

AROUND THE PARISH

October 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

- 10/16 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
10/18 6:30pm, Stew Fest, PH
10/22 12:30pm, Worship Comm Mtg, PH
10/23 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
10/28 10:00am, Abe Garcia Memorial
10/29 7:00pm, Private Event
10/30 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

- 11/2 Ingathering, 8:00/10:30am
11/12 Taize Service, 7:00pm
11/15 Soup Supper, 6:30pm
12/4 Celtic Christmas Concert, 7:00pm



Stewardship

A way of living

Dependence on God: Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed in our hands.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education classes have resumed on Sunday at 9:15am in the Annex. Join Eric Hansen for this exciting journey through the book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome and can come as you are able.

FR. GREG INSTALLATION

Bishop Greg Rickel officiated at our October 12th New & Mutual Ministry celebration. It was a beautiful and meaningful service attended by 147 parishioners and guests. Being a Mutual Ministry, Fr. Greg had invited many parishioners to take part in the proceedings.

Fr. Greg, Maryellen Young and her committees are to be congratulated on a job well done.

STEW FEST REMINDER

It's not too late for you to plan on attending our annual Stew Fest on Wednesday, October 18th, 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Several parishioners are making their favorite stew recipes. Also on the menu are salads, breads, desserts, wine, soda, coffee and tea.

The program will be led by Fr. Greg. We'll have a fun "mad lib" type activity followed by discussion. Don't miss this great evening of fun and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall which would help us estimate how many will be attending. If you can't sign up, please come anyway.



STEWARDSHIP – A Way of Living

A letter outlining our annual stewardship campaign – **Stewardship – A Way of Living** – has been sent to all parishioners.

The theme is intended as a way to remind us all that everything we have comes from God and belongs to God.

We are stewards of his many gifts. Our goal is to treasure and use these gifts, returning them to God in everything we do – at home, at church, at work, in the community, and by taking care of others and the world God made for us.

For several weeks, sermons and Stewardship Moments (short talks from a few parishioners) are being presented. In late October, pledge cards will be mailed to homes, along with a Gratitude Card, where you can write your own message of thanksgiving to God.

You are invited to return these cards to St. Alban's for our Ingathering on Sunday, November 5th, where they will be offered at the altar during both services.

We do not ask for pledges to meet a specific budget amount; St. Alban's budget is based on the financial support from the congregation. In the past, parishioners have expressed their "wish list" to include full time for our rector and parish administrator, roof repair, increased outreach and involvement with the community, and expansion of our ministries. Stewardship of all of our resources is part of our journey.

You are asked to prayerfully consider your financial contribution and support for the future God has set before us.



TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Our second Taize Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at 7:00pm. Experience this contemporary form of Christian contemplation based on the songs and prayers from the Taizé community in

France. You won't want to miss this experience. This is a perfect opportunity to invite others to join you.

Taize worship is an ecumenical type of worship, meaning it reaches people worldwide. 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. Since its founding, the practice has spread worldwide. Its peaceful, contemplative nature has drawn millions from all over the world to practice this kind of worship.

John Lehack, St. Alban's Music Director, will be leading this service of chants, scripture, repetition, silence and contemplation. Refreshments will be served following this service.



OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING

St. Alban's Vestry met on October 10th to review the business and financial responsibilities of the church. Meeting agendas included new and old business, as well as reports from the liaison groups.

Treasurer's Report: September expenses are tracking with our budget; income was slightly under budget. The September financial details are noted elsewhere in this ATP.

New and Mutual Ministry Celebration: Plans for the service, reception, parking, etc., were reviewed.

Mutual Ministry Agreement: A document prepared by the Vestry and the Rector, which is required by the Diocese, lists three measurable goals to improve specific aspects of congregational growth and development.

The final version was adopted by the Vestry and will be presented to the Diocese.

The Diocesan Convention: It is being held in Vancouver, WA, at the end of October and will be attended by Fr. Greg and Jim Gilman as our representatives.

