

## AROUND THE PARISH

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.



**September 2, 2022**

### SUNDAY – September 4

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

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

**9:00am, Adult Bible Study, Annex & Zoom**  
**CLASS RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 11 and will continue studying Gospel of Mark**

**2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall**

**NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook**



**Fr. Greg Peters**

To borrow from Dylan Thomas: Summer is not going gently into that good night.

It's the last hurrah of Summer this weekend, so Erika, Sarah, and I are off to the coast, to Shi Shi Beach (just south of Cape Flattery and Neah Bay), for a hike with some friends before school starts back up for Sarah and their daughter. Hanni's working at Camp Huston as a lifeguard for a retreat group earning a little extra cash before she heads back to college in a couple of weeks – a couple of way too short weeks.

While I'm gone, the Rev. Mac Murray will be preaching and presiding. Mac was with us once before around Easter time. I'm thankful that he is available. Mac is just back himself from some very cool traveling. I'm jealous that you all have the opportunity to hear about it, firsthand. In our brief conversation, I only heard where he was traveling, but got no details. (Roger Andersen, if you're in church, you may be particularly interested.)

Beginning this week, we will have a different musician. Paul Hoffman is a retired Lutheran pastor. I think he most recently served in the Greenwood neighborhood of Seattle. Paul lives in Mukilteo and will be with us through September 18. I'm looking forward to working with him in the weeks to come.

Please know that the team looking for John Lehrack's successor is working diligently. We've met a couple of times, first to discern what our music program should be like as we move forward, then to look at our options for interim musicians. We are meeting again this coming week and discussing the job description.

**I do have an apology for the 8:00am members, the musicians we have lined up through September, will only be playing at the 10:30 services. This may**

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**9/5 LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED**

**9/7 6:00pm, Evening Prayer**

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

**9/9 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex**

**9/10 3:00pm, Jon Burpee Celebration of Life**

### WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE ROAD.....

**9/17 11:30am-5:00pm, Eagle Scout Ceremony**

**9/21 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30pm, Soup Supper, 7:00pm, Program**

**9/23 4:30pm, Private Event, Sacristy/Parish Hall**

**9/24 10:00am-2:00pm, Food Bank Drive  
2:00-4:00pm, Pokemon TGC, Parish Hall**



**Father Greg will be on vacation September 3-5. For any pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Deacon Jim Gilman.**

**Father Mac Murray will be with us as guest priest.**

**change in the future, but for the present, there will only be music at the later service.**

Looking ahead, this coming week is just as busy as ever.

On Saturday, September 10, we will be celebrating the life and ministry of Jon Burpee. Jon and Jeannie came to us a few years ago and jumped right into life here. I hope you will join in the celebration.

Then next Sunday is our Welcome Back from Summer and for the Program Year. We're encouraging and inviting students, teachers, and everyone else engaged in the education process to come to church as we bless their backpacks and prayer for them as they begin the academic year. We'll also bless all those school supplies that you all have been gathering for Chase Lake School students.

After all that churchy stuff, it'll be time for another wonderful barbeque. Maisy and Wendre are organizing the event, and it should be quite a hoot. Burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin's and drinks will be provided. Please sign up to bring a side dish to round out the meal. And as always there's always room for people to help cook, set up, and clean up.

This is a great opportunity to invite a student, teacher, school staff member, or volunteer to join us for this fun and joyous event.

Finally, looking further ahead, our Third Wednesday Night Soup Supper program will be starting up on September 21. On these Wednesday nights, we'll start with Evening Prayer, then feed our bodies (with wholesome food) and our souls (with good fellowship), and our minds with engaging conversations. This fall, outside of Stewfest in October, we'll be looking at the fundamentals of being Episcopalians; what does this branch of the Jesus' Way look like, worship, engage scripture and ethics; live, move, and have its being? Look for more details in the weeks ahead.

There's plenty going on, and plenty to go around; plenty of great ways to grow in faith. See you around!



**JOIN THE FUN ON SEPTEMBER 11**

Fall, school, football and all those seasonal activities are just around the corner. Join us in celebrating the beginning of our church programs, as well as the academic year with a blessing of

school packs (and those who carry them). We'll share our church service, followed by fellowship and a meal together with a barbeque picnic after the 10:30am service.

Just like the recent picnic, burger, hotdogs, non-meat options, chips, and drinks will be provided, but we are asking you to bring side dishes and/or desserts to share.

We will also be in need of volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and clean-up. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.



Eric Hanson

The Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) resumes on **Sunday, September 11, at 9:30am**, in the Annex and on Zoom. We will return to the Gospel of Mark. It is the first Gospel to be written, and it has urgency and an immediacy that is unique to Scripture. The main theme of Mark is Christ the Suffering Servant. Please join us!

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JON BURPEE**

There will be a Celebration of Life for Jon Burpee on Saturday, September 10, at 3:00pm. Jon's friend, harpist Bronn Journey, will provide music featuring Welsh hymns. There will be a reception with light refreshments and a slideshow in the Paris Hall following the service.



**ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OUTREACH**

**Housing Hope** is the current recipient of our 3rd quarter outreach contributions from the third week basket. It offers services such as life-skills training, childcare, case management, and employment services as well as affordable housing.

**World Central Kitchen** (WCK) is receiving our 4th Week Basket for September to support the crisis in Ukraine. WCK is serving millions of fresh meals to Ukrainian families fleeing home as well as people remaining in the country.

scissors; 32 packages from singles to 4 count -- Pink erasers and a few other miscellaneous items.

The school personnel were very excited to see all of these donations!

### **PICTURE DIRECTORY PROGRESSING**

Work is progressing on our new picture directory. If you have any changes to your address, email address or telephone number, please notify the church office immediately at [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) or 425-778-0371 so that your information is correct.



### **CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Thanks to all who donated school supplies for Chase Lake's Backpack program. It looks like we had lots of fun shopping for students at our neighborhood school. In addition to all the supplies, we donated \$600 for school supplies and \$700 for food for the backpack program, plus we have another \$200 to give to the school.

Below is a summary of the supplies that were donated:

12 packages-- Crayola Crayons; 14 packages-- #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils; 21 packages -- colored pencils; 2 sets-- washable markers; 5 sets --dry erase markers; 17 packages— Highlighters; 26--composition notebooks or spiral notebooks; 11 folders or binders; 2-- Pencil boxes; 12 packages-- glue sticks; 16—



St. Margaret's Gospel Fest will be held by four very experienced performers, leaders, and educators. The workshop will be from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with lunch being provided (donations happily accepted). All ages are welcome. Invite your friends and family to come for a 7:00pm concert, where they can enjoy what you have learned.

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Following is the last quote from Dan Mullene's recent homily containing thoughts from Holly Mthethwa, a Christian author:

### **No. 7 - I'll Refuse to be Judgmental but I Will Spur Others to be Like Christ**

God calls us to spur others on to become more Christ-like, but, again, our heart issues often get in the way. We take it to extremes – we often become self-righteous and judgmental, or we refuse to point out areas in others' lives where God wants to bring freedom and truth.

I declare that I will love my neighbor by refusing to house a judgmental spirit. I effuse to focus on the sin in my neighbor's life as opposed to the sin in my own. I will, however, be bold enough to challenge my neighbor in love and to pray for areas of bondage, pain, injustice, and sin in his life.

I will love by neighbor by understanding that love doesn't always feel fuzzy, but often challenges and calls out something greater so that he can experience the fullness of Christ.

# WORKSHOP

## **EXPLORING INDIGENOUS THEOLOGY: Two-Eyed Seeing, Vision Quests & Sacred Stories**

**Workshop: Saturday, Sept 17, 9:30am-12:30pm  
In Person in Bloedel Hall or online via Zoom  
Workshop led by Rev. Canon Mary Crist, Ed.D  
Free, but registration required for either option.  
Co-sponsored by Saint Mark's Cathedral and  
The Office of the Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia**

Did you know that the Episcopal Church has over 400 years of history with Indigenous people in North America? Did you know that many indigenous spiritual beliefs are compatible with those of Jesus? How can we make it possible for Indigenous people to be Christians and to honor the spiritual practices of their ancestors at the same time? How can we use “two-eyed” seeing, vision quests, and sacred stories to explore Indigenous theology?

These questions and others will be explored at this workshop. Participants will learn what Indigenous leaders in the Episcopal Church have to say about being both Native and Christian and how theological education is expanding to broaden the preparation of church leaders. Bring your own stories and questions to share in this workshop grounded in the narrative tradition.

*The Rev. Canon Mary Crist, Ed.D (Pitaki/Eagle Woman) is enrolled Blackfeet from the Douglas family in Montana. She is a priest serving at St. Michael's Ministry Center in Riverside, CA, and serves on the Presiding Bishop's Staff as the Coordinator of Indigenous Theological Education in the Department of Ethnic Ministries. She has several degrees and is also an author.*

## jokes

**From Dave Wilson**

A drunk managed to get lost on his way home from a bar in Texas and ended up walking through woods where he came upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. “Have you found Jesus, my son?” asked the preacher.

No, I haven't,” replied the drunk.

At this point, the preacher took the drunk and dunked his head into the river. When he lifted the

drunk's head, the preacher asked, “Now have you found Jesus?”

“No, I have not,” slurred the drunk.

The preacher pushed the drunk's head once more into the river, but this time for a bit longer. “Now have you found our savior Jesus?”

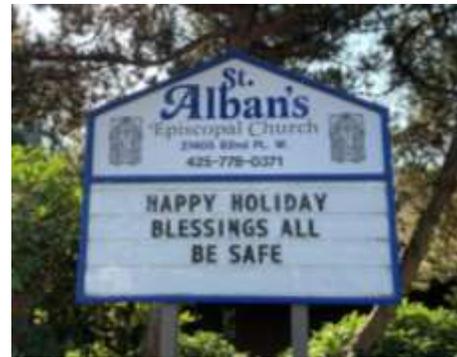
“No, sir, I have not,” replied the drunk.

Now the preacher pushed the drunk's head under and held it there until the man was frantically shaking in all directions. “Now, in the name of Almighty God, have you found our Jesus?”

The drunk shook his head, spat out some water, turned to the preacher and said, “No, sir, I still have not. Are you absolutely sure this is where he fell in?”

## **FROM THE READER BOARD**

**Lee Forsberg**



## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### **SEPTEMBER 4 – 13 PENTECOST**

Psalm 139 begins, “Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.” Even for those (or perhaps, especially for those) trying to be faithful stewards, God's discerning our thoughts from afar has to give us pause. How can we possibly keep our minds thinking and acting in the way God would have us respond to life? It's the old Holy Habits again which can help to keep us on the path. How are you doing with prayer, study, and service to others, giving and being faithful in community worship and activity.

### **SEPTEMBER 11 – 14 PENTECOST**

Today's Epistle talks about saving sinners and showing great mