

AROUND THE PARISH

as of March 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

- 3/15 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
3/16 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Soup
Supper, Discussion
3/17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
3/19 9:30am, Making Palm Crosses, PH
3/19 10:00am, Church Yard Clean-Up
with the Boy Scouts
3/20 8:00/10:30am Palm Sunday
3/21 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
3/23 7:00pm, Tenebrae, Sanctuary
3/24 7:00pm, Maundy Thursday &
Stripping of Altar, Sanctuary
3/25 7:00pm, Good Friday Evening
Prayer, Sanctuary
3/26 9:30am, Altar Guild, Sanctuary, PH
3/27 8:00/10:30am, Easter Services
3/27 9:15am, Easter Breakfast, PH
3/28 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
3/29 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
3/30 6:30pm, Bible Study, PH
(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)



PLANNING AHEAD

- +March 16, Evening Prayer, Soup Supper,
Lesson & Discussion starting at 6:00pm
+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
+April 9, ECW Coffee & Fellowship



There will be a breakfast **between** services on Easter morning, starting about **9:15am** for **both** 8:00 and 10:30am congregations. Hopefully those attending 8:00am church will stay later, and 10:30 folks can come early. Please join us for this fellowship opportunity and celebration of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

PLEASE NOTE: The time stated in the recent Constant Contact was incorrect. The breakfast starts at 9:15am.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN PROGRAM and SOUP SUPPERS

You are invited to attend the last Lenten program this Lent of Evening Prayer, Soup Supper and Lesson/Discussion on Wednesday, March 16, beginning at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, some great soup and, at this session, teaching by both Eric Hanson and Jeff Tobin.

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. Everyone is welcome!

DONATIONS FOR EASTER BASKETS

There is 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.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Service at 7:00pm, Wednesday, March 23

The Latin word Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” is used for an evening service in Holy Week, usually on a Wednesday night.

The service of Tenebrae involves the lighting of fifteen candles and the gradual darkening of the church by a progressive extinguishing of fourteen candles while psalms and other biblical passages are read. When only the fifteenth candle is still burning, it is hidden, leaving the church in total darkness. Then a loud noise is made to symbolize the earthquake at the time of Jesus’ crucifixion in Matthew’s gospel account. The last candle is brought back in and the congregation departs by its light.



Holy Week & Easter

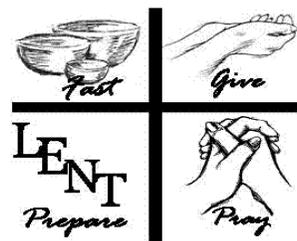
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Service at 7:00pm, Thursday, March 24

Thursday in Holy Week is when the church remembers Jesus’ institution of the Eucharist and the washing of the disciples’ feet.

“Maundy” is a medieval English form of the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning “command,” and refers to Jesus’ “new commandment” in John:13-34: *“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”*

In ancient times the task of washing feet was usually assigned to servants. However, because Jesus washed his disciples’ feet at the Last Supper, the early Christian church continued that custom, and it later became associated with the Maundy Thursday liturgy. Although earlier versions of the prayer book did not contain it, the ritual was restored as an option in the 1979 Book of Common. The Maundy Thursday Eucharist is also the only one celebrated between Wednesday in Holy Week and the Great Vigil of Easter.



Lenten Devotionals

Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and song; He has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. Amen

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize You; You call, but we do not follow; You command, but we do not obey. You bless us, but we do not thank You. Please forgive and help us. Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; You forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; You love us, but we do not love our neighbors. Please forgive and help us. Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; You identified with the poor and the needy, but we seek our own wants and desires; You suffered and died for all, but we turn to our own comfort. In the mist of our lack of faith, You are always faithful! Please forgive and help us. You are the faithful one! Amen

SPRING WORK PARTY

On Saturday, March 19, there will be a Spring Work Party to spruce up the church grounds. Boy Scout Troop 300 will be helping, and volunteers from the parish are needed!! With many wind storms this year, there are a lot of small branches to be picked up; raking and other clean-up is needed also. The clean-up will begin at 10:00am. If you have questions, please contact Lee Forsberg.

NEW VESTRY ORGANIZATION

As previously noted in Around the Parish, St. Alban’s parishioners elected three new Vestry members, each to serve three-year terms: Shirley Clark, Phil McClelland and Jim Nichols. Also elected at the January 31 Annual Meeting was Jeannie Wells for a one-year term to complete a vacant membership.

At its February meeting, Vestry members elected Carrie Cone as Senior Warden, Shirley Clark to serve as Junior Warden, or People’s Warden, and Phil McClelland to continue his work as Junior Warden in charge of Buildings and Grounds.

Vestry members are Liaisons to the various ministry areas of the church, such as Communications, Education, Worship, etc. Liaison assignments for 2016 have been made. Watch for a listing.

