

AROUND THE PARISH

May 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

- 6/1 6:30-9:00pm, Twilight Camp, PH
6/3 **10:30-12:00pm, ECW Coffee, PH**
6/5 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
6/6 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
6/7 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Annex
6/12 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
6/13 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Vestry Meeting, PH
6/14 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Annex

PLANNING AHEAD

- June 3, ECW with Sue Staples, 10:30-noon
June 21, Soup Supper, 6:30pm
June 24, 5:00-7:00pm, St. Albans
Celebration
June 25, Legacy Sunday
July 30, Parish Picnic, 10:30am



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.

PEACEFUL TAIZE SERVICE

Comments such as, "beautiful," and "wonderful" were heard following St. Alban's Taize service on Sunday night, May 21. The peaceful atmosphere, candles, readings, beautiful music and chants made it an evening to remember.

Many thanks go to John Lehrack for organizing the evening and for sharing his gift of music. John led the gathering with his great voice and piano accompaniment. We are truly blessed to have such a talented musician who shares his spirituality through his music.

We hope to offer another Taize service again, perhaps on a quarterly basis. You won't want to miss the next one!!



ST. ALBAN'S CELEBRATION

Please join in a celebration of St. Alban on the weekend of June 24 and 25.

You are invited to an **Appetizer and Wine Party** (other beverages also available) in celebration of St. Alban's Church on Saturday, June 24, in St. Alban's Parish Hall from 5:00-7:00pm. Come for an evening of fellowship, plus a chance to look through our scrapbooks. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Mary Fowler, fowlermaryj@comcast.net or 425-225-6486 by June 19.**

On Sunday, June 25, we will continue the celebration of St. Alban's with a service to honor our patron Saint Alban whose feast day is June 22. Saint Alban is venerated as the first recorded British Christian martyr. Please let us know if you have remembered St.

Alban's in your will, estate plans or you can make a direct gift to the Endowment Fund. You will be recognized as a member of St. Alban's Legacy Society.



NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR- BOOKKEEPER

We are pleased to announce that Jeannie Wells has accepted the position of Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper for St. Alban's. Normally, a member of the parish would not be hired for this position, but Jeannie's similar work with several churches and her current position as our bookkeeper offer a unique combination of skills and scheduling flexibility. Jeannie's official start date will be July 1, 2017. This will enable her to use the month of June to transition into her new responsibilities and also assist in office area preparations for our new rector.

We appreciate and thank John Lehrack for continuing to produce our Sunday bulletins in addition to his work as St. Alban's Music Director after his time as our Parish Administrator ends. Don't worry, John will continue to direct and provide wonderful, inspirational music for our parish.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

In case you are wondering, we are in communication with the Bishop's office to set a date for the Celebration of Ministry for our incoming Rector Greg Peters. Due to summer vacations and the Bishop's schedule, we are looking at early fall. Stay tuned for an update.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR OUTREACH DONATIONS

The Outreach Donation committee has decided to offer a ballot for you to vote for recipients of our quarterly outreach donations. Watch for a ballot during the month of July at church.

ASCENSION, PENTECOST & TRINITY

At St. Alban's, we celebrate three of the Principal Feasts of the Church in Spring, on three successive Sundays.

Ascension Day is the Christian celebration of Jesus rising into Heaven after He had spent 40 days on earth after the Resurrection. On this day we remember Jesus' final words of farewell to his disciples and the promise to send them the Holy Spirit.

Ascension Day is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday on Ascension Thursday. This date is also ten days before the celebration of Pentecost. We acknowledge Ascension Day on the following Sunday.

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. On it, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of a new chapter in the story of God's love for humankind. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. It is one of several principal feasts of the Episcopal Church.

The season after Pentecost, according to the church calendar year, begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as 28 Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday, which is the first Sunday after Pentecost.

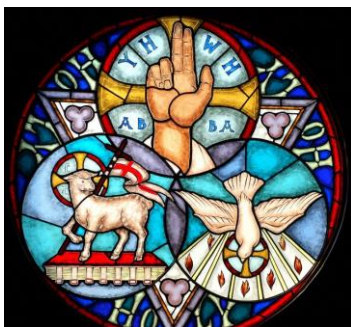
Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother, family, and many other of his disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the 50th day of Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the

house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human beings as promised by God. The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. Not only did they preach with boldness, but by the miracle of the Holy Spirit, were able to speak and preach in the native languages of the people gathered for the festival.

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost, recalling the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. **Many people wear red to church on Pentecost Sunday.** It is the longest season of the church year, from Trinity Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent.

Trinity Sunday celebrates “the one and equal glory” of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, “in Trinity of three Persons and in Unity of Being.” Celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, it is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year. On Trinity Sunday, we ponder the mystery of an ineffable God who can be Creator, Savior and Spirit of Truth all at the same time.

(Information provided from various Episcopal Church websites.)

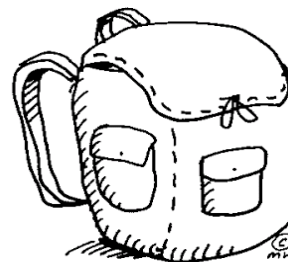


LAST SOUP SUPPER UNTIL FALL
JUNE 21, 6:30pm, PARISH HALL

Come join us for our last Soup Supper until the Fall. At this gathering, we will enjoy a videoed presentation by our new Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. Bishop Curry is a very exciting and inspirational speaker, so you won't want to miss this opportunity.

