

AROUND THE PARISH

As of November 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

- 11/16 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 11/17 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
- 11/18 6:30pm, Soup Supper
- 11/22 9:45am, Fr. Bob's Farewell Reception, PH
- 11/23 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
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- 11/24 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
- 11/26 1:00-5:00pm, Private Dinner, PH and Kitchen
- 11:30 7:00pm, Celtic Christmas Concert, PH

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

PLANNING AHEAD

- +November 18, 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
- +December 24, 7:30pm, Christmas Eve Service
- +January 31, 2016, Annual Meeting, PH.
One service at 9:30am; meeting 11:15-12:30pm



Sunday, November 22, will be Fr. Bob's last Sunday with St. Alban's. He is re-retiring to his home on the river near Granite Falls.

Please join us between services to say Farewell and thank him for his ministry. There will be a reception with a light brunch and a presentation at 9:45am.

CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Monday, November 30, at 7:00pm, St. Alban's will host a concert featuring an evening of contemporary Celtic Christmas Music with Windham Hill/Ark Music recording artists Jeff Johnson (keyboard and vocal), Brian Dunning (flutes and whistles) and Wendy Goodwin (violin).

Admission to the concert is your donation of cash or non-perishable food to benefit Chase Lake Community School's Safety Net Program, which is aimed at meeting basic needs (food, clothing and extra help with homework) of Chase Lake families living below the poverty line. "Post cards" are available in the Parish Hall for sharing with family and friends.

For more information, email the church at stalbansedmonds@gmail.com or call the church at 425-778-0371.



HELP WANTED ON NOVEMBER 30th CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Celtic Christmas Concert is coming, and we will need some help on the night of the event. People are needed to accept donations of food or money. Food received will need to be kept out of the line of traffic. We also want people to greet our guests. This concert is a great opportunity to create a positive impression of St. Alban's. Ushers will be helpful if the turnout is large. A couple of people to help direct parking might be helpful also.

We are planning to have coffee and cookies available after the concert, so help with serving refreshments and cleaning up afterwards is needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net.

A Note from Father Bob



Christ the King Sunday, November 22nd.

This day marks the end of the Church Year and gets us ready for the beginning of the new year on Advent 1 (November 29). It is a Sunday when I have enjoyed devoting some time to remembering all that has taken place in the past year. To help us do this, we will “sing our way through the seasons of the church year,” beginning with an Advent Hymn, then Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

As you prepare for this walk down memory lane, please take some time to remember what has been your personal history. What were the joyful moments, and what were the more difficult times. Remember, if you will, how God was with you in these times.

It was a year ago on Advent 1 when I visited St. Alban’s for the first time. I had the pleasure of meeting some of your church leadership just the week prior, and now I had the pleasure of meeting many of you. Over the year, I have had the opportunity to deepen our friendships and to share with some of you during difficult times. All of this centered upon the love and forgiveness of Jesus, the Christ.

During this past year, more than fifteen new families or individuals have joined the church family. We have shared in the baptism of two children and one adult. We have also been witness to the birth into heaven of several of our spiritual family. We have enjoyed wonderful fellowship, inspiring worship and challenging times of Bible Study and education in the Christian faith. We have been blessed by the ministry of Deacon Jenny Vervynck and committed Lay Ministers who extend God’s ministry beyond the walls of the church. And, over the year, we have given generously to

those in need – the Food Bank, Chase Lake School and several other ministries.

Over this past year, you have given much to me personally. The death of my wife Gaye on May 19th was a moment of faith for me and a time when you all held me in your prayers. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the St. Alban’s family.

Christ the King Sunday will be my final Sunday with you, and the next week you will begin a new year, a new season, with new leadership. May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob Dunn



PARISH SURVEY INFORMATION

The Parish Survey revealed that St. Alban’s has a wonderful opportunity at hand. The survey responses indicate the church is at a cross-road. Quoting the survey summary report: “Although members feel the church has grown stronger in the past three years, many of the responses were ‘on the fence,’ indicating that there is the potential to move the congregation to higher (or lower) satisfaction and energy in all survey areas. This suggests a need to find a clear sense of mission and purpose in which to channel energy without creating burn-out in members.

“St. Alban’s has gifts of hospitality and spiritual vitality, and for the most part there is trust in parish leadership and a perception of low conflict. The written responses and survey data indicate a desire for a focus on worship, reaching out to the needs of the community and preparing members for ministry. As in all congregations, St. Alban’s would like to attract younger members.”

NEW PARISH CARE MINISTER PROGRAM IN PLACE.

As we prepare for the upcoming changes at St. Alban's, with the departure of Fr. Bob Dunn, the incoming supply priest we will have for a few months, and the future calling of our next priest, your leadership team has been working behind the scenes to make sure that our day-to-day operations run smoothly during the transition.

As a part of this, we have created the position of Parish Care Minister to make sure that there is a primary contact to respond to parish care needs, large and small. Dan Mullene has agreed to take on this position during this transition and will be the primary contact when parish care issues or needs arise.

Dan will be accessible to parishioners who have a parish care need and don't know who else to call. He will take your call, and determine how best to respond with the resources we have available to us and will coordinate with others. He will be the point of contact in the case of serious illness or death of a parishioner. This may also include the need for home Eucharist for those unable to attend services, requests for prayer or to be added to the weekly prayer chain list, help needed for transportation to and from church services, requests for prayer shawls or assistance with meals.

Dan's phone number will be added to the church phone message. He can be contacted at home phone 425-412-3661 or via email at hondaguy@aol.com.

CRUETS DONATED TO ST. ALBAN'S

On Sunday, November 8, Fr. Bob consecrated new cruets which were donated by Howard and Kim Schattenkirk in memory of her parents and former parishioners, Charles and Doris Hardy. The cruets are particularly appreciated by Altar Guild as the current ones had "seen better days." Thank you Howard and Kim!

NOVEMBER SOUP SUPPER & DISCUSSION

Join us on Wednesday, November 18, 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall for this month's Soup Supper and Discussion for some great fellowship and some lively discussion about the **Jesus Movement**, both in the past and currently. Our own Les Steele, former SPU Professor, will enlighten us on the history of the Jesus Movement and what it could mean today and in the future. Please bring soup, salad or bread as you are able. **All are welcome!** (*No Soup Supper in December, but returning in January 2016.*)

OUTREACH DONATIONS

In the month of October, St. Alban's sent \$400 each to the Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and North Helpline Foodbanks for a total of \$1,600. This was money accumulated to date from our first-of-the-month donations to the foodbank. In addition, we gave \$568.25 in support of our third quarter outreach recipient, the residential home on Bowdoin Way for disabled adults, along with a huge laundry basket load of white towels and wash cloths. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!



THANK YOU'S TO ST. ALBAN'S

From Jenny Vervynck

Thank you so very much for the opportunity to serve at St. Alban's. I am grateful for the relationships with such wonderful, faithful people. Thank you for the beautiful, framed print of St. Alban's Church, It will hang in our new home, reminding me of you!

*Blessings,
Jenny*

From Alpha Supported Living Services

Thank you very much to the parishioners of St. Alban's Episcopal Church for the generous gift to our clients with developmental disabilities at the group home on Bowdoin Way. We appreciate your support of our clients and being good neighbors. Thank you!

From Lynnwood Food Bank

Thank you very much for the \$400 donation you sent to us. We are in the process of purchasing our meats for the holidays. Your donation will be a bonus for that process.

The clients like being able to enjoy the same foods for the holidays that we have. We will be making certain they have those special holiday foods.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

From Compass Housing Alliance

At Compass Housing Alliance, we envision a world in which everyone lives in a safe, caring community. Since our founding in 1920, we have sought to make this vision a reality through services to those who are most in need across the Puget Sound.

With your generous support of \$500.00, we are able to serve nearly 8,000 people each year – providing a comprehensive continuum of care that targets the root causes of poverty in order to help end homelessness.....It is such an honor to have your support of Shoreline Veterans Center.

(Note: See complete letter posted on Parish Hall bulletin board.)

ENDOWMENT BOARD SEEKING MEMBERS

The Endowment Board has openings for two members, one to serve a three-year term and one to serve a one-year term. The purpose of the Endowment Board is to administer St. Alban's endowment funds in accordance with the established bylaws and policies. St. Alban's funds are invested in the Diocesan

Investment Fund, which simplifies our financial investment responsibilities.

