

## AROUND THE PARISH

as of January 15, 2016

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

- 1/18 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
1/19 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
1/20 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH  
1/25 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scout, SS  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
1/27 6:30pm Bible Study

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)



### PLANNING AHEAD

- +January 31, 2016, Annual Meeting, PH.  
One service at 9:30am; meeting 11:15-12:30p
- +February 9, 2016, Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper, PH, 5:00-7:00pm
- Please note: The time for Ash Wednesday Eucharist was incorrect in January 1 ATP. The time for all Lenten services will be 7:00pm. Our schedule follows:*
- +February 10, 2016, Ash Wednesday,  
7:00pm Eucharist
- +March 20, Palm Sunday, 8:00am/10:30am
- +March 23, Tenebrae, 7:00pm
- +March 24, Maundy Thursday Eucharist  
and Stripping of Altar, 7:00pm
- +March 25, Good Friday, Evening  
Prayer, 7:00pm
- +Easter Sunday, 8:00am/10:30am

### "THANK YOU" FROM CHASE LAKE

To Our Friends at St. Alban's Episcopal Church:

We were so excited when you, via Maryellen Young, offered to designate our school as the beneficiary of the fundraising at your Celtic Christmas Concert this year. The show was fabulous! What followed was so unbelievable: 399 items for our food drive, 3 large bags full of cute little blanket/book/stuffed animal kits and a check for \$1,940.00! Shortly after that you brought us \$750 in gift cards for our Holiday Outreach Program.

You have done so many wonderful things for our school and for our school's families! For a self-described "small" church, you really pack a big punch! We are so grateful for all of the ways you support our school and our school's families, and we are very fortunate to have you as part of our community!

Thank you for everything!

Vonya King-Norton  
Family Support Coordinator  
Safety Net Program  
Chase Lake Community School



### Parish Administrator Schedule

*John Lehack, St. Alban's interim Parish Administrator will be in the office at the following times:*

*Monday: 9:00 – 12:00pm*  
*Tuesday: 9:00 – 12:00pm*  
*Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:00am*  
*Thursday: 9:00 – 10:00am*

### **VIDEO: CURRY'S SERMON**

A video of Bishop Curry's sermon at his installation as the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of America will be shown on Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Come join in the Soup Supper fellowship and discussion and discover new ways to love and serve our neighbors.

Please bring soup, salad or dessert as you are able. Questions? Contact Carrie Cone at 206-367-7402 or [cmcone@uw.edu](mailto:cmcone@uw.edu).

### **OUTREACH DONATION SCHEDULE**

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our congregation, we are able to make outreach donations regularly. Basket collections are made as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month: Food Bank

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month: Discretionary Fund

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month: Outreach (We choose a different outreach each quarter, and are currently selecting our organization for the first quarter of 2016. Announcement coming.)

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: No basket is passed unless a special purpose is identified. For example, last year we used it for Nepal Earthquake.

### **ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION**

St. Alban's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016, after the 9:30 am service. **Please note:** There will be only one service!

If you are the head of a committee or group, please turn in your yearly report by Sunday, January 24. We will be using written reports only instead of oral ones.

At this meeting, we will be electing new Vestry members and convention delegates. There are several Vestry openings – three members are needed for three-year terms each and one member for a one-year term. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Dan Mullene.

### **2015 YEAR-END FINANCIALS:**

Thank you to everyone for your support this past year. Our total income came in right on budget. Our expenses were lower than budget, primarily because of savings on staff expenses. Thank you to the volunteers who covered our administrative duties. We also had some savings in maintenance expense. We did exceed our budget in the fellowship area with parish life, kitchen and coffee hour expenses. In addition to being under budget for expenses, we also contributed \$16,000 to savings for buildings and grounds, rectory and reserves. Overall we ended the year with a surplus of \$13,472 of income minus expense. The Vestry has set aside \$10,000 of the surplus for potential expenses with calling a new priest.

