

AROUND THE PARISH

as of September 30, 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

- 10/3 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
10/4 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
10/8 9:00-12:00pm, Yard Cleanup
10:00am, ECW Coffee, PH
10/9 12:15pm, Worship Committee, PH
10/10 6:30pm, Girls Scouts, Sunday Sch
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
10/11 7:00pm, Vestry, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

+Saturday, Oct 8, ECW Coffee (see below)

+Wednesday, Oct 26, 6:30pm, Stew Fest

**NOTE: 4TH WEDNESDAY DATE –
Stew Fest will be the 4th Wednesday
in October.**



REMEMBERING HELKE

We are sorry to report that we have lost a long-term member of our congregation...Helke.

Helke first came to us when Lorrie Pruitt undertook to train him as a service dog. We were all sad when Helke went off to the next phase of his training, but excited when he returned to Lorrie because we all knew here is where he belonged

Under Lorrie's guidance, Helke transitioned to a therapy dog. Helke kept Lorrie very busy sharing his gifts in many situations. Cedar Valley Community School especially was blessed with the "Reading with Helke" program. Helke will be missed by all that

knew him. Our sympathy goes to Lorrie in this time of loss.

If you wish to donate in Helke's memory, mark your donation "Helke," and we will pass the money on to the service dog organization that Helke and Lorrie supported.



STEW FEST COMING

On Wednesday, October 26, 2016, starting at 6:30pm, St. Alban's Stewardship group will be sponsoring the 3rd annual "Stew Fest."

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

The evening will be an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for God's blessings to St. Alban's. We are still working on a guest speaker for the evening.

The dinner will feature 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 or (maryellen@comcast.net).

HELP NEEDED FOR YARD CLEANUP

On October 8, from 9:00am to 12:00pm, there will be a fall yard cleanup around our church. Your volunteer help will be greatly appreciated with raking, weeding, picking up tree debris, etc. It would also be helpful if you could bring your favorite yard tools.

Please contact Phil McClelland if you have questions, 425-446-2355.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dan Mullene, Chair Call Committee

The St. Alban's Call Committee met on September 18 to continue evaluating the applications of the six 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. Since then, another candidate has asked to be removed from consideration due to plans to completely retire and locate to another state

Since that 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. At our next meeting, we will continue reviewing the remaining candidates.

Once we have reviewed all the candidates, we will begin the process of prioritizing them to identify the candidates we feel are most suited for our congregation, and then expand our contact with the top choices through interviews to continue our evaluation. When we eventually have decided which candidate we feel is the best choice for us, 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 the process, according to Ms. Paula Franck, our Diocesan Consultant, and also based on our own personal 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.

OUR DISCRETIONARY FUND SHARES YOUR LOVE!

Dan Mullene, Discretionary Fund Administrator

In a recent sermon, Fr. Greg Peters reminded us that "we are called to serve those around us in need."

On the second Sunday of each month, when we put our contributions into the baskets dedicated to our Discretionary Fund that circulates at the offertory, we are doing just that. As the administrator for the fund at St. Alban's, I am your representative who responds to the requests we receive for help on a regular basis from our community around us.

To give you a few examples of how your generosity has helped those in need over the past few months, here are some examples:

++Provided one month's rent for a family dealing with the effects of domestic violence.

++Provided three nights lodging and bus fare for someone needing help to make it through the end of the month.

++Provided a gift card to help another person get food and a bus pass, allowing him to eat and get to a doctor's appointment downtown.

++Assisted someone in need of help by paying a medical bill that had gone past due.

These are but a few examples of how our sharing through our monthly contributions helps others in a time of need. I thank you for your faithful support, and pray that we all can continue to do so by sharing God's blessings to us with all those around us.



FR. GREG ON PRAYING

Fr. Greg Peters

On September 28, we learned of the death of Shimon Peres, the great Israeli warrior turned statesman, And as we reflect on the ongoing violence in our nation and world, I offer you this very simple prayer.

This a walking prayer; I've talked about it in sermons before, and it comes from Thick Nat Hahn, the Vietnamese Buddhist monk and Nobel Peace Prize nominee (nominated, by the way, by Martin Luther King, Jr.). He was a young man during the war, and this prayer is, to a great extent, the summation of his life's work.

"Peace in every step." With each step you take, you pray a word.

