

## AROUND THE PARISH

August 28, 2020

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



### VIDEO SERVICE INFO

Sunday Eucharist is on Facebook, 10:30am

Sunday Zoom Coffee is on Zoom at 12:00pm

Wednesday Evening Prayer on Facebook, 6:00pm

Bible Study Zoom on the Gospel of Mark led by Eric Hanson will resume **Sunday, September 13, 9:30am.**

**Sunday, September 6 - Taizé, 7:00pm, Facebook,**

**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, Aug 30, Zoom Coffee has been cancelled due to a schedule conflict.**

Join Zoom Coffee Hour, Link through October  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85174822634?pwd=aW0vdTYrNGtZTGVBQmdzbEJQYm9BZz09>

Meeting ID: 851-7482-2634 Password: 657057

NOTES If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service later as a video on the Facebook link. All other events and activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

### CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

Mail check to church

21405-82<sup>nd</sup> Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026

Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.

Bank Bill Pay – ask bank to send check to St. Alban's

Online donation, go to

[www.StAlbansEdmonds.org](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click on "Donate Now."



### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR AL WALKER

The funeral service for our friend Al Walker will be held on **Sunday, August 30, 2:00pm**, for his family members only. It will be held on the north lawn and will be live streamed on Facebook.

Due to the pandemic and its restrictions, only the invited family will attend the live service.

After the service at 3:00pm, those who wish to

offer their condolences to Claudia's and Al's family will be able to participate in a "drive-by" reception line. Everyone participating in the drive-by procession must remain in his/her vehicle at all times to ensure the safety of all participants.

Please continue to keep wife Claudia, daughter Suzanne, son Doug and families in your prayers.



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> ONLINE SERVICE

#### What Can Go Wrong??

Dan Mullene, Senior Warden

Dear St. Alban's Family:

For those of you who have been faithfully following our online Sunday services streamed via our Facebook account, this past Sunday, August 23, turned out to be a prime example of the axiom, "What can go wrong will go wrong!"

First, we had problems connecting to the Church's internet service while outside, so we went with another open Wi-Fi service. Unfortunately, the quality of it was not very good, and we lost the signal several times in the opening minutes.

Junior Warden Phil McClelland, always prepared, (the Boy Scout Motto is "Be Prepared" after all!), was able to step in with his cell which had a "hotspot" built into it and continue streaming the service.

As you probably noticed, it took a bit of time to get the picture straightened out (kind of hard to look at folks when they are sideways!) and eventually we were off and running.

But we did lose a part of the service, and I am sure that many of you were frustrated and tuned out.

We have already made adjustments to prevent this from happening in the future, and we do hope

that you will once again sign on via Facebook on Sundays to be with us, at least in the virtual sense! We apologize for the glitches this past Sunday and look forward to “seeing” you all again soon!



**TO DO LIST FOR NEXT FOOD DRIVE**

1. Enter date of next Drive-By Food Drive, **Saturday, September 12, 10:00am – 2:00pm**, on calendar/phone reminder.
2. Prepare weekly grocery list to include non-perishable foods for Food Drive – boxed, canned or in jars (peanut butter, tuna, mac and cheese, vegetables, soups, etc.). Watch ads to make your dollars go farther.
3. Shop weekly, store Food Drive items in bag or box for delivery to church on date above.
4. Deliver your non-perishable items to church on Saturday, September 12, between 10:00am and 2:00pm.
5. Sit back and treasure the feeling of knowing you have helped those individuals and families who are enduring very difficult times due to the pandemic, loss of work and/or work hours. They are our neighbors and friends.
6. Repeat Steps 1-5 for two weeks.

You can be a welcoming face at the Food Drive, greeting and thanking those who contribute. Volunteers are needed for the four-hour drive duration. To help, contact Lee Forsberg at 425-774-4571 or [leandforsbe@gmail.com](mailto:leandforsbe@gmail.com).



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY –IT’S BACK!!**

Susan Hanson, Vestry Liaison

It’s back! Adult Bible Study resumes via Zoom on **Sunday, September 13th, at 9:30am**.

We are picking up where we left off, Mark, Chapter 13. Mark was the first of the Gospels to be written; it has an immediacy and a sense of urgency that the other Gospels don’t have, and it gives

the portrait of Christ, the Suffering Servant described in Isaiah. Find the Zoom link in the ATP and join us!



