

## AROUND THE PARISH

October 15, 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

**10/17 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services**  
for those fully vaccinated.

**10/17 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Annex & Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

**Zoom Coffee Hour, 12:00pm,** through October

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkyeHkwSEJQOXY1UjBCSElJZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode Coffee

**10/17 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm**

**10/17 Taizé Live, 7:00pm**

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.



Fr. Greg Peters

There are several things our Vestry would like to report to you from our meeting last Tuesday, October 11.

First, with the death of Jim Nichols, the Vestry discussed people to invite to fill this position as your representative. In the end, Eric Hanson was asked to take up Jim's position. He accepted. Eric will serve until the Annual Meeting in January. He can then be elected by the congregation, if they desire, to fulfill the remaining two years of Jim's term.

Second and related to the first, the Nominations Committee Vestry positions and Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates was formed. As per our Bylaws, the committee is comprised of the three members completing their terms plus one other member of the Vestry. This year's committee is Carol Gordon, Carrie Cone, Susan Hanson, plus Maisy Hochstetler.

Third, the Vestry wants to remind you that Stewfest is coming up this Wednesday, October 20, after Evening Prayer. Our speaker this year is the Rev. Cristi Chapman, Executive Director of the Mission to Seafarers. We look forward to hearing and learning from Cristi and encourage everyone to attend – either in person or online – to support the Mission to Seafarers and enjoy each other's company.

Fourth, we have been invited to host Camp United We Stand, which is an encampment of homeless people. The camp has to relocate every three months and is looking for future host sites. The Vestry has asked that an ad hoc committee be formed to determine the feasibility of St. Alban's hosting the camp.

Lastly, the Vestry encourages parishioners to

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**10/18 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall**

**10/20 Evening Prayer, 6:00pm, Facebook**

**Stew Fest, 6:30pm**

**Speaker Cristi Chapman, 7:00, Facebook**

**10/21 Way of Love, 1:30-3:00pm, PH**

**10/21 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary**

**10/22 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex**

**10/23 Drive-by Food Drive, 10:00am-2:00pm**

**10/27 Daisy Beach Memorial, 3:00pm**

### 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."

### Daisy Beach Memorial, Wednesday, October 27, 3:00pm

Long-time friend and member, Daisy Beach died at her home in Edmonds on September 23. Please join us at St. Alban's for a celebration of her life. Remembrances may be made to your favorite charity.

support the Drive-by Food Drive on October 23 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Jim Nichols was a great supporter of the Food Bank, so this is a great opportunity to honor Jim’s memory with a gift to the Food Bank. October 23 is also the day that the Boy Scouts will be cleaning up our church grounds.

Another Reminder: This coming Sunday, we will honor and bless the Healthcare and Medical Professionals both in our congregation and beyond. This has been a very challenging year for all medical professionals, and we want to thank them for the work in addressing the Covid 19 pandemic. The medical professionals in our congregation have been a great resource as we wrestled with how to best meet the needs of our congregation in gathering for fellowship and worship while balancing the precautions made necessary by the pandemic.

Gracious and loving God with whom our journey begins and ends, help us to remember that you have given us all that we have. Everything we have is yours, and it is our gift to share with one another in community. Open our eyes and hands to see the world around us and to accept when we are hungry and to feed others when we are sated. Amen  
The Way of Love 50 Day Bible Challenge



**TAIZÉ LIVE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

John Lehrack, St. Alban’s great music director, is presenting one of his Taizé programs live in church on **Sunday, October 17, at 7:00pm.** As with other services, this live performance is for those who are fully vaccinated, masks are worn and we maintain safe distancing.

John researches music, prayers, chants and readings for his Taizé programs. It’s a very meaningful service and a refreshing break from our everyday world.

We are continuing to experiment with recording live on Facebook and posting to YouTube later. We will keep you advised on this process for your viewing at home.