Karen Ford was elected at the Annual Meeting as a delegate to the Convention. As there were no nominations for a male delegate, Vestry will need to appoint one. If you have an interest in serving St. Alban’s in this capacity, please contact Carrie Cone or another Vestry member.



NEWS FROM VESTRY

****Break-In** – On March 16, there was a break-in at the church. Entry was made through an outside panel behind the furnace room. The intruder(s) had to climb over the furnace, and upon getting into the office area, set off the alarm system. Fortunately, nothing was taken or broken, but a police report was filed.

****Profile Committee** – Work on the Parish Profile continues, and the final draft is almost complete. It will then be reviewed and approved by Vestry prior to being sent to Bishop Rickle for his review.

****Call Committee** – Following approval of St. Alban’s Profile, the Call Committee will begin its search for our next priest.

The Call Committee will be comprised of five members, representing Vestry and the congregation. If you are interested in serving on this very important committee, please contact a member of the Vestry.

FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

Income for year to date through February is slightly ahead of budget. Although expenses appear to be significantly below budget, the budget includes priest salary and benefits. The budget for the items incurring expenses is slightly less than actual expenses for those categories. Overall, finances are on track. Any overage will help with the ultimate expenses of calling a priest.

Income (actual year-to-date)	\$29,150
(budget year-to-date)	\$26,328
Actuals Minus Budget	\$ 2,823
Expense (actuals minus budget.....)	\$18,951
(budget year-to-date)	\$27,062
Actuals Minus Budget.....	\$ 8,111

Income Minus Expenses.....\$10,199

ECW COFFEE

An ECW Coffee will be held on April 9th at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Come join us for coffee, fellowship, book sale, bookmarks and jewelry. A special feature will be Maryellen Young and Reilly Mannery presenting a slide show of their recent trip to Antarctica. You won’t want to miss this wonderful presentation. Save your books and bring them to the church. Any questions, ask Connie Forsberg or Maryellen Young.

CHASE LAKE OPPORTUNITIES

Maryellen Young

Chase Lake Community School can use volunteers. Principal Sean Silver contacted me because of our connection with the Celtic Christmas Concert to say they have started a Homework Club. It meets Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:10pm. The first one is working with mostly 3rd and 4th grade math. They would like to expand this opportunity to more students, but they need more volunteers. There is a teacher present in the classroom. I have been having fun volunteering for the last couple of weeks, working one-on-one with a student, just observing and asking questions as they try to complete their math homework.

There are lots of other opportunities available. Deanna Silue is coordinating, and she told me if someone wants to commit to be a volunteer on a weekly basis, she will meet with them and try to match their interest with student's needs. For example, helping students with reading is another option. This is a perfect time to try volunteering because school ends in June. Try it from now until June and see how it works. This is a great opportunity for us to make connections in our neighborhood!

For more information contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461.

THANK YOU!!

To our friends at St. Alban's Episcopal Church:

Thank you for donating \$200 in gift cards to our school! It's so nice to have the gift cards available to give to our families in need. I know they really appreciate having them to use for much needed items. We are so lucky to have you as part of our community! You take such good care of our school and our school's families.

Vonya King Norton
Chase Lake Community School

**Remember the Food Bank
April 3 is coming up**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
ST. ALBAN'S ANNUAL PICNIC
TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2016,
EDMONDS PARK, KITCHEN #1**



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

March 20 – Palm Sunday

Psalm 31:16 says “*Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me.*” And our ever-loving God reaches out with all his mercy, time after time, to bring help and consolation to those who put their whole trust in Him as faithful stewards of his blessings and gifts.

March 25 – Good Friday

The stories told at the Easter Vigil repeat time after time, the many ways in which God has entered the lives of His people in saving and grace-filled manifestations. And he has promised to live in us and through us, too, as we allow Him to undergird our daily lives of discipleship. *Alleluia!, Alleluia!*

March 27 – The Feast of the Resurrection

Psalm 118 ends “*On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*” May we strive to be rejoicing stewards not only in the Easter season, but the whole year through – always thankful and grateful for our many blessings. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 20 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:13-23:56

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Claudia Walker

March 23 – Tenebrae

7:00pm Maryellen Young, Mary Fowler,
Sam Wells

March 24 – Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Reilly Mannery

March 25 – Good Friday

7:00pm Dan Mullene

March 27 – Easter

Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

Em: Mary Fowler

April 3 – Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Mary Fowler

April 10 – Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

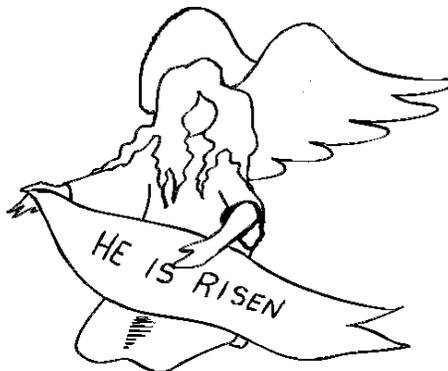
10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

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