

## AROUND THE PARISH

May 28, 2021

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.

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday Eucharist** on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

**5/30 Trinity Sunday - 10:30 am, In-person, indoor service for those fully vaccinated.**

**Noon – outdoor service for all, weather permitting.**

**Adult Bible Study**, 9:15am; Romans led by Eric Hanson. Link through June

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765370758?pwd=OEFMd20xL0NjNkzQ0xJbHdaRGJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 6537 0758 Password: SeekFirst

**NOTE: Sun., May 30, Bible Study at 9:15am due to 10:30am in-person service for those vaccinated.**

**NOTE:** If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link



**Fr. Greg Peters**

Last Tuesday was the anniversary of the murder of George Floyd and next Monday is the Centennial of the Tulsa Race Riot, in which white mobs of Tulsa, OK razed Greenwood, the very prosperous black section of Tulsa. (You can learn more about Greenwood and the Tulsa Race Riot from Maryellen Young's article in this issue.) And it's Memorial Day.

What ties all these together is death, destruction, and the potential for good or growth to come of it.

Let's start with Memorial Day. On this day we remember those who died in war. We honor them because they died trying to defend or promote our national principles and interests. To be honest, our national principles and interests were not and are not always the most honorable; sometimes those interests were simply acquiring more land, resources, prestige, or power. But many other times, those principles, values, and interests include liberation, freedom from oppression, and protection of the most vulnerable. And in this we can easily designate those fallen as martyrs.

The murder of George Floyd has led to a national soul searching. To be honest, George Floyd was a complicated individual with many honorable traits coupled with many flaws. But his death, in itself, was absolutely senseless. Passing a counterfeit bill is not a capital offence, moreover he neither stood trial nor was even formally charged. But his death laid bare the wanton disregard this country has held for black lives and black bodies; that they are possible in slavery, and disposable in Jim Crow.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**6/1 Becoming Beloved Community, 6:30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84587330526?pwd=amo2Y0dldlUxUmxB2pGcUNuMGFpdz09>

Meeting ID: 845 8733 0526 Passcode: BBC

**6/6 Taizé, 7:00pm, Facebook and YouTube**

**6/8 Altar Guild Meeting, 2:00pm**

**6/8 Vestry Meeting, 6:00pm**

**6/16 Evening Prayer, 6:00pm; Soup Supper, 6:30pm**

Zoom link thru June

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86376914554?pwd=Zm02Y0xkMmFjVGZRaVc0bFVBL1htdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 7691 4554 Passcode: Soup

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

### ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

Zoom Coffee begins at 12:00pm. Click on Zoom link above. OR go to "zoom.us" on Internet, click on "Join A Meeting" in upper right hand side, at the prompt enter meeting code and then password (noted above). Next prompt is "Enter Meeting." Click on "Join" with audio.

The Tulsa Race Riot was nothing I learned about in many years of US History. History may be written by the victors, but historical events, laid buried in the ground, often rise to the surface. Reinterpretation and redefinition – deeper understanding – must be entered into for growth to occur. That Riot was a blatant act of jealous oppression. The blacks in that section of town were far more prosperous than the whites in the others. It wasn't even that the rioters plundered the wealth; they simply pilaged and destroyed the wealth and lives of those they envied. And buried the dead in mass graves.

George Floyd and the residents of Greenwood were unintentional or inadvertent martyrs. They witness to the inequality sins of our nation.

Learning our history, recognizing where we fall short of our ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, confronting our contradictions are all part of growth. Changing these things, these deeply rooted sins, is difficult to look at and even more difficult to change. It is soul work.

We pray in our confession for the amendment of life – for the Holy Spirit to help us see our sin and to change our behavior, our ways, our understanding. We do this not to grovel but to grow; to become more and more the people God intends us to be.

Again, this is soul work – difficult, painful, harrowing, but ultimately life giving. Like those we memorialize for the sacrifices they made to make all life better, we pray that our little deaths to self will improve the lives who come after.

### **RITA BENNETT SERVICE**

The Ecumenical Celebration of Life for Rita Bennett, who died May 8, will be held at Holy Rosary, 760 Aloha St., Edmonds, on Friday, June 4, at 10:30am.

The service seating has opened up, and it is no longer necessary to register in advance to attend Rita's service. Anyone who would like to attend is invited to do so.



### **MAY 23 "GRAND RE-OPENING"**

Our Pentecost Service on Sunday, May 23, was a true day of celebration! For the first time in 14 months, parishioners with full vaccination were welcomed back into St. Alban's by Fr. Greg.

Following the opening prayer in the Parish Hall, Deacon Jim Gilman processed us into the Sanctuary where we were greeted by a large cross draped in colors of flame by Altar Guild Directress Sharon Joy and Hope Margaret Hochstetler. As has been our tradition, parishioners joined the Gospel reading in several different languages to depict the Tongues of Fire. Those participating were Judy Fleanor (Spanish), Robin McClelland (German), Eric Hanson (French) and Dan Mullene (Italian)



Continuing to use health precautions, parishioners wore masks, maintained a safe distance, left the singing to a designated few, and refrained from personal contact.

