

## AROUND THE PARISH

As of October 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

10/14-20 Deacon Jenny away  
10/18 8:00 & 10:30am, Stewardship Kickoff  
10/19 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
10/21 6:30pm, Stew Fest, 6:00pm  
10/26 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, Annex  
10/26 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

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

### PLANNING AHEAD

#### October 21, Wednesday –

Stew Fest, Rev. Corky Carlisle, Speaker,  
6:30pm, Parish Hall

#### November 30, Monday –

Celtic Christmas Concert, 7:00pm

### COFFEE WITH JENNY

Thursday, October 29, 10:00-11:30am

**Come join us to share another outreach trip Jenny has done and to say good-bye to her. Jenny and Brian's house is almost finished in Port Angeles, and we will soon be saying farewell.**

#### Questions?

**Call Connie Forsberg (425-774-4571) or  
Maryellen Young (425-776-2461)**

### ALL SOULS PRAYERS

November 1<sup>st</sup> service will include All Souls Prayers. We will offer to God the names of those who have died (1) in the past year, (2) from our St. Alban's family and (3) all who have died in our own families. If you would like names included in these prayers, please notify the church office by written note and/or via email: [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com).

### STEW FEST IS OCTOBER 21

There is still time to sign up for the Stew Fest on Wednesday, October 21, starting at 6:00pm. You won't want to miss this opportunity for fellowship and hear an outstanding, humorous and thought-provoking speaker, Corky Carlisle. We don't often get a chance to hear speakers of Corky's caliber without the drive to the Cathedral.

This evening will be an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for God's blessings on St. Alban's. Please note the earlier start time than our usual soup suppers to allow more time for fellowship and our program which will start at 7:30. We have invited other churches to join us for the program.

Dinner will feature a variety of stews. Wine, salad, bread and dessert will be provided. If you would be willing to donate a pot of stew, please contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or [maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net).



**There will be an outdoor cleanup on Saturday, October 24, at 10:00am. Please bring garden tools to help rake, clean the beds and collect the branches that have fallen. If you have questions, call Lee Forsberg, 425-774-4571. Donuts and coffee provided!**

## A Note from Father Bob



I am sad that the Seahawks lost last Sunday. Maybe we should put them on our prayer list. Sometimes things just don't work out the way I want. That goes for hearing that a good friend and past parishioner at St. John's, Kirkland, is quite ill. That goes for hearing that a good friend has died. That goes for hearing a church leader may have a broken foot. Sometimes, all I have left is prayer.

However, that is not a bad thing! Being driven to prayer is exactly what I need to be doing. In fact, it is the foundation of all we do. That is a good thing! For me, and for you.

St. Alban's is approaching an important time. It is time for the annual Stewardship financial pledge campaign, and the time for clergy transition is growing ever closer. Please pray daily for God's Blessings.

Deacon Jenny and her husband Brian are working diligently on their new home near Port Townsend, and she will be transitioning from her ministry at St. Alban's in early November. Please pray for them and thank God for the ministry she has shared with us.

Our friend, Philip Konkel, has been providing wonderful music each Sunday, however he will only be with us until November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then he will be off on a trip to Spain. Please offer your prayers of thanks for the ministry he has offered our worship.

And I too will be completing a year of ministry with you on November 22. Another clergy transition will take place. Many thanks to the Profile Committee as they prepare the ground for this. Please pray for them, for me and for God to call the next Priest for St. Alban's, Edmonds, Washington.

Prayer....a good thing!

## CELEBRATING SPECIAL FRIENDS

St. Alban's celebrated St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of/by the Animals with many (well-behaved) special guests. We welcomed Ginger, Rennie, Lilly, Jamie, Aiden, Gabby, Wyatt, Jimmy, Helke, Winnie and Lexi. Special prayers were offered for Jake, Sophie, Shirley Clark's fish and for teddy bear friends Fitch and Sebastian.

Our pets hold a special place in our lives, and it warms all hearts to witness the love between pet and "owner." Thanks to all of you who shared your special friends with us.

## PASSING OF AILEENE SULLIVAN

Aileene Sullivan was a member of St. Alban's for some years. She has had serious health problems for several years. Aileene's family and Deacon Jenny were with her at the time of her death. Please keep Aileene and her family in your prayers.



## THIRD QUARTER FINANCE REPORT (results through September 30, 2015)

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| Income   | YTD Actuals: \$111,577         |
|          | YTD Budget: \$112,851          |
|          | Actual minus Budget: (\$1,274) |
| Expenses | YTD Actuals: \$102,990         |
|          | YTD Budget: \$111,209          |
|          | Actual minus Budget: (\$8,219) |

Income year-to-date is very close to budget. However, The Love in Christ Church is no longer using our facility, reducing income by about \$1,000 for the fourth quarter.

Expenses are underrunning the budget. Part of the saving is because we have not filled the Parish Administrator position. JoAn Andenes, in addition to being our organist, also produced our bulletin on a volunteer basis. With her departure, we are evaluating filling this position.

If you have questions, please contact Maryellen Young, Treasurer, 425-776-2461.

## THE HEART OF A PLEDGE

### Stewardship is:

**Thanksgiving** – We give thanks to God for all that we have been given and respond by sharing what we have with others.

**Joy** – Through stewardship and sharing, we discover what our time is worth. It brings us closer to God, and we feel more grounded and experience deeper joy.

**Commitment** – Do our beliefs reflect our commitment? How we spend our time, talent and treasure is a powerful indication of our spiritual life and our stewardship.

**Good News** – God has given us creative power and entrusted us to manage this potential to show the world the image and likeness of God.

