

AROUND THE PARISH

as of September 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

- 9/4 Welcome Back, Fr. Greg
9/5 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
9/6 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
**9/11 9:15am, Brunch by Vestry
(more information below)**
9/12 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
9/13 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Vestry Meeting, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

Sunday, Sept 11, Welcome Back Sunday!
**Wednesday, Sept 21, Soup Supper &
Discussion, featuring Chase Lake School
Principal to discuss opportunities to
support the school. Parish Hall, 6:30pm**
Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:15 Bible Study resumes



"WELCOME BACK SUNDAY" BRUNCH

On Sunday, September 11, Vestry invites both 8:00am and 10:30am parishioners to a Brunch at approximately 9:15am in the Parish Hall. Vestry members are providing this fellowship event to celebrate "Welcome Back" Sunday.

St. Alban's Sunday School has continued during the summer, but other events, such as soup suppers and classes, will be announced. More information to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN LEHRACK

Congratulations are in order for John Lehrack because he has been offered and has accepted a full-time position as Professor of Music, teaching music theory and being responsible for the choral program at South Puget Sound Community College. He is continuing as our wonderful music director. However, he won't be able to continue his regularly scheduled time as our parish administrator.

In talking with John, he recommends that we wait for the hiring of our new priest before we look to hire a parish administrator. Much of the work of a parish administrator is at the direction of the priest. Plus priests are afforded the opportunity to hire his/her own staff. John is willing to continue creating the weekly Sunday bulletin and the Vestry has authorized paying him for this work. Our office volunteers have agreed to help out with providing phone coverage, printing out the bulletin and other tasks as needed.

Changes will begin the last week of August. John will continue to work as Parish Administrator through September, but on flexible time. John will vacate the Rectory by the beginning of October. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young, Treasurer.



September 4, is Food Bank Sunday.
Please bring canned or non-perishable foods for the food bank. Donations can also be made by cash or checks note "Food Bank" on your check.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dan Mullene, Call Committee Chair

St. Alban's Call Committee met on August 11, along with Ms. Paula Franck, the Diocesan consultant who is working with us. Paula reviewed the process we will use for evaluating the candidates over the coming months and answered all of our questions.

We have begun to receive information from the Diocese on several candidates who have expressed an interest in our open priest position. The committee is reviewing the information in preparation for our next meeting, when we will begin to discuss the candidates and, with God's help, seek to determine who will be the best fit for us.

As noted previously, we are aware that our committee is made up of parish members who usually attend the 10:30am service. We will continue to have our committee members either attend the 8:00am service or visit at the coffee hour after that service to answer questions and provide updates as they are available.

We understand that everyone is interested in this process, and we will continue to keep you informed through updates in Around the Parish, Sunday announcements and other opportunities. Please remember that all information about the candidates must be kept confidential, and only the Call Committee will have access to it. We are therefore only able to share generic information that won't compromise the candidates in any way, some of whom may have current positions with other congregations.

We ask for and encourage your prayers as we move forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Dan Mullene, Committee Chair, or any of the other members of the committee: Pat Chandler, Reilly Mannery, Shirley Wilson or Roger Andersen.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS ARE BACK!!

Starting in September, our office volunteers will return to "active duty." The office will be covered as follows:

Monday	10:00-12:00	Judy Kistner
Tuesday	10:00-12:00	Sheilah Reidburn
Wednesday	1:00-3:00	Karen Ford
Thursday	10:00-12:00	Susie Nichols

The volunteers will check phone and/or email messages, mail and can answer questions. Call the office at 425-778-0371 or email at stalbansedmonds@gmail.com.



Hello St. Alban's,

I wanted to thank all of St. Alban's for helping me with my Girls Scouts Silver Award. Our project wouldn't have been as successful without your help. Your donations helped the homeless and low-income teens of Mountlake Terrace High School tremendously. With your help, we were able to provide about 1,405 toiletries, 1,034 food items, and 1,184 school supply items and 653 clothing items.