All things being equal, St. Alban's will continue to hold the 10:30 Eucharist Service conforming with CDC, State and Diocese protocol.

Weather permitting, we will offer an outdoor service about noon, and this service is open to all those vaccinated or unvaccinated. The 10:30 service will continue to be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube for those who don't wish to or are unable to attend in-person worship.

We look forward to the return of our 8:00am service as soon as safely possible.

St. Alban's **Zoom Sunday Bible Study, led by Eric Hanson, will be starting at 9:15am** for the next few weeks due to our return to indoor, in-person services at 10:30am. The class will take a summer break once the study of Romans is completed. We are currently at Chapter 13 of the 16 chapters of this book.



**FIRST SUNDAY FOOD BANK REMINDER**

**Lee Forsberg**

There has been no passing of the first-Sunday, Food Bank basket for the past year plus. Regardless, many of us have been very generous with financial donations, as well as food items, through our Drive-By Food collections and via checks to the office.

As we begin returning to the Sanctuary for services, please remember the Food Bank table in the church hall is waiting with open arms for you to cover it with donations. And the Food Basket plate will be available for you to drop off any contributions.

Another Food Bank drop is planned about the second Saturday of July, but please do not let that stop you from your usual, wonderful giving habit.

We are a very generous congregation, supporting the needs of others however we can. This kindness and compassion is God working in each of us. Thanks to all who have been so gracious with donations and to the folks who have helped at the food drives. Well done!!



**MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I, the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personal wo died in all wars including World War II, the Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace. In May 1966, President Johnson stepped in and officially declared Waterloo, NY, the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne

out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. Paying tribute to those who died in defense of their country, flowers were strewn on graves and other means of decorating the graves were employed.

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veteran’s organizations. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war. (Information from internet sources)



**VOLUNTEER CAUGHT IN THE ACT!!**

Parishioner Heather Small was seen earlier this week planting new flowers in the two barrels outside the church front door and walkway. She also placed a new plant in the center of St. Alban’s labyrinth. Our thanks to Heather for her dedication, service and desire to bring spring to our property, making it look cheerful, inviting and beautiful.

**BLACK HISTORY TULSA ANNIVERSARY**

**By Maryellen Young**

Part of Becoming the Beloved Community is learning about our history. After seeing this story on TV, I decided to do more research and share my findings.

This is the 100 year Anniversary of the Tulsa massacre. The Tulsa, Oklahoma, massacre of 1921 is one of worst acts of racial violence the U.S. has ever seen. The massacre took place in Tulsa, on 31 May and 1 June 1921 when a white mob attacked the city’s Greenwood District killing an estimated 300 African Americans while robbing and burning more than 1,200 businesses, homes and churches. The Greenwood District was called “Black Wall Street” because it was one of the most commercially successful and affluent majority African-American communities in the United States.

The massacre was largely omitted from local, state, and national histories. It took until 1996 for a commission to be formed to investigate the atrocity with the final report, published in 2001, stating that

the city had conspired with the mob of white citizens against Black citizens.

Viola Fletcher was a 7-year-old child who survived the massacre. On May 19, 2021, the now 107-year-old testified before members of a House Judiciary subcommittee along with two other survivors. Fletcher recalled that, “When my family was forced to leave Tulsa, I lost my chance of an education. I never finished school past the fourth grade. I have never made much money. Most of my life, I was a domestic worker serving white families (working to age 85). To this day, I can barely afford my everyday needs.” Fletcher called for justice and for the country to officially acknowledge the massacre ahead of the 100th anniversary on May 31.

Although I’m sure there are many other incidents in history, I felt the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event was worth sharing.

[‘I am seeking justice’: Tulsa massacre survivor, 107, testifies to US Congress \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/story/I-am-seeking-justice-Tulsa-massacre-survivor-107-testifies-to-US-Congress)



### **LEGACY GIFT FOR BACK WALL REPAIR**

Most of us don’t have occasion to walk to the back side of the Sunday School wing. However, Phil McClelland, our Buildings and Grounds Warden does, especially when mowing the lawn. Because this wall is facing south, it has been damaged from many years of exposure to the sun. Although Phil has been raising the issue with the Vestry for a few years now, the roof and parking lot repairs took precedence. Now, thanks to a legacy gift from John Kistner, we are able to repair this wall without doing another capital campaign.

The entire cost of this project is \$14,000 with John’s bequest covering \$12,500. We have other funds in our Memorial Gifts that will pay for the rest of the repair. The remainder of John’s bequest was invested in our endowment fund in accordance with our Gift Acceptance Policy for undesignated gifts, where the earnings can continue to provide benefits in the future.

