

AROUND THE PARISH

February 28, 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

- 3/4 12:30, Vestry Officer Mtg, Annex
3/5 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
3/6 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
3/7 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary
6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
7:00pm, Reflection, PH
3/9 7:00pm, Private Event
3/11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
3/11 7:00pm, Private Event
3/12 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Annex
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
3/13 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Vestry, PH
3/14 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary
6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
7:00pm, Reflection, PH
3/16-18 Vestry Retreat

PLANNING AHEAD

Mar 21:

- 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
7:00pm, Reflection, PH
3/25 8:00/10:30am, Palm Sunday
3/28 7:00pm, Tenebrae
3/29 6:00pm, Agape Pot Luck, PH
more info next ATP
7:00pm, Maundy Thursday Service
3/30 7:00pm, Good Friday Service, Taize
4/1 8:00/10:30am, Easter Services
Brunch between services



Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity.
Your grandparents had a different word for
burger flipping – they called it opportunity.

Bill Gates

THIRD MUTUAL MINISTRY GOAL

By Father Greg Peters

Our third Mutual Ministry Goal is to send a team to the College for Congregational Development. This two-year program began in our Diocese about a decade ago under the leadership of Melissa Skelton, then Rector of St. Paul's, Seattle, now Bishop of New Westminster, BC. Prior to coming to our Diocese, Melissa served on the administrative and academic staff at General Seminary and before that she worked for Tom's of Maine. All this to say, that from its inception, the College has strived to bring together the best practices of the faith, the church, culture, and business with the goal of strengthening, growing, and empowering individual congregations to explore their unique ministries and then to more fully carry out their mission in their communities. This is not a one-size fits all or a top down, do it this way and you're guaranteed success model. Rather, this model involves the deep exploration of individual congregations to find their unique gifts, vocations, strengths, personalities, and contexts.

The Team from Saint Alban's is made up of Jim Gilman, Maureen and Steve Forsythe, and me. This team was formed in consultation with and approval of the Vestry. It took several months to form the team, several other people were considered, some were asked to join, but for various reasons were either disinclined or unable to take on the commitments - like I mentioned above, it's a two-year program.

We attended our first session on February 9 and 10. The College meets at the Dumas Bay Centre, formerly a Catholic Retreat Center, near Federal Way. There were about 50 participants from 10 congregations. The congregations are mostly from our diocese but, there are also teams from several Lutheran congregation. We represent congregations of many different sizes,

different settings (urban, suburban, rural), high church, low church – you get the picture; a pretty broad swath of church. I find this incredibly healthy and encouraging - and refreshing.

We met for several general sessions each day. In these sessions, we were introduced to specific material. We then broke up into assigned small groups. We'll be in these groups for the next two years, so we will get to know our fellow small group participants pretty well over the duration of the program. The other team in our group is from St. Mary's, Lakewood, but there are a couple of other clergy who are there on their own. It's a good group, and I'm looking forward to getting to know them better and, moreover, learning a great deal from them.

So what have we learned so far? We've learned that there is no one size fits all. We've learned that we are going to become experts in "models" of examining, interpreting, and understanding the systems that work in our congregations. In just this first session, we were introduced to five or six different models. All provide different insights into organizations; none complete in themselves, but complimentary to the others. We spent an entire plenary session discussing Anglican/Episcopal Theology, Ethos, Practice, and Temperament (along with a translation for our Lutheran companions!). The discussion of the subtle differences with Lutherans was also very informative.

I think I can speak for the team, when I say, that we came away from this first session with great hope, encouragement, and even joy. There is a great deal of integrity about the College's program. We have a good deal of work ahead of us – and we will be sharing both what we're learning and the work we are engaged in with you all – just because you sent us as a team, doesn't mean that all the work rests on our shoulders! It will be our task to work with our congregation to remember, rediscover, and renew the things that make Saint Alban's Saint Alban's - this unique expression of the Body of Christ, this extension of

the ministry of Christ, this congregation placed in this community, called and commissioned by Christ to gather, transform, and send out ministers of the Good News of Jesus Christ.



LENTEN PRAYERS FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

The following are readings and prayers to help you and your family observe Lent in 2018 as prepared by Bread for the World:

3rd Week, March 4-10. Jesus calls us to true worship.

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-15a

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple... *John 2:13-15a*

Prayer: O Christ, you enable us to worship God with our entire lives. Grant us the courage to speak out against greed and injustice in our world. Embolden us as we challenge our nation's leaders to change the conditions that allow hunger to persist. Amen

4th Week, March 11-17. Jesus is lifted up for our salvation.

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

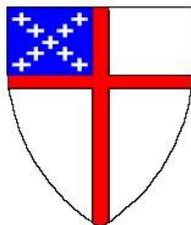
John 3:14-21

[Jesus said.] "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life ... Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the

world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Prayer: O God, you lift up your Son Jesus on the cross so that the whole world might be saved. Sustained by your steadfast love, may we not grow weary in seeking an end to hunger.

Amen



BISHOP RICKEL’S VISIT WITH ST. ALBAN’S VESTRY

By Pat Chandler

A part of Bishop Rickel’s time at St. Alban’s last Sunday (February 18) was spent with the Vestry. After a light lunch, the Bishop and Joslin Harris-Gane (Christ Church Seattle), Lay Representative of the Diocesan Council, met with our Vestry members to discuss our three Mutual Ministry Goals.

We began by sharing the good news of our recently completed Stewardship Pledge Drive (Goal 2). Of importance to note was the fact that 56% of our parishioners who pledged last year increased their pledges this year. Because of this response by parishioners, the Vestry decided to increase our Rector’s weekly time by two hours for this year and add an hour to our Parish Administrator’s time.

We also highlighted the introduction to our Capital Campaign that was presented at the Annual Meeting (Goal 2). The feedback from parishioners for work that needs to be done included replacing the roof on the church building, repairing the annex ramp and adding a hand railing from the parking lot to the main entrance of the church building. Mention was made of our intention to increase the use of our facilities by outside organizations or groups (also a part of Stewardship Goal 2).

Our discussion with Bishop Rickel then focused around Goal 1: To deepen our spiritual

lives and relationship with Christ. We shared examples of recent opportunities we have offered such as the Taize services and a Thanksgiving Eve Service, as well as the Vestry’s progress on investigating a Spiritual Gifts Personal Inventory.

Throughout our sharing, the Bishop listened intently, asked clarifying questions and offered some helpful guidelines for our various endeavors. He complimented us for our focus and the work the parish is doing, and offered suggestions for support and resources.

Parishioner’s Gratitude Prayer

Thank you for my family, for my friends, for my church family, for my opportunity to serve and for the peace of the spirit that accompanies me daily.

”IT’S AMOST LIKE BEING IN LOVE”

On Sunday, December 18th, St. Alban’s Parish Hall was transformed into Dorothy’s Piano Bar and Cabaret with singing by John Lehrack and accompanied by a longtime friend and musician, Darren Hochstelder, from Edmonds Lutheran Church. 26 members and 24 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment with John singing a wide variety of music from: *Brigadoon*, *Starting Here Starting Now*, *Rent*, *Waitress*, *The Rink*, Jason Mraz, Enrique Igelsias, *A Great Big World*, Cole Porter, Fats Waller, *Sleepless in Seattle* and more.

From the proceeds \$415 will go to support Edmonds Driftwood Players. Thank you to everyone who invited guests. We are so fortunate to have John as a member of our church family.

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY

Copies of the newly updated parish directory are available in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to take a copy for yourself and for a member who is unable to be at church.



lucky recipients of our outreach donations for the next four quarters. This quarter we are contributing to unpaid lunch bills for needy families at Chase Lake.

Names suggested for further Outreach donations are: ChildStrive (formerly Little Red School House), Compass Health, Early Speech & Language, Everett Gospel Mission, Faith Action Network, Habitat for Humanity, Hope Works, Housing Hope, Literacy Source and Pathways for Women. All of these organizations are worthy recipients.

SHROVE TUESDAY THANK YOU!

