

AROUND THE PARISH

May 15, 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

- 5/15 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
5/16 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
5/18 6:30-9:00pm, Girl Scout Mtg, PH
5/21 7:00pm, Taize Service
5/22 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
5/23 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
5/25 6:30-9:30pm, Girl Scout Mtg, PH
5/29 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
5/30 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

- 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



TAIZE SERVICE – May 21, 7:00pm

A Taize Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 7:00pm, at St. Alban's. Experience this contemporary form of worship with chants, scripture, repetition, silence and contemplation. Taize worship originated in a monastic community in the small village of Taize, France, in the 1940's. 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. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served following this service.



ECW COFFEE

Please join us for an ECW coffee on Saturday, June 3rd, from 10:30am to noon. One of our members, 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.**

ROGATION SUNDAY – May 21

“Rogation” is connected to the Latin word for “asking,” and refers to a traditional time of praying for agriculture. It has been a time to pray for planting and for those working with the land. In rural areas, many people bless the elements used in farming, the fields, the seeds and animals.

As a result, Rogation Sunday is also known as the Blessing of the Fields. Churches would go out and bless the fields and ring bells to drive out the devil. It is also a time to bless industry and commerce.

On Sunday, May 21, you are invited to bring symbols of your vocations to church – current or past. Or you can bring items from your hobbies to be blessed – seeds for the garden, a book, a knitted or hand-made item, volunteering, etc. Please place your item on the altar, and Fr. Greg will give thanks and blessing for each vocation and ministry.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Shirley Wilson

Hem or His Garment is a ministry at St. Alban's for the purpose of giving each of us an opportunity to have extra prayer support for our needs, as well as the needs of others. The woman in Matthew 9:21 knew that if she could touch the hem of Jesus' garment, she would be made well. When we ask for prayer, we too are touching the hem of His garment asking for our prayer to be answered.

Each Sunday during Communion, one or two persons are stationed at the front on each side of the sanctuary for the purpose of praying with anyone who has a prayer need. If you like, stop by, a short prayer is given and then you may continue to your pew.

The Prayer Committee at this time consists of Rita Bennett, Shirley Wilson, Hazel Shaw and Sue Staples. If you would like to join our group and enjoy the blessings we enjoy, please let one of us know and we will be happy to include you on our Hem of His Garment team.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Maryellen Young

The Finance Committee is looking for additional members to join in this ministry. We meet quarterly to review financials, with additional meetings in the fall to provide input into the upcoming budget.

As we open a new chapter in our Parish with the call of Greg Peters as our next rector, this ministry is even more important for our future than ever. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact John Kistner, 425-220-1938, or Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461.

BOTTOMLESS BACKPACK CONTINUES IN THE SUMMER

Chase Lake Community School continues to provide food to those students participating in the Bottomless Backpacking program. The need is especially critical during the summer when the kids no longer have access to free breakfasts and lunches at school.

From mid-May to mid-June, the Hands On committee will be collecting items to support this cause. Suggested items are: Peanut Butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned spam are all good protein options. Also cans of Ravioli or Spaghetti-Os, cup-o-noodles (or similar easy-to-prepare entrees), along with boxes of cereal would be helpful.

Please look for a list and container in the Parish Hall. If making a donation by check please note "bottomless backpack" on the "for" line of your check. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net.

WEBSITE ADDITION

If you miss a Sunday service, you now can check St. Alban's website at www.StAlbansEdmonds.org/announcements to see the announcements that were in the Sunday bulletin. Thanks to Roger Anderson and John Lehrack for working together to provide this new feature.

RECTORY SOLD!!

Maryellen Young

The sale of the rectory closed on May 8, 2017! The sale price was \$650k, and the net amount is \$615,766.15. We have invested \$600k in a new Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) called Rectory Fund. The earnings on this money will enable us to support 30% of the priest's salary or 12 hours a week. The remaining amount will be used to cover the 30% priest salary for the next few months,

allowing the DIF fund time to generate earnings.

Although we initially thought the house would be a tear down, the buyers are looking forward to living in the house after remodeling the bathrooms and kitchen. Thanks to the Rectory Sale committee of Phyllis Becker, Mona Carter, Keith LaBelle and Phil McClelland with advice from Joan Longstaff who worked with me on this project.

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the annual Appetizer and Wine Party that will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, in the Parish Hall from 5 to 7 pm to celebrate St. Alban. On Sunday, June 25, we will have our annual strawberry shortcake coffee hour in celebration of our patron saint St. Alban and in recognition of our Legacy Society members.

SAFETY MINISTRY WORKSHOP

In today's world, even churches who used to be immune from secular events such as lawsuits and violence, are now experiencing those events. Occurrences, such as personal injury, shootings and property damage, are being experienced.

However, the chances of a medical emergency, someone falling, a parishioner being injured while volunteering – these are the most likely incidents of insurance injury claims. The protection and safety of our children is equally vital.

To provide important information and guidance, the Diocese of Olympia is presenting a workshop entitled "Creating a Safety Ministry" at St. Mark's Cathedral on June 3 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The workshop is open to churches in the Diocese at a cost of \$50 per congregation and includes several takeaway materials including books and planning tools. Since lunch will be provided,

we will need to notify the diocese and send the workshop fee if St. Alban's sends participants to the workshop. If you would be interested in attending this workshop, please contact Maryellen Young at 425-776-2461, or maryelleny@comcast.net.

The program is organized by Ronald Miller, Safety Committee Chair of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver. Mr. Miller, MA, MS, is a retired police officer, trained as a forensic scientist, retired Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Licensed Marriage Family Therapist and Forensic Behavior Investigator.



MINISTRY CELEBRATION –
DISCRETIONARY FUND

Dan Mullene

St. Alban's Discretionary fund is used to benefit those in need of assistance in the congregation or members of the larger community. Wherever possible, payment is made for rent, utilities, medical care, etc. directly to the provider rather than to an individual. Gift cards to local stores like Fred Meyer and Wal-Mart are also used.

On the second Sunday of the month, the offertory includes a basket collection for the Discretionary Fund, giving the congregation an opportunity to help those in need. This fund is generally administered by the church's rector or someone designated by the rector. In the absence of a rector, the fund has been administered by the Senior Warden or another parishioner appointed by Vestry. Dan Mullene is currently the church member in charge of Parish Care and has been overseeing this fund.

Your contributions in 2016 totaled \$958 and enabled some of the following needs – partial payment of rent, temporary motel lodging, medical assistance, car repairs, bus passes and gift cards for other uses. St. Alban's

ministries and outreach, including our Discretionary Fund, are one way we can share the love and blessings God so generously gives us.



RAMADAN IFTAR CELEBRATION at Edmonds Lutheran Church

In partnership with the Islamic Community of Bosniaks in Washington, Edmonds Lutheran Church is hosting a special Ramadan meal and the opportunity for guests to learn about the history and traditions of this Muslim month of fasting. Many Muslims around the world practice Ramadan by fasting from all food and drink from dawn to dusk.

The evening begins with a lecture at 6:30pm on Saturday, June 10, by Jamal Rahman, a popular speaker on Islam, Sufi spirituality and interfaith relations. Following the lecture, a feast of traditional Middle Eastern delights will be served, many foods that Muslims enjoy after a long day of fasting. This event is free of charge and open to all people. Your RSVP is not required, but will be appreciated (suzy@edmondslutheran.org).

Jamal has been featured in the New York Times, CBS news, BBC and various NPR programs. He is co-founder and Muslim Sufi Iman and adjunct faculty at Seattle University. He is a former co-host of Interfaith Talk Radio and travels nationally and internationally, presenting at retreats and workshops.

PRAYER FOR VOCATION IN DAILY WORK
ALMIGHTY GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU
DECLARE YOUR GLORY AND SHOW FORTH YOUR
HANDIWORK IN THE HEAVENS AND IN THE EARTH:
DELIVER US IN OUR VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS FROM
SERVICE OF SELF ALONE, THAT WE MAY DO THE
WORK YOU GIVE US TO DO IN TRUTH AND BEAUTY
AND FOR THE COMMON GOOD; FOR THE SAKE OF HIM
WHO CAME AMONG US AS ONE WHO SERVES, YOUR
SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND
REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,
FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

May 21 – Easter 6

“...that we, loving you in all things above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire...” Laying our lives in God’s hands and trusting His plans for us will provide blessings far above anything the world or other people can offer. But laying our lives in His hands is not passive. We need to study, pray, give and be an active Christian community participant and servant to others to fully obtain those promises.

May 28 – Easter 7

From Psalm 68: *“let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name...”* Being a faithful steward does not mean we need always to be serious and bowed down with the weight of our own or the world’s problems. God loves music, and joy, and all those things that create full and thankful hearts in the children so dear to Him. Make it part of your daily discipline to find at least one thing in which you can truly rejoice!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 21 – Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
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

June 4 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

June 11 – Pentecost 1: Trinity Sunday

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or
Canticle 13**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

\ EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Cindy Goergen

EM: Dan Mullene

Who to Contact:

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