

AROUND THE PARISH

as of July 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

- 7/4 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
7/5 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
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
8/7 10:30am, Parish Picnic, Edmonds
Park,

(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

- +July 12, Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm, PH
+August 7, Annual Picnic, Edmonds Park

For Little Blessings

O heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings that we take for granted: for life as we awake each morning, for a task to be done this day, for rain that we may drink, for food that we may eat, for a home to return to at day's end so that we may rest, and for so many little blessings that millions cannot share, and to whom our little blessings would loom large. Dear God, make us thankful in all ways, always.

Beulah H. Gardner
"Prayers Old & New"
Forward Movement

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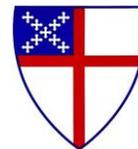
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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RICKEL

Once again our generation is witness to senseless killing from hands that should not have had such simple and easy access to guns, especially guns built for war with excessive killing power. Such guns have no place on our streets. We witness yet again radicalized and misused religion as well, focused on hate and violence toward a specific group.

I ask your prayers for the victims in Orlando, those who mourn for them, and for the injured as well. In our prayers we should not forget that daily the numbers affected by gun violence are equally as great or greater. This violence goes unseen and unnoticed by most of us because the victims are not in one place or the victims at the hands of one, or directed at one community. Nonetheless, those deaths are equally to be mourned and are as every bit our concern and responsibility. We must as a people become mature enough to have rational conversation and debate on these very things. Pray for that too.

Blessings,

+Greg Rickel

OUTREACH DONATIONS

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

This organization was nominated by Gretchen Munsey because of the help her disabled son received from Hopelink with transportation that supported his independent living. We will be sending them \$500 with \$453 coming from the basket donations during the second quarter, and the rest from some remaining Outreach designated funds.

The third quarter recipient will be Kairos, nominated by Shannon Duggan. Kairos is an interdenominational Christian ministry whose programs are designated 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. The primary objective of the three-day short course is to prepare selected residents for life in an ongoing Christian community.

If you have any charities you would like to nominate for future quarters, please fill out a form and place in the basket in the Parish Hall, or contact a member of the Outreach Donation Committee: Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Please remember the Food Bank on Sunday, July 3. Our assistance in our community is greatly appreciated!

WHERE IS THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST 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 copy of the talks is available in the Parish Hall. This is fourth article in the series.

Another of the old/new questions from Facing Decline, Finding Hope is -- Old Question - "What should the Pastor do?" New Question - "What is our congregation's shared ministry?" The old question is inwardly focused and clergy-centered, which undercuts the possibility of a congregation becoming a community of faith that uses the gifts of all for the work of God in the world. The new question recognizes that pastor and people together are engaged in growing spiritually and living faithfully.

In a time when more and more congregations cannot afford full-time pastors, it is essential that laity take on responsibilities that were at one time seen as the exclusive province of clergy. Also, as we move towards hiring a priest, it's critical that we not lose the growth we've been experiencing in working together as a community when we have a priest on board.

For a Church accustomed to expecting people to find it and join its established life, the story from Luke's Gospel (Luke 10:1-11) calls us to simple yet transformational practices that the Church at every level must embrace today:

Follow Jesus together. The Episcopal Church's identity is rooted in Jesus and his Way. The renewal of our Church will come only through discerning the shape of that Way and practicing it together in the power of the Spirit. Christianity is an embodied way of life, not just an institution or set of ideas.

Into the neighborhood. Jesus sends us together into the places where ordinary life unfolds. This begins with deep listening to neighbors. In today's increasingly diverse

world, we must learn how to bear witness to, and receive from, those of different cultures, faiths, and beliefs. For many churches now disconnected from neighbors, this will mean attempting small experiments in sharing God's peace as we learn how to form Christian community and witness with those neighbors.

Travel lightly. Jesus sends us out empty-handed so that we might rely upon God's abundance, which sometimes comes to us through the hospitality of our neighbors. We must hold inherited structures loosely as we make space for alternative patterns of organizing our life together. We must discern what of our traditions is life-giving and what unduly weighs us down. Traveling lightly means going in vulnerability, risking being changed by God and our neighbors.



APPETIZER & WINE PARTY

All of us who attended the Appetizer & Wine gathering on Saturday, June 25, experienced a wonderful evening of fellowship and food. Many enjoyed perusing the scrapbooks of our history, sharing memories. The highlight of the evening was the wonderful music provided by John Lehrack. Toward the end of the event, a sing-a-long started that could have continued even longer. John suggested next year we should start the sing-a-long sooner. This event is sponsored by the Endowment Committee in celebration of St. Alban's past, present and future.

"THIS OLD HOUSE"

St. Alban's was built in 1962, and the years are taking their toll on our church building. Over the past several years, we have been

struggling with broken doors and numerous leaks in the roof.

As a member of Vestry some years ago, Phyllis Becker took on the task of seeking information and bids for repair and/or replacement of several outside doors. We had not been able to use the back office doors or the ones next to the kitchen for some time. Total replacement costs were prohibitive, and we were unable to complete the project at that time. Part of the problem was also due to the difficulty in finding a vendor who was willing to do the work.

Vestry's Building & Grounds Committee, led by Phil McClelland, took up the challenge and was able to get the back doors in working order and the west doors by kitchen replaced. Phil spent many hours on the phone to find the right vendor and obtain a feasible bid.

The roof leakage has been an ongoing problem for many years, evidenced by the little metal bowls placed strategically on the sacristy floor. Even though the roof repairs are stop-gap at best, replacement of the roof is way beyond our means at this time

Phil was able to find a roofer willing to make the following repairs: replacement of ridge cap, repair of a dozen leaking spots, replacement of two leaking valleys and the addition of drip metal to front and back of building to protect the wood siding and ensure that rain reaches the gutters.

This work has been done, and overall the problem has been greatly improved. That is, until a couple of recent, and unusual, wind and rain storms created a bit of dripping. Only a new roof will be a permanent fix, but we are very grateful to Phil for his time and efforts in keeping St. Alban's in the best shape possible.

These projects were financed by money from St. Alban's Memorial Funds.

We give a big Thank You to Phil, Lee Forsberg and many volunteers for their work in keeping St. Alban's a safe and comfortable place for our worship and fellowship.



MAY FINANCIALS

Income for year to date through May continues ahead of budget. Because we budgeted for a priest, comparing expenses to budget is misleading, so those numbers aren't listed. Although income exceeds expenses, any overage will help with the ultimate expenses of calling a priest.

If you plan on being away from church this summer, you can always mail your contribution to the church at 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds 98026.

Income (actual year-to-date)	\$70,020
Budget year-to-date)	67,020
Actuals Minus Budget	3,000
Expenses (actuals year to date)	51,186
Income Minus Expenses	18,833



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

July 3 – Proper 9

“Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest,” and yes, all of us, even we who are town and city dwellers, are called to labor for the Lord’s harvest. After all, he gives us everything we have; can we not work for His kingdom in return? How good it will be to hear the old hymn words, *“And a glad sound comes with the setting sun - servant, well done.”*

July 10 – Proper 10

The story of the Good Samaritan calls being merciful an important attribute of a servant of the Lord. With God’s own examples of abundant mercy shown to all his people

(even at their worst) in all times, we have a perfect guide to help us as we try to respond to his blessings with love and mercy of our own.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 3 – Pentecost 7

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-8

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Stephen Hayden
EM: Dan Mullene

July 10 – Pentecost 8

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-9

Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

8:00 Lector: Denise Robertson
EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino
EM: Reilly Mannery

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

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen



**IT'S GETTING CLOSER.....
SO 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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