2015 Financial Summary

	Actuals	Budget	Difference
Income	\$150,763	\$150,471	\$ 292
Expense	\$137,291	\$148,310	(\$11,019)
Net Income	\$13,472		



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

With Soup Suppers and Lent approaching, several changes are necessary in the schedule for Jeff Tobin's Wednesday night bible study class.

Classes will be held on the following nights: January 27 and February 3. After a break for Lent/Easter, classes will resume on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**“Passing on Your Legacy Through  
Decisions about Life, Death and Faith”**

**Saturday, February 13**

**9:00am – 2:30pm**

**St. John’s Episcopal Church**

**105 State St. S, Kirkland, WA**

**\$20 registration, including lunch**

This is a one-day workshop for lay persons and clergy, sponsored by the Planned Giving Ministry of The Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia, Saint Mark’s Cathedral, and the Stewardship Office of the Diocese. Speakers include area clergy, hospice workers and estate planning attorneys from local parishes.

Bishop Greg Rickel will introduce the film, “*Speaking of Dying*,” and will lead a group reflection afterward. Round table discussions on wills, hospice/palliative care, memorials, and funerals will provide you with good advice, great resources and plenty of time for questions and answers.

All participants will receive the diocese’s *Life Planning Manual*. Registration available at [ecww.or](http://ecww.or)

**St. Alban’s Annual Meeting Set  
for Sunday, January 31 at 11 a.m.**

By Dan Mullene

On Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Alban’s will hold its Annual Meeting at 11:00am, immediately following the **single service** to be held on that day at 9:30am

The meeting will include remarks from our Senior Warden, updates on our common ministries at St. Alban’s, and in our local community. The elections for Vestry and also delegates to the Diocesan Convention (one male and one female) will also be held.

Nominations for these positions will be made from Vestry members for individuals already contacted, and also from the floor. If you wish to make a nomination, please be sure to speak with the nominee to make sure that he or she is willing to stand

for nomination. According to our bylaws, members are eligible to serve on the Vestry based on the following:

“To be qualified for election to the Vestry and to maintain Vestry membership, a person shall be, and shall remain throughout his/her term, an adult communicant in good standing in the Parish with voting rights as per Article IV, Section 6 (see next paragraph).”

Voting Rights: “Qualified electors of the parish shall be Adult Communicants in good standing of the parish, whose names have been on the Parish Register for at least six (6) months preceding the parish meeting, and who have made recorded contributions to the parish budget, within the twelve months preceding the meeting, as shown by the books of the parish treasurer.”

In addition to celebrating the various ministries, we will also be holding a “table discussion” of the options available to us for the continued use of our Rectory facility.

The meeting is expected to run about 90 minutes, and light refreshments will be provided. Child care will also be available during the meeting for those wishing to attend with their families.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting!

**2015 DIOCESAN CONVENTION,  
NOV. 13-14, 2015, LYNNWOOD, WA.**

By Carrie Cone

The theme of this year’s Convention was the Jesus Movement, following up on the now Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s call for a new Jesus Movement, where we look to what God is doing in our world and how we can participate.

Dan Mullene and Carrie Cone attended as delegates and Bob Dunn attended as clergy. The featured participants of this year’s Con-

vention were the young adults of the Diocese, primarily from University Campus Ministries. During the convention, they shared with us what the Jesus Movement means to them. They participated in all aspects of the Convention and brought great life and energy to the event. We were thrilled to see our own Meredith Bee participating as a member of the Campus Ministries.

While the Diocese offers leadership in spiritual matters, it also has to pay attention to its finances and policies to support and encourage our community of congregations. First the Diocese passed a balanced budget, albeit with the use of endowment income. We, the Convention delegates, passed a number of finance-related resolutions, including:

Continuing the reduction of the monthly assessment congregations pay to the Diocese, from 18%, based on the previous month Net Disposable Income, to 16.5% in 2016 and 15% in 2017. They stressed that half of this funding goes back to congregations in the form of grants.

We passed a 1.6% Cost of Living Raise for clergy.

We passed continued support for 0.7% of unrestricted Diocesan revenue to fund “Millennium Development Goals” (global ministry to the poorest and most vulnerable people on earth) as well as continued advocacy for US aid to Mexico and Central American countries to support of economic development and the end of poverty.

