotte, Sam

And thanks also go to Deacon Jenny for her assistance in planning and for her support of our youth!

PLANNING AHEAD

Please remember the next first-Sunday Food Bank offering is Sunday, July 5. We will be collecting canned or boxed foods and, of course, donations. Many of our neighbors are in need, and our support is truly appreciated.



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES

NOTE: Our long-time friend, Keith Oles has moved to Colorado to be closer to family.

New Address:

Keith Oles
12105 Ambassador Drive, Apt 134
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(719) 481-5009

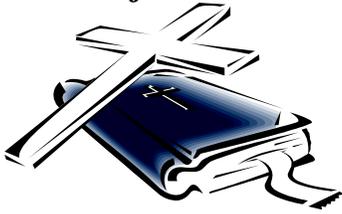
New Address:

Rev Jenny & Brian Vervynck
15433 Country Club #19209
Mill Creek, WA 98012

CEDAR VALLEY BOOKS

Amid giggles and wide-eyed surprise, the 60 third graders of Cedar Valley received their books and book marks from the people of St. Alban's. Have you ever been hugged around the knees? They were in heaven!! Look for photos to come.

A Note from Father Bob:



Every three years the Episcopal Church meets in General Convention to make policies and set the direction for our church throughout the United States. This year we are meeting in Salt Lake City. Bishop Rickel wrote: *First off, let me say that everyone here has been so welcoming. We dropped our bags off in our hotel and made our way directly to my first legislative meeting. After that we traveled across the street to the Province VIII Synod meeting. Province VIII has tightened its budget, has no paid employees and yet is doing some wonderful things including help to Navajoland and the Diocese of San Joaquin. Our very own Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Rector of Trinity, Everett was elected Secretary of the Province! Congratulations to her.*

The Episcopal News Service reported as follows: With all that General Convention has to accomplish over the next nine days, both Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and House of Deputies, President, The Rev. Gay Jennings focused on The Episcopal Church's need to cross boundaries into new frontiers, even as it focuses on its institutional structure and governance. They urged risk taking, soul searching, courage and openness in the enterprise Jennings, referenced how the church finds itself "standing on a boundary between the old and the new."

Jennings said: "We're talking about our vision of the beloved community, and we are asking important questions. Can we restructure in a way that inspires and energizes the people of our church? Can we restructure in a way that continues to respect the gifts of all orders of ministry? We are talking about who we are as the people of God if we

are not the church we have always been," she said. "We're talking about the fact that God isn't done with us yet."

The issues of the National Convention sound very much like what is being discussed here at St. Alban's, Edmonds. Are we able to speak clearly to our vision of the future in this church family? As you begin the process of calling the priest who will walk with you over the next few years are you able to discern the call of God, and are you able to discern the Gifts of God that are present? Are you able to leave behind the past hurts and glean the past victories as you walk into the future? To quote the Rev Gay Jennings, "God is not finished with us yet".

WALKED THE LABYRINTH??

Have you ever walked St. Alban's Labyrinth? Warmer weather is here, so now is the time to experience our labyrinth. People walk it as a tool to enhance prayer, contemplation, meditation and/or personal growth. There is not a "required way" to walk the labyrinth. It's really a great way to spend time with God. There is a brochure available at the entrance that provides information about labyrinths.

When you walk the labyrinth, please take a moment to sign the guest book. You can either just sign the book or add any comments you have about the experience. It's by names in the guest book that we know our labyrinth is appreciated.

Our thanks to Lee Forsberg for his efforts in maintaining our labyrinth.



A PASSING

Rebecca Anne Varney Dawson, a former parishioner of St. Alban's, passed away the morning of June 24th.

Although Becky had transferred to another congregation she continued to be the Prayer Leader for the ECW functions. She will be remembered for her active participation at ECW retreats, her stories that made us all laugh and her strong faith.

Services will be held on Tuesday, June 30th at noon at the First Lutheran Church 18354 – 8th Avenue NW, Shoreline.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Alban's is starting a prayer shawl ministry to knit or crochet shawls for those who need them. Finished shawls will be brought to church, where Fr. Bob will bless them before they are given to an individual. There is no time limit involved; this will be an ongoing ministry.

