

## AROUND THE PARISH

March 31, 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

- 4/2 **Tartan Sunday, 10:30am service**  
4/3 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
4/4 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex  
4/5 **6:00pm Evening Prayer**  
**6:30pm, Soup Supper/Discussion, PH**  
4/8 9:30am, Altar Guild, Sanctuary  
4/10 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
4/11 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7:00pm, Vestry, PH  
4/12 **7:00pm, Tenebrae**  
4/13 **7:00pm, Maundy Thursday,**  
**Eucharist, Stripping of Altar**  
4/14 **7:00pm, Good Friday Service**

### PLANNING AHEAD

- Apr 5 - Evening Prayer Service, 6:00pm**  
**Apr 5 - Lenten Soup Supper, 6:30pm**  
**April 9 - Palm Sunday Eucharist and**  
**Palm Distribution at 8:00 & 10:30am**  
**April 12 - Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm**  
**April 13 - Maundy Thursday/Stripping of**  
**Altar at 7:00pm**  
**April 14 - Good Friday, 7:00pm**  
**April 16 - Easter Sunday Services at**  
**8:00 & 10:30am**  
**April 16 - Brunch between services**  
**April 16 - Easter Egg Hunt, approx.**  
**12:30pm**

### PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

This correction applies only to the Parish Directory cover sheet; the inside info is correct.

**Pat Chandler**

**Cell Number: 425-248-9417**

### PLAY AREA REJUVENATION

St. Alban's play area behind the Sunday School has been in need of some attention. Brad and Cindy Goergen took it upon themselves to better this area for all the children.

Brad and Phil McClellan pressure washed the swing set equipment. Brad and Cindy then did a lot of weeding and clean-up in the area. The Goergens donated 11 yards of wood chips, which our Girl Scout troop distributed around the play area on March 25.

Please be sure to notice this generous gift of time and material to St. Alban's, and to thank the Goergens and our Girl Scouts for their hard work and dedication. It is an amazing transformation!!



### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

The final Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Supper will be on April 5. Evening Prayer begins at 6:00pm with the supper at 6:30pm.

During the first weeks, Eric Hanson has been presenting a history of the church. On April 5, he will share some of his original material, as well as material from the Lenten Journey and the New Exodus.

Join us for this evening of discovery and fellowship. Please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert as you are able.

Our hearty thanks to Eric for sharing his knowledge with us on these Lenten evenings. He has given us a wonderful chronology of events in the church, and has answered many questions from those attending.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Wendre Vaughan

St. Alban's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 10:30am service on Sunday, April 16. Mark the date on your calendar and bring your baskets for a great, fun time. (There will be bags available for those who forget baskets.)

This year we are asking those who attend to bring a donation for the food bank.

Donations & Volunteers Needed: To make this the best Easter Egg Hunt ever, we do need donations of things to put in the plastic eggs. In the past, families have made bible sayings on small strips of paper, donated small crosses and candy. As long as it is on topic and can fit in a plastic egg, all donations will be accepted. **Please bring all donated items to St. Alban's by Palm Sunday (April 9).** We also accept cash donations and will use those to buy supplies. Contact Wendre Vaughan or Shannon Duggan for answers to any questions.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers: We will need volunteers to hide and recover Easter eggs and help our younger attendees as needed. Please contact Wendre Vaughan or Shannon Duggan if you would like to help.

Easter Egg Stuffing Party: Come and join us after the 10:30am service on April 9 to stuff Easter eggs. Pizza and drinks will be provided!

## MINISTRY OF AFRICAN PALMS

This year St. Alban's palm crosses will be a bit different from those of past years. Altar Guild decided to purchase crosses from "African Palms," which are hand crafted by villagers in Masasi, Tanzania.

African Palms was founded in 1965 by Father Alan Talbot, an Anglican priest who served for six years as a missionary in Tanzania. Fr. Talbot observed the poverty of the people and sought ways for them to increase their income. He encouraged the villagers to weave palm crosses to sell to churches for use on Palm Sunday. In 1976, when the women of St. John's Episcopal Church in Olney, MD,

accepted the mission of distributing the palm crosses to churches throughout the United States, African Palms USA was born and is now a major outreach of the church.

Villagers near Masasi, Tanzania, earn wages to support their families by hand weaving crosses and totes from palm leaves. The palms are shipped to Olney, MD, where African Palms volunteers process, package and ship products out to churches, religious organizations and distributors throughout the USA in celebration of Christ's love.

Proceeds from the palm cross sales fund basic humanitarian aid projects in Africa in the form of non-denominational, self-help grants. These grants help promote safe drinking water and sustainable farming practices.



## Holy Week

### PALM SUNDAY – April 9

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On the Sunday before his death, Jesus began his trip to Jerusalem, knowing that he would soon lay down his life for the sins of the world. Jesus sat on a young donkey and slowly, humbly made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling the ancient prophecy in Zechariah. The crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches in the air and shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

### **TENEBRAE – Wednesday, April 12**

Tenebrae means “shadows” or “darkness” and is a Christian religious service celebrated in Holy Week. It is distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and palms are chanted or recited. As the readings are finished, candles are snuffed out, and the remaining single candle removed. When the last passage has been read, the church is dark and recalls the days when Jesus was in the tomb. The acolyte returns with the single candle to represent the hope of the prophesy of Easter.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 13**

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. This service is a solemn occasion, marked by the shadow of Jesus’ betrayal.

Before the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, performing this act of service where Jesus showed them the extent of his love. By his example, Jesus demonstrated how Christians are to love one another through humble service.

### **GOOD FRIDAY – April 14**

On this day Christians commemorate the passion or suffering and death on the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

### **EASTER SUNDAY – April 16**

Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the Sunday or third day following Jesus’ crucifixion, and is at the heart of Christian belief. According to the Gospel of John in the New Testament, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb where Jesus was buried and found it empty. An angel told her that Jesus had risen.

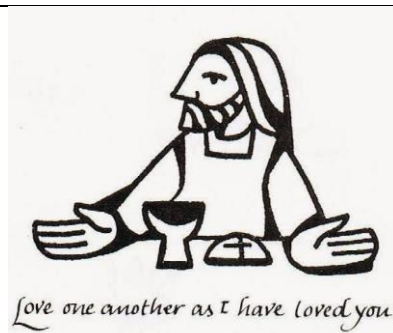
(Wikipedia; About Christianity;  
Holy Week Timeline)

### **LENTEN MEDITATION**

Loving one another is a powerful mandate. What I find makes this commandment even more profound is that we are called to love one another as God loves us, unconditionally. Unconditional love is not always easy when the “real world” comes crashing into our lives. How do we lead with love when the world is so very challenging? I believe these are the exact moments when our love is most crucial to our communities. Leading with love creates connections and builds relationships. Coming together makes us stronger.

Leading with love, we have the opportunity to impact people – shining light in the darker places. Think of love as candlelight in a dark room. Just as adding more candles brightens a room, so too does the addition of love brighten the world. We can be a part of transforming our neighborhoods, families and ourselves. Together, let’s lead with love.

Rachel Babbitt, Missioner for Community  
Engagement in the Episcopal Church, Minnesota



### **RECTORY UPDATE**

Maryellen Young

In the February 28 issue of Around the Parish, it was reported that St. Alban’s Vestry had authorized Maryellen Young to meet with Diocesan Treasurer, Barbara Fox, and the Joint Finance Panel. This meeting was to present St. Alban’s proposal to discuss the next steps in a potential sale of the rectory and utilize the earnings from the proceeds to support 30% of a priest’s salary.

Following their approval, Maryellen and

Senior Warden Pat Chandler met with the Diocese Standing Committee, who gave their permission for us to proceed with our investigation.

The Rectory Committee (Phyllis Becker, Mona Carter, Phil McClelland, Keith Labelle and Maryellen) have been interviewing five realtors who were recommended by the congregation. In addition, parishioner Joan Longstaff, a long-time Edmonds realtor, has provided her advice.

None of the candidates being interviewed by the Call Committee have expressed interest in using the Rectory.

### **EASTER FLOWER CONTRIBUTIONS**

There are flower donation envelopes in the pews for those who wish to contribute to the Easter flower arrangements. Dedications can be made in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving or in celebration of an occasion.

If donating by check, please put a note on your check indicating "Easter Flowers." Flower donations need to be received by Sunday, April 9, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

If you wish to donate flowers for another date, please check the Flower Chart posted in the Narthex. The cost is \$40 or \$20 each if two parishioners chose the same date. Write your name on the chart date, and you will be contacted by Sharon Joy, Flower Chairperson, for your dedication. Please call Sharon (425-678-8836) or see Judy Kistner or Karen Ford if you have questions.

### **NEIGHBORS IN FAITH**

Terry Kylo, Director of Neighbors in Faith, will be our speaker at the April 16 Soup Supper. NIF (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.

### **FEBRUARY FINANCIALS**

St. Alban's year-to-date income is above budget. Expenses year-to-date are also over budget. However, overall we are on track according to our budget for income and expenses.

<b>Income (actual year-to-date)</b>	<b>\$26,423</b>
<b>Income Budget (year-to-date)</b>	<b>24,894</b>
<b>Actual income minus budget</b>	<b>1,529</b>
<b>Expenses (actual year-to-date)</b>	<b>20,365</b>



### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

#### **April 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Sunday's Collect provides a favorite reassurance – that if we love what God commands, and desire what He promises, then among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found, and we need not look only to the world around us for love, affirmation, serenity and peace. What a relief!

### **April 9 – Palm Sunday**

Psalm 31:16 says, “*Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me.*” And our ever-loving God reaches out with all his mercy, time after time, to bring help and consolation to those who put their whole trust in Him and are faithful stewards of his blessings and gifts. Let us pray, then, that as grateful servants, we daily “*give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,*” and truly trust “*that His mercy endures forever.*”

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **April 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130**

**Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

### **April 9 – Palm Sunday**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16**

**Philippians 2:5-11;**

**Matthew 26:14-27,66 or Matthew 27:11-54**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Eric Hanson

Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Connie Forsberg

### **April 12 – Tenebrae**

7:00pm Maryellen Young, Mary Fowler

Pat Chandler

### **April 13 – Maundy Thursday**

7:00pm Reilly Mannery, Susie Nichols

### **April 14 – Good Friday**

7:00pm Dan Mullene

### **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

### **Serving as Acolyte**

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

### **Who to Contact:**

**Bulletin notices should be emailed to church office:**

**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**