*They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.*

1 Timothy 6:18-19 NRSVA

Although this year has been very unusual, some things have stayed the same. The days are getting shorter; the leaves are starting to turn; school, in a different way, is starting, and it’s getting to be time for the beginning of our new stewardship year.

Faith-Filled Generosity is the new theme which I see as the way we as a parish and as individuals, live our lives. In one of the webinars from our bishop, a question was asked that I’d like you to think about. Have you ever stopped to consider what stewardship means to you, personally? Please share your thoughts about “Stewardship is...”. Send your answers to me by phone or text at 425-239-8079 or email at [shirleysee51@gmail.com](mailto:shirleysee51@gmail.com).

We have the next opportunity to show our Faith-Filled Generosity by contributing to our year-round stewardship at the next drive-through food drive on September 12.

Blessings to you all,

Shirley Clark, Stewardship Chair



**DAY BY DAY MEDITATIONS**

This meditation is from years past, and the author is unknown.

*Psalm 23: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

The shepherd caring for his sheep is one of the tenderest images of God in all of literature. But being shepherded is not usually a comforting

experience. If the shepherd is a figure for God, then the sheep are a figure for human beings. Sheep are stupid animals who do not recognize danger and often wander away from safety. If they are to be saved from themselves, they must be protected from their foolishness and waywardness.

The shepherd's rod or staff is a long stick with a crook in the end with which the shepherd reaches out and yanks the sheep by the neck to drag it back to safety. At the moment of the yanking, the sheep surely doesn't have congenial thoughts about the shepherd and would not consider the rod and staff a "comfort." The sheep wandered near the wolf or to the edge of the ravine because it expected to have a good time there.

We usually think we know what is best for us. We are more interested in pressing our rights, realizing our true selves, kicking up our heels, and taking charge of our lives than in taking directions from the shepherd. Being yanked back or disciplined is a comfort only when you know your ignorance and helplessness and confess your need of a shepherd.

In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers. Fred Rogers



**MEET YOUR VESTRY**

*Shannon Duggan has graciously agreed to complete a vacancy resulting from the relocation of a vestry member.*

Shannon has been a member of St. Alban's for about 20 years, where she has felt welcomed and valued from Day 1. She has taught Sunday School for many years, helped coordinate our Easter Egg Hunts and is a frequent volunteer for different programs and activities. She is often a lay reader at our 8:00am service.

Shannon is a first grade teacher at a local elementary school and is very grateful for her St. Alban's friends continual support through her teaching journey – praying for her, contributing arts and crafts items and asking about her students and classes.

Shannon has been spiritually fed at St. Alban's through sermons, workshops and fellowship. She is "joining the vestry on this temporary basis to give back for all of this support and to get a feeling for the deeper inner working of our church. I feel that this is a good time to see what else I can do to give back and contribute to my church. I look forward to this next step in my spiritual journey."



**SOUP SUPPER THOUGHTS**

Susan Hanson, Vestry Liaison

Do you remember your baptism? I think I do, but I was rather young at the time. I know my God-parents and parents made promises for me, but when I was an adult it dawned on me that I had to take responsibility for those promises.

**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**, we'll review our promises. I wish we could all be together in the church, but I'm going to make delicious soup and meet you all on Zoom.

Susie's Delicious Cabbage Soup

- 3 - 14.5 cans Italian stewed tomatoes
- 3 - 14.5 cans water
- 5 stalks celery chopped
- 1 small head cabbage chopped
- 2 medium onions chopped
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 2 small cans V-8 Picante Juice
- Salt, pepper, garlic to taste (Susie uses garlic salt and eliminates salt)

Put everything in a soup kettle, stir and after it boils, turn down to simmer and let it go until it looks like soup!!

Heavenly Father, in our journey through life  
 Teach us to look back with gratitude  
 and count our blessings;  
 To look around with compassion  
 and serve those in need;  
 To look forward with confidence  
 and trust you for all that's to come;  
 In the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord  
 Family Prayers, FM Publication 1984



### **FACE MASKS AND MORE**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues, as does the need for face masks. Our parishioner Maisy Hochstetler is continuing to make masks for men, women and children with literally hundreds of fabric patterns to choose from – pets, kids’ favorites, plaids, plain color – from fun prints to lovely florals. Masks remain \$5.00 each.

