

AROUND THE PARISH

as of October 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

- 10/17 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
10/18 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
10/24 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
10/25 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
10/26 6:30pm, Stew Fest, PH (see below)
10/31 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES

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*NOTE: If you have a change in phone number,
address and/or email, please notify St. Alban's
office so we can maintain up-to-date records.*

PLANNING AHEAD

- +Wednesday, Oct 26, 6:30pm, Stew Fest
**NOTE: 4th WEDNESDAY DATE in
October.**
+Saturday, Dec 10, ECW Coffee with Susan
Hanson sharing her recent trip to France.

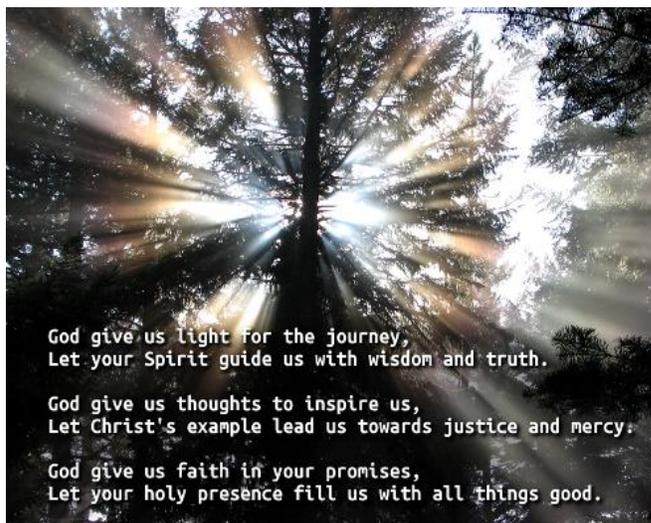
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Please remember to bring non-perishable
foods for our local food banks. Note checks
for "Food Bank."

Faith, Journey, Generosity Stewardship at St. Alban's 2017



Faith

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped
for, the confidence of things not seen." (He-
brews 11:1)*

Whether chosen or adopted, each of us
has found a faith in a God we cannot see, a
love we can only feel. These things are gifts
from God to us.

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tard Seed Associates, www.msainfo.org. They are available
individually in packets of 10 or as part of a ten card assortment
"Prayer Cards-General" for \$10 on the website under re-
sources/prayer cards.

2017 STEWARDSHIP CARDS

Over the coming weeks, opportunities will
be provided for us to explore and seek how
God is calling us to become better stewards of
the gifts God has given to us. On October 26,
we will gather for our annual StewFest, where
we can celebrate the gifts God has given St.
Alban's.

Stewardship season is our opportunity to
venture farther down the road of faith and

deeper into our journey with Jesus to a new place of love, salvation, and generosity. Later in October you will receive a letter with your pledge commitment card and return envelope. All pledges are an intention of giving, but if circumstances change, you are free to change your pledge.

You can either bring your pledge card to the church on November 6th or mail it to the church prior to that date. Our pledge offerings will be blessed on the altar on November 6th.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to continue to share God's abundance through this giving community. Think about all God has given you and then respond generously.



STEWFEEST – OCTOBER 26

There is still time to sign up to come to **StewFest on Wednesday, October 26, starting at 6:30pm.** You won't want to miss this opportunity for fellowship. We are pleased that Fr. Greg Peters will be with us as our speaker.

This evening will be an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for God's blessings on St. Alban's.

Dinner, featuring a variety of stews, wine, salad, bread and dessert, will be provided. If you would be willing to donate a pot of stew, please contact Carrie Cone (cmcone@uw.edu) or Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 (maryelleny@comcast.net).

**Stewardship; is really about spirituality.
As we grow spiritually, we grow in
generosity, and we are able to be good
stewards of all that God has given us.**

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dan Mullene, Call Committee Chair

The St. Alban's Call Committee met on October 9, to continue evaluating the applications of the five candidates for our rector position provided to us by the Diocese of Olympia. Initially we had seven candidates, but as we advised in our last report, one candidate withdrew because we are seeking a part-time priest and another asked to be removed from consideration due to plans to completely retire and relocate to another state.

At our meeting we reviewed all of the remaining candidates, considering their backgrounds and how well they matched with our requirements as identified by the Parish Profile.

We are meeting soon with Ms. Paula Franck, the consultant from the Diocese of Olympia who is working with us, to prepare for the next phase. At that point we will be conducting online interviews (and perhaps phone interviews if needed) with the candidates we feel best match the requirements as set forth in our Parish Profile.

Our next steps will be a more intensive review of the candidates, to include checking their references, conducting informal meetings with them and also observing them in their work settings, as appropriate.

When we (and God!) have discerned which candidate best matches our profile description of whom we are calling, we will present our recommendation to the Vestry for their review and approval.

At this time, we do not have an estimate of when the process will be completed. It is not uncommon for call committees to require several months to effectively complete this process, according to Ms. Paula Franck, our Diocesan Consultant, and also based on our own previous experience.

As noted previously, we are aware that our committee is made up of parish members who usually attend the 10:30am service. We continue to have some of our committee members

attend the 8:00am services or visit at the coffee hour after that service to answer questions.

We will also continue to keep the congregation updated about the process through articles in the Around the Parish newsletter, and through other methods if the situation requires more frequent communication.

Again, 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, and Roger Andersen.



MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Each year during the Christmas season, The Mission to Seafarers says thank you to the seafarers on merchant vessels calling at the Port of Seattle by giving them Ditty Bags. These are filled with practical items that convey the love, concern, and compassion of our local churches to the seafarers working to bring us the items we use and wear on a daily basis. Filling these ditty bags provides our church congregations with an opportunity to take part in an international and ecumenical outreach ministry.

