

AROUND THE PARISH

as of August 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

- 8/15 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
8/16 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
8/22 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
8/23 10:00-11:30, Bible Study, PH
8/29 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
8/30 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

PLANNING AHEAD

⊕Sunday, Sept 11, Welcome Back Sunday!
(more information to follow)



The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

With this serenity

I shall live one day at a time,
enjoy one moment at a time,
accept hardships as the pathway to peace,
take, as Christ did, this imperfect world
as it is and not as I would have it be,
trusting that God will make all things right
if I surrender to his will.

So shall I be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with God in the next.

Reinhold Niebuhr
Forward Movement
Prayers Old & New



3RD QUARTER OUTREACH: KAIROS

Kairos prison ministry, nominated by Shannon Duggan, will be the recipient of our 3rd quarter outreach donations to the basket offerings on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The latest issue of Forward Day by Day has a story about how this ministry impacted Michael Gilbert of Helena, Oklahoma:

"When I first arrived as an inmate in 2005, I was a very angry person. My sponsor (for the prison ministry conference, Kairos) started providing me with copies of Forward Day by Day. Through daily use of this publication, I developed a spiritual practice of daily prayer, meditation, and scripture reading. My spiritual growth greatly increased when your ministry gifted me a copy of Hour by Hour. I began to focus more on Christ. I found myself feeling connected, a part of the Forward Movement family, a participant with the Episcopal Church, and a member of the Body of Christ. I have been rehabilitated, not by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, but by the love of Christ shown to me through the Episcopal Church."

This is an example of how Kairos can make a difference in people's lives. Copies of Forward Day by Day, provided compliments of St. Alban's Episcopal Church Women, are available in the Parish Hall.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Please remember to bring non-perishable items for our donation to the community food banks.

GREAT PICNIC, FOOD, WEATHER!!

Connie & Lee Forsberg

On Sunday, August 7, God smiled broadly on St. Alban's as He brought us good weather after predictions all week said there was a good chance of thunder storms. He also brought you wonderful people out to honor Him in your service in the park. He must have spoken to you these last several weeks as you brought forth the great food that made the picnic so enjoyable. You people have the knack of doing great things when your help is needed. Special thanks to all who helped to set-up and clean up; it made it so much easier for all of us.

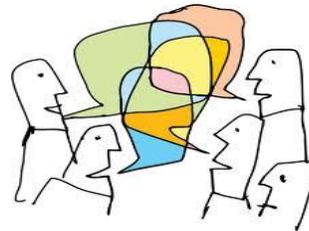
A big thanks also to Father Shigaki for coming to the park and providing us with spiritual direction. It was a super thing for him to do!



BISHOP'S SOCIETY EVENT

All of you who are members of St. Alban's Legacy Society are also members of the Diocese of Olympia's Bishop's Society. Each year there is a Bishop Society event, so watch your mail for an invitation.

This year's Bishop's Society's event will be on Thursday, September 8th. They will be setting sail with the Bishop on an Argosy dinner cruise that boards at the Kirkland Docks between 5:00 and 5:30pm and returns to the docks at 8:30pm. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by September 6 to Matt Koski, or stewardship@ecww.org or call 206-325-4200 or 800-488-4978 ext. 2028. . If you would like to carpool, please contact Maryellen Young.



THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Maryellen Young

This is the seventh and final article containing information Maryellen Young has shared 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 is available in the Parish Hall. This article raises the question of how we go about discerning the future and where God is leading us.

Learning and agility involve getting up and going, not just waiting for people to show up where we are. We must accompany them on their journeys, inviting them to articulate their hopes, dreams, struggles, and fears. We are called to relate their stories to God's story, a story in which we discover our identities anew. In these encounters are often sacred moments. Sometimes we won't know exactly what words to say. We won't have quick answers to our neighbors' questions. What matters more is our willingness to go and stay with them to listen, and to share our own lived experience of the risen Jesus. This experience is embodied in our persons and relationships, in our words and in our way of life.

There is no one way to be a congregation with a mission focus and a disciple-forming focus. The way it works depends on the particular situation in which you find yourself and a vast number of variables: the people, the gifts they have, the church's history, the community, the passions, the leadership, the fear, the hope, the determination, the conflict, the joy, and the grief. The answers to this question will only come through careful reflection, prayerful discernment, and trial and error.

It's tempting to say this work can wait till we get our next priest and he/she'll show us what to do. However, Zschiele (The Agile Church) quotes one of the authors I've referenced here with Roxburgh's Rule: "to the extent which leaders do the primary work of change in congregations, there will be no change." Change must be undertaken, guided and led primarily by ordinary members

In other words, it's up to us. Leadership in the agile church is about fostering the spaces in which people can learn, practice and play. It involves creating the holding environment for adaptive work in which people can engage in relative safety with tough questions for which there are no easy answers, questions like: *How do we share our faith with younger generations who don't seem interested? How can we form meaningful community with our neighbors in the name of Jesus? How can we give witness to abundant life in Christ in a broken world? What is God up to in our neighborhood?*

So, what does all of this mean? I confess I don't know, but I want to continue the journey and I invite others to join me. I've spent time during the last three soup suppers sharing some of what I and others have been reading. I've been sharing it with the congregation in these articles in the ATP. I actually was encouraged to discover there is no single answer. It's not that we are doing something wrong. But we're called to go forward with faith. I think the first thing we are called to do is share with each other, perhaps reading these books and discussing them and trying things and sharing our successes and failures. Opportunities to read and share together will be offered in the fall.

We are heading into uncharted waters. But God is with us—actually God is out in the neighborhoods, waiting for us to join Him. We need to pray: for discernment, for guidance by the Holy Spirit while we step out in faith. I look forward to continuing the conversation.

Prayer for the Mission of the Church:
Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (BCP p. 816)



JULY FINANCIALS

Income for year-to-date through July continues slightly ahead of budget. Expenses are slightly ahead of budget for those items for which we have expenditures. Because we budgeted for a priest, comparing our current expenses to the total budget is misleading, so those numbers aren't listed. Our income being close to budget shows that we do have the income for our total budget including a priest and parish administrator. Our current coverage will help with the ultimate expenses of calling a priest.

Income (actual year-to-date)	\$94,181
Budget year-to-date	93,348
Actual minus budget	833
Expenses (actual year-to-date)	59,387



SEAFARER'S LUNCHEON

Princess Cruises has generously donated a lunch for the Mission to Seafarers supporters on board the beautiful Crown Princess.

The annual fundraising lunch and auction will take place on Saturday, August 27th. Guests will be treated to a cocktail reception and presentation followed by a lunch and auction to benefit the Mission to Seafarers-Seattle.

Registration and tickets must be secured by Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Contact Ashley at 206-935-3439 with questions and to register.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

August 21 – Proper 16

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe...” The world may often be topsy-turvy, and our lives in turmoil, but the bottom line for believers is that God’s kingdom cannot be shaken...we are safe if we commit ourselves to His protection.

August 28 – Proper 17

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels unaware.” Blessed are those who make service to others an ingrained part of their stewardship lives. “Pay it forward” and “pass it on” are current mantras for some in our society. We have been so blessed by our Creator that these reminders should be welcome and, yes, sought out tasks for us.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 21 – Pentecost 14

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson

EM: Mary Fowler

August 28 – Pentecost 15

Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 12:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

September 4 – Pentecost 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25:33

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Mary Fowler

September 11 – Pentecost 17

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-11

1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

8:00 Lector: Denise Robertson

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Stephen Hayden

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.