

AROUND THE PARISH

July 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

- 8/1 7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
8/5 9:00am-noon, Girls Scout Mtg, PH
8/7 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
8/14 6:30, Girls Scouts, Annex
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

Sept 4, Labor Day, Office Closed
Oct 12, Celebration of Ministry, 7:00pm

LILA McDONALD

Our sister Lila McDonald died on Saturday night, July 15. Some weeks prior, Lila had suffered a stroke and was receiving rehab. Lila and her husband Bill were long-time members of the St. Alban's family, having been members for over 50 years.

We celebrated Lila's life and ministry on July 30 in the midst of the 8:00 service, the service she loved and attended faithfully. Please keep Lila's family in your prayers.

ABE GARCIA

We received word that our brother Abe Garcia passed away on Saturday night, July 29. Abe and his wife Barbara were members and very active at St. Alban's for many years. Service arrangements will be announced at a later date.

MANY THANKS TO.....

****Dan Mullene** for planning and hosting the Pizza Party to meet the Peters family on Sunday evening, July 16. There were more than 60 present who enjoyed wonderful pizza, salad and soda. Dessert took many of us back a few years – "Dixie Cups" of ice cream.

Thank you, Dan, for giving us this wonderful evening of fellowship!

****Lee Forsberg** for chairing and organizing our Annual Parish Picnic at Edmonds Park. Lee and his band of volunteers (Jim Nichols, Brad and Emily Goergen, Heather Small and Connie Forsberg) started the day early by getting tables and the cooking station set up. Having our 10:30 service outdoors among the towering trees is inspiring in itself. Having so many parishioners together for a meal and fellowship is always memorable.

We feasted on hot dogs, chips and pop, plus all the wonderful salads, desserts and snacks contributed by the congregation. There are many great cooks at St. Alban's!! Thanks to Lee and all those who continue to provide this annual event that means so much to all of us. And thanks to all those who attended and shared their great recipes.



THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration of Jesus is reported in the New Testament when Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. The Transfiguration is one of the five milestones in the Gospels, the others being Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension.

About a week after Jesus plainly told His disciples that He would suffer, be killed and be raised to life, he took three of his apostles,

Peter, James and John, with him to a mountain to pray. While praying, Jesus begins to change into a glorified form, and his clothes become dazzling white. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him, and they talk about His death which would soon take place.

Peter wants to make this moment permanent and offers to put up booths or tents. Just then a cloud envelops them and a voice from the cloud states, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

When the disciples fall to the ground in fear, Jesus approaches them and touches them, telling them not to be afraid. When the cloud lifts and the disciples look up, they no longer see Elijah and Moses.

Going back down the mountain, Jesus tells his disciples not to talk about what they had seen until "the Son of Man" has risen from the dead.

The Transfiguration gave the disciples a better understanding of who Jesus really was. They had only known him in his human form. His dramatic change in appearance gave them a vision of his deity, although they could not fully comprehend it at the time.

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MINISTRY CELEBRATION – Pastoral Care and Eucharistic Visitors

St. Alban's pastoral care provides support and services to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of our faith community. One of its vital roles is taking communion to those who are shut-ins, hospitalized or unable to attend church services.

Those volunteering as Eucharistic Visitors are Eric Hanson, Sharon Joy, Barbara Lagazzino, Mary Fowler, Phyllis Becker and Jim Gilman. If you know of any parishioners who wish to receive communion, phone calls, etc., please contact Eric Hanson (425-743-3538) or Jim Gilman (425) 409-1374).

Last year Pastoral Care Ministries distri-

buted medical emergency cards to parishioners, as well as made daily phone calls to some church family who live alone. Committee members meet periodically to review visits with parishioners and their needs.

Consider joining this important ministry of service to those in need of love, care and support.



SOUTH AFRICAN ANGLICAN YOUTH CREATES GARDEN

Young people from a parish in a suburb of Cape Town have cultivated a garden at their church as a way of remembering Nelson Mandela on what was his birthday, July 18th.

Nelson Mandela International Day commemorates the lifetime of service Nelson Mandela gave to South Africa and the world. It was launched on his birthday in 2009 via a unanimous decision by the UN General Assembly. "It is in your hands to make of the world a better place," he had said a year earlier, calling on the younger generation to take up this task.

The tradition has developed of taking 67 minutes to do something for others on Mandela day. It is based on the idea that each person has the power to change the world and celebrates the 67 years that Mandela dedicated to social justice.

The young people of Holy Spirit Church in Heidveld spent their morning creating a beautiful vegetable and indigenous garden, and they also cleaned up rubbish from around the

church. Each parish group, Sunday School, servers, youth etc., will be looking after a part of the garden.

BISHOP SOCIETY GRATITUDE EVENT

This year the Bishop Society event for members of St. Alban’s Legacy Society will be held on Tuesday, August 29th in Olympia. Dinner will be in the Rotunda at the Washington State Capitol followed by a dessert buffet and organ recital at St. John’s Olympia. A shuttle van is available from Seattle. RSVP to stewardship@ecww.org or (206) 325-4200, Ext 2041. If you make a donation to St. Alban’s Endowment Fund or notify the church office that you have recognized St. Alban’s in your estate plans, you are eligible to participate in this event.