***Thank you again,
Emily Goergen***

***NOTE: Link to full press release featured
In My Edmonds News:***

[Http://myedmondsnews.com/2016/08/local-girl-scouts-collect-thousands-of-donations-to-benefit-teens-in-need/](http://myedmondsnews.com/2016/08/local-girl-scouts-collect-thousands-of-donations-to-benefit-teens-in-need/)

HOPELINK LETTER OF THANKS

Our most recent Outreach donation was to Hopelink for their assistance to those in need. St. Alban's has received the following letter:

Dear St. Alban's Episcopal Church,

Sometimes help looks like a bag of groceries, but thanks to you, Caitlin received so much more than she anticipated when she came to Hopelink. Your gift supports Hopelink's food program as well as other Hopelink programs and services designed to help people like Caitlin through crisis toward a more stable life.

Thank you so much for your \$500 gift for Hopelink's greatest needs, received on 22 August 2016.

Our clients want to be self-sufficient and your contributions help make that possible. From emergency food bags and the food bank to housing and our adult education and case management services, Hopelink's programs support the hard work our clients do every day to build a strong foundation as they gain the tools to exit poverty.

*Sincerely,
Alex Reeder, Development Officer*



FACILITY ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Karen Ford has accepted the position of Facility Activities Coordinator for the church. As such, she is the contact person for those who would like to utilize the church and/or Parish Hall for an event or service. Karen can be contacted at her email k43ford@aol.com, or by phone to the church office (425-778-0371) or church email stalbansedmonds@gmail.com.

MORE ON THE FUTURE CHURCH

Maryellen Young

In the series of articles I've been writing about the future of the church from readings from various books, I've noted that we are called to become better at sharing our stories and journeys of faith. A recent reflection in Forward Day by Day was on this very topic. I share this reflection with you in case you didn't see it.

Psalm 105:1. *Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the people.*

The psalmist urges us to give thanks, to call upon God's name and bear witness to God's deeds by telling others. How is your witnessing going these days? I'm fairly good at giving thanks and calling on God for help, but I need help telling others what God has done in my life.

We have been reading John's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. She is so excited by what Jesus shares with her that she leaves her water jar on the lip of the well, runs into the center of town, and invites everyone to come and see this Jesus. This nameless woman is one of the first missionaries to the world, telling the story of how Jesus changed her life, and inviting them to know Jesus and to be changed as well.

Why do we feel such a reluctance to share the story of Jesus in our lives? The Samaritan Woman inspires me to share how Jesus has worked in my life. There is a definition of witnessing I like: to be with others in such a way that they know we've been with Jesus. Maybe it is that simple—and that profound." Forward Day by Day, Aug. 11, 2016

Forward Day by Day is available in the Parish Hall compliments of Episcopal Church Women. If you don't have a copy, consider picking one up. If you would like to make a donation, contributions can be placed in the large glass jar.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

September 4 – Proper 18

Psalm 139 begins, “*Lord you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.*” Even for those (or perhaps, especially for those) trying to be faithful stewards, God’s discerning our thoughts from afar has to give us pause. How can we possibly keep our minds thinking and acting in the way God would have us respond to life? It’s the old Holy Habits again which can help keep us on the path. How are you doing with prayer, study, service to others, giving and being faithful in community worship and activity?

September 11 – Proper 19

Today’s Epistle talks about saving sinners and showing great mercy. Timothy says that we are saved in order that we might gratefully tell of God’s mercy by the example of our new lives in Jesus Christ. Does your prayer, giving, worship and service make you, “*an example to those who would come to believe in Him to gain eternal life*”?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

September 18 – Pentecost 18

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

8:00 Lector: John Lehrack
EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark
EM: Reilly Mannery

September 25 – Pentecost 19

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden\
EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols
EM: Mary Fowler

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.

A Prayer From the Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen