

AROUND THE PARISH

June 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

- 6/17 10:30-1:30pm, Private Group, PH
3:00-10:00pm, Private Group, PH
6/19 7:00pm, Boy Scouts Honor Court, PH
6/20 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
6/21 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
6/24 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Legacy, PH
**6/25 8:00 & 10:30am, St. Alban's
Celebration, PH**
6/26 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
6/27 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

July 30, Parish Picnic, 10:30am



SOUP/SALAD DINNER – JUNE 21

Don't miss the last soup supper until Fall. It's a feast of fellowship, wonderful food, and we always come away with some new knowledge. The June 21st supper will feature a video presentation by our new Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

The hope of warmer weather brought the idea of featuring salads at this June supper, but soups are always welcome. Please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert as you are able. See you at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 21st.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

As most of you are aware, now that a bit of warm weather has come our way, everything is growing, particularly the grass and weeds. The grounds maintenance has hit us with a boom, and we need some parish help. In order to keep a decent look to our grounds, we need to provide more than the current dedicated persons can keep up with. Phil McClelland is out of town until August, and Lee Forsberg is going to be gone until the end of June, part of July and part of August. Jim Nichols, with medical needs, has a very limited amount of time. We are very much in need of volunteers to learn to run the power mower, do some maintenance in the front beds of the church and all around use of the gas trimmer.

If interested and able persons would give Jim Nichols a call, (425-771-7025) he can give good directions as to what is needed and how best to be of help. Every hour of help makes the grounds look so much better. This is a plea to keep St Alban's looking the best it can.

Thanks for any and all help. Lee Forsberg

ECW COFFEE

On June 3rd about 24 of us gather for coffee and fellowship and to hear Sue Staples share information about the Little Sisters of St. Clare.

We appreciated the opportunity to gather for fellowship and to hear from Sue. Thanks to those who brought treats and to Evie for providing small gift bags. Thanks also to Connie Forsberg for her ministry in making these gatherings possible.

Sue also provided information about the San Damiano Cross that members of The Little Sisters of St. Clare wear and which was important to both St. Francis and St. Clare.

The following is the prayer which Francis would recite over the San Damiano Crucifix:

Great God, full of glory and Thou, my Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech thee to illuminate me and to dissipate the darkness of my spirit, to give me a pure faith, firm hope and perfect charity. Oh my God, grant me to know Thee well and to do all things according to Thy light and in conformity with Thy most holy will. –Amen.

The Little Sisters of St. Clare are part of The National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities (NAECC), which is a network of religious communities within the Episcopal Church. These communities require members to follow a rule of life and to be under appropriate ecclesial authority. While some of them practice a lifestyle similar to that of traditional monastics in terms of prayer life and the wearing of monastic habits, most follow their community rule while supporting themselves and living in their own homes, known as dispersed communities.

<https://www.naecc.net/>

Sue also explained that there is an association for Religious Orders CAROLA, which includes 20 Religious Communities in the Americas that are part of the Worldwide Anglican (Episcopal) Communion. Some of these Orders are of men, some of women, and some include both. There is great diversity among the communities in terms of worship practice and standard of living, but all the communities embrace celibacy, community of goods, and obedience to a Rule and Constitution. <http://www.carola.net/>



JOIN IN CELEBRATING ST. ALBAN'S

During the weekend of June 24 and 25, we will be celebrating our patron saint, St. Alban, and our church of St. Alban's.

To celebrate our parish, an Appetizer and Wine Party (other beverages also available) will be held on Saturday, June 24, in the Parish Hall from 5:00-7:00pm. This is an evening for fellowship and gives us a chance to look at some history through our scrapbooks.

Sunday, June 25, we celebrate St. Alban, whose feast day is June 22. At this time, we will recognize those who have remembered St. Alban's in their will or estate plans. A direct gift also can be made for those desiring to be a member of St. Alban's Legacy Fund.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Mary Fowler, fowlermaryj@comcast.net or 425-225-6486 by June 19

FIRST AID KITS AROUND THE PARISH

Karen Ford

The old first aid kits around the Parish have been updated and replaced. Each building has a kit with appropriate supplies to the needs in that area. After determining that our kits were not current, Vestry voted to update and/or purchase new kits.

Thanks to Cindy Goergen, who headed up a committee, the new and updated kits are in place. Please help us keep them well supplied by letting the office know if you use items and/or notice some are in short supply.

The purchase of an AED (automated external defibrillator) is being considered. We will be studying the feasibility and need for the parish. There are several factors to consider if one is purchased, including cost, training for individuals and medical privacy issues.

If you have any questions, please contact a Vestry member.

**Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace. BCP**

PRAYER: “The linking of the soul and mind and heart to God.”

Another wonderful quote offering encouragement was posted on our outside bulletin board for St. Alban’s, our neighbors and for those who drive by. Many, many thanks go to Lee Forsberg for his timely and inspirational messages each week.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION –
ENDOWMENT & LEGACY SOCIETY

Dan Mullene

St. Alban’s Legacy Society was inaugurated on June 6, 2010, with 12 founding members and two founding bequests. As of Legacy Sunday in 2016, there were a total of 20 individuals or couples as members of the Legacy Society, four of whom are now deceased. A perpetual plaque has been created that is updated each year on Legacy Sunday, which is held near St. Alban’s Day.

On the Saturday before Legacy Sunday, the Endowment Board hosts a wine and appetizer event to celebrate St. Alban’s. This gathering is open to the congregation, not just to members of the Legacy Society. Last year, our evening was blessed with music provided by our Music Director John Lehrack. All those who join St. Alban’s Legacy Society are automatically a member of the Bishop’s Society and are invited to Diocesan events with the Bishop.

The Enabling Resolutions for the Endowment Fund designate that the Fund shall be managed as a true endowment, employing the restriction that the principal shall not be spent. Each year the trustees of the Endowment Fund make a recommendation of the amount of money available for distribution based on the value of the fund as of June 30, using a three-year rolling average. In addition to earnings, inflation is taken into consideration in order to

preserve the purchasing power of the fund as defined by the Spending Rules for the Endowment Fund. The monies are invested with the Diocesan Investment Fund.

When funds are available for distribution, the Enabling Resolution of the Endowment Fund defines how the money can be spent:

- (1) **Capital needs** of the parish;
- (2) **Outreach** ministries and grants;
- (3) **Seed money** for new ministries and special one-time projects.
- (4) Such other purposes or programs as are **specifically restricted by donors** to the Parish whose gifts are included in the Fund.

No distributions from the Fund may be made to the operating budget of the Parish.

If you have remembered St. Alban’s in your estate plans or wish to make a gift donation, please notify a member of the Endowment Board: Eric Hanson, Mary Fowler, Dave Hoffman, Keith LaBelle, Dan Mullene or Maryellen Young (ex officio member, Vestry Liaison and Church Treasurer).



“MAKING IT WORK”

Novel by Kathleen Glassburn

Kathie Glassburn, a member of our congregation, is a writer and has a newly published novel, Making It Work. The book is available at www.Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle. Following is a description of the novel:

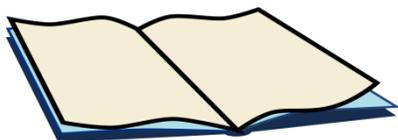
It is 1965 and nineteen-year-old Sheila Gallagher is grateful to have finally escaped her dysfunctional family and married her high school sweetheart. Unfortunately she has barely unpacked in their Minneapolis

apartment when Jim reveals he has joined the Navy. Now her plan to earn a music degree is foiled. Still, Sheila puts her dreams on the back burner, and follows Jim to California for his first assignment.

In this historical tale, a young woman sets out on a ten-year quest to overcome obstacles and create the future of her dreams during a tumultuous time in America.

Kirkus Reviews has called it "a thoughtful, sensitive examination of the effects of war, sexism, and unfulfilling relationships."

Kathy also has her own website at <http://www.kathleenglassburn.com/>



Music Director John Lehrack selected a hymn for Sunday, June 4, that was so uplifting and timely, it needs to be shared.

GOD OF CHANGE AND GLORY

God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways,
give us still grace to praise.

God of many colors,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear.

Freshness of the morning,
newness of each night,
You are still creating
endless love and light
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart.

Refrain:

Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise.
One Giver, one Word,
One God known in many ways.
Hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
Praise, Praise Praise!



VOTE FOR OUTREACH RECIPIENTS

The Outreach Donation Committee will be offering a ballot for you to vote for recipients of our quarterly outreach donations. The ballot will be coming during this **June**. Be on the lookout!!

A THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

"We are writing to express to you our heartfelt thanks for your wonderfully caring and generous donation. Those of our community who are suffering are very grateful for all that they are given. The vital nourishment you thereby help to supply fills their bodies. Their souls are encouraged as they sense the lessening of their burden, as well as by knowing their neighbors do care about them. Thank you so much for all you are doing to assist and care for others.

As you are a blessing to others, so too do we hope you may feel blessed in return! Wishing for all the loviest of summers."

Carol Rowe, Memorial Food Bank



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

June 18, 2 Pentecost, Proper 6

Both “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...*” and “*as you go, proclaim the good news*” should speak to us. Our names will probably never be preserved for posterity as were those of the disciples commissioned that day, but if we take our baptismal covenant seriously, we are called to join the laborers and, by our lives and words, proclaim that Good News.

June 25, 3 Pentecost, Proper 7

And then there is that too-hard-to-believe phrase, “*even the hairs of your head are all counted.*” How can that be? Does God really have time for such trivial details? But God truly does value and care for every aspect of His creation...that’s part of what makes him God! And the hair counting is meant to be some hyperbole to stress just how very important you and all of us are to Him. The world cannot offer that kind of blessing. What an incomprehensible gift he has given each of us who are willing to accept it!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 18 – 2 Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Stephen Hayden

EM: Mary Fowler

June 25 – 3 Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13;

Psalm 69:11, (12-17), 18-20

Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

July 2 – 4 Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Dan Mullene

July 9 – 5 Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Connie Forsberg

EM: Mary Fowler

Who to Contact:

Bulletin notices should be emailed to church office: stalbansedmonds.org by Tuesday noon.

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