Anyone can leave a gift to St. Alban’s. Size of the gift is not important. If you would like information about the various ways you can leave a legacy gift, please contact a member of the Endowment Board: Jon Burpee, Mona Carter, Mary Fowler, Dave Hoffman or Herman Siqueland. You can also contact Treasurer, Maryellen Young.



### **WHATCHA READING?**

*Thanks to Jeannie Burpee for recommending the following book at the ECW Gathering on May 15.*

#### **Moonflower Murders, written by Anthony Horowitz.**

Retired publisher Susan Ryeland is living the good life, running a small hotel on a Greek Island along with long-time boyfriend. She’s exhausted with the responsibilities of making everything work on an island where nothing ever does, and, truth be told, she’s beginning to miss London.

Visitors, the Trehernes, come to stay and tell a mysterious story about a murder that took place on the same day and in the same hotel where their daughter was married, a picturesque town on the Suffolk coast. Susan is fascinated and her editor’s instincts piqued. One of her former writers, the late Alan Conway, knows the murder victim – an advertising executive named Frank Parris and once visited the murder site. Conway based his third book in his detective series on that very crime.

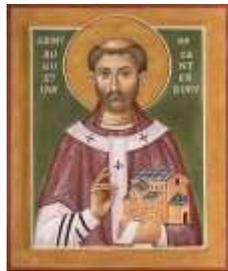
The Trehernes’ daughter Cecily read Conway’s mystery and believed the book proves the man convicted of the murder is innocent. When the Trehernes reveal that Cecily is missing, Susan knows she must return to England and find out what really happened.

### **AUGUSTINE – First Archbishop of Canterbury**

Augustine and a group of monks were sent to Britain by Pope Gregory in 597. Three centuries prior to this, Christianity had been introduced to the British Isles during the Roman occupation. However, when the Roman forces withdrew, the pagan Anglo-Saxons invaded the isles and forced the Christians to flee into the hills and forests of Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, or to face a tenuous existence

in England. Augustine found that his task was not only to convert the Anglo-Saxons but also to re-establish contacts between the British (or Celtic) and Roman churches.

Now, Augustine seems to have been a rather timid and reticent fellow who had accepted this assignment with something less than enthusiasm. He did not speak the Anglo-Saxon tongue and was terrified at the prospect of confronting these notorious savages. He was relieved and delighted upon landing in Britain to find that the Anglo-Saxon queen, Bertha, was already a Christian and that the king was not unfriendly. The latter, King Ethelbert, eventually was converted and in time most of his subjects followed suit.



Augustine established his cathedral at Canterbury in Kent. This was destined to become the most important bishopric in England and the mother diocese of the Anglican Communion. Archbishops of Canterbury are still said to hold the “Chair of Augustine.”

Forward Movement “Calendar of Saints”

**ONE THOUSAND  
DAYS OF LOVE**

### ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE

Sunday, May 30, is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. **One Thousand Days of Love** is a grassroots, Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to improving the lives of children up to age six through Episcopal Relief and Development’s global outreach programs. We have added this outreach opportunity as our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Basket Offering.

Although, only some of us are at church to put a donation in the basket, you can still make donations by mailing or dropping off a check, designating “ERD” on the memo line. You can also donate online by using the “Special Donation” option and entering “ERD” as the purpose in the text box.

The campaign will run for 1,000 days, ending **May 31, 2022**. “*Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to building a world where all children are loved and cared for and have the opportunity to reach their God-given potential.*”

Bishop Michael B. Curry

### READER BOARD BY LEE



**jokes**

From Dave Wilson

### Say A Prayer

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother’s house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

“Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer,” said his mother.

“I don’t need to,” the boy replied.

“Of course, you do,” his mother insisted. “We always say a prayer before eating at our house.”

“That’s at our house,” Johnny explained. “But this is Grandma’s house, and she knows how to cook!”

### Notes Teacher Received

Since my last report, your child has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.

I would not allow this student to breed.

Your child has delusions of adequacy.

Your son is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.

Your son sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.

The student has a “full six-pack,” but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### MAY 30 – 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.

### Collect for Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### JUNE 6 – 2 PENTECOST

*“O God, from whom all good proceeds...”* If, therefore, all the good in our lives comes from God, how can we best be grateful and thankful for our many blessings? Perhaps the Holy Habits of prayer, scripture study, active participation in our parish community, care for others, and generous giving can help us reflect that “good-ness” to others.

## READINGS

### MAY 30 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or Canticle 13

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

### JUNE 6 – 2 PENTECOST

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11-15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

### GREG’S HOME OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm

Via email: [gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)

Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm

Available by appointment



### ST. ALBAN’S YouTube CHANNEL

There is an alternative option for viewing our Worship services, and you now have two options for your viewing: Facebook or YouTube. In the center of our website front page, there is a link to YouTube, pictured above. If you have problems with Facebook, try YouTube.

### ST. ALBAN’S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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.

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- 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 in 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.

### WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach – Compass Health

4th week—Capital Improvements

5<sup>th</sup> Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)