Stewardship Liaison: The stewardship campaign – Sewardship –A Way of Living - was reviewed along with plans for the Stew Fest to be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Taize Service: Plans were discussed for a second Taize Service to be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 12th, 7:00pm.



DO SOMETHING

Maryellen Young

Reilly and I attend St. Hugh in Allyn when we were at my cabin on Harstine Island. One of our St. Hugh friends, Garby, recently died very unexpectedly. We were fortunate to have attended a seminar and dinner with her on a Saturday and were shocked when we learned that she died from a serious, undiagnosed health condition the following Thursday. The newsletter at St. Hugh had this tribute to her. The words are a good reminder to all of us.

The Legend of Garby

Do Something... anything, be active. In the last three months of Garby's life, she went on a month-long European vacation, bought and drove an RV up the California Coast, wrote a Sermon and visited and entertained countless people.

So here is the Challenge: **DO SOMETHING.** It can be as simple as making something and giving it away, cookies or a lunch box for a homeless person. Volunteer at

a school, museum, library, social services, Humane Society...anywhere.

Go somewhere, take a trip. It doesn't have to be extravagant; it can be a day...just go. Walk the beach, walk the forest, go see the mountains. Be a tourist in your own city, and send a post card.

Take the grandchildren out to lunch and shopping and buy them stuff that their parents won't.

Take a class, join a group, learn something new, refresh something old.

Enjoy a good bottle of wine with someone you love. In cooking, always use butter, cream, and extra virgin oil.

The legacy is to enrich not only your life but the life of those around you, including those you have yet to meet.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

St. Alban's income for September was about \$2,000 below budget. Year to date income is about \$3,000 above budget. Expenses for September were about on budget for the month. Expenses will increase as we will be paying benefits for Fr. Greg and our heating expenses will increase with the return to cooler weather. Net income minus expenses is positive because we had three months of savings with Fr. Greg starting in July.

Income (actual year-to-date)	\$115,277
Income Budget (year-to-date)	\$112,923
Actual income minus budget	\$ 3,413
Expenses (actual year-to-date)	\$91,035

4TH QUARTER OUTREACH RECIPIENT

Hand in Hand Kids is the designated recipient of our 4th Quarter Outreach donations. This organization was chosen via ballot by members of our church family.

Hand in Hand's mission is to provide critical care and support for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, drug raids, abandon-

ment and other dangerous circumstances and entering foster care. The organization supports foster families and offers prevention and family stabilization resources for our community.

Prayer of Hope & Strength

O God, thou art my hope and strength, a very present help in trouble; grant me faith and courage, that I may not fear, though the earth be moved, and the hills carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof rage and swell, and the mountains shake at the tempest of same. O be in the midst of my soul, that I may not be moved, but may be still and know that thou art God. Amen.

(Based on Psalm 45 and prayer attributed to Archbishop William Laud)



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

October 15 – Pentecost 23

We pray that God’s grace “*may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works.*” We must not allow that grace to surround us like a protective bubble and insulate us from being “*mindful of the needs of others.*” But the paradox is, the more we break out of the bubble to care for and about others, the more flexible and God-enriched the bubble becomes!

October 22, Pentecost 24

Jesus talks about being a responsible citizen of the world, but balancing that with “*giving to God the things that are God’s.*” The government makes sure to tell us what we owe them, but how ever do good stewards begin to calculate how to faithfully return a share of their blessings to the gracious provider who has given us everything we have in life.

October 29 – Pentecost 25

The Great Commandment – love God and love your neighbor – how can we make it the basis of all we do in life? Perhaps the Holy Habits of prayer, study, sacrificial giving, and being connected to a faith-filled community can be our stepping stones to living that commandment in a world that constantly tempts us into living only for ourselves, and puts God in the less than primary place He deserves.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 15, Proper 23

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Dan Mullene

October 22, Proper 24

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Cindy Goergen

EM: Reilly Mannery

October 29, Proper 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

8:00 Lector: John Lehrack

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Reilly Mannery

EM: Mary Fowler

November 5, Proper 26

Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Barb Lagozzino

EM: Connie Forsberg

November 12, Proper 27

Amos 5:18-24;

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Mary Fowler

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.