

AROUND THE PARISH

as of April 1, 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

- 4/3 12:30pm, Vestry Executive, Annex
4/4 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
4/5 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
4/6 6:30pm, Bible Study, PH
4/9 10:00am, ECW Coffee, PH
4/11 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
4/12 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Vestry, PH
4/13 6:30pm, Bible Study, PH

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

PLANNING AHEAD

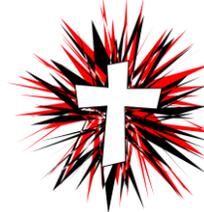
- +April 9, ECW Coffee & Fellowship
+August 7, Annual Picnic, Edmonds Park



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.



Devotional

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him. Help us love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, demonstrating that love in deed and word by the power of your of your spirit. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen

In Loving Memory

MEMORIAL BENCH

The beautiful marble bench to the left of the church entrance is a gift in memory of Rev. Bert and Margaret Ainsley donated to St. Alban's by their family. The Ainsleys were long-time members of St. Alban's, and Rev. Bert served for a time as Deacon

The bench's permanent place will be in front of the wood siding, facing the planting beds. This Ainsley's bench joins the gazebo, labyrinth and Eagle Scout's pad as places of restful waiting, contemplation and worship at St. Alban's.

GRATITUDE FOR WORK PARTY

A great big THANKS to all of you as friends of St. Alban's who worked to make our church a place of great enjoyment to the eye this last Saturday.

To the members of the church and their families who took time to come and beautify our place of worship, you must feel very proud to call it yours!

To the members of Scout Troop 300 and family members that spent the time and effort to help make St. Alban's look so nice. You should also be very proud to say that it is your church and place of worship as well.

There will be many enjoyable moments and hours that people can come and meditate and share their feelings with the Lord. St. Alban's will be ever grateful to you and your concern and care of our/your church.

That same Saturday afternoon about 5:30pm, there were already four neighborhood friends who had stopped by to see what had been done and were enjoying the seating in the gazebo. It really helped to trim around it and open it up. We are sure many more will come now that it is an inviting place to them.

Thanks again!

Buildings & Grounds



"JOURNEY TO THE CROSS"

(from Readings and Devotions for Lent,
Providence Church, Austin, TX)

The following is an excerpt from the presentation at the Soup Supper and Discussion gathering on March 16:

"The salvation that God brings is here! It is finished, and it is coming. Our hope is in

Jesus who accomplished for us the "already, and yet to come." Jesus, through his death, has already delivered his people from slavery to sin. Jesus, through his resurrection has already conquered death, our worst enemy. But Jesus has not yet allowed us to experience a world without sin, death and brokenness. He has not yet established his kingdom in full. His promise is to come back and do so.

"Until then, we walk by faith in him. We look in hope to his coming, knowing that God does not fail to deliver on his promises. Because he was faithful in the already, we can trust that he will be faithful in the not yet. Jesus has inaugurated the reign of God so that the age to come has invaded the present age. One day, however, at the appointed time, the present age will finally give way to the fullness and completeness of the rule of God in Christ. He will usher in his kingdom in full – a new earth where only righteousness dwells. A land of promise – where there is life, abundance, satisfaction, delight, and rest."

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Rev. 21:3-4)

PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA EVENT

The Seattle Chapter of the American Guild of Organists would like to thank St. Alban's Episcopal Church for allowing us to use your sanctuary and organ for our Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event that will be held on April 23, 2016. This program is designed to introduce young piano students ages 9-16 to the wonderful world of the pipe organ. We are grateful to churches like yours that have opened up their facility for use in our afternoon sessions.

If you know of a young piano student who is at least intermediate level and may be interested in attending this event, you can find more information and a registration form at: agoseattle.com.



NEWS FROM VESTRY

****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 31st Annual Meeting was Jeannie Wells to fill a one-year term to complete a vacant position. At its February meeting, Vestry members elected Carrie Cone as Senior Warden, Shirley Clark to serve as Junior Warden or Peoples 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 appoint one. If you have an interest in serving St. Alban's in this capacity, please contact Carrie Cone or another Vestry member prior to their April 12th meeting.