Patterns are available if needed, and any type of yarn can be used. Contact Sheilah Reidburn (425-745-1390) or Shirley Clark (425-239-8079) for more information.

If you have yarn that could be donated to this project, please let Sheilah or Shirley know.

BOTTOMLESS BACKPACK CONTINUES IN THE SUMMER

Chase Lake Community School continues to provide food to students participating in the Bottomless Backpack program. The need is especially critical during the summer when the kids no longer have access to free breakfast and lunch at school. During June, the Hands On committee will continue to collect items to support this cause. Please look for a container in the Parish Hall during June.

GIFT OF HOME FOR VETERAN

Marine Sgt. Nick Kimmel is being gifted with a specially adapted, custom home from the Gary Sinise Foundation. Nick is the nephew of St. Alban's member Barbara Lagozzino, and was on our prayer list for a time.

Nick's second deployment at age 22 was to Afghanistan, where as a combat engineer, he was helping build a patrol base in December 2011. He stepped on an improvised explosive device, and the resulting injury necessitated the amputation of his left arm and both legs below the knee. Following many surgeries and rehab, Nick was fitted with prosthetic limbs. Nick's recovery has been remarkable, but he has daily challenges, especially since he lives in an apartment with carpeting and narrow doorways.

The Gary Sinise Foundation helps combat veterans who have lost limbs. Nick's new home is being built in Fallbrook, California, and will be ready by January 2016. Nick Kimmel, along with many, many others in the military, as well as veterans, need our continual prayers.

Our thanks to Barbara for giving us this heart-warming update on her nephew's progress.



RYAN ANDERSON SINGS

Incoming CWU student body president will take the stage at Tacoma Musical Playhouse as Tony in Westside Story July 10 through August 2. Playhouse website is <https://tmp.org>

Once that project strikes, Anderson is off to NYC where he has been selected as one of 60 students nationwide to participate in an acting intensive with Open Jar Institute on Broadway. Ryan is Luella Armstrong's grandson.

MEETING WITH BISHOP RICKEL

On Thursday, June 18, St. Alban's Vestry met with Bishop Greg Rickel and also with the Canon to the Ordinary, Rev. Marda Steedman-Sanborn.

They came to meet with us to discuss our current situation regarding Fr. Bob's role as our interim Priest-in-Charge, and what our path looks like in the coming months and years as we prepare for the transition to our next interim priest and the eventual call for our future rector. Bishop Rickel described our meeting as a "conversation" about where we are today, and where we see ourselves going in the future with regard to making decisions about our clergy selections in the next two to three years.

The Bishop encouraged us to begin to focus on three areas to help us move ahead:

1. Determine the best use of the rectory as an asset to help us attract a future priest, including the options of keeping it, or selling it and investing the proceeds in creative ways to help find housing, or to be able to hire a priest for more than 50% time.
2. Work with Canon Marda to begin the process of updating our parish profile to assist the Diocese in finding candidates to replace Fr. Bob when he leaves St. Alban's.
3. Begin the process of considering what the status and role of our next priest might be, including the possibility of an interim for two to three years, with an option to retain her or him in a future call as our rector.

Canon Marda also advised us that she can provide consulting resources to help us start to work on our profile right away, and Bishop Rickel suggested that she assist in helping us develop a "working profile" to help us address

our immediate needs for finding Fr. Bob's successor. The Diocese will cover the expenses for the consultant, with our only obligation being to pay for his or her mileage for meetings.

We were able to come away from the meeting with a sense that the Diocese will be able to help us with many resources they can provide to us upon request.

The Vestry will begin to prioritize its efforts to assemble a committee of one or two Vestry members and other members from the parish to start working on our profile as soon as possible.

Vestry will keep you informed and welcomes your questions. We encourage you to continue to pray for St. Alban's, the Vestry, the Diocese and the plans that God has for us as we continue on our journey.

Respectfully,

Dan Mullene, Senior Warden



OUTREACH FUNDS THANK YOU

St. Alban's first quarter Outreach offerings were donated to the Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. Debra Borsden received our gift at our June 14 service. The following Thank You was received:

Dear St. Alban's,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to DVS. We all really appreciate your kindness and generosity. It was a pleasure to meet everyone. Thanks so much for all you do for our community.