The goal this year is to accumulate enough products to fill 2,000 ditty bags.

What will we need?

- Deodorant
- Shampoo (16oz bottles)
- Toothpaste (5.6-6.2oz)
- Knit or Fleece Hats
- Small New Testaments or Gospels of John
- Playing cards
- Disposable Razors
- Toothbrushes (single packs only)
- Bar Soap

If you would like to support this ministry, please bring any of the above listed items to church by Sunday, November 13th.

The Mission to Seafarers' annual Ditty Bag Day event will again take place at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in West Seattle on Saturday, November 19, 2016, beginning at 10:00am. Wendre Vaughan and the Boy Scouts will be participating

DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA CONVENTION SET FOR OCTOBER 21 AND 22.

The annual convention for the Diocese of Olympia will be held on Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22. Carrie Cone and Dan Mullene will attend as the elected representatives for St. Alban's. (Carrie is substituting as an alternate for Elected Delegate Kären Ford, who is unable to attend.)

The convention will be at the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, across from SeaTac Airport. The convention is rotated from North, South and Central locations each year, and was held in Lynnwood last year.

The Diocese of Olympia Convention meets annually to conduct the business of the diocese. It elects those serving in diocesan offices; ratifies a budget; sets assessment levels; admits congregations as missions or parishes; votes on resolutions; elects a General Convention deputation; and hears the Bishop's annual address. Clergy and elected delegates from congregations attend. Convention information is distributed via newsletter and the Diocese web page: <http://ecww.org/>.

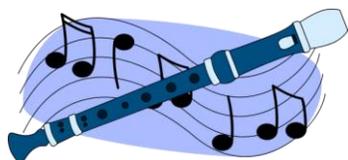
Carrie and Dan are looking forward to sharing their experience at the convention, and details on actions taken and their possible impact on St. Alban's. Look for another article in a future Around the Parish!

OUTREACH DONATIONS

During the 3rd Quarter, we collected \$411 which will be donated to Kairos Prison Ministries. <https://www.olycurisillo.org/wp/other-fourth-day-ministries/>. Kairos is an interde-

nominal 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.

Our 4th quarter recipient will be Cocoon House, <http://www.cocoonhouse.org>. More than 34% of the total homeless population is under the age of 24. Cocoon House is a non-profit that conducts outreach to, and provides short- and long-term housing for homeless and at-risk young people, including their children. This organization was nominated by Judy Kistner in honor of Marjorie Garrard and her long-term interest and support of this ministry.



CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 5, 2016 – 7:00pm

Our very successful Celtic Christmas Concert will be repeated again this year. This concert is being sponsored by St. Alban's Endowment Fund for the benefit of Chase Lake Community School's Safety Net Program aimed at meeting basic needs (such as food, clothing and extra help with homework) of Chase Lake families who live below the poverty line. Save the date of December 5 and be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors.

"MISS HELKI"

With apologies, in the last issue of ATP, we referred to Helki as "he" and misspelled her name.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Helki, it will be forwarded to Canine Companions for Independence, an organization that supports people with disabilities (www.cci.org). Please mark any donations "Helki"

BLESSED BY YARD VOLUNTEERS

A HUGE THANK YOU to the many Boy Scouts, leaders, parents and St. Alban's parishioners who volunteered to help clean up our church grounds on Saturday, October 8. Despite the drizzle and wind, they raked, weeded and hauled many wheelbarrow loads of yard debris. It was a big job, and the results are very apparent to all. Their ministry and dedication to St. Alban's are truly appreciated.!

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

Income for September fell slightly below budget for the second month in a row. Expenses for September were also below 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 current net income will help with the ultimate expenses of calling a priest.

Income (actual year-to-date)	\$115,747
Income budget year-to-date.....	119,676
Actual income minus budget	(3,929)
Expenses (actual year-to-date)	83,442

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Are you interested in Baptism - or do you have a family member interested in Baptism? The following dates are appropriate times for Baptisms in the Episcopal Church:

- +Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 8, 2017
- +Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, Sunday, February 5, 2017
- +Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8, 2017

If you would like to know more about Baptism on one of these dates, please contact the Church Office at your earliest convenience.

PRAYER FOR OUR CALL COMMITTEE

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide with your Spirit the hearts and minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish, that we may receive a faithful priest, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

October 16 – Proper 24

The final verse of Psalm 121 says “...*The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.*”

How can we possibly respond to such a boundless promise with anything less than expansive and whole-hearted gratitude, generosity and service?

October 23 – Proper 25

We pray that God may “...*increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity...*” Cultivating the Holy Habits of prayer, study, being part of a worshipping community, and generous giving can be important steps on the path of our daily journey to grow nearer to God.

October 30 – Proper 26

Jesus says, “*For the Son of man came to seek out and to save the lost.*” We are reminded that all of us could at one time or another be counted among the lost. And we cannot be

“found” by our own merit. God looks for us always. As some of the parables tell us, he will search far and long to bring us into a renewed relationship. If God seems far away, perhaps we need to assist the search by intentionally responding to that continual, loving call.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 16 – Pentecost 22

Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Mary Fowler

October 23 – Pentecost 23

Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-6

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Stephen Hayden

EM: Reilly Mannery

October 24 – Pentecost 24

Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 32:1-8

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

November 6

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

8:00 Lector: John Lehrack

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson

EM: Eric Hanson

November 13

Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Jim Gilman

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 stalbansedmonds@gmail.com, or contact the above.

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Book of Common Prayer