****Call Committee** – Following approval of St. Alban's Profile by the Vestry and the Bishop's Office, a parish Call Committee will begin its search for our next priest. The process is expected to be an abbreviated one, as per the Bishop's Office preference. The Call Committee will likely be comprised of 5 to 7 members, representing the Vestry and the congregation at large. If you are interested in serving on this very important committee, please contact a member of the Vestry or Sr. Warden, Carrie Cone, at 26-367-7402 or omcone@uw.edu. The Vestry hopes to estab-

lish the Call Committee at its next meeting on April 12th.

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

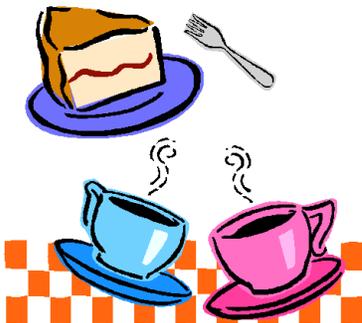
FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is looking for additional members to join in this ministry. We meet quarterly to review financials, with additional meetings in the fall to provide input into the upcoming budget. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact John Kistner, 425-220-1938 or Maryellen Young 425-776-2461.

2nd QUARTER OUTREACH

Hopelink has been chosen for our 2nd Quarter outreach donations. Gretchen Munsey nominated this organization because of the support her disabled son, Jeff, received in taking him to and from the hospital when no other options were available. This support was invaluable to Jeff and a huge comfort to Gretchen. Hopelink is a community action agency that has served homeless and low-income families, children seniors and people with disabilities since 1971. The agency has five multi-purpose service centers, and five housing sites throughout north and east King County, including Shoreline. The service centers are equipped with food banks, and a staff of specialists offering various support programs, such as family development, adult education, employment training, home heating assistance and more. Hopelink's integrated service centers, housing and transportation programs assist more than 60,000 community members each year. On the 3rd Sunday of each month our basket collections go to support a designated organization. If you would like to nominate an organization, place a nomination form in the designated basket in the Parish Hall or contact a member of the Outreach Commit-

tee—Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young. You can also volunteer to serve with this ministry team.



COFFEE HOUR

Gathering as a community after the service is an important part of our worship experience. We depend on individuals contributing to make this ministry possible. The amount in our budget for coffee hour primarily covers the cost of coffee, tea and other supplies, but not the cost of providing treats every week. Nor should just a few individuals have all the responsibility of providing coffee hour. This is a shared ministry. Some people who previously provided coffee hour periodically are no longer here, so the need for participants has increased. Please consider how you can help. Could you sign up to provide a coffee hour once a quarter? This would include providing treats, setting them up and cleaning up afterwards. If no, could you sign up to just bring treats? Could you assist by helping with clean up? Could you contribute funds to cover expenses of treats for one week (if so indicate “coffee hour” on the donation)? Providing treats for coffee hour can range from \$25 to \$50 or more. It’s up to the donor as to what treats they want to provide, so the cost can vary.

A calendar is on the door to the kitchen. You can sign your name on the date to provide coffee hour. If you want to just provide treats, sign up and indicate “treats only”. This request is primarily for the 10:30am service as the 8:00am service is already working on a cooperative basis. Evie Arneson is available to answer any questions you may have.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

April 3 – Easter 2

How often are we like Thomas the doubter? What does it take for us to say, “*My Lord and my God*”? Part of the steward’s life is consciously taking time to read the stories in scripture, to be part of a faith community, and through prayer, to create a one-on-one relationship with our Savior. Hopefully, then, we will be thankful to call ourselves part of the faithful who “*have not seen and yet believe.*”

April 10 – Easter 3

Psalm 30 ends, *Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks forever.*” And faithful stewards know that giving thanks forever means more than singing. How are you doing with the Holy Habits – prayer, study, worship in community, and generous giving? Cultivating them may make your songs more joyful indeed!

April 17 – Easter 4

Jesus outlines some promises for those who hear Him and believe. “*My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*” How can our gratitude and corresponding generosity to God and others not be heightened if we trust those words? What blessed relief to know that our future with God is insured!

April 24 – Easter 5

Jesus gives a new commandment – “*Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another....everyone will know you are my disciples if you love one another.*” How better can we affirm that we are stewards and disciples than by loving God in return, and by using our gratitude and generosity to serve the needs of others?



Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

April 17 – Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Claudia Walker

April 24 – Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148



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

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.