In anticipation of warm weather in June, we thought our “Soup Supper” could focus on salads. Please bring salad (or soup), bread or dessert as you are able.

In May we were blessed with the presence of two Muslim women, Janet Clark and Inaz. They openly answered our questions about their faith and customs. Janet is going to provide a list of open houses and community iftars (“meals where we break our daily fast during Ramadan”) to give us opportunities to learn more.



BOTTOMLESS BACKPACK
CONTINUES IN THE SUMMER

Chase Lake Community School continues to provide food to those students participating in the Bottomless Backpack program during the summer. From mid-May to mid-June, the Hands On committee will be collecting items to support this cause. Please look for a list and container in the Parish Hall. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461, maryelleny@comcast.net.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION—
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Reilly Mannery

The Liturgical Ministries are those centered around the Eucharist to assist the priest in serving the parish. Members of this ministry serve under the priest's direction.

This support includes: Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors who take communion to those unable to come to church, Crucifers who process with the cross, Acolytes, Lectors who read the lesson, and Worship Leaders who lead special events. We at St. Alban's are

fortunate to have a small, but faithful, core of such ministries who serve at both 8:00 and 10:30 morning services and sometimes during the week.

If you are considering what our Lord maybe calling you to step out in faith and try this year, please talk with Fr. Greg or Reilly Mannery.

APRIL 2017 FINANCIALS

St. Alban’s April income was significantly above budget because of considerable Easter donations. The Finance Committee met on May 10 and will be making recommendations about designating some of the extra Easter donation for special projects. Any recommendations will be reviewed by the Vestry at the June meeting. Expenses year-to-date are slightly over budget, primarily because of higher energy expenses during winter.

Income (actual year-to-date)	\$ 61,337
Income Budget (year-to-date)	50,688
Actual income minus budget	10,469
Expenses (actual year-to-date)	\$ 40,638
Budget (year-to-date)	38,172
Actual expense minus budget	2,467

PERFORMANCE FREE CONCERT

The Ugandan Children’s Choir, *Imani Milele*, will perform a free concert at Edmonds Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 7th, at 7:00pm. *Imani Milele* is a Swahili phrase meaning “always believe.”

The organization works with impoverished children living in rural communities, providing them with the hope of a brighter future through education. *Imani* was established in 1989 and currently serves over 3,500 at-risk children and orphaned children, by providing housing, education and skill training.

The purpose of the Imani Milele Children’s Choir is to promote and bring awareness to the plight of these vulnerable children in Uganda. Through their craft and dance, their

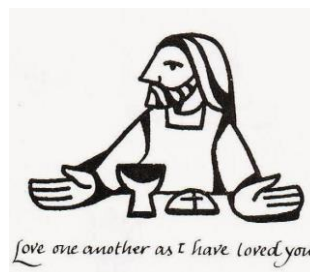
performances have earned them recognition as one of the best children’s choirs in the nation.

Come and enjoy this inspiring evening of lovely music, beautiful voices, vibrant costumes, African dance and drum routines,

RAMADAN IFTAR CELEBRATION at Edmonds Lutheran Church

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 on Saturday, June 10.

Jamal Rahman, a popular speaker on Islam, Sufi spirituality and interfaith relations will be the guest speaker at 6:30pm, followed by a feast of traditional Middle Eastern foods that are enjoyed by many Muslims after a long day of fasting. The event is free of charge and open to all people. Your RSVP is not required, but will be appreciated; email suzy@edmondslutheran.org.



TV EUCHARIST ENDS THIS SUMMER

“TV Eucharist,” possibly one of the longest running religious TV programs of its kind by a mainline denomination, will go off the air later this summer.

Reaching an estimated 3,000 or more viewers each week, the 30-minute Sunday morning program produced by KING5 in cooperation with the Diocese of Olympia (the Episcopal Church in Western Washington) and the Northwest Washington Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, served to provide a service for those who are shut-in or otherwise unable to attend church.

TAIZE SERVICE PRAYER

Loving God, everything we have comes from you: all peoples, all creation is yours. Help us to shape our lives according to your will and lead us to use all that we have at our disposal for your glory. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
Amen



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

June 4 – Day of Pentecost

“Hail thee festival day, blessed day that is hallowed forever...forth from the Father He comes with sevenfold mystical offering, pouring on all human souls the infinite riches of God.” (Hymn 225) How can whatever offerings we make begin to compare with “infinite riches of God”? He is our perfect model, and we need to remember that we can’t out-give Him – it’s the spirit and gratitude with which we give that are all important

June 11 – Pentecost 1 - Trinity Sunday

Today’s Epistle concludes: *“and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* Family and friends may fail us; life may be full of trials and temptations; other groups may not live up to our expectations. But God never fails – He remains the rock of our hope and salvation. He is always present and ready to undergird our lives and faith...all we have to do is ask. What a gift!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

Who to Contact:

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