

## AROUND THE PARISH

April 14, 2017

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

- 4/16 8:00/10:30am, Easter Eucharist**  
**9:15am, Brunch**  
**12:30pm, Easter Egg Hunt**
- 4/17 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 4/18 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
- 4/19 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH**
- 4/24 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 4/25 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
- 4/27 6:30-9:30pm, Girl Scout Meeting, PH



### EASTER BRUNCH

Vestry is serving an Easter Brunch between services at approximately 9:15am on Sunday, April 16. It is hoped those who attend 8:00am church will stay late and those attending at 10:30am will come early!!

This will be a wonderful opportunity for an **all-church** gathering and fellowship.

### MANY THANKS TO BOY SCOUTS

On Saturday, April 1, members of St. Alban's Boy Scout Troop 300 and parents worked on the church grounds for a big spring clean-up. They were trimming, raking and removing debris from winter rains and wind. The Scout group also purchased five yards of mulch to spread around the bedding areas.

Their hard work has given St. Alban's a beautiful, clean and inviting look. We offer

our heart-felt thanks to the Scouts and their parents for their dedication to our church. As Phil McClelland, Junior Warden of Buildings and Grounds, said, "I don't know what we would do without the help of our Boy Scouts."

Thanks go also to Phil for overseeing this project, and for planning and serving a big hot dog lunch to all the workers.

### APRIL 19 SOUP SUPPER

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for the soup supper on Wednesday, April 19. Terry Kylo, Director of Neighbors in Faith, will be our guest speaker.

Neighbors in Faith is an effort undertaken by Christians and Muslims to encourage neighborly relations between Muslims and people of all faith and non-faith traditions so that together we can work for a more peaceful world.

This ministry is supported by both Muslims and Christians, and is authorized by the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, as well as the Washington Synods of the Lutheran ELCA. Terry will help us understand these issues and explore how to live out what we value in these challenging and fruitful times.

At our May soup supper, we are inviting some Muslims to join us and share their stories.



## MARCH FINANCIALS

St. Alban's March income was below budget, so year-to-date income is slightly below budget. Expenses year-to-date are close to budget. With Easter in April, expected income will look better next month.

<b>Income (actual year-to-date)</b>	<b>\$34,697</b>
<b>Income Budget (year-to-date)</b>	<b>37,341</b>
<b>Actual income minus budget</b>	<b>(2,374)</b>

<b>Expenses (actual year-to-date)</b>	<b>29,350</b>
<b>Budget (year-to-date)</b>	<b>28,482</b>
<b>Actual Expense minus budget</b>	<b>868</b>

## LENTEN MEDITATION

Alfredo Feregrino, Mission Developer at  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Episcopal Church. Seattle

*“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

When we pause with the desire to be restored in our relationship with God, ourselves and others—even though we may not know exactly how—we give God the opportunity to meet us. We have a loving God who always walks with us and never abandons us, and it is in seeking to be one with God that God always surprises us.

In a recent encounter with God's holy presence, I was attending a service of laying on of hands and anointing for healing. It was a powerful experience, as I was in my own desert fighting my own wild beasts.

As I approached the priest, I didn't know what to expect. When the priest made the sign of the cross on my forehead with holy oil and prayed for me, I was totally surprised.

As a priest myself, I realized that I too have been called to be an instrument of healing to God's people. I discovered God's divine presence of healing and forgiveness. In that moment of the service, I felt I was restored to wholeness and was one with God.

I would like to invite you to try the same: to surrender to being surprised by God's divine presence of healing and forgiveness. Our loving God, I believe, wants to be in relationship with you also.

## OUTREACH FOR LADYBUG HOUSE

Our first quarter recipient of Outreach is Ladybug House and will receive \$530 in donations from St. Alban's. This organization was nominated by Shirley Clark.

The mission of Ladybug House is to build and operate a freestanding, community-based palliative care home for children in Seattle. Currently there are only two other children's hospices in the whole country. Thanks to all for your kind generosity.

A representative of Ladybug House will attend our service on April 30 to receive our donations and talk about their organization.



## RECTORY STATUS

The Rectory is in the process of being sold! This money will enable us to use the earnings to support 30% of the priest's salary or 12 hours a week. While in the process of interviewing potential realtors, we received a private offer that was more than what we estimated that we might receive from the suggested listing prices proposed by the realtors we were interviewing.

We are currently working with an attorney and the selling agent to finalize the paperwork. When the sale is finalized, we will advise you of the money that we receive. This money will be invested in a separate fund with the Diocese Investment Fund (DIF) where our other funds are invested.

## **RECTORY OPEN HOUSE – MAY 7th**

Have you ever wondered what our Rectory looks like? On Sunday, May 7, following the 10:30am service, we will be holding a coffee hour/open house from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. Treats will be provided. We want to give members of the congregation an opportunity to see where our priests have lived since the early 60's. Come help us say farewell to this house that has served us well for many years. For planning purposes, we need an estimate of the number of people who are planning to attend. Please notify Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or [maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net) or sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall.

The Rectory is located at 21628 98<sup>th</sup> Ave W, about a mile from the church.



## **TAIZE SERVICE**

Taize Prayer will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 7 p.m. Experience this contemporary form of Christian contemplation based on the songs and prayers from the Taizé community in France. Everyone is welcome.

Taize worship is an ecumenical type of worship, meaning it reaches people worldwide. It originated in the small village of Taize, which lies in the southern part of Burgundy, France, by a monk named Roger Louis Schutz-Marsauche. Since its founding, the practice has spread worldwide. Its peaceful, contemplative nature has drawn millions from all over the world to practice this kind of worship.

John Lehrack, who has done Taize services before, will be leading this service of chants, scripture, repetition, silence and contemplation

## **“CLOTHES FOR KIDS”**

Our second quarter Outreach, “Clothes for Kids,” was nominated by Mona Carter. Donations can be placed in the collection basket on the third Sunday of the month. If you wish to donate by check, please indicate “Outreach” on your check.

Clothes for Kids has helped to enhance learning opportunities by meeting the clothing needs of low-income children in Snohomish County. The goal is to provide clothing so the children arrive at school ready to learn. It is a grass-roots, non-profit that relies heavily on volunteers to facilitate their unique program, and is 100% privately funded. The organization does not receive any government funding and relies completely on fundraising events, clothing drives and bi-annual rummage sales.



## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### **April 16 – Easter**

The Feast of the Resurrection – Psalm 118 ends, “*On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*” May we strive to be rejoicing stewards, not only in the Easter season, but the whole year through – always thankful and grateful for our many blessings. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **April 23 – 2 Easter**

How often are we like Thomas the doubter? What does it take for us to say, “*My Lord and my God*”? Part of the steward’s life is consciously taking time to read the stories in scripture, being actively part of a faith community, and through prayer, creating a one-on-one relationship with our Savior. Hopefully, then, we will be thankful to call ourselves part of the faithful who “*have not seen, yet believe.*”

### **April 30—3 Easter**

In the Road to Emmaus story, Jesus appeared and walked with the disciples, but they did not recognize Him. How often is God with us, and we fail to recognize His hand in our lives? Their recognition came later when He blessed and broke the bread. Our faithful attendance at the Eucharist can be an “eye opener” for us, too. As Hymn 343 says, “*Be known to us in breaking bread.*”

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **April 16 – Easter**

**Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43**

**John 20:1-18**

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery, Mary Fowler

### **April 23 – 2 Easter**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16**

**1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-30**

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Cindy Goergen

EM: Reilly Mannery

### **April 30 – 3 Easter**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

**1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Eric Hanson

EM: Susan Hanson

### **May 7 – 4 Easter**

**Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23**

**1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

### **May 14 – 5 Easter**

**Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

**1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Stephen Hayden

EM: Dan Mullene

### **Serving as Acolyte**

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

### **Who to Contact:**

Bulletin notices should be emailed to church office:

[stalbansedmonds.org](http://stalbansedmonds.org) by Tuesday noon.

Around the Parish articles/info should be emailed to church office.

## **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**