

## AROUND THE PARISH

August 20, 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

**8/22 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services**  
for those fully vaccinated.

**Zoom Coffee Hour, 12:00pm**, through August  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkveHkwSEJQOXY1UjBCSElJZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode **Coffee**

**8/22 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm**

**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

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**8/23 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall**

**8/25 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook**

**8/26 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary**

**8/27 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex**

**8/28 Eagle Scout Ceremony, 4:00-9:00pm, PH and Sanctuary**

**9/11 Drive By Food Drive, 10:00am-2:00pm**

**9/12 WELCOME BACK PICNIC**

**ALSO COMING IN SEPTEMBER:**

**Sunday Adult Bible Study**

**Soup Suppers/Program, Third Wednesday**

### 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."

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch,  
or weep this night and give your angels charge over  
those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to  
the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the  
afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Amen

Book of Common Prayer



**Fr. Greg Peters**

Wednesday, I went to see Lorrie Pruitt for the last time. Her daughter, Terri, called to make sure I got there in time. Lorrie's been in hospice care for a few months now. It was time to pray last rites with her.

Somehow I thought Lorrie would be her usual brash and forthright self, but she had her eyes closed, still and quiet. Helki's picture on the side table and plush dogs cozied up in bed with her.

I told her it was just me, but that so many of you were with me in spirit: Eric, who so often brought her and her Gencare congregation Communion, Reilly, Phil, Phyllis, so many others.

I read her Psalm 16; its references to seeking refuge in God, thanking God for the good heritage of the Promised Land, and its assurance that God will never abandon us but will reveal the paths of life, seemed fitting for someone who had helped, through her advocacy work with the Refugee Resettlement Office, bring so many refugees to this good land. I laid hands on her and anointed her with the healing oil of Holy Unction, salve for the soul mingled with the balm of Baptism. After that, we prayed for her release from every bond, forgiveness for every sin; the salvation, rest, and welcome into the eternal habitations among the saints in light for her soul.

It was only after all this that she opened her eyes. She looked silently at me for a few moments, then turned her gaze upward toward the ceiling; I could see, though, that her focus was beyond the ceiling.

After a minute or two, I thought I should look up too. Maybe I'd get a glimpse, through that thin spot, of what Ezekiel and Isaiah saw.

It may have been presumptuous of me, but I have learned that it's always a good idea to pay attention to what Lorrie Pruitt is looking at, to where she is directing your attention!

What I saw was this: a beautiful mobile of origami cranes – the cranes of healing, hope, and peace. How I missed them when I came in, I do not know. There were several sizes; the largest had a wingspan of at least two feet, crow sized! The others, ranged from robin to wren, chickadee, down to hummingbird sized, hung suspended over her bed. All of the same colorfully patterned paper, one flock – made by her granddaughter in Brooklyn.

“All this time we’ve been praying for peace for you, but you’re already surrounded with it.”

Lorrie didn’t want a formal funeral; too much of a fuss! but in a couple of weeks, we’ll dedicate a Eucharist to her. And we’ll take up a special collection in her honor for the Refugee Resettlement Office. The need there now is so great and with the catastrophe in Afghanistan it will only be greater in the coming months and years.

Afghanistan, Haiti, Syria, the Pandemic, poverty, famine, fires, woes, violence: the world is in such chaos now. You can’t take your eyes off it, there’s nowhere to turn away.

Lorrie’s last lesson to me, beyond words, was that we shouldn’t turn away, we should keep our eyes open, because, even in this whirlwind of grief and suffering there is still peace, we are already surrounded by it. And there’s plenty to go around, plenty peace and room and food and safe haven to share, to welcome those in need into.



## PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

### New Address:

Averil Nicewarner  
1300 W. Marine View Drive #N301  
Everett, WA 98201  
Cell: 301-310-3165  
[averil.personal@gmail.com](mailto:averil.personal@gmail.com)

**ONE THOUSAND  
DAYS OF LOVE**

### ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE

Sunday, August 29, 2021, 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. Even if you aren’t in church to put a donation in the basket, you can still contribute 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.

*“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”*-- Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry.



### HAITI RELIEF

Help people affected by the deadly 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti. The earthquake killed over a thousand people, caused structures to collapse and triggered landslides and flooding in the western part of the nation.

Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development’s Haiti Fund will support the organization’s continued emergency response efforts in Haiti.

Please indicate “Haiti” on the memo line of your check or donation.

Or go to [the St. Alban’s website](#), drop down the **Giving** menu on the right end of the top banner, click on “Donate Now,” choose “Special Donation,” enter an amount, and indicate **Haiti** in comments.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

The next set of printed Scripture readings have arrived – dates from September 5 to November 21, 2021. Copies are available in the Brown Box outside the sacristy door. Please stop by and pick up a set. If you need one mailed to you, please call the church office, 425-778-0371.



