

AROUND THE PARISH

December 31, 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

- 1/1 ONE SERVICE, 10:30am, Eucharist**
Guest Priest: Rev. Scot Wright
- 1/2 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 1/3 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
- 1/5 9:00pm, Girl Scouts Conf., PH
- 1/7 9:00-1:00pm, Girl Scouts Conf., PH
- 1/9 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 1/10 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Vestry, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

- 1/29/2017 Annual Parish Meeting**
9:30am, One Service
11:00am, Light Brunch
11:30am, Annual Parish Meeting
- 2/12/2017 Selah Service**

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Address:

Jackie Leake
14002 Linden Ave N #201
Seattle, WA 98133



UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION

St. Alban's Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, January 29. There will be one service at 9:30am, followed by a light brunch, with the meeting scheduled for approximately 11:30am.

Fr. Greg Peters will not be available for services on January 1 (New Year's Day) and January 22.

Since January 1 is a Sunday and we are having a guest priest, it was decided to have one service at 10:30am. Fr. Scot Wright will officiate at this service.

Fr. Jerry Shigaki will be our guest priest at both 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, January 22.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Dan Mullene

St. Alban's Call Committee has met recently to continue our work on interviewing the candidates for our rector position provided to us by the Diocese of Olympia. While we have been working around various vacation and holiday schedules, we are continuing to make progress in our efforts.

At this point we have reduced our initial list of candidates, and decided on the ones that we believe best meet the criteria for our future priest and rector, as set forth in the great work done by our Profile Committee. Their honest appraisal of our parish has been invaluable for us in this process.

We are now interviewing the chosen candidates via Skype (an internet service that allows you to both view and speak with one another via computer). This is the first step in our process. After the interviews, the Call Committee

members review what we learned and use the information to make further evaluations.

The next step is to meet with the candidates in person, with two or three representatives of the committee, getting to know them and gain a better sense of who they are.

At this time, we do not have an exact date of when the process will be completed, but given the current process, we are hopeful that it may be within the first quarter of 2017. Once we have arrived at our decision of the best candidate, we will send our recommendation to the Vestry for their consideration and ultimate decision.

It is not uncommon for call committees to require several months to effectively complete this process, based on our previous experience. We want to move forward as expeditiously as possible, but we also want to exercise all due diligence to make sure that we select the candidate that we feel God is calling for us.

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.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our congregation will meet on Sunday, January 29, to celebrate the past year together and look forward to the year to come. We will celebrate our many ministries and review the proposed 2017 budget, as well as elect three new Vestry members to three-year terms, convention delegates and a clerk.

Vestry members whose terms are expiring are Carrie Cone, Maryellen Young and Jeannie Wells (who agreed to complete the final year of a three-year term). They, along with Phil McClelland, are the committee seeking nominees for Vestry. We also need to elect Convention Delegates: one male delegate for a one-year term, one female alternate delegate for a two-year term and one male alternate for a two-year term. In addition, we need a Parish Clerk, who is an Officer of the parish and takes minutes at Vestry meetings and the Annual Meeting. The clerk does not need to be a member of Vestry, but can be, and serves for an undetermined length of time.

Please prayerfully consider these important roles within our church. This is an exciting time in the life of our parish, particularly as we seek to call a new rector.

If you are interested in any of these positions or have questions, please contact Carrie Cone, Maryellen Young or Jeannie Wells.

2017 OUTREACH DONATIONS

Do you have a charity that you support with your time, talent or treasure that you would like to nominate to receive our quarterly outreach donation?

We generally have \$400 to \$500 to pass on to the selected charity from our third Sunday basket donations. We also like to invite a representative of the charity to be present at one of our services, if possible, to receive the check and have an opportunity to share with us more about the ministry we are supporting.

We are interested in having more parishioners participate with us in selecting these ministries. By January 10th please complete the form, available in the Parish Hall, with your recommendation(s) and also indicate your interest in participating in the selection process or contact a member of the Outreach Donation Ministry. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young, Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg or Mary Fowler.

NOVEMBER FINANCIALS

By Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for November is below budget, and year-to-date is slightly below budget. However, December is historically higher than average, so I anticipate meeting income for the year as budgeted. Year-to-date 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. However, had we had a priest and office administrator, our income is within \$2,000 of our budgeted expenses. Our current net income will help with the ultimate expenses of calling a priest.

Income (actual to date)	\$ 145,047
Income budget year-to-date	146,004
Actual income minus budget	(957)
Expenses (actual year-to-date)	103,038



SELAH SERVICE

Sunday, February 12, 2017, 7:00pm

Jeff Johnson, whose musical group performed a beautiful concert of Celtic music for St. Alban's and guests, also leads a Selah worship service, which combines silent prayer, simple choruses and hymns with readings from Scripture and prayers on the Christian Celtic tradition.

You are invited to attend this special service on Sunday, February 12, 2017, at 7:00pm. Please bring family and friends to share this unique service.

Funding for this service comes from St. Alban's Endowment Fund.

ISLAM, CHRISTIANITY & FRIENDSHIP

February 11, 5:30pm, Edmonds Lutheran

A dinner and lecture will be held February 11, 5:30pm, at Edmonds Lutheran Church. This is the third and final dinner and lecture in the series, "Islam, Christianity and Friendship." Save the date. More information will follow.

Prayer for the Human Family

Book of Common Prayer

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

January 1 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

"His light shines in the darkness, and the dark has not overcome it." Think about the hymn, *"Christ is the World's True Light"* (Hymn 542). Now read Hymn 490, *"I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light."* In this season of short days and long nights, how can we be

intentional about being a light of love and caring to those around us, some whom we know, and others who may be strangers? Let your light shine!

January 8 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Psalm 84 says in part, *“Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.”* The Christmas season is a comfortable and natural time to praise God through all the familiar carols and stories. How then will you covenant to continue that grateful praise in the New Year? How can you make your life as a faithful steward grow as a new year begins?

January 15 – 3rd Sunday after Christmas

“Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine...that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth...” Quite a tall order! But even if we just start where we are, and share with those around us the wondrous blessings and gifts we have been given, the intentions of this prayer will be fulfilled



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 1 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

New Year’s Day

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8

Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:15-21

10:30 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Mary Fowler

January 8 – 2nd Sunday After Christmas

Feast of the Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Eric Hanson

EM: Susan Hanson

January 15 - 2 Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

January 22 – 3 Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Cindy Goergen

EM: Connie Forsberg

January 29 – 4 Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

One Service at 10:30

10:30 Lector: Reilly Mannery

EM: Dan Mullene

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen

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**

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.

**Articles/information for ATP should be sent
to office.**