

AROUND THE PARISH

as of February 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

- 2/15 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
2/16 10:00am, Bible Study, PH
2/16 7:00pm, Vestry (date change)
2/17 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary
6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
2/22 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, Annex
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
2/23 10:00-11:30, Bible Study, PH
2/24 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary
6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
2/25 6:30-9:30pm, Girl Scouts, PH
2/29 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

PLANNING AHEAD

- +February 17 & 24, Evening Prayer at
6:00pm, followed by Soup Supper at
6:30pm; 7:00 Lesson and Discussion
+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
+March 27, Easter Sunday, 8:00am/10:30



MEMORIAL SERVICE: KEITH OLES

A memorial service for our brother Keith Oles will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at 3:00pm. Fr. Greg Peters will officiate the service, and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

St. Alban's annual parish meeting was held on Sunday, January 31. Reports for 2015 submitted by various ministries were available, as well as financial reports. The financials included year-end 2015 budgets/actuals showing a year-end balance in the black of \$13,000; a report on the successful 2016 pledge drive, showing an 18% increase in pledges; and the 2016 budget as accepted by the Vestry.

Parishioners elected to serve three-year Vestry terms are Shirley Clark, Phil McClelland and Jim Nichols, with Jeannie Wells filling a one-year vacant position.

St. Alban's also needed to select two-year term convention delegates (one female and one male) for 2016. Karen Ford was nominated and elected; as there were no nominations for a male convention delegate, Vestry will need to appoint one. If you are interested in being the male representative to Convention, please contact Dan Mullene or another vestry member.

Round table discussions were held regarding the future of our Rectory. St. Alban's has had the current Rectory since the 1960's, and it has served the congregation well in providing part of the compensation for our priests.

As we are in the process of calling a new priest, it is time to evaluate the future of our Rectory as an asset of St. Alban's and how it may best serve us in the future. The options being considered for the Rectory have been published in an earlier Around the Parish and discussions were held after church. Once a

new priest is hired and we know the housing need, further discussion will take place in deciding the future of St. Alban's Rectory.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN PROGRAM and SOUP SUPPERS

February 17 - March 16, 2016
6:00pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Lesson & Discussion
with Jeff and Eric

Join us for a Wednesday Night Lenten program, starting February 17. This year we are offering Evening Prayer at 6:00pm, followed by our usual Soup Supper and Discussion. St. Alban's own Jeff Tobin and Eric Hanson will lead our Lenten Lesson and Discussion. It will be based on the following daily devotional. If you wish to expand your Lenten Journey to a daily practice in addition to our weekly journey together, you can find the full program at

<http://blogs.thegospelcoalition.org/tgc/files/2013/02/Journey-to-the-Cross.pdf>.

Expect it to stretch your heart and mind and soul as only God can do. Come and join us for prayer, fellowship and faith formation.

Please sign up in the Narthex to bring food to share, as you are able – not required, just appreciated. Questions? Contact Carrie Cone at 206-367-7402 or cmcone@uw.edu.

All are welcome always!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!

My, what a good time everyone had at our pancake supper. We missed a lot of our regulars; it seems other things got in the way. We did miss them though and hope that they will be there next year. For some reason, the pancakes turned out better than ever!!

Even though attendance was down somewhat, the evening and event were a tremendous success. We served about 70 people and had enough food to serve 50 more! However, nothing went to waste; we covered our expenses and were able to send \$96.00 to the food bank. On top of that, we had nearly \$300 worth of non-perishables donated, which were taken to the food bank the following day.

My! St. Alban's people are a generous bunch when it comes to being helpful and when someone needs your assistance. A big THANKS to all of you!

We do not want to overlook those who worked hard and long to put this together and present it to our church community. Those persons are too numerous to name, but I bet that most of you can name five or six that worked extremely hard in your presence and behind the scenes to make this even a success. I extend to all of them a wonderful and hearty THANKS for their generosity and help. May all of you be blessed!

Lee Forsberg

SIMPLE CHANGES: A LENTEN DISCIPLINE FOR FOOD AND FAITH

from Lance Ousley's Steward Stirrings.

The problems of climate change, global hunger, and factory farms can seem overwhelming. Yet, some of the most important decisions we make for our planet – or daily choices about food – are the ones within our most immediate and personal control.

For Lent, we invite individuals and congregations to participate in a Lenten discipline we developed in our Diocese last year that is

focused on making choices about food that reflect our faith and our concern for the planet, our health, and the animals that share our earthly home.

By choosing to make simple, sustainable changes, each of us can make a significant difference to the health of our planet. When our efforts are combined, we can accomplish great things and walk more closely in our faith

This Lenten discipline is provided through a web source for each week during Lent. Each week's theme includes an invitation that challenges us to move into simple changes that can make a difference. We are asked to take simple steps daily to accept that invitation and to reflect on the meaning of our choices. Each Sunday, there is a way for congregations to hold more sustainable coffee hours. Videos and readings are suggested for each week.

Log onto the Episcopal Diocese website for more information under "Lance Ousley and Food & Faith."

If you have news to share with our church family, please be sure to send your article or the information for publication in Around the Parish to our email address stalbansedmonds@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

February 21 – Lent 2

"So shall your descendants be." Just think you are one of those descendants. Perhaps you sometimes think you are uncountable, as were all the stars Abraham could not number. But we are assured that we are loved and counted by God Himself, who numbers us all as His own. How can we not be full of gratitude for such a special gift?

February 28 – Lent 3

Hard lessons in these days of Lent reminders that although we are gifted to be called God's own, there are expectations. How do the Holy Habits of prayer, study, generous giving, and regular corporate worship help us, in the Lord's name, to be fruit-bearing rather than barren and unproductive?

March 6 – Lent 4

Ambassadors for Christ. We may smile when we hear that term, but indeed, the dictionary says that ambassador means, among other things, "an authorized representative or messenger." Through our Baptism, God has made us his representatives and messengers. Faithful stewards take that designation seriously!

March 13 – Lent 5

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed." We show our gratitude for the many gifts God gives us by learning to know him better through prayer and study, by supporting the work of this parish, the diocese and the world, and by being present at worship, not only to be filled ourselves with His grace and nourishment through the Eucharist, but to offer support and encouragement to others who join us on this journey.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 21 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27

Philippians 3-17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagazzino

EM: Mary Fowler

February 28 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15; Canticle 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Claudia Walker

March 6

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Reilly Mannery

March 13

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Claudia Walker

EM: Mary Fowler

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen

WHO TO CONTACT:

The person(s) to contact about putting an article in the ATP or the bulletin are as follows:

Judy Kistner or Susie Nichols for the ATP and John Lehrack for the bulletin.

Please send your information to the office via email or contact the above.

ATP articles need to be received by the 12 or 26 of each month. Articles for the bulletin need to be received by Tuesday each week.

DONATIONS FOR EASTER BASKETS

There will be a basket in the Parish Hall to collect candy to be used for the Easter Egg Hunt. Each bag of candy should contain individually wrapped pieces. Donations need to be received by March 20th.

**Official “FOOD BANK “ Sunday
is coming up – March 6**

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the local food banks.

Our help is desperately needed by Many individuals and families in this, our home area.



Parish Administrator Schedule

John Lehrack, 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**

