

AROUND THE PARISH

June 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

- 6/15, 16 Girl Scout Troop overnight
6/18 6:30pm, Capital Campaign Mtg, Annex
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
6/20 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
6:30pm, Soup Supper
6/23 5:00-8:00pm, Legacy Wine & Appetizer Celebration, PH
6/24 Legacy Sunday
6/25 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
6/26 6:30pm, Job's Daughters, Annex

PLANNING AHEAD

- 7/15 7:00pm, Taize Service
7/29 10:30am, Parish Picnic, Edmonds Park (8:00am service at St. Alban's)
8/5 12:30pm, Vestry Officers, Annex
8/14 7:00pm, Vestry Meeting, PH



TWO ST. ALBAN'S CELEBRATIONS!!

Don't forget to join the Appetizer & Wine Event on Saturday, June 23, from 5:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The second celebration is on Sunday, June 24, with our annual strawberry shortcake coffee hour after each service.



All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all that I have not seen.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – “WHAT A STEP IN FAITH!”

Fr. Greg Peters

As if we haven't been busy enough, now we're entering into the Capital Campaign! And, frankly, I'm looking forward to it. Clearly it will be a challenge: it's a lot of money to raise; it will be a lot of work to put everything together; planning for the many events will be time consuming; waiting to see if more repairs will be required will raise our collective anxiety levels; the busyness, noise, and debris of a construction site will be disruptive. What a step in faith – what a journey with many steps of faith! It's just what we need!

As a congregation we've spent several months exploring our spiritual gifts, and this has been life-giving, rejuvenative. This capital campaign is kind of the next logical step. God has blessed us individually with the gifts of the Spirit, and these are uniquely suited to our individual inclinations and proclivities to empower us to minister to those around us in our daily lives. Collectively, the array of gifts make this congregation well suited for the ministries that God has called forth from us. Each of us has particular ministries suited for the building up of the body of Christ and for ministry in this neighborhood. This congregation of the Spiritually Gifted has been charged with using and stewarding those blessed gifts.

Now in the process of spiritual renewal, we are called to repair the church – or at least the long put off maintenance of the roof. The times were not right before. You all can be commended for putting the financial house in order, and for your patience in waiting for the right

time to act. It will still be a stretch, it will still be a challenge, but this challenge carries the seed of renewal and reinvigoration. You've been good stewards in the time of preparation, and now, in faith, we enter the time of stepping out, of trusting, of following God into a bit of the unknown.

What could be better?

We have been entrusted with the Gifts of the Spirit. We seek to be good and faithful stewards of those gifts, using them judiciously with discernment and trust. We have also been entrusted with the Gifts of this Property and Place, with this House of Worship, Communion, Community, Witness, and Mission. Repairing the physical church is a reflection of the renewal of the soul of the church.

Blessed Savior, bless us with wisdom, courage, steadfastness, resolve, and resourcefulness as we, seeking to be ever more faithful stewards, continue to rebuild your church – your building, your grounds, and your people. Guide us in using the Spiritual Gifts of this place for your ministries of hospitality, welcome, and community building, the building up of the body of Christ.



JUNE 20 SOUP SUPPER

Please join us on Wednesday, June 20, at 6:30pm, for our last soup supper before the summer. We will have a special speaker from St. Dunstan's in Shoreline who will discuss their church's journey to assist the homeless in the area. Also presenting will be Liz Hinkofer who has been in the hospitality industry for a long time. She is also on the board of Greater Seattle Cares. Evening prayer will be at 6:00pm, followed by our meal and discussion. If you are able, please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert to share.

The following is a brief bio of our presenter, Rev. Pat Grodt, Deacon of St. Dunstan's:



"My call to the Diaconate began as a young adult when I felt the presence of God and His love. Being in my teens, I had not identified that the nature of the call was diaconal and so I continued with my education as that was what was expected in our family.