We also passed a couple of policy resolutions, including:

To support human rights for our sisters and brothers in Mexico and other Central American countries and encourage our US government to redirect its response to providing humanitarian support for refugees and asylum seekers.

Calling for respect for human dignity in the campaign season by reflecting on our baptismal vows to respect the dignity of every

human being and to speak up for this in public and private situations where we hear others use language or express opinions that demean or dehumanize any group of people, especially during the upcoming controversial campaign season.

We attended workshops on Refugee Resettlement, Environmentalism in the Church, Faith Formation, and Welcoming the Hard of Hearing and Deaf People. For a full report see: [www.ecww.org/resources/annual-convention-diocese-olympia](http://www.ecww.org/resources/annual-convention-diocese-olympia). Feel free to talk with Dan or Carrie if you have any questions.

### **SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF**

Bishop Rickel and Dean Thomason have set a goal to raise money for the Syrian refugee relief. One-hundred percent of our gift will go to the Refugee Resettlement Office to support Syrians who are coming to our state.

The Outreach Donation Committee has selected this cause for our first quarter Outreach Donations with our third Sunday basket collection.

Our congregation has risen to this occasion before- in the 1970s with refugees from Southeast Asia.

Our own Lorrie Pruitt was very active in this effort both with our congregation and in the Diocese. Lorrie received the prestigious Bishop’s Cross in recognition of her efforts then.



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Did you know you don’t need a special occasion to give Altar flowers? Altar flowers for our church services are contributed by parishioners and are primary in beautifying our worship. Altar Guild coordinates donation sign-ups, selection of flowers and dedication notices. The cost is \$40 for two vases; cost is shared if two sign up for the same Sunday.

Your gift to God in remembrance, celebration or thanksgiving is one way of contributing to our worship. Look for the flower calendar on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and sign up for a Sunday. (Note, we do not have flowers during Lent, starting February 14.)



### **CARLA PRYNE RETIRING**

To our friends at St. Alban's,

Rev. Carla Pryne is retiring this month after more than 20 years in service to the parishes of this Diocese and the wider community of Christ.

On behalf of the parishioners at Holy Spirit, Vashon, I am writing to invite any parishioners at St. Alban's who know Carla and Eric Pryne to send greetings and well wishes in the next couple of weeks.

We will gather for a celebration of her ministry on Saturday evening, January 23rd, at 6:00pm and will share with her any cards that are received in mail by that date:

SEND CARDS to:  
c/o Mary Belknap,  
Church of Holy Spirit  
PO Box 508, Vashon WA 98070

Carla's last Sunday to serve as Priest at Holy Spirit will be January 31. Any cards received after that date will be forwarded to the Pryne's home address on Vashon Island.

Thank you very much - Blessings to our sister parish in Edmonds.

Mary Belknap  
Member of CHS Vestry

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### **January 17 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Psalm 36 details some of the gifts for which we need to be ever grateful: *“How priceless is your love, O god! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.”* Lord, make us ever true of heart.

### **January 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

*“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.”* This familiar phrase from Psalm 19 is perhaps most often used by those giving sermons or homilies, but the words are appropriate for all of us as well as we strive to lead the life of a faithful disciple and steward.

### **January 31 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

I Corinthians: 13 is probably one of the most familiar parts of scripture, especially used at marriage ceremonies. But its description of love's attributes, and the advice to remember that we see only in part, and will only later be enlightened about the true breadth of God's love for all of us, is welcome reassurance for those of us who sometimes struggle to stay faithfully on the steward's path.



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **January 17 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10**

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11**

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Claudia Walker

EM: Reilly Mannery

### **January 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Claudia Walker

### **January 31 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

*(NOTE: One service at 9:30am)*

**Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30**

9:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Mary Fowler

### **February 7 – Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99**

**2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43a**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Mary Fowler

### **February 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

**Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13**

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Reilly Mannery

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

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

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

***Remember the Food Bank  
on Sunday, February 7***

***Let's help those in need!***