

## AROUND THE PARISH

as of November 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

- 12/5 7:00pm, Celtic Christmas Concert,  
Parish Hall
- 12/6 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
- 12/10 10:00am, ECW Coffee, PH (Susan  
Hanson's trip to Paris)
- 12/12 6:30pm, Girl Scouts Sunday School  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 12/13 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7:00pm, Vestry, PH

### PLANNING AHEAD

- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service  
6:30pm, Carols  
7:00pm, Eucharist  
Refreshments to follow service
- 12/25 Christmas Day  
10:30am Eucharist Service
- 1/29/2017 Annual Parish Meeting (more  
info to follow)

### PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGE

#### Pat Chandler

Delete home phone; use cell,  
425-248-9417

### REMEMBER ECW COFFEE – DECEMBER 10, 10:00AM

Don't miss the ECW Coffee at 10:00am on  
December 10. Susan Hanson will share the  
Hanson's trip to Paris this past summer.  
Light refreshments will be served.

Also, Carol Sodetani will have some stock-  
ing stuffers available for sale.

Come share in the fellowship with each  
other at this blessed time of year.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday, December 5, 2016, 7:00pm

Celtic Christmas Concert

Admission is Donation to Support

Chase Lake Community School Safety  
Net Program

St. Alban's Endowment Fund is sponsoring  
a concert featuring Windham Hill/ArkMusic  
recording artists Jeff Johnson (keyboards and  
vocal), Brian Dunning (flutes and whistles),  
Wendy Goodwin (violin) and special guest  
Eric Miller on guitar. This group's music has  
become a mainstay in the Contemporary  
Celtic music genre.

Donations will be for the benefit of Chase  
Lake's Safety Net Program, aimed at meeting  
basic needs for their families who live below  
the poverty line. Refreshments will be served  
both prior to and after the concert.

If you would like to help collect donations  
or greet our guests as they arrive, please con-  
tact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or  
[maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net).



### HELP WANTED – CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Celtic Christmas Concert is coming,  
and we will need some help at that event.

We will need people to sit at a table to take  
donations of food or money. The food re-  
ceived will need to be moved out of the line of  
traffic. We'll also want people to help greet  
our guests.

This concert is a great opportunity for  
us to create a positive impression of St.

Alban's. Ushers will be helpful in directing people to available seats and helping with a collection during the concert. We have asked Explorer Scouts to help with parking. Calvary Chapel is available for parking, so if you are willing, you could park there, freeing up our parking lot for our guests.

We are planning to have cookies and beverages available before and after the concert, so help with refreshments is needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or [maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net).

### **SELAH SERVICE**

**Sunday, February 12, 2017, 7:00pm**

In addition to the Celtic Christmas Concert music, Jeff Johnson also does a Selah Service. Selah is a worship service that combines silent prayer, simple choruses and hymns with readings from Scripture and prayers in the Christian Celtic tradition.

The Selah Service will be promoted at the Celtic Christmas Concert and to the public at large. Funding for this service will come from St. Alban's Endowment Fund.

### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

**Eric Hanson, Endowment Fund Board  
and Planned Giving**

I am pleased to remind you of the wonderful opportunities we have as good stewards to help ensure that God's work at St. Alban's is sustained into the future.

The usual method for contributing to the Endowment Fund was to make a bequest in one's estate plan. But it is very easy to make a one-time gift to the Fund. By doing so, you will join the Legacy Society. Every gift is appreciated and will help to sustain the ministry of St. Alban's. If you write a check, just put "Endowment Fund" on the memo line.

### **CHASE LAKE CHRISTMAST GIFT CARD DONATIONS**

Once again we will be collecting donations to support families at Chase Lake with donations for Fred Meyer Gift cards. Jim Nichols has been promoting this act of generosity for many years, and we will continue again this year. Please designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check. You can also put cash in an envelope and label the envelope "Chase Lake." If you also add your name, we will give you credit for your contribution.

Please donate on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>, if at all possible. Chase Lake School will be working on creating Christmas packages starting December 8<sup>th</sup>. Donations received after December 4<sup>th</sup> will still be used to fulfill last minute requests and other emergency situations.