The Board also serves as the Planned Giving Committee promoting St. Alban's Legacy Society. You do not have to be a member of the Legacy Society to serve as an Endowment Board member. We meet four times a year, generally on a Wednesday evening, and we also plan the St. Alban's celebration event that occurs in June. Some business investment background is helpful, but not required.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Eric Hanson, 425-743-3538 or ehanson@spu.edu. You can also ask others involved with the Endowment Board: Mary Fowler, Keith LaBelle, Barbara Lagozzino, Dan Mullene or Maryellen Young.



SHARING RIDES (a personal experience from Maryellen Young)

Would you be willing to provide transportation to someone who would like to attend church, but needs a ride? The frequency is up to you and when you are available.

I recently started giving Mary Miner a ride to church from Edmonds Landing and have found this a delightful thing to do. Then we had a request from Edmonds Landing that another woman who recently moved to Edmonds and is a life-long Episcopalian would like a ride too, so she will come with Mary the next time. Mary Fowler and Wendre Vaughan are already serving with providing rides. Fr. Bob knows of someone at Crista, again a long-time Episcopalian, who would like to attend church if she had a ride.

Previously I have been reluctant to volunteer because I thought this would be an every

week obligation. With Mary, I've found we just negotiate between her schedule and my schedule for once a month. Mary has indicated that there may be more Episcopalians at Edmonds Landing who would like to attend church if we had more transportation opportunities.

As you can see from these examples, sometimes it is existing parishioners who can no longer drive who need rides, and sometimes it is someone new to the area. With our community, this could be a growing area for ministry. Shirley Wilson has offered, as Pastoral Care Coordinator, to make connections. If you are willing to provide transportation or need transportation, please contact Shirley Wilson, 206-542-2944 or wilsaw@comcast.net; Dan Mullene at 425-412-3661, or email at hondaguy@aol.com, or the church office at 425-778-0371, or email stalbansedmonds@gmail.com. Shirley will put you in contact with each other when there is a willing driver in a location near someone who needs a ride. Please note, connections can only be made when there is a match available.

OUR LATEST LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER

In the mail recently we received a letter and check from the administrator of Louise Clark's estate. He stated that after all expenses connected to her Estate were paid, she wanted any remaining balance in her checking account to be donated to St. Alban's Episcopal Church. In accordance with Endowment Fund Guidelines and upon action from our Vestry, this money was placed in our Permanent Endowment Fund where the funds will provide a continuing legacy with only the proceeds being available for distribution.

This donation makes Louise Clark our latest member in St. Alban's Legacy Society. Louise was unable to attend church, but did receive communion from our Eucharistic Visitor ministry. Eric Hanson was asked to share

some information about Louise because he had been faithful in extending this ministry to her.

From Eric: *"I met Louise Clark at St. Francis about 30 years ago. Since her health was poor (diabetes), I took communion to her many, many times. She was extremely intelligent and loved nothing better than debating points of theology with me. When I starting coming to St. Alban's, I continued to take her communion and that was her lifeline to our church. She was on the Resident's Council for the State of Washington and president at Aldercrest for many years. She was never afraid to challenge legislators face-to-face and speak the truth to power."*



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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

November 29 – Advent 1

As we begin a new Church Year, the words of the Psalmist are good advice for a steward who wants to “grow in the Lord: *“Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me.”* Maybe these are verses to keep where we will see them daily – in our Bible or Prayer Book, on the bathroom mirror, or in any often viewed spot, where we can read them often and engrave them on our hearts.

December 6 – Advent 2

Paul talks about *“producing a harvest or righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.”* As disciples and stewards, how does our daily life and our gratitude to God for all His gifts reflect for others “the glory and praise of God”? How can we best work at being good “harvesters”?

December 13 – Advent 3

Zephaniah describes God’s love and joy in us. *“He will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”* God yearns for us to respond to him in the same glorious and enthusiastic way he models for us. Caring stewards use the holy habits of prayer, study, worship in community and generous giving to respond to the Lord’s overwhelming, freely-given gifts.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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: Dan Mullene, Reilly Mannery

November 22 – Last Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery, Dan Mullene

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Mary Fowler

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 16

Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Claudia Walker

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 9

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Reilly Mannery

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen

