

AROUND THE PARISH

April 28, 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

- 5/1 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
5/2 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
5/4 6:30-9:00pm, Girl Scouts Mtg, PH
5/7 12:30-2:00pm, Rectory Open House
5/8 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
5/15 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

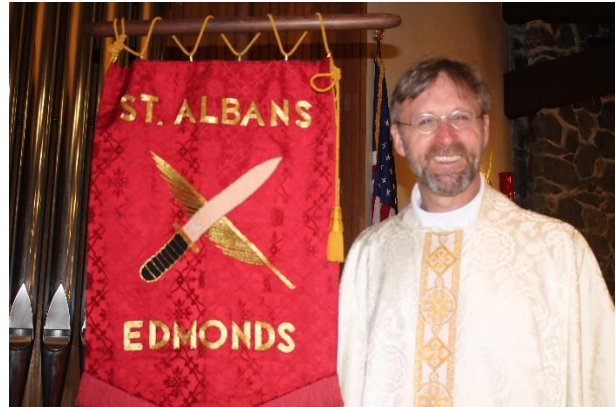
- May 13, Cathedral Day (see article)
May 21, Taize Service, 7:00pm
June 3, ECW with Sue Staples, 10:30-noon
June 25, Legacy Sunday
July 30, Parish Picnic, 10:30am



GREAT EASTER BRUNCH!!

It was a pretty exciting Easter at St. Alban's and the between-services brunch gave us all the opportunity for great conversation and fellowship!! For sure, no one went away hungry!!

Thanks to Vestry for a hot-off-the-grill menu of pancakes and eggs, plus a tableful of fruits, deviled eggs and baked goods. This parish is home to some pretty professional pancake and fried egg chefs! At the risk of neglecting to mention someone's name, special recognition goes to Jim Nichols and Brad Goergen for those great pancakes and fried eggs. Also thanks to Cindy Goergen, Wendre Vaughn and Reilly Mannery for help with the clean-up.



REV. GREGORY WILLIAM PETERS

This year's Easter services were especially meaningful when St. Alban's Call Committee and Vestry had the privilege of informing the congregation that Fr. Greg Peters has been selected as their new priest. The congregations' reactions were instantaneous, joyful and loud!

Although being the permanent rector will be a new position, Fr. Greg is well-known to the congregation since he has filled in as Sunday priest at several times in the past years. Fr. Greg will continue to serve on Sundays only until July 1 while he completes other employment commitments.

During his time at St. Alban's, Fr. Greg has become quite popular with parishioners due to his welcoming nature, his involvement of the youth members of the congregation in services and in providing children's sermons, as well as one for grownups at the 10:30 service.

Fr. Greg's excitement about his new position at St. Alban's is shared by the congregation. He commented, "I'm looking forward to working with the congregation at St. Alban's to find ways to make our church even more of a vital presence in our community."

A Note from Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck

“I just read the good news about the calling of your new rector! I pray that this ‘new beginning’ will be filled with faithful ministry, the sharing of gifts, grace and hope. I continue to be grateful for having had the opportunity to serve at St. Alban’s during your interim time with Fr. Bob.”

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

On Palm Sunday, Jim Gilman, Vestry liaison to Pastoral Care, convened a revitalized Pastoral Care Committee and meeting. They take communion to those who can’t be with us at Sunday services, visit people in the hospital and send cards.

Would you like to join us? Do you know of parishioners who have need of Pastoral Care? If so, please contact the church office (stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) or Shirley Clark, the People’s Warden (425-239-8079) or shirleysee51@gmail.com).

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 help us say farewell to this house that is being converted to a financial asset for our future. Please RSVP on the sheet in the Parish Hall or notify Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net. The rectory is located at 21628 – 98th Ave W. There is a map next to the sign-up sheet.

PARISH DIRECTORY INFO

Correction applies to alphabetic listing, and is correct on cover sheet:

Jim Gilman

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TAIZE SERVICE

Taize Prayer will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 7:00pm. 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, which has spread worldwide since its founding. 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. 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.

CATHEDRAL DAY – Saturday, May 13

Cathedral Day will be celebrated at St. Mark’s Cathedral on Saturday, May 13, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. There will be lots of activities from confirmations, fun games, selfies with the Bishop, paper airplane contest and much more. Registration: cathedral-day-2017.eventbrite.com.



LEARNING ABOUT OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

On Wednesday, April 19th, at our April Soup Supper and Discussion, we were blessed to have Terry Kylo from Neighbors in Faith as our speaker. The mission of Neighbors in Faith is to facilitate neighborly relationships

between Muslims and other faith communities so that together we can build stronger communities and engage public issues in promotion of a peaceful world.

Terry shared with us a lot of facts and information about how Muslims are being treated and portrayed in our society today. Muslims in the United States have often been subject to racism, xenophobia and scapegoating behaviors and attitudes. Recently, racist rhetoric regarding Muslims and other groups has become much more public and blatant. This is a crucial time for all faith traditions to step forward and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. There is some information on the handouts that Terry shared with us in the Parish Hall.

Terry is a Lutheran pastor who also works with Episcopal congregations. Neighbors in Faith is authorized by both the Diocese of Olympia and the two Western Washington ELCA Synods.

One of the ways Neighbors in Faith is asking people to connect is by eating together and sharing stories. This is why at our next Soup Supper on May 17th we are inviting a few Muslims to join us for dinner and conversation. If you have any Muslim friends that you would like to include in this sharing, please contact either Carrie Cone, cmcone@uw.edu, 206-367-7402 or Maryellen Young, maryelleny@comcast.net, 425-776-2461.

WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES – **Lee Forsberg**

There are several behind-the-scene tasks being performed by parishioner Lee Forsberg. He is the person responsible for the topical and eye-catching items on the church reader board. He always comes up with the perfect quote from Sunday's readings!

Lee is also the care-taker of the two flower pots at the entryway. His work with the plants helps give the entry an inviting and colorful look.

Please thank Lee for his continual service to St. Alban's!

ECW COFFEE

Please join us for an ECW coffee on Saturday, June 3rd, from 10:30am to noon. A recent member, Sue Staples, will share with us about The Little Sisters of St. Clare, a community of faithful women who seek to live a contemplative life of prayer, study, and service, in the tradition of St. Clare and St. Francis. **Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.**



Leaving a Legacy

NEW LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER

Recently we were notified that long-time member Mary Ann Simons recognized St. Alban's in her will. The attorney for her estate advised us that we were listed as an heir of a portion of her estate's residual. We were also advised that due to the costs of caring for Ms. Simons, there were no residual funds left to be disbursed. We will honor Mary Ann's intentions by recognizing her as a member of St. Alban's Legacy Society at our next Legacy Sunday.

This is a good example that none of us know what will be left in our estate, but it is the intention that counts, not the size of the gift. Anyone can become a member of the Legacy Society by letting us know that you have included St. Alban's in your estate plans or as a beneficiary of a financial account. An even simpler method is to make a direct gift to St. Alban's Endowment Fund. Our next Legacy Sunday is June 25, 2017. For more information, contact any member of St. Alban's Endowment Board: Mary Fowler, Eric Hanson, Dave Hoffman, Keith LaBelle or Dan Mullene.



ALARM SYSTEM

This is just a reminder that anyone who enters the office area needs to turn off the alarm system -- and turn it back on when leaving. If you are not sure how to use the security system, please leave a message on the office phone (425-778-0391) and someone will contact you about instructions.

**Prayer for the
Conservation of Natural Resources
Almighty God, in giving us dominion
over things on earth, you made us fellow
workers in your creation: Give us wis-
dom and reverence so to use the
resources of nature, that no one may
suffer from our abuse of them, and that
generations yet to come may continue to
praise you for your bounty; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

EARTH DAY INFORMATION

(earthday.org)

Earth Day was officially Friday, April 21, 2017; however, the suggestions included below are year-round benefits to Planet Earth.

Nearly 40 years ago, the United States celebrated its first Earth Day, thanks to former Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. After witnessing the 1969 oil spill in California, coupled with the growing anti-war movements across the nation, Nelson felt a pull to help the environment. He assembled a team of two equally inspired and motivated people to help bring his idea of dedicating a day towards advocating for the environment to completion. The team of three quickly grew to a national

staff of 85, who planned and executed conservation events and demonstrations across the nation.

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day, over 20 million took to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment. *"By the end of that year, the first Earth Day had led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts."*

(-Earthday.org) Earth Day is celebrated around the globe, inspiring action, creating awareness and giving individuals the platform to help make positive changes.

Suggestions for Earth Day are:

- Recycle grocery bags – use reusable grocery bags instead of paper or plastic bags (most grocers have reusable grocery bags for sale for \$.99).
- Clean up litter.
- Plant a tree – to help reduce CO2 and provide shade for years to come, reducing energy consumption.
- Use recycle bins.
- Compost food waste in yard waste or compost bins.
- Plant a packet of flower seeds.
- Buy local from a farmers' market.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

May 7 – Easter 4

"(They) devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Sound familiar? Faithful stewards try to live those words, more

often heard now in the Baptismal Covenant. Review that Covenant (Prayer Book, p. 304) frequently. Better still, copy it and put it where you'll often be reminded of the commitment you have made to live a God-centered life.

May 14 – Easter 5

Christ is described as the head and cornerstone, and we are urged to come to Him as living stones to be built into a spiritual house. How solid is your spiritual house? As a steward, do your holy habits create a haven for God to inhabit and work through? Is Christ the cornerstone reflected to others through the mirror of your life?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

May 21 – Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

May 28 – Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Mary Fowler

EM: Claudia Walker

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.

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