

AROUND THE PARISH

January 15, 2018

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

- 1/16 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
6:00pm, Altar Guild Meeting, PH
6:30pm, Job's Daughters, Annex
7:00pm, Vestry Mtg (date change)
- 1/17 6:30pm, Soup Supper/Discussion, PH**
- 1/21 5:00pm, Taize, Sanctuary**
- 1/22 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 1/23 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
- 1/27 10:00am, Parish Meeting Set-Up**
- 1/28 9:30am, Combined Service**
11:00, Brunch/Parish Meeting, PH
- 1/29 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Annex
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 1/30 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

- 2/4 12:15, Vestry Officers Mtg, Annex**
- 2/6 7:00pm, Vestry Meeting, PH**
- 2/13 5:00pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, PH**
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Services,**
12:00 and 7:00pm
- 2/18 Bishop Rickel Visitation**
- 2/18 Dorothy's Piano Bar, Sanctuary**

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGE

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When you find yourself in the position to help someone, be happy and feel blessed because God is answering that person's prayer through you. Remember: Our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark, but to be a light to others, so that they may find a way through us.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

Greg Peters

Right from the beginning, the Great Litany recognizes our brokenness, our estrangement from one another, the unhappy division of the body of the faithful.

In the fifth petition, we pray,

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;
from hardness of heart, and contempt of
thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We know from scripture that Jesus desired that his followers would find and remain in unity. I refer to his prayer at the Last Supper in John, "that they may be one as I and the Father are one."

This last year, we have been remembering the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Remembering Martin Luther's bravery in denouncing the excesses of the Church of his time, his desire to correct the Church where it had gone astray and his concern that the souls of the faithful not be misled by false teaching, we have celebrated the many fruits of the Reformation.

Our own branch of Christianity is, of course, a product of the Reformation. We love how God has guided us and formed us as Christians in the Anglican/Episcopal Tradition. But, deep within us, we recognize, too, that these blessings of particularity come at a cost.

Our estrangement and our divisions grieve Christ himself. We all have stories of times when people of different Christian faith traditions could not pray together, receive communion in another church, could not marry someone "outside" the faith." We remember when a Roman Catholic was running for President of the United States, and it was suspected that he would have more allegiance to the Pope than to the Constitution. More pointedly, the

violence, malice, and blood spilled in religious conflicts and wars are abominable.

This week marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical movement began more than a century ago as a means of repenting from and restoring the breach of the many misunderstandings, conflicts, and schisms in the long history of Christianity. It was started by two Episcopal Franciscans in 1904 in Upstate New York. It has grown into an international movement seeking to celebrate our diversity while praying for and working toward true reconciliation and unity.

This month's Wednesday Night Soup Supper (January 17) presentation will round out our examination of the Reformation by looking at the history of the Ecumenical Movement and materials from this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. I hope you'll be able to attend and share with me this congregation's history of working with other denominations.

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS PERRY

We were sad to learn that Chris Perry, son of Sue and Bob Perry who were members of St. Alban's before moving to Camano Island, died on January 11. Chris had been fighting brain cancer for many years. He leaves behind a wife and two girls.

Cards or notes can be sent to the Perry's address: 3418 Rose Lane, Camano, WA 98282

GUIDE US TO THY PERFECT LIGHT

Please join us Sundays, January 14 through February 4, from 12:00-1:00pm for our *Confirmation, Reception, Renewal Class*. In the Season of Epiphany, we celebrate the Revelation of Jesus as the Messiah to the whole world. Week by week, beginning with the Visit of the Magi and the calling of the first disciples, proceeding to the Transfiguration, we remember how the whole world began to understand that Jesus is the Messiah of God.

So, let's explore how this revelation is happening in our individual lives. More of a dis-

cussion, this class will prepare candidates for baptism, confirmation, reception into the Episcopal Church, or formal renewal of baptismal vows at Bishop Rickel's Visitation on February 18. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Please contact Fr. Greg Peters for more information. If you missed the January 14 meeting, please join us on January 21 for the next session,



EPIPHANY PARTY A SUCCESS

Karen Ford

A tradition my children loved from our parish in Montana, the annual Epiphany Party, has found a new home at St Alban's.

In many parish churches all over the world, Three Kings Day, Epiphany, is time for a special party. The cakes are a unique part of the celebration. Inside the cakes (I chose to make a vanilla and a chocolate one) were hidden ten dimes, one tiny plastic baby, and a dried kidney bean all neatly wrapped in parchment paper.

If you remember the parable of the "Talents," which we heard during Advent, the Master gave his employees a number of talents (coins) with the proviso that they invest the money. The dimes, which were exchanged for a dollar bill, are to be grown/invested by the recipients. For my children, it meant saving their birthday money or allowance and returning their investment at the next Epiphany Party. But all those who found a dime and exchanged it for a dollar will present their monies at next year's party.