“A BRUSH WITH GOD”-- Icon Workshop

August 16-19, 2017

**St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
111 NE 80th, Seattle WA 98115**

If you have been drawn to icons but thought icon painting or “writing” was inaccessible, think again. The masterful icon teacher Peter Pearson gives instructions that enable you to get started – even more important, to complete an icon. In past years, participants have completed icons of St. Francis,

Mary Magdalene, Jesus Teacher, A Madonna and child and St. Andrew.

Workshop participants receive easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions, and all materials necessary to complete an icon.

Register before August 2 to take advantage of the fee of \$295; after August 2, fee is \$345. Limited partial scholarships are available. Registration includes a \$75 supply fee, as well as coffee, snacks and a light lunch on Saturday. For further information, contact Cherry-Haisten, 206-523-7476, Ext 304.

JUNE FINANCIALS

St. Alban’s June income and expenses were on budget. Income year-to-date is slightly ahead of budget, a good place to be going into the summer months when income tends to decline. Income is ahead of the budget for expenses because Fr. Greg started three months later than what was budgeted.

If you are away, remember you can always mail your contributions to the church at 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds 98026

Income (actual year-to-date)	\$76,848
Income Budget (year-to-date)	\$75,582
Actual income minus budget	\$ 1,266
Expenses (actual year-to-date)	\$58,826

FINANCIAL FUND REALLOCATIONS

We have had budget surpluses over the past couple of years because we did not have all of the expenses associated with a priest. The Vestry had put these surpluses in a fund to cover potential costs with calling a new priest. In addition, this Easter we received a special donation. Now that we have called Greg Peters to be our Rector, we know that we don’t have the costs associated with moving a priest to Edmonds. The Finance Committee recommended and the Vestry approved the reallocation of these funds to other purposes.

Roof Repair Funds, \$10,000

Now that the Rectory is sold, we renamed our Rectory Savings that was established to cover repairs for the Rectory, to a savings for a new roof and added \$5,000 to that fund.

College for Congregational Development, \$6,000

One of the opportunities with calling a new priest is to send a team to the Diocesan College for Congregational Development which provides training to help congregations to become more faithful, healthy, and effective communities of faith. We set aside funds to send up to five participants to this program. You'll be hearing more about this opportunity in the future.

New Priest Expense, \$5,000

We retained funds to provide expenses for calling a new priest including costs for the Celebration of Ministry on October 12, a laptop for Greg to use for church business and expenses to improve his office area.

Hospitality, \$1,000

We designated funds to have more fellowship opportunities. Previously costs associated with many of these events have been donated by members of the Vestry and others.

Future Budget Reserve, \$1,500

We added to a potential budget reserve fund that we had previously created. In 2017 we had insufficient income to pay all of the costs for a full year of a priest. This budget reserve fund, now \$13,500, allows us time to grow our income to support our future budget.

Sabbaticals, \$12,000

We retained funds to cover expenses for a future sabbatical. We already have a tight budget. By setting aside these funds now, it eliminates the need to save each year for this future need.

Undesignated Fund, \$20,000

We created a new fund for special non-budgeted items. Because we have a tight budget, this fund will allow us to have money for new ministries or unplanned expenses as we look to our future



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

August 6 – Pentecost 13

There is an old table Grace which says, *“Christ in the wilderness five thousand fed, with two small fishes and five loaves of bread. May the God above, who made that division, descend upon us and our provision. Amen.”* Perhaps you can use it this weekly as you thank God for the great variety of gifts He gives us.

August 6 – The Transfiguration

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!” Jesus’ teachings provide us with all the lessons we need to live faithful, honest, and productive lives---also as God’s “chosen.” At a Baptism, the cross is sealed on our foreheads, and we are *“marked as Christ’s own forever.”* Stewardship is about how we respond to that freely given gift of grace, and how we offer thanks with grateful hearts and lives to God who gives us all.

August 13 – Pentecost 14

Impetuous Peter...so quick to want to show his faith and trust in Jesus...and so equally quick to fall back in fear when the wind intruded. How often do we, attempting to live as God's stewards, let the winds of the world make us falter in our trust for the ever-present heavenly mercy? Thankfully, over and over Jesus says, "*Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid.*"

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 6 – The Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99: 5-9

2 Peter 1:13-21, Luke 9:28-36

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Howard Hayden
10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark
EM: Reilly Mannery

August 13 – Proper 14

1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13,

Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden
EM: Jim Gilman
10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols
EM: Connie Forsberg

August 20 - Proper 15

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32,

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan
EM: Mary Fowler
10:30 Lector: Eric Hanson
EM: Susan Hanson

August 27 - Proper 16

Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford
EM: Jim Gilman
10:30 Lector: Cindy Goergen
EM: Dan Mullene

Prayer for Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you to your holy presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WHEN IS THE OFFICE OPEN?

The church office will be open Monday through Thursday, from 10:00am to noon and Friday from noon to 2:00pm. Jeannie Wells, our new Parish Administrator, will be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Monday and Thursday will be covered by volunteers, Judy Kistner and Sheilah Reidburn, respectively.

Father Greg he will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please note that the times may vary according to other meetings outside the church.

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.