

## AROUND THE PARISH

as of July 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

7/17 12:30pm, Worship Committee Mtg, PH  
7/18 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
7/19 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7/25 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
7/26 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

**NOTE: Sunday's 9:15am bible study in the annex is on hold through the summer and will resume in September.**

### PLANNING AHEAD

+August 7, Annual Picnic, Edmonds Park



Statements for the first half on 2016 have been mailed. If you do not receive one or have questions, please contact Treasurer, Maryellen Young.



SUMMER  
*Vacation*

**NOTE: Fr. Greg will be on vacation from July 30<sup>th</sup> and through August.**

Fr. Jerry Shigaki will conduct services for that time, include the picnic on August 7.

The Parish Care team (Dan Mullene) and the Eucharistic Visitors Team (Eric Hanson) are the immediate ones to call in case of emergency.

### LETTER OF THANKS

(Pat Chandler recently organized the outreach for YWCA's Project Homeless Connect.)

*Dear Pat and everyone at St. Alban's Episcopal Church,*

*Thank you so much for all of the toiletries for Project Homeless Connect. Wow!! You donated a lot and those in need in our community will benefit greatly from your generosity. We are preparing to hand out 1,400 backpacks with toiletries and this puts a big dent in what we need. Thank you!*

*Best regards,  
Vicki VanStubbe*

### PHILIP LEE KONKEL

Phil was our interim organist for St. Alban's for approximately six months in 2015. He immediately became a "member of the flock," joining in coffee hours and helping with music and worship planning. Phil also volunteered his assistance with the committee to select our new organist and music director, John Lehrack.

Phil's memorial service will be held at Church of the Ascension, 2330 Viewmont Way, W. Seattle, on Saturday, July 23, at 2:00pm. There will be a reception following.

### PICNIC TIME COMES TO ST. ALBAN'S

**Lee Forsberg**

It is picnic time!!! First Sunday in August! Yes, that is SeaFair race day, but you can make the picnic and be home for the final race.

The place is Edmonds City Park, and it will be held in Shelter No. 1, which is on the lower level and pretty well through the park. St. Alban's has the shelter all day – 8:00am to 8:30pm.

This is always considered the nicest weekend of the year, which is why SeaFair is always scheduled for that week. However, at the park it can be breezy from the Sound, so be sure to bring a light jacket or sweater.

There will be hot dogs, beverages (soft drinks and coffee), chips and condiments all provided.



Your part is to get out those special recipes and show friends how good your salads and desserts are. It is well known that your picnic fare is hiding in your cupboards and cook-books. Your church family will be looking forward to enjoying a great day at the park, and our 10:30am church service of the open-air variety. The service will include communion and music.

The 8:00am service will be held at church as usual. However, those who attend the early service are encouraged to come and join the park service and be part of a great picnic.

The picnic in the park has been a tradition at St. Alban's as long as I can remember, and I have been part of it since 1968. In those days, we heated the water for the hot dogs on a fire grate with wood provided by the park. Many of you can remember the great social times you have experienced with friends and other parish members.

We are in need of help to put this picnic together as some of those who used to be part of this fun activity have moved on. If you can be part of set-up, can manage a spatula or spoons, or just want to come and drink some of the outdoor coffee, please contact Lee Forsberg at 425-774-4571.

### **THIRD QUARTER OUTREACH**

The first Sunday in July was the beginning of St. Alban's third quarter outreach donations. The recipient will be Kairos, an interdenominational Christian ministry whose programs are designed to be presented in state and federal men's and women's correctional institutions in the U.S. with adaptations for other countries and languages. It is a three-day short course to prepare selected residents for life in an ongoing Christian community. This organization was nominated by Shannon Duggan who has volunteered with this ministry.

If you are making your donations by check, please indicate "Outreach" on the memo line.

### **WHERE IS THE CHURCH IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.**

**Maryellen Young**

This is a continuation of the information Maryellen Young is sharing about The Unknown Future of the Church in the 21st Century from books she and others have been reading. A complete copy of the talks are available in the Parish Hall. This is the fifth article in the series. This article and the final two will discuss some ways we can reach out into the future.

According to Dwight Zscheile in The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age, God is active in the church. God calls and forms us into communities of worship, learning, support and discernment. Gathering as God's people around the Eucharist is a non-negotiable fact of Christian identity.