"I graduated from Sammamish High School. After graduation I attended Central Washington University & later graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in education. I am a true Washingtonian being born in Seattle, baptized at the Church of Ascension & confirmed at Grace Episcopal Church in Ellensburg. I grew up in Seattle & Bellevue and I am the oldest of three girls.

"I am married and have been with my wife for over 40 years. We have a daughter and live in Everett. Both of us have been very involved in various



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PLEASE NOTE:

Around the Parish is taking a brief summer break. There will be one issue during July on July 31. If you have an article to contribute, please send it to the church office by July 25.

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**When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.**

feeding ministries over our many years at Trinity Everett. As a longtime member of Trinity Everett, I was raised up and sponsored by them for ordination. After many years of discernment, I was ordained to the Diaconate on 10/28/2017 and assigned by Bishop Rickel to be the Deacon at St Dunstan's.

"The majority of my career has been in the educational & medical fields. My training in both of these areas has equipped me in doing missionary work to both Haiti & Belize, providing education & care and addressing the social inequities of this world. I believe that we are called to love & serve all God's people and to respect the dignity of every human being, including the poor, the sick, the weak and the lonely.

"In my spare time, I find great peace & solitude in the sport of golf where God's creation is abundant. Both my wife & I find great joy in volunteering for the Everett Animal Shelter fostering cats of all ages and abilities. Here too we see God's creation & give thanks for all his creatures."



COME CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN'S

Don't miss the annual celebration of St. Alban's Church with our Appetizer & Wine event on Saturday, June 23, in the Parish Hall. This year the occasion will be combined with the kick-off to our Capital Campaign. As discussed with parishioners on Sunday, June 3, our Capital Campaign is to maintain and enhance the physical resources God has entrusted to us. This drive also honors those who were here before us and provided the church and grounds that are our church home.

In addition to wine, non-alcoholic beverages and delicious appetizers, some fun, fund-raising activities are planned. This will be a time of great fellowship and fun! The event is provided by the Endowment Board, Capital Campaign Committee and Vestry.

On Sunday, June 24, we will have our annual strawberry shortcake coffee hour in celebration of our patron saint St. Alban and recognition of our Legacy Society members.

CELEBRATION DONATIONS NEEDED

Help us Raise the Roof! We are planning a great, fun-filled kick off to our Capital Campaign, but we need your help. There will be a couple of games of chance as a fund raiser - a ring toss, a blind, brown bagged bottle game. So what we need are prizes. Please donate bottles of wine, beer, soda, cider (with and without alcohol), juice, even water! We'll prepare them for the games, and, then, people will be able to purchase chances. All proceeds will go to support the Capital Campaign.

Remember, this is an all-ages event, so there will be games and activities for the whole family. Bring your kids, bring your parents, bring some friends.



Help us provide food to those Chase Lake Community School students through our annual Bottomless Backpack program. This collection provides food for those kids who will not have access to school breakfasts and lunches during the summer.

The drive will last through the month of June.

AWESOME HAPPENINGS FOR ALTAR GUILD AND THE COPY ROOM

Upon their passing, Barbara and Abe Garcia's family donated memorial money, directing it be used for St. Monica's Altar Guild. Barbara had been a long-time member of the guild.

The blessing continued when Susan and Eric Hanson connected St. Alban's with a contractor whose company donates cabinet work to charitable organizations. Along with much measuring, figuring and checking out various options, Denise and Tom Robertson designed a new look for the Sacristy.

On Monday, June 11, Denise and Tom tore out the old cabinet work and prepared the area for new flooring, which was installed on June 14. Cabinets will follow, painting will be done and Altar Guild will have a wonderful, clean, brand new area for their work.

At the same time, the contractor is building a new cabinet for the copy area, and St. Alban's will purchase a new counter top from our Memorial Fund account.

Needless to say, this is an amazing blessing for St. Alban's and one that never would have taken place without the generosity of the Garcia family, the recommendation by the Hansons, and the expertise and dedication of the Robertsons. They all deserve a great big THANK YOU!!

ST. ALBAN'S LABYRINTH – Part 2

As noted in the previous ATP, Christina Coiro brought her creative therapies class from Edmonds Community College to visit our labyrinth. With the students' permission, we are including their quotes in the next few issues.