**Your stewardship, how you give of your time, talent and treasure, is a personal decision. As you consider your stewardship of God's creation:**

**Pray** – Ask God to give you a clear vision of the prudent management of the resources you control.

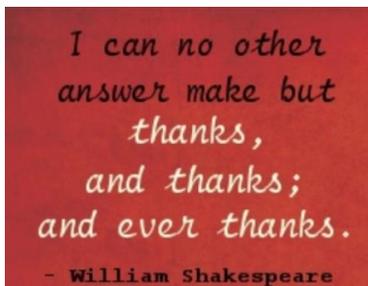
**Listen** – Communication with God in prayer goes both ways, if we let it.

**Observe** – Evaluate what you have compared to the majority of people in the world.

**Decide** – Determine what portion of your resources God is calling you to share for the benefit of others in Christ's name.

**Remember** – Your commitment is based on your situation now. If your situation changes, it is appropriate that your pledge changes also.

**Offer** – Present your pledge of money to God at the Altar and offer your pledge of time and talent through participating all year long.



## A Stewardship Prayer

**Gracious God, abundant are the blessings you have freely and joyously given us. Grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate lives of love, prayer and service. Help us now and always to offer freely and joyously to you, O God, our gifts of time, talent and treasure. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**Credit: The Rev. Bill Hibbert  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

## PROFILE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Profile Committee thanks you for completing the parish survey questionnaire. But we still need your help with the second part of the parish survey which will be small group conversations. The profile committee will be conducting small group conversations with parish members after the 8:00am and 10:30am services on October 18 and October 25.

Please continue to support the Profile Committee by participating in these small group discussions. If you would like to participate, please let one of the committee members know so they can find you when the time comes. Profile Committee members are Liz Bee, Shannon Duggan, Brad Goergen, Cara Munson and Shirley Wilson



## 3rd QUARTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We will not be mailing third quarter contribution statements. If you would like to see where you stand, please call the office, and we will mail you a statement. (425-778-9371)

## OUTREACH FUNDS

The Outreach Donation Ministry Team will be meeting on October 17 to select the recipients for donations for the first quarter of 2016. If you would like to nominate an organization to receive these funds, please use the form in the Parish Hall by October 11. We especially want local area non-profit organizations that our members support with their time and talent. The recipient for our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter donations will be the South Snohomish County Emergency Cold Weather Shelter.

If you have any question, please contact members of the ministry: Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler, Lorrie Pruitt and Maryellen Young. (425-776-2461)



## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Sunday morning, 9:15 am – Eric Hanson leads a group on the Gospel of Luke in the Annex.

Wednesday evening, 6:30pm – Jeff Tobin teaches a class in the Parish Hall on the Gospel of Mark.

Join in the classes at any time!

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### October 18 – Pentecost 21

Mark 10:45 puts it very succinctly: *“The son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* What gift can we ever give to thank Him for His incredible gift to us? Living life as a steward and disciple, and following the Lord’s examples and teachings is certainly a good place to start!

### October 25 – Pentecost 22

Mark tells us that Bartimaeus had faith that Jesus could heal him. The disciples tried to shoo him away, but he was persistent, and Jesus answered his plea. What is it in our lives that blinds us, and lets us shoo ourselves away from believing in, and accepting, the grace and mercy of our God? As Stewards with restored vision, we can serve in ways that are yet unknown to us if we pray for our own blindness to be healed!

### November 1 – All Saints Day

The Summary of the law says it all... *“love God with all your heart, mind and soul, and your neighbor as yourself.”* It seems like such an insurmountable task. Who could possibly do this adequately? But as some of the 12-step groups say, *“We strive for progress, not perfection.”* God knows we can’t possibly completely attain these goals, but he is honored and satisfied if our efforts are reflected in a life lived in faith, gratitude for his gifts, and loving service to others.

faith love  
hope

### November 8 – Pentecost 24

*“For all of them have contributed of their abundance: but she out of her poverty has put in all that she had...”* This is frequently the time when we as congregations make our financial commitments to the parishes (and hopefully, to the gracious God we profess to love) whose programs and ministries we want to support. Just for a moment, imagine what our offerings would be if we all faithfully gave from our abundance in thanksgiving for our uncountable blessings. As the young often say, it would be truly “awesome”!

### **November 15 – Pentecost 25**

Today's Collect is the well-known (at least in the Episcopal Church), "*grant that we may read, mark, learn and inwardly digest*" plea for understanding of the Scriptures. Part of life as a disciple and steward is taking intentional time for prayer and the study of those Scriptures. Have you made that part of your daily routine?

### **November 22 – Last Sunday in Pentecost**

As we come to the end of the Church Year, and look forward to the quiet of Advent and then to the wonderful stories of the Gift of our Savior's birth retold, take some time to reflect on how your life as a disciple and steward has gone this year. Pray for discernment and guidance to "grow your gratitude" and serve God in new ways in the months to come.



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **October 18, Pentecost 21**

**Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16**

**Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45**

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin  
EM: Phil McClelland  
10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols  
EM: Claudia Walker

### **October 25, Pentecost 22**

**Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126**

**Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden  
EM: Shannon Duggan  
10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark  
EM: Reilly Mannery

### **November 1, All Saints Day**

**Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24**

**Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy  
EM: Jeff Tobin  
10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson  
EM: Eric Hanson

### **November 8, Pentecost 24**

**I Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146**

**Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44**

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan  
EM: Howard Hayden  
10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino  
EM: Dan Mullene

### **November 15 – Pentecost 25**

**Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16**

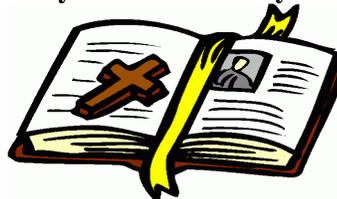
**Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8**

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin  
EM: Phil McClelland  
10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols  
EM: Claudia Walker

### **Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells**

**Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen**



### **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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