The members of the Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church believe that the Holy Spirit is calling our church to participate in God's mission in a faithful and life-giving way in a changing world.

The Episcopal Church—if it is going to exist—has to get outside the walls of its churches and speak to those in the larger world. People don't simply show up in church any more, no matter how magnificent the setting, no matter

how beautiful the music, no matter how welcoming the people.

Unfortunately, for centuries the Christian vision of church was narrowed to what we have today--a preoccupation with very private salvation. Our "personal relationship with Christ" seems to be with a very small notion of Christ. We've modeled church after a service station where members attend weekly services to get their faith fix. We've commodified the very notion of salvation. No wonder church attendance and membership is down, while there's a dramatic increase in the "None's" and the "Spiritual-but-not-religious"--those who don't identify with a particular religious tradition at all. People want something more from church; they long for a spirituality that connects with their whole life, not just on Sunday morning.

On March 22, 2016, in Forward Day by Day, the verse was, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus," John 12:21. The reflection was about a friend looking for a new church when she moved and the difficulty she had in finding one where the sermons were about Jesus. She finally joined one and went to a dinner for new members. As part of the introductions they were asked to share their favorite public holiday. There was no talk of Jesus.

Greg Rhodes, leader of the Diocese of Olympia's Outside Church Walls Group, a couple of years ago, stated that culture taught me it was impolite to impose my beliefs on others, which I translated – like perhaps many others – into not talking about my faith outside of Church much at all.

We don't tell people the good news so they get converted to "our way of doing things." We don't tell people the good news so they will start coming to church. We share the good news because of how Jesus has affected our lives. We listen and talk and share with others our love of Jesus and his Episcopal Church because grace and mercy are contagious.

The Forward Day by Day for April 20, 2016, talked about, "What is the gospel, though, unless it seeps from the cracked places of our own lives? Unless we reveal the wounds that the good news has healed. It is from these wounded places that the gospel is actually revealed. It is not our talk about gospel, but the experience of the gospel. It is from those wounds healing that I understand and can share the gospel?"

How often do we share our faith stories?



### **TV EUCHARIST ON KING/KONG TV**

The *TV Eucharist* is a 30 minute program aired every Sunday at 5:00am on KING cable outlet, KONG-TV Channel 16 or cable Channel 6. The program itself is a copyrighted production of King Broadcasting Company in cooperation with the Diocese of Olympia (the Episcopal Church in Western Washington) and the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Our recent visiting priest, Fr. Michael Jackson, has been producing the program since 1982. And, our current supply priest, Fr. Greg Peters, joined the program as associate producer in March 2015.

The *TV Eucharist* was broadcast on Easter Day, April 22, 1973, on KING-TV5, NBC's Seattle affiliate, the creation of the late John C. Leffler, former dean of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. At first only the clergy and congregations of Episcopal churches in Seattle took part in this production. However, today over 68 congregations throughout western Washington are involved with the program. The

mission of *TV Eucharist* was, and still is, to provide a service for those who are shut-in or otherwise unable to attend church.

(from *TV Eucharist* web site)



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### July 17 – Proper 11

In today's world, much is often made of the contrast between Mary and Martha – one who sits at the feet of the Lord to learn, and one who is consumed by the details of providing hospitality. Both, of course, have their places, and as faithful disciples (students and followers) and stewards (caretakers), we need to pray for the guidance and grace to balance the two in ways pleasing to our Provider.

### July 24 – Proper 12

*“Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.”* The problem with most of us is that our faith is not strong enough to trust wholly in God's promises. Pray for the grace to confidently expect God's abundance to be part of your daily life. Be thankful for it....and pass on the good news of your blessings to others.

### July 31 – Proper 13

*“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions...and, the things you have prepared (saved), whose will they be? Extend an open hand with your worldly possessions; it's so much more fulfilling than a closed fist!*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### July 17 – Pentecost 9

**Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15**

**Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42**

8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Mary Fowler

### July 24 – Pentecost 10

**Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138**

**Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Claudia Walker

### July 31 – Pentecost 11

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Ps 49:1-11**

**Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21**

8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

### August 7 – Pentecost 12

**Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Stephen Hayden

EM: Eric Hanson

### August 14 – Pentecost 13

**Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82**

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56**

8:00 Lector: Denise Robertson

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

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**

**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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