I am not sure of all the names of the recipients of the dimes at St. Alban's party. Sean Ochs discovered the dried kidney bean, and I am sure that Cleo, his mother, will enjoy baking the cakes next year. Autumn Ochs discovered the tiny baby and was made Queen of the Epiphany Party. One new aspect initiated by Fr Greg was to have Autumn name an Outreach program to receive the funds when the talent monies are collected at next year's party. She chose the Sno-Isle Library Foundation for Literacy.

GRATITUDE PRAYER
My new job; daughter successfully completed rehab; health for my children and grandchildren; jobs for family members.



TAIZE SERVICE

Come join us for our next Taize Service on **Sunday, January 21, 2017 at 5:00pm.** Note the earlier time for this service. Those who have attended previous services have commented "beautiful," and "wonderful." The sanctuary is filled with beautiful candlelight for this service of lessons, prayers and silence, making it an evening to remember. This is a perfect opportunity to invite others to join us. We appreciate the gifts and leadership of John Lehrack, St. Alban's Music Director, for making this service possible. Refreshments will be served following this service.

The next Taize Service will be held on Sunday, April 22, at 7:00pm.

ST. ALBAN'S OUTREACH DONATIONS

The Outreach Donations Ministry helps choose organizations to receive our outreach donations from the 3rd Sunday of the month basket collections which average about \$500 per quarter.

Over the past three years, we have solicited nominations from the congregation and also provided a list to solicit votes from the congregation. It's now time to choose organizations for 2018. Special consideration is given to organizations supported with time or treasure by members of our congregation and to local charities.

On Sunday, January 21st there will be a form in the Parish Hall for you to make recommendations. Recommendations can also be emailed to the church at stal-bansedmonds@gmail.com, called to the church office at 425-778-0371 or given to any committee member. Previous recipients are also eligible to be nominated again. We would also love to have more parishioners involved in the selection process. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday January 27th at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please contact Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young.



MINISTRY CELEBRATION – VESTRY

St. Alban's Vestry members are elected by the parish at the Annual Meeting and serve for three year terms. Three members are selected each year.

Vestry's main responsibilities are the financial and administrative business of the church.

The priest who attends each meeting is a non-voting member.

The Senior Warden is appointed by the priest. There are usually two Junior Wardens – one serving as the People’s Warden and the other as Buildings & Grounds. These officers are elected by Vestry members at its first meeting after the church annual meeting, along with a clerk and treasurer.

Each Vestry member selects a Liaison Area (such as Worship, Fellowship, Communications, Outreach, etc.) to represent as a point of contact for the congregation and to report to the Vestry items of interest.

2017 was a very busy year with the formation of a Call Committee and approval of its recommendation, preparation of the New & Mutual Ministry Celebration as highlights.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring items of interest or question to a Vestry member for attention at a meeting.



DOROTHY'S PIANO BAR

St. Alban's wonderfully talented Director of Music, John Lehrack, will bring his club Dorothy's Piano Bar and Cabaret to St. Alban's on Sunday, February 18th from 6:00-7:00pm.

Dorothy's first show at St. Alban's will feature John himself and, since it comes right after Valentine's Day, will be an evening of love songs, including a few original songs from John's upcoming solo vocal album. Tickets for \$20 are available at

www.DorothysPianoBar.com/tickets. A check made out to "Dorothy's" can also be given to John Lehrack or Maryellen Young.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit charity. Financial assistance is available by contacting Jeannie Wells in the church office on 425-778-0371.

ST. ALBAN'S OFFICE HOURS

+Monday through Friday: 10:00am-noon
+Fr. Greg is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00am to 2:00pm

+For immediate assistance, please call Dan Mullene, Parish Care Minister, (425-412-3661) or hondaguy@aol.com.

Prayer for the New Year

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with the continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Forward Movement



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

January 21, Epiphany 3

In the calling of the fishermen, what word is repeated to indicate their enthusiasm? Immediately! Are we in the habit of responding to God's call to us immediately, or is our answer "maybe sometime I can become your diligent and faithful follower, but right now _____ (you fill in the blanks) is much more important." Where would the Church be today if the disciples, and the many faithful who came after, had made such a response?

January 28, Epiphany 4

Psalm 11:1 say, "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart..." Our Catechism (see the Prayer Book, p.856) has at least one set of suggestions about how to do this. We are to follow Christ, to come together week by week for corporate worship, and to work, pray, and give for the spread of His kingdom. What a concise list for a "steward in training"!

February 11 – Last Sunday aft Epiphany

2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9
8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman
EM: Howard Hayden
10:30 Lector: Maureen Forsythe
EM: Mary Fowler

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 14 – Epiphany 2

**1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20),
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51**
8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Shannon Duggan
10:30 Lector: Mary Fowler
EM: Reilly Mannery



January 21 – Epiphany 3

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:6-14
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20**
8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan
EM: Howard Hayden
10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino
EM: Susie Nichols

January 28 – Epiphany 4

(One service at 9:30am)
**Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28**
9:30 Lector: Shirley Clark
EM: Reilly Mannery, Jim Gilman

February 4 – Epiphany 5

**Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39**
8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan
EM: Jim Gilman
10:30 Lector: Judy Kistner
EM: Dan Mullene