John’s poem for the October 17 Taizé follows:

**A Life of Service**

*The following poem was written by Angela Yardy, who has spent all of her adult life working with children in some way. She got hooked on poetry as a school volunteer and became a self-taught poet. Her goal is to “pass her enthusiasm on to others, especially children, together with the realization that a poet is not someone different or unusually special, but someone who is prepared to experiment with language and to share some of their thoughts, experiences and/or feelings.”*

A life of service really is a thing that you should treasure  
For you will make a difference to this world that lasts forever.  
For those who are around someone whose life has good intent  
Will always and forever be affected by their scent.  
Whilst you may humbly fail to see the permeating heat  
That comes from all your kindness to the people that you meet,  
Yet others do appreciate the blessing that you bring.  
It adds a glow to life, just as the sunshine does in spring.  
You may not ever notice it. You may not ever know  
The beauty of your life’s work, when humbly put on show.  
So, never feel resentment; guard your heart as if it’s gold.  
Just wear the belt of righteousness and let God’s truth unfold.  
And don’t rely on gratitude for all the things you do,  
But ask the Lord for grace and love to help you see them through.  
Enjoy your special role and know the privilege is yours:  
God chooses workers carefully to compliment His cause.  
And be assured that many of the seeds you sow will root  
And in your absence will go on to flourish and bear fruit.  
So live in humble servitude, content that God above  
Is watching with a father’s pride, to shower you with love.



**JOIN US FOR STEW FEST – OCTOBER 20**

Yummy food will be served – several stews cooked by parishioners, salad, bread, dessert – along with beverages including wine and beer. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Cristi Chapman, Director of Mission to Seafarers. (See article below for details and items needed for Ditty Bags, a Mission to Seafarers project.)

The evening begins **Wednesday, October 20**, at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer on Facebook, the Stew Fest begins at 6:30pm and our program at approximately 7:00pm. The program will also be on Facebook for those who are unable to attend in person. Those attending are to be fully vaccinated, wearing masks when not eating and remaining at safe distances apart.

Our Stew Fest is an evening for fellowship and an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for His many blessings to St. Alban’s. Despite the trials of many months past, we have much for which to be thankful. Look around and note all of our facility improvements, the many outreach programs we support, the return of both Templo Emanuel and the West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool, our continuing partnership with Chase Lake Community School and other activities. And, we have been able to resume in-person worship together in addition to several fellowship events. A faithful God has led us through these times and kept us on our path of serving Him and being grateful for our church and personal blessings.

**Join in!!**



**FALL FOOD DRIVE – SATURDAY, OCT 23**

Our next Drive-by Food Drive is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23, from 10:00am-2:00pm**. As we approach the year-end holidays, we have this opportunity to share with our neighborhood and contribute foods to help them have the good holidays we enjoy in our own homes.

Any and all non-perishable foods are needed, as are supplies for babies and household pets. Thanksgiving dinner items like canned sweet potatoes, mashed

potatoes, gravy mix, canned vegetables and fruits are seasonal options. Everyday suggestions are spaghetti and sauce, canned or dry beans, tuna fish, canned chicken, tortillas, oatmeal, peanut butter and jams/jellies.

Lee Forsberg and his faithful assistants always greet donors with open arms. Many of our church neighbors stop and visit which is a treat for all! Lee encourages you to stop by, donate and share some fellowship.

Our next and final 2021 Food Drive will be prior to Christmas, Saturday, December 11.



**ANNUAL DITTY BAG DONATIONS**

There is a box in the Parish Hall for your contributions to the Mission for Seafarers annual Ditty Bags collection. These are very meaningful, small gifts to those seamen who are in port during the holidays, sometimes for weeks at a time until their ship can dock. They are far from home and family, and our donations can help brighten their way.

Cristi Chapman, the director of Mission to Seafarers, will be our guest speaker at the October 20 Stew Fest, and this has prompted us to begin earlier donations to the Ditty Bag event.

Items needed are knit hats, full-size bottle of shampoo and/or body wash, full-size toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, full-size cans of shaving cream, disposable razors, deck of cards, notepad/pencil and candy or some other treat type item.



“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.”

...James 1:17 NSVR

***The Gift of Helping a Stranger***

Every good gift comes from God, and in sharing our gifts we become even more gifted, whether or not we are recognized or rewarded for sharing. Making an annual financial commitment to a congregation is like offering to push a stranger’s car to a gas pump. It gets ministry moving. We seek no recognition yet are rewarded in surprising ways. We offer our gifts because

doing so creates the type of world we want to inhabit—a world where strangers collaborate and laugh together during a frustrating and embarrassing experience, sharing every good gift along the way.