Of course, you can change this prayer to suit your own spiritual inclinations, needs, and desires. "Christ in every step," "Hope in every step," "Love in every step," "Spirit in every step," "Mercy in every step." The variations are endless; the intent is the same -- to shape and form the inner life to affect the outer, to change one's perception of the world for the better. As we pray for Peace - or Christ, Hope, Love, the Holy Spirit, Mercy - God does the ongoing work of making us the embodiment of Peace.

Peace, of course, is not simply the absence of violence, rather it is the absence of violence (physical, verbal, emotional, or spiritual) in the presence of justice. This Peace confronts injustice; it faces hate and answers it with love; it moves into violent situations to shield the victim. This kind of Peace requires courage, determination, and compassion. It is what we pray every time we say, "Let us go in Peace to love and serve the Lord."

CHASE LAKE OPPORTUNITIES

On Wednesday, September 19th we were blessed to have Sean Silver, Principal, and Cindy Takara, Volunteer Coordinator, from Chase Lake Community School join us at our first Soup Supper of Fall. About 15 of us enjoyed Ivar's Clam Chowder and Susie Nichol's delicious cabbage soup, along with an assortment of salads, breads and desserts.

Sean and Cindy shared with us some of the challenges of our neighborhood school and opportunities to support them. Judy Kistner shared with us how much she enjoys volunteering at her local school. If you are interested, there is a packet of volunteer information and registration forms in the Parish Hall.

Homework Club on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:10 to 4:10pm starts in mid-October, and they are hoping to expand the opportunities to support more kids. However, there are a wide variety of other opportunities: helping one-on-one; helping a teacher in the classroom; Lunch Buddy; Field Trips; Fund Raisers and more. Cindy will meet with potential volunteers to help determine your areas of interest and availability. Either fill out a registration packet and return to Chase Lake or just stop by and fill out one there. Forms are required for each volunteer. Helping with the school is one way we can make a difference in our neighborhood.

THANK YOU, ST. ALBAN'S

The following note was received from Sean Silver, principal of Chase Lake Community School, following our soup supper where he was our guest speaker.

"We truly enjoyed our time at the soup supper making connections, eating, and having the opportunity to share what makes Chase Lake an amazing school. Thanks so much for inviting us, and thanks for everything you do for the students and the community."

ANNUAL MEETING COMING

The annual meeting is coming on January 29, 2017. At this meeting we will elect Vestry members and convention alternate delegates for 2017. In addition, we need to elect a male convention delegate for a one-year term.

We are also looking for a Vestry clerk. The clerk does not need to be a Vestry member and primarily takes minutes at the monthly Vestry meetings.

If you are interested in serving in one of these ministries, please contact Carrie Cone, Senior Warden, cmcone@uw.edu.



ECW COFFEE with guest Emily Goergen

St. Alban's ECW is having a coffee on Saturday, October 8, 10:00am, in the Parish Hall. Enjoy coffee, muffins and other treats.

Our special guest is Emily Goergen who recently traveled to London with other Girl Scouts.

Also, there will be used books and hand-made jewelry available. So, please bring your used books for others to buy and shop for new "reads" for yourself. (Prices 50 cents to \$1.00)

THANK YOU NOTE

The following note was received in the parish office from a grateful parishioner:

"I want to thank Mary Fowler and Barbara Lagozzino for coming to our home and offering Holy Communion. We felt so blessed. Thank you for your kindness."

If you would like to receive communion and are unable to attend church, please contact the church (stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) or Dan Mullene (hondaguy@msn.com).

"YOU'RE THE BEST" THANK YOU

To Our Friends at St. Alban's,

Thank you so much for the Fred Meyer gift card for school supplies! We really needed it! Your timing was perfect! I had been loading backpacks and we were out of some of the more expensive items (the things that are harder for families to buy). I was making a "wish list" when Jim Nichols dropped off the gift card. I was able to go, that afternoon, to Fred Meyer and get what we needed.

Vonya King Norton

Chase Lake Community School

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 2 – Proper 22

"...you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than we either desire or deserve..." A favorite stewardship saying is "you cannot out give God!" Go ahead, trust this adage and put Him to the test. See what happens when you give back sacrificially and with thanksgiving; the results may surprise you!

October 9 – Proper 23

In the story of the two lepers, only one returns to Jesus to give thanks for his healing. Are we often like the other? Do we accept God's many blessings and gifts, but fail to respond in a sufficiently grateful way? The use of our treasure, time and talent for the Lord's work is a good indicator of our gratitude to our God who gives all.

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?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 2 – Pentecost 20

Blessing of the Animals

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-10

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson

EM: Eric Hanson

October 9 – Pentecost 21

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

8:00 Lector: Denise Robertson

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

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

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