Debra Borsden

MAY WE LIVE IN
PEACE AND JUSTICE

The tragic shooting death of nine members of historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) in Charleston, South Carolina, including their pastor Rev. Clementa Pinckney, cries out for our prayers. The suspected shooter, Dylann Storm Roof, a 21 year-old white man, shot those killed during Bible study. Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest AME church in the South, and houses the oldest black congregation south of Baltimore, Maryland. It has a long legacy of working toward freedom, justice, and peace. The tragic death of eight parishioners and Rev. Pinckney, who also served as a South Carolina State Senator, forces us to confront again the sins of racism, hate, and violence.

As we grieve this grave loss, let us join together with others in prayer for the repose of the souls of the nine people killed in this heinous act of violence: Clementa C. Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Hurd, Ethel Lance, Susie Jackson, Depayne Middleton, Daniel Simmons Sr., and Myra Thompson, for their families, the members of Emanuel African

Methodist Episcopal Church and the people of Charleston, South Carolina.

PRAYER FOR AME EMANUEL

Gracious and loving God.

May we recognize that you bind us together in common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice, truth, and healing to confront the evils of hate, racism, and violence that pervade the United States and the world.

Hold us as we remember lives of the mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and grandchildren of those who were killed. Comfort those whose hearts and souls are broken.

We ask this at a time when the people and community of Charleston and North Carolina are also grappling with the meaning of the police involved shooting death of Walter Scott. We look to you while communities across the United States groan over the loss of too many people to gun violence. You remind us of the dignity and humanity of all human beings.

Grant, O God that the hearts of those who remain may be moved through your life-giving Spirit to remove the barriers that divide us so that hatreds may cease, and divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

July 5 – Pentecost 6, Proper 9

Mark's Gospel says Jesus ordered the disciples to take nothing for their journey – no bread, no bag, no money, no extra clothes. What a venture of trust in God and other people He was asking them to begin! Our commitment to the faithful stewardship of all we have been given should seem a small task in comparison

July 12 – Pentecost 7, Proper 10

Ephesians says in part... *"In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace he lavished on us..."* Can we even begin to comprehend the riches of his grace freely given to us, and if we do, will we commit to a life of service and thankfulness for those many gifts?

July 19 – Pentecost 8 – Proper 11

Jesus recognizes that the disciples may be in danger of what we today call "burnout." He urge them to *"come aside and rest awhile."* What kind of resting stewardship do we practice in our own hectic or otherwise complicated lives? How much quiet time do we give to God in prayer, study, and meditation to help us "recharge our spiritual batteries" and continue in faithful, loving service to the God who has given us all?

July 26 – Pentecost 9, Proper 12

The miracle of the loaves and fishes parable is a reminder for all of us attempting to be good stewards, that if we have faith, God will provide far more than we need – and help us to fulfill the needs of others in His name as well. Here's a Grace for Meals you might like to use as a reminder in the coming week. *"Christ in the wilderness five thousand fed, with two small fishes and five loaves of bread. May the God above who made that division, descend upon us and our provision. Amen."*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 5 – Pentecost 6

Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Dan Mullene

July 12 – Pentecost 7

Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

July 19 – Pentecost 8

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Mary Fowler

July 26 – Pentecost 9

2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-19

Ephesians 3:114-21, John 6:1-21

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Eric Hanson

EM: Susan Hanson

August 2 – Pentecost 10

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29

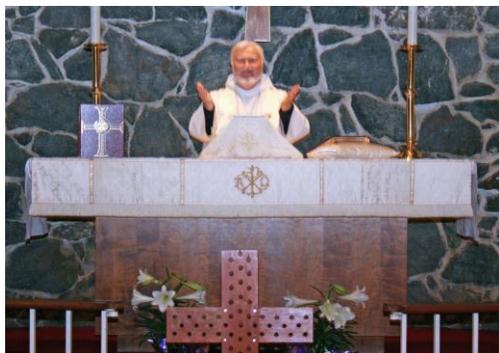
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Barb Lagozzino

EM: Dan Mullene



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

Fr. Bob's phone numbers:

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Fr. Bob's cell 425-350-5065

Rectory 425-640-5443

Fr. Bob's Email: stalbanpriest@gmail.com

**St. Alban's Parish Picnic
Sunday, August 9, 10:30am
Edmonds Park**



**Look for more information
In July!**