By Lee Forsberg

My! You sure did a nice job of getting Lent started with the great pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday!

Lots of old friends were united, and the good feeling of fellowship was very evident all around the church hall. You were most generous in bringing non-perishable foods for the food bank. Your gifts of money were just wonderful. The dinner expenses were covered, and we were able to donate \$287 to the food bank fund. Through the grace of God, our church has always been so generous to the needs of others in our world. Thank you so much.

To all the people who worked so diligently to make the evening a success, thank you very much. Even the singing of the *Ode to the Pancake* was the best ever. Of course, we had the very best leading us in the singing which was really super. You all made it just wonderful. Thank you very much. May your Lenten season be rewarding for you as we come up to the great event of Easter!

**VOTE NOW FOR 3RD WEEK
OUTREACH BASKET RECIPIENTS**

Ballots are now available in the Parish Hall through March 22 for the congregation to vote for organizations to receive our 3rd Week Outreach Donations. You can vote for up to three organizations and place the ballot in the designated basket. The top vote-getters will be the

TRADE FAIR AT ST. ALBAN'S

On Saturday, March 17th from 2:00-7:00pm, a group of Muslim women entrepreneurs will be at St Alban's for a Trade Fair to showcase their wares.

These ladies make a variety of accessories and clothing, and it is their first venture in our area. Plan on stopping by the church to support these women.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes are in the pews for parishioners to contribute to the altar flowers for Easter. Your dedication can be as a memorial, celebration of an important event or as a gift to God. Dedications received by Palm Sunday will be published in Easter bulletins. Please indicate "Easter Flowers" on your checks.

MARY GREEN MINER

Our sister Mary Green Miner died peacefully in Edmonds on Thursday, February 8, at the age of 89. A celebration of Mary's life will be held on Sunday, March 25, at 11:00am

at the Edmonds Library in the Plaza Room. Please keep her Mary and her family in your prayers.

TRACK RACK PAMPHLETS

Have you ever stopped to check out the pamphlets available in our Track Rack, located near the entrance to the church? There are a wide variety of pamphlets available. Check out a few of the pamphlets about Lent and Easter.

One of the pamphlets, *Lent: Preparing us for Easter* by Nancy Hopkins Green, uses an analogy of Lent as preparing a garden for spring: Pulling out the Weeds—Repentance; Clearing out the Dead Stuff—Self-Examination; Waiting and Listening—Meditating on God’s Word; Thinning—Fasting; and The Harvest—Easter. “We ourselves, having observed the forty days of Lent, now go forth into the world—the garden that God has given us—renewed and fully alive.”

Check out this or other pamphlets, provided for your use and enrichment.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Book of Common Prayer



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

March 4 – Lent 3

Not only as part of the Penitential Order, used often during Lent, but in Sunday’s Old Testament lesson, are the Ten Commandments outlined. Even as we remember and honor those mandates, we look forward to Maundy Thursday and Jesus’ offering not only Himself, but of a new Covenant – that we should *love one another as He has loved us*. If we seriously commit to making this love and respect an integral part of our daily lives, we have our spiritual/stewardship work cut out for us indeed!

March 11 – Lent 4

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.”

When we think about giving and receiving, there is no more unselfish and eternally blessed gift than the one God has given us with “no strings attached” – except the desire to have us return that love to Him and share it with others in our lives.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 4 – Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Shannon Duggan
10:30 Lector: Judy Kistner
EM: Reilly Mannery

March 11 – Lent 4

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

8:00 Lector: Jim Gilman
EM: Shannon Duggan
10:30 Lector: Maureen Forsythe
EM: Mary Fowler

March 18 – Lent 5

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13

Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan
EM: Howard Hayden
10:30: Lector: Barbara Lagozzino
EM: Mary Fowler

March 25 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-158:00

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Jim Gilman
10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson
EM: Eric Hanson

March 28 - Tenebrae

7:00 Maryellen Young
Mary Fowler
Pat Chandler

March 29 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 Reilly Mannery
Susie Nichols

March 30 – Good Friday

7:00 Shannon Duggan