*O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

*For Diversity of Races & Cultures (BCP 840)*



### **BIBLE STUDY FROM ABROAD**

Susan and Eric Hanson are off to Paris, where they will be staying in a friend's vacant apartment for a couple of weeks. Eric will lead our Sunday Morning Bible Study on October 17, 24 and 31 as usual.....only from Paris, France. Our 9:15am session time will be sent from Paris by Eric at 6:15pm. What dedication and gift! Many thanks, Eric.



### **NEW COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Deacon Jim Gilman

Recently a new committee was established at St. Alban's: The Committee for Peace and Social Justice. Its mission is to meet the needs of people in our community, South Snohomish County, and beyond. Already that mission is being fulfilled.

In June 2021, the committee formed an alliance with Edmonds Food Bank to distribute and deliver food to families and children, in the Five Corner's region, who are experiencing hunger and material insecurity. This monthly distribution supplements the monthly food collection Drive-by Food Drives coordinated by our Outreach Committee, under the leadership

of Connie and Lee Forsberg. Each car that drives by to pick-up food represents 3 or 4 people who are being fed. Cassie Davis, the Director of the Edmonds Food Bank, is also requesting that St. Alban's establish a Food Pantry, which the Food Bank will stock and volunteers from the church will manage, at designated times during the week.

If you would like to volunteer and participate in any of these activities, please contact Jim Gilman (425) 409-1374 or the church office (425) 778-0371.



### **HUNGER AND AFGHAN REFUGEES**

Deacon Jim Gilman

St. Alban's recently formed Peace and Social Justice Committee, under Deacon Jim Gilman's leadership, is reaching beyond the need for food and shelter issues. They are also pursuing ways in which St. Alban's might assist in the Resettlement of Afghan Refugees in north Seattle and South Snohomish County. We are working with the Refugee Resettlement Office and the Diocese of Olympia to discern how we might best help. Options include giving money and gift cards, transportation, orientation to grocery shopping, finding affordable housing, furniture and apartment set-up, enrollment in schools and in social, medical, and banking services, and much more. St. Alban's will contribute however we can, along with many other churches and organizations.

The committee has decided that we will begin by contributing to what are called "Welcome Kits." These kits provide the very basic items the refugees will need to live day to day, such as items for the kitchen, linens and household supplies, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and so on. A complete list of specific "Welcome Kits" items is available in the parish hall or from the church office. Beginning Sunday, October 17, there will be designated boxes in the parish hall, in which you can place your items.

If you would like to volunteer and participate in any of these activities, please contact Jim Gilman (425) 409-1374 or the church office (425) 778-0371.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. Martin Luther King Jr.

### FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

### Things I'm Super Good At...

- Googling my ailments. Then panicking!
- Adding items to online carts. Then deleting them.
- Leaving laundry to wrinkle in the dryer.
- Forgetting why I walked into a room.
- Calculating how much sleep I will get if I "fall asleep right now."

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### OCTOBER 17 – 21 PENTECOST

Mark 10:45 puts it very succinctly: *The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.* What gift can we ever give to thank Him for His incredible gift to us? Living life as a steward and disciple, and following the Lord's examples and teachings is certainly a good place to start!

#### OCTOBER 24 – 22 PENTECOST

Mark tells us that Bartimaeus had faith that Jesus could heal him. The disciples tried to shoo him away, but he was persistent, and Jesus answered his plea. What is it in our lives that blinds us, and lets us shoo ourselves away from believing in, and accepting the grace and mercy of our god? As Stewards with restored vision, we can serve in ways that are yet unknown to us if we pray for our own blindness to be healed!

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### OCTOBER 17 – 21 PENTECOST

Job 38:1-7, [34-41]  
Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

#### Collect for October 17

Almighty and Everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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

#### OCTOBER 24 – 22 PENTECOST

Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8, [19-22]  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52



#### ST. ALBAN'S YouTube CHANNEL

There are two options for viewing our Worship services: Facebook or YouTube. In the center of our website front page is a link to YouTube, pictured above. Problems with Facebook – try YouTube.

#### WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

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

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

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

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.

**Chinese Blessing**

*May you always have enough  
happiness to keep you sweet;  
enough trials to keep you strong,  
enough success to keep you eager,  
enough faith to give you courage,  
and enough determination  
to make each day a good day.*

**GREG'S OFFICE HOURS**

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