

AROUND THE PARISH

May 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

- 5/16 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
6:30pm, Salad Supper, PH
7:00pm, Spiritual Gifts, PH
- 5/17 6:00-8:30pm, Girl Scouts Meeting, PH
- 5/19 12:00-5:00pm, Private Event, PH
- 5/20 **Day of Pentecost**
Guest Preacher, Chuck Hamilton,
Diocesan Rep, Episcopal Relief &
Development
- 5/21 7:00pm, Endowment Board, Annex
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 5/22 10:00-11:30, Bible Study, PH
6:30pm, Job's Daughters, Annex
- 5/23 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
- 5/24 6:00-9:30pm, Girl Scouts Meeting, PH
- 5/28 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Annex
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 5/29 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

- 6/3 8:00/10:30am, after services
Capital Campaign Meetings
- 6/9 1:00pm, ECW Tea
- 6/12 7:00pm, Vestry Mtg, PH
- 6/20 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
- 6/23 St. Alban's Day Celebration
5:00-7:00pm, Wine/Appetizer, PH
- 6/24 Legacy Sunday
- 7/29 10:30am, Parish Picnic

Parish Directory Update:

New cell phone number:

Shirley Wilson 206-619-0959



Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Fr. Greg Peters

The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Series is coming to an end. Besides the Vestry members and former Senior Wardens, about 20 parishioners took advantage of the process, all together about one quarter of the congregation!

Some people have been surprised by which gifts they have been given. We have some evangelists in our midst, for example. One, in particular, was surprise because, by her own admission, she is not one to stand on the street corner and preach at passersby. Frankly, I can't imagine her doing that either, and yet, she's blessed with the gift of evangelism.

The upshot is that examining the gifts has led us to question our preconceptions of these gifts and our limited understanding about how they are lived out. As we thought this through together, our evangelist shared that she simply talks about her faith, how she lives her life, and what gives her life meaning with those around her. She said that she isn't trying to convert people or win them for Christ; she just tries to encourage and inspire them. And they grow to trust her and thereby become interested in her faith and, more importantly, their own!

That, I think, is the essence of the Spiritual Gifts - they quite literally pervade our beings. They simply go right through us. In us, the Spirit lives out her ministries - whether we know it or are aware of it or not. Studying them helps us better understand the presence and ministry of God in the life of our communities. We know that this is not the end of our inquiry. We know that we have just taken the next step, and that there is a lifetime of steps ahead of us.

Our last sessions involve reviewing what we have learned, and then we've asked, "what's next?"

So now we pray that the Spirit leads us more deeply into our existing ministries and challenges us into new ones.

Where are you leading us, Holy Spirit? Give us quiet and discerning minds. Give us open, loving, and caring hearts. Give us confidence, trust, and bravery in our guts! Lead us in paths of righteousness for your love's sake. Let the kingdom come near in and through us!

"SALAD SUPPER" and Discussion on Sanctuary Cities – May 23, 6:30pm

Plan on attending the Wednesday, May 23, Salad Supper at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Jim Gilman will present and lead a discussion on Sanctuary Cities.

Our warmer weather menu is salads, bread and dessert. Your contributions to dinner are welcome, but not necessary for attendance.

The program for the evening will include: What are the Biblical sources for Sanctuary cities like Seattle? How should Christians treat immigrants and foreigners in our midst? How can St. Alban's practice Jesus' gospel in a world of immigrants and Sanctuary cities?



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ECW'S "ALL ABOUT TEA"

Here's your chance to learn how to serve a "proper cup of tea." Cyrilla Gleason, a Certified Tea & Etiquette Consultant, will show us how to make tea and demonstrate the proper etiquette in her humorous way. Cyrilla will teach us everything we have wanted to know about proper tea, the tea table itself and how to properly use your napkin.

Join the fun on **June 9 at 1:00pm**. A light dessert will be served, along with beverages. Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

CINCO de MAYO

Thanks to Dan Mullene for creating a very successful Cinco de Mayo gathering. More than 40 people shared in wonderful food and fellowship on Saturday, May 5th.

Folks gathered for the Saturday night event to enjoy tacos and various fillings, including ground beef, chicken and pork carnitas, along with vegetarian fillings provided by Jim Gilman. Fr. Greg Peters, although unable to attend, did share some pinto beans for the event.

A special treat was having the homemade tortillas made and cooked by Cleo Ochs and her family! Condiments for the tacos included guacamole, sour cream and many varieties of salsas, all provided for the event and brought by our guests. Ice cream cups in chocolate, strawberry and vanilla flavors completed the festivities.

Leftover chips, cheese, salsa and guacamole enjoyed an encore at the following Sunday's coffee hour, as they became nachos for the parishioners after the 10:30am service. All



SUMMER IS COMING!! Vacations are in the air. Our faithful Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers need some substitutes. Are you one? A little bit of training and some helpful suggestions will be provided. If this is you, please tell Fr. Greg, Reilly Mannery or call the church office! Thanks.

remaining chips and salsas were added to the food bank contributions for this month, sharing our wealth with others.

The costs for the event were covered from a budgeted fund for fellowship, so all the \$230 in donations collected will be given to support the homeless at the suggestion of Shaun Ochs, who helped Reilly Mannery with collecting the donations.

MOTHERS DAY CARNATIONS

All congregants at our May 13 Mothers Day services received a lovely carnation in celebration of each one's mother. Many thanks to Sharon Joy who arranged this floral reminder of our moms who brought us into God's world and cared for us through thick and thin.



BOTTOMLESS BACKPACK CONTINUES IN THE SUMMER

Chase Lake Community School continues to provide food to those students participating in the Bottomless Backpack program. The need is especially critical during the summer when the kids no longer have access to free breakfasts and lunches at school. We will be collecting items to support this cause. Please look for a container in the Parish Hall through June. Any questions, contact Jim Nichols, 425-771-7025, Nichols.66@comcast.net.

Suggested items are: Tuna, canned meats, and Spam which are all good protein options. Also good options are cans of ravioli or Spaghetti-Os, soups, cup-o-noodles, Easy Mac (or similar easy-to-prepare entrees). Boxes of cereal, crackers, snack or cereal bars, fruit snacks and canned fruits are also helpful and GLUTEN FREE.

FOOD IN KITCHEN REFRIGERATOR

Please label food left in the refrigerator to ensure it is not tossed in error. Also, if you leave food in the Kitchen that can be used for Coffee Hour, please indicate for "Coffee Hour" on a sticky note.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE MEETINGS, June 3

Please plan to come to a **Capital Campaign Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 3rd** following either the 8:00am service or 10:30am service. The purpose of this meeting is to provide costs about high-priority projects and plans for fund raising. You will want to attend this important meeting as we look to the future of our church.

We are also planning a meeting on Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30pm for people not available on June 3rd if there is interest. A signup sheet is available in the Parish Hall to indicate your desire for this option. You can also notify the church office of your interest in the Wednesday meeting.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE REPORT

Capital Campaign Committee Meetings have been held on April 4th and April 30th. Of the projects submitted by the congregation, the top two being investigated are replacing the roof on the church and possibly the Sunday School Wing and Annex roofs at the same time. The next highest priority is improving the parking areas by regrading and repaving the existing paved area and improvements to the other parking areas and walkways. We are also working with the Boy Scouts to identify other potential Eagle Scout projects.

We are also exploring fundraising options and a pledge program where members of the

congregation can make a one-time pledge or a pledge over three years. Members of the Capital Campaign committee are: Lee Forsberg, Steve Forsythe, Phil McClelland, Jim Nichols, Martha Philippoff, Wendre Vaughan, Maryellen Young and Fr. Greg. Feel free to contact any of the members of the committee with questions or comments.



VESTRY MEMBERS & LIAISONS

St. Alban's Vestry members are elected by the congregation at our Annual Meeting for three-year terms each. To review the make-up of your current vestry, listed below are the officers:

Senior Warden – Pat Chandler
Junior Warden, Buildings & Grounds –
Phil McClelland
Junior Warden, People's Warden – Shirley Clark

Vestry's Clerk and Treasurer are elected by the Vestry.

Clerk – Carrie Cone
Treasurer – Maryellen Young

Liaisons areas are identified and a Vestry member agrees to serve as the "contact person" for one of these areas. The contact person is not responsible for all action within his/her liaison area, but oversees activity within that group. The various committees and ministries within the church then have their own representative to Vestry.

This grouping also enables parishioners to directly contact the Vestry Liaison with their specific suggestions and concerns. Liaison contacts are listed below:

Worship – Kären Ford
Faith Formation – Martha Philippoff
Fellowship – Shirley Clark
Outreach – Jim Nichols
Pastoral Care – Jim Gilman
Communications – Dan Mullene
Stewardship – Steve Forsythe

Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

COFFEE HOUR APPEAL

Coffee Hour volunteers are still needed at the 10:30am service. Coffee, tea and juice are provided from the church's budget. However, your help is needed in providing cookies, donuts, muffins, etc., for the congregation and visitors to munch on. There is a sign-up calendar posted on the kitchen door.

If signing up to bring foods does not work for you, please volunteer to help clean-up. You can talk to Evie Arneson or note your clean-up help on any Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENT -- AL-ANON MEETING

The National Council of Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) sponsors Alcohol Awareness Month to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

Edmonds Al-Anon Group is holding a free, informative meeting on May 22, 2018, at 7:00pm at the Senior Center in Edmonds, 220 Railroad Ave. The group is a fellowship of friends and family members who are affected by someone's problem drinking. Info packets, questions/answers, refreshments will be offered.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for your donation of \$520 towards our school lunch balance. The kids who are unable to pay for their lunches will greatly benefit from your charity.

Thank you, Chase Lake Community School



May 20 – Day of Pentecost

Psalm 104 says in part, “*All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them...you open your hand and they are filled with good things.*” How’s that for a faithful steward’s reason to always and everywhere give thanks? God gives us everything we have – how can we thank Him adequately except by returning a faithful share of all those gifts to Him and to others in His name?

May 27 – Trinity Sunday

“*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life.*” If we believe in Him, He will know that by the lives we live, and the thanks we give for that (as the 1928 BCP says) inestimable gift – and that’s what stewardship is all about!

SCHEDULE

May 20 – Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Howard Hayden
10:30 Lector: Carol Gordon
EM: Reilly Mannery

May 27 – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan
EM: Jim Gilman
10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson
EM: Eric Hanson

June 3 – Pentecost 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81

2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Howard Hayden
10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols
EM: Dan Mullene

June 10 – Pentecost 3

Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

8:00 Lector: Judy Kistner
EM: Jim Gilman
10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark
EM: Reilly Mannery

Parishioner’s Gratitude

Thank you for our health, our home, our work, our friends, and even for our challenges.