

AROUND THE PARISH as of May 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

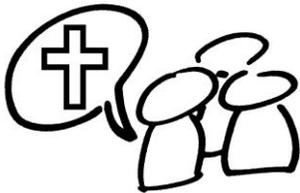
- 5/1 Remember the Food Bank**
5/1 12:15pm, Vestry Exec, PH
5/2 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
5/3 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, PH
5/4 6:30pm, Bible Study, PH
5/9 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
5/10 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Vestry, PH
5/11 5:00pm, Baseball with Bishop
6:30pm, Bible Study, PH

Sundays 9:15am, Bible Study, Annex

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

PLANNING AHEAD

- +May 18, 6:30pm, Soup Supper
+June 11, 5:00pm, Baseball with the Bishop
+June 25, St. Alban's Day
+June 26, Legacy Sunday
+August 7, Annual Picnic, Edmonds Park



SOUP SUPPER – COMING UP

Our next soup supper will be on May 18 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall, where we will continue discussing the changing nature in the church today and its impact. Come explore what God is doing in the world and how we might get on board. Help us discern where the Spirit may be leading St. Alban's in the future.

WHERE IS THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

Starting at the April 20th Soup Supper and continuing at the May and June Soup Suppers, Maryellen Young is sharing some information she has been learning about Where is the Church in the 21st Century from books she and others have been reading.

What has become apparent from these readings is that there is no simple answer and things are evolving. We tend to want answer and a program to follow with steps. But we are living in different times, in a different culture.

Two books on mission emphasized the importance of outreach activities as to what the church was doing, neither of these books indicate the role of the Church in forming Christians or Christian communities. What is the difference between church and Rotary, or other service groups, if both are doing outreach?

Phyllis Tickle spoke at St. Andrews about her book The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why where she wrote about church history and identified that the church goes through a "rummage sale" about every 500 years or so and reorganizes and prunes itself. We are living in and through one of those five-hundred-year sales.

A copy of the April 10th talk is available in the Parish Hall. Portions of the talk will be condensed in this and future editions of Around the Parish. Plan on joining us to continue the conversation at the May 18th Soup Supper.





FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS MAY 1ST

Take a little time to search your cupboards and shelves and donate some of the extras or things you probably won't be using right away to the Food Bank. Anything you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are also welcome.

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES

On Sunday, May 8, we will all have the opportunity to decorate a cookie to celebrate all the mothers in our lives – mothers-in-law, step mothers, grandmothers and those who have been like a mother to us during our lives.

Sugar cookies, icing and other decorator goodies will be available in the Parish Hall after services. This is not just for “real” kids; we are all kids at heart



OUTREACH DONATIONS

Hopelink is the recipient of our 2nd quarter outreach donations. Hopelink is a community action agency serving homeless and low-income families, children, seniors and people with disabilities through service centers. These 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.

The first quarter recipient of our outreach funds was the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Office. We are donating \$585 to support this organization. Their mission is to help refugees achieve economic self-sufficiency. The mission is accomplished through resettlement, job placement activities, and business development programs that promote self-employment. On May 8th, Greg Hope, Director, will be at the 10:30am service to receive the check and share more information about the work this organization does.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, our basket collections go to support a designated organization. You can also make a donation at anytime by designating “Outreach” on the memo line of your check. 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 Committee—Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young.

Paul in 1 Tim 6:17-18, tells us we should set our hopes on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. We are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share.

BOTTOMLESS BACK PACK PROGRAM

During the summer, Chase Lake Community School will continue to provide food for students who will not have access to free breakfast and lunch while school is out. The need is great, and we can help by donating items, such as peanut butter, canned tuna or Spam. Some children may be allowed to use the microwave, so entrees like ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, cup-o- noodles, or the like are good options. And, of course, boxed cereal, crackers, snacks and/or cereal bar and canned fruits are easy to eat.

There is a container for Bottomless Backpack items in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net.



NEWS FROM VESTRY

PARISH PROFILE IS ALMOST COMPLETED

The Parish Profile Committee has spent the past 8 months gathering information about our Parish and compiling it in a document that will be used to tell prospective candidates for our permanent priest who we are, what we do, what we have to offer and what we seek in our next Parish Priest. Next the Profile will be reviewed by the Vestry and then sent to the Bishop's Office for approval.

Please take a minute to thank the members of this important committee for their fine work: Brad Goergen (chair), Liz Bee, Shannon Duggan, Cara Munson and Shirley Wilson.

The final St. Alban's Parish Profile will be posted on our website and some printed copies will be made available. Questions? Contact Carrie Cone, Sr. Warden, at 206-367-7402 or cmcone@uw.edu.

PARISH PRIEST "CALL" COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Vestry at its April meeting prayerfully considered the names of those put forth to participating on the Call Committee. This is the group that will review resumes of interested priests, interview the top candidates and make hiring recommendations to the Vestry for our next permanent Parish Priest.

We call it a Call Committee rather than a Search Committee, because we seek God's "call" in this process, not our own preferences. It is the Vestry's desire that this call and the future of St. Alban's be led by the Spirit and not by our own desires. God's in charge!

Those appointed by the Vestry to this important Call Committee include: Roger Andersen as Vestry liaison, Patricia Chandler, Reilly Mannery, Dan Mullene as chair and Shirley Wilson. Please keep these sisters and brothers in your prayers as they serve us in calling our next Parish Priest. Questions? Contact Carrie Cone, Sr. Warden, at 206-367-7402 or cmcone@uw.edu.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

May 1 – Easter 6

Psalm 67 says in part: *"The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God give us his blessing."* And surely we have been blessed with untold riches and blessings; may we covenant to return generously to God and to serve others in his name as a sign of our heartfelt gratitude.

May 8 – Easter 7

Jesus prays with the Disciples, *"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word that they all may be one."* And guess what? We are some of "those who will believe in me through their word." Down through the ages, these words have been repeated and reread, and though we certainly are not yet all one, one of the ways we can show our gratitude to our Creator and Redeemer, is to be part of that continuing band of the faithful who are eager to spread the Good News.

May 15 – The Feast of Pentecost

Psalm 104 says in part “*All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them...you open your hand and they are filled with good things*” How’s that for a faithful steward’s reason to always and everywhere give thanks? God gives us everything we have – how can we thank Him adequately except by returning a faithful share of all those gifts to Him and to others in His name?



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 1 – Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Claudia Walker

May 8 – Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: “Youth”

EM: Reilly Mannery

May 15 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: John Lehrack

EM: Susie Nichols

May 22 – Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Reilly Mannery

May 29 – Proper 4

I Kings 8:22-23, 41-43, Psalm 96:1-9

Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10

8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman

EM: Susie Nichols

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Mary Fowler

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen

**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.

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