“For me, the Labyrinth became a huge discovery. Initially I came here because it was part of our class in college. Now I plan to come here not as a student, but just to go through the labyrinth more and more, to feel the state that I had for the first time of finding something new. I know that many people use a symbol of a labyrinth as one of the most important symbols of Salvation. The labyrinth is the path to awareness.

“Walking through the labyrinth became an interesting experience for me. While I was moving, I got the feeling these paths are the tortuous paths of our life. Approaching the center, I suddenly felt the joy. When I finally reached the center, I felt like I was liberated. As if I came from darkness into light. It was an inexpressible feeling of joy and happiness. It was amazing and I would like to thank you for this opportunity. I hope to wander through the

paths of the labyrinth again and again, and each time to find at the end of the journey Light.”



LABYRINTH LESSON No. 2

Quoted from St. Alban's Web Site

Symbol: The labyrinth represents our passage through time and experience. Its many turns reflect the journey of life, which involves changes of direction, transition, some uncertainty but also discovery and achievement. Different from a maze (which has dead ends and false passages), the labyrinth has a single path that leads unerringly to the center. It shows us that no time or effort is ever wasted; if we stay the course, every step, however circuitous, however many turns, however distant it seems, takes us closer to our goal.

MAY FINANCIALS

May's income is close to budget.

May's expenses were almost on budget.

There is still a slight shortfall in year-to-date income minus expenses, but overall results are looking good.

Total Income (actual year to date)	\$69,658.40
Total Income (budget year-to-date)	\$66,298.00
Actual income minus budget	\$ 3,360.40
Expenses (actual year-to-date)	\$71,783.45
Expenses (budget year-to-date)	\$69,902.00
Actual expenses minus budget	1,881.45
Net income minus expenses	(\$2,125.05)

SECOND QUARTER OUTREACH

Our second quarter outreach donations are going to ChildStrive (formerly Little Red School House). This organization helps advance the quality of life focusing primarily on children ages birth to three years with at-risk developmental delays and disabilities. There is still time for you to contribute to this deserving organization.



FOOD BANK THANK YOU

Dear St. Alban's Episcopal Church,

We are deeply grateful to you for the collected food which you have been sending us in order to feed the hungry in our community. Without such loving and generous support such as yours, we would be unable to achieve this important task. Your unfailing assistance over time has helped the many who are in need. They are truly thankful for what they are given. We hope you feel blessed in return by the kindness you have shown to others.

Edmonds Food Bank

Book of Common Prayer

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 1, Jeannie Wells, our Parish Administrator, will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-4pm. Volunteers Susie Nichols and Sheilah Reidburn will take care of Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12.

Jeannie's new email is
jeannie.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

June 17 – Pentecost 4

The mustard seed – the smallest of the seeds on earth. Yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all the shrubs, and serves others as a haven. Were our lives as stewards sown as small as the mustard seed, and they have grown and blossomed as we hear God's voice, thank Him for His gifts, and seek to serve Him in others?

June 24 – Pentecost 5

When Jesus awakes and calms the sea, he says to the Disciples, *Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?* Good questions for the reluctant steward. Why are we so afraid to return to God a generous portion – but just a portion – of what he has so lovingly given us – everything!

SCHEDULE

June 17 – Pentecost 4

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Carol Gordon

EM: Reilly Mannery

June 24 – Pentecost 5

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

8:00 Lector: Denise Robertson
EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino
EM: Dan Mullene

July 1 – Pentecost 6

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark
EM: Dan Mullene

July 8 – Pentecost 10

Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

8:00 Lector: Judy Kistner
EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Maureen Forsythe
EM: Mary Fowler

July 15 – Pentecost 8

Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden
EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Eric Hanson
EM: Susan Hanson



Don't forget!!!
Parish Picnic at Edmonds Park
Sunday, July 29, 10:30am
More information coming!



Parishioner's Gratitude
Good health. Church family..