### **SAINT NICHOLAS DAY**

**Wikipedia**

Saint Nicholas' Day, observed on December 6 (in Western Christian countries) and December 19 (in Eastern Christian countries), is the feast day of Saint Nicholas. It is celebrated as a Christian festival with particular regard to his reputation as a bringer of gifts, as well as through the attendance of Mass or worship services.

In Europe, especially in Germany and Poland, boys would dress as bishops begging alms for the poor. In Ukraine, children wait for St. Nicholas to come and put a present under their pillows, provided that the children

were good during the year. Children who behaved badly may expect to find a twig or a piece of coal under their pillows.

Dutch children put out a clog filled with hay and a carrot for Saint Nicholas' horse. On Saint Nicholas' Day, gifts are tagged with personal humorous rhymes written by the sender. In the United States, one custom associated with Saint Nicholas Day is children leaving their shoes in the foyer on Saint Nicholas Eve in hope that Saint Nicholas will place some coins on the soles for them to awake to.

The American Santa Clause, as well as the British Father Christmas, derives in part from Saint Nicholas and in part from the Dutch *Sinterklaas*, the saint's name in that language. However, the gift giving associated with these descendant figures is associated with Christmas Day rather than St. Nicholas' Day.

### **MISSION TO SEAFARERS DITTY BAGS**

Thanks to all of you for your donations to the Mission to Seafarers Ditty Bag ministry. Thank you also to Wendre Vaughan and John Bee who took our donations to the bag-packing event. We donated the following items: 27 toothbrushes, 17 packages of full size toothpaste and 12 small packages, 18 bars of soap, 12 razors, 5 deodorants, 5 bottles of shampoo, decks of cards, 6 hats, 1 shave cream, 2 chap sticks and one very large bag of personal size shampoos. The seafarers will be blessed with all of our donations.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

Help Altar Guild make our church beautiful for Christmas services. Donation envelopes are in the pews. If you wish a remembrance in the bulletin, the names must be turned in no later than December 20, 2016. Donations are welcome after that date, but remembrances will not appear in the bulletin.

### **FOOD BANK UPDATE**

On the first week of every month, thanks to the generosity of our members, we receive donations of food items or money to support the Food Bank. Recently we were able to send \$400 each to the 4 food banks we support: Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood and North Helpline at Lake City in Seattle. Thank you for your generosity

### **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**

### **PLEDGE REPORT**

There are still a few pledges that are outstanding. Every pledge is important and no amount is too small. The pledges will determine our budget for next year including how many hours we can afford to pay our new priest. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks, if you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge yet. Or you can mail your pledge cards to the church, using the envelope that was included in the stewardship letter mailed to your home. If you need us to mail you a pledge card, please call the church office on 425-778-0371. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, we have received pledges equivalent to 83% of the revenue pledged for 2016. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a pledge card. Thank you for your support of our church family....your Stewardship Committee: Carrie Cone, Jeannie Wells, Maryellen Young



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### December 4 – Advent 2

An Old Testament lesson says in part: “*The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding...the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*” How can we better seek those spirits than by daily prayer, scripture reading, study and sharing with others? We need to search on a daily basis to discern just what God is asking of us in return for all He has given.

### December 11 – Advent 3

Because of this week’s Collect, some call Advent III “stir-up” Sunday. As stewards, how do we seek to be stirred-up so we may faithfully respond to God’s will for us in this journey of life we travel? What are the tools we use so we might be fashioned into the bread and nourishment God wants not only for us, but for us to share with others?

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### December 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent

**Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

**Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy  
EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino  
EM: Reilly Mannery

### December 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent

**Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9 or**

**Canticle 3 or Canticle 15**

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan  
EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson  
EM: Eric Hanson

### December 18 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent

8:00 Lector: Phil McClelland  
EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark  
EM: Mary Fowler

### December 24 – Christmas Eve

7:00 Lector: Shirley Clark  
EM: Da Mullene

### December 25 – Christmas Day

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark  
EM: Reilly Mannery

### Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells**

**Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen**



## ADVENT PAMPHLETS

Advent pamphlets for the Christmas season are located in the tract rack in the Narthex.

### 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 ATP

John Lehrack for the bulletin.

Notices for the bulletin need to be emailed to the church office:

[stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com).

Articles/information for ATP should be sent to office.