Maisy has added several products to her business. Having clients in assisted living, Maisy has designed adult bibs for both men and women, for a price of \$15 each. There are also mask bands which go behind the ears and mask-keeper beads (similar to those for eye glasses) each at \$3.00.

Maisy’s large fabric collection can be seen on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/mamamaei](http://www.facebook.com/mamamaei). For additional information and with questions, you can reach her at [Maisy.menold@gmail.com](mailto:Maisy.menold@gmail.com) or call 425-780-9970. A notebook including Maisy’s fabric choices is in the church office. You can look at it by calling the office and arranging a time for viewing. We will ask you to take the book outside in the interest of remaining safe.



### **GARRISON KEILLOR ON EPISCOPALIANS**

*Garrison Keillor is an American author, storyteller, humorist, voice actor and radio personality. The following is an excerpt from his essay. Thanks to Dan Mullene for sharing.*

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them.

If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalian-less place, to sing along on the chorus of “Michael Row the Boat Ashore,” they

will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they’d smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! ....and down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person’s rib cage. It’s natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison.

When you’re singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it’s an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you’re in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they’ll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they’ll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.



### **APOSTLES FOR THE DEAF**

August 27 is the day set for honoring priests Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle.

Other churchmen had responded to the lonely cry of the deaf, but the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet of Hartford, Connecticut, first brought to national attention their plight. After studying the latest European methods in France and England, he opened his school for the deaf in Hartford in 1817. Within the next half century, over a score of public schools for the deaf had been spawned by this school.

His son, also the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, was able to concentrate more explicitly on the spiritual welfare of the deaf and to this end he dedicated his life. He was the rector of St. Stephen’s Church in Philadelphia.

Among his disciples was Henry Syle. Syle was born of Episcopal missionary parents in China and became deaf at age six. Yet, he was able to secure a substantial education at Trinity College, Hartford, and earned a master's degree from Yale University.

Although totally deaf, he was able to serve as a lay reader at St. Stephen's Church in Philadelphia. There he read for orders and it was in that church that he became the first deaf person ever ordained in America, perhaps in the world. Henry Syle, who never fully recovered from health problems that resulted from the environment of his early years in China, was an indefatigable servant of Christ and of the deaf. In 1888 he founded All Souls' Church for the deaf in Philadelphia.

Calendar of Saints, FM Publication



### NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generous gift. Your support will provide much needed services to children and families experiencing crisis. I would like the opportunity to connect personally when it becomes safe to do so.

Alice Casson, Hand in Hand

Dear Members of St. Alban's,

Thank you! Thank You! Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,300. It is such a blessing to our Safety Net Program. Thank you for partnering with us to help families in need.

Chase Lake Staff

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### AUGUST 30 – 13<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST

Now here's a very vivid vision. How can we live in God's love and power so it will seem to us and to others that we've had some radical surgery – and that the love of His name (and all that that implies) is truly *"grafted in our hearts"*? It's probably easier for us to consider the challenges of physical heart surgery than to pray for the blessed addition to our bodies and minds the true Healer can make if called upon.

#### SEPTEMBER 6 – 14<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST

*"For wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* I read or heard somewhere that Jesus said "feed my sheep, don't count them!" But in reality, numbers do count, and the support we give each other by faithful attendance at worship and by our personal and financial participation for parish ministries is a morale boost to all who are involved. Pray (and do you part) to be an active part of a lively, God-centered congregation.

### LESSON READINGS

#### AUGUST 30 – 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY PENTECOST

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12:9-12  
Matthew 16:21-28

#### SEPTEMBER 6 – 14<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST

Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 149  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

#### ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10:30 - 12:30pm
Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00pm
Wednesday	2:00 - 4:00pm
Friday	1 0:30 -12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00pm

The office isn't open on Sundays, but there are people around from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Before and after services, people are available for quick business activities.

In order to maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to the Coronavirus, please observe the following protocol:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) to make appointment.
- Call the Office to inform them that you have arrived.
- Wait car, outside in the garden or under the eaves.
- Wait for further instructions – to be let in, to meet your party, to pick up or make a delivery.
- Wear a mask.

In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506

Questions From You; Answers From Us  
[AskTheWardens@gmail.com](mailto:AskTheWardens@gmail.com)