Photo: Phil McClelland

It is likely you have seen parishioner Denise Robertson next to Phil McClelland at the sound board during Sunday services. Microphones need checking, verification that computer and camera are operating properly to present YouTube and Facebook services live -- all requiring someone’s presence at all service times. Anything can change at any time! Denise gives her thanks to Phil for all his patience – with the soundboard and teaching her.

Phil has been taking care of these tasks forever, and Denise has volunteered to learn the tricks of the trade in order for Phil to get an occasional break. Phil can use more volunteers and will be your hands-on teacher.

### HOW CAN WE HELP St. ALBAN’S

There are many ways we can all help our church. Most tasks are periodic – occasional lay-reading at either 8:00 or 10:30am service, Altar Guild for one service a month or with clean-up after 10:30am service, coffee hour, weeding and general gardening. With all mentioned tasks, training and

instruction are provided. Your “trainer” will be working alongside you as you learn. You won’t be left alone wondering how and what to do!! Look around and see where you might be able to pitch in.

To volunteer, please call or email the office and your information will be passed along to the appropriate person.

### WHATCHA READING

For several months now we’ve been using books recommended following our May 15<sup>th</sup> ECW Zoom Coffee gathering. Kären Ford submitted several authors that she enjoys reading. One of them is J.A. Jance, a local mystery writer. Jance has three detective series: J.P. Beaumont—a Seattle police detective; Johanna Brady—an Arizona Sheriff; and Ali Reynolds—who is a 40-something ex-newscaster who moves back to her hometown of Sedona, Arizona. And if you don’t want to buy books, our own Sno-Isle library is a great resource: <https://www.sno-isle.org>



*Love*  
is the answer

*Donna Hoffman shared the following with Altar Guild members at our recent meeting.*

There is nothing holier in this life than the first consciousness of love.

Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction.

To love is to stay close enough to touch and still have enough space to grow.

Love is willingness to see less because it sees more.

In the one we love, we find our second self.

Love is the beauty of the soul.

To love abundantly is to live abundantly, to love forever is to live forever.

There is exquisite beauty in the heart that cares and loves.

Love believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Episcopalians Squash Hunger:  
Sunday, September 26, 2 - 6 p.m.**

Join with other Episcopalians to harvest fresh produce that will feed the hungry in the spectacular Snohomish River Valley. Pig roast sponsored by Holy Cross, Redmond, with a potluck picnic and outdoor Eucharist.

Free pumpkins for the kids.



**DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTION**

Adam Trambley is the author of this Reflection. He is a priest in Sharon, PA, and author of Forward Movement publications. He can often be found in a ballet studio.

*Psalm 119:164 – Seven times a day do I praise you because of your righteous judgments.*

I like trees. I grew up driving literally over the river and through the woods of the Allegheny National Forest to visit my grandparents multiple times a year. The resplendent fall colors are glorious, but so are the summer greens, the spring buds, and the snow-covered winter branches.

A few years ago, I was driving to a meeting that I didn't want to attend. My stress level was high, and fears and resentments were growing with each passing mile. Then I noticed some trees. I took a moment to stop and appreciate their beauty and presence. I recognized them as a gift from God and managed to offer thanks and praise amid my anxiety. In that instant, my whole perspective changed. I knew God was present. Not only would I be okay, but also God had a reason for me to be at this meeting, and I should anticipate blessings instead of problems from it.

The psalmist invites us to praise God seven times each day. Sometimes I need help to remember, but my life gets so much better when I offer praise wherever I am.

Where mercy, love and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too. William Blake

Thank You for your Support!!

**THANK YOU NOTE**

St. Alban's Episcopal Church,

Thank you so much for supporting Washington Kids in Transition. Please let the congregation know that we are humbled by the continued generous support. Last year was a challenge. We are proud to say, with the help of our generous community, we were able to ease the burden of many of our local families.

Kim Gorney  
Executive Director

**FROM THE READER BOARD**

Lee Forsberg



jokes

From Dave Wilson

*Marriage Counselor:* Your wife says you never buy her flowers.

*Me:* To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.

I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

So, if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.



**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.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**AUGUST 22 – 13 PENTECOST**

John 6: says in part, " *...no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father...* " Through our Baptism, we have been granted that supreme gift for the whole of our lives. Does the stewardship of our lives reflect our unceasing gratitude to God for His unfailing mercy to us?

**AUGUST 29 – 14 PENTECOST**

We read in James: 1, " *Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...* " If this is true, does our giving of all things – ourselves in service to others, our financial resources to support the Church, our loving responses to those around us – reflect God's abundant giving, or our more scarcity-oriented attitudes?

**READINGS**

**AUGUST 22 – 13 PENTECOST**

1 Kings 8:[1,6,10-11], 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**August 22 – Collect**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**AUGUST 29 – 14 PENTECOST**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**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

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.
- Wear a mask.

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

**GREG'S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home  
Wednesday Church Office – 10:00 – 2: pm  
(Available by appointment)  
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

**WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS**

1st week—Food Bank  
2nd week—Discretionary Fund  
3rd week—Outreach – Pathways for Women  
4th week—Capital Improvements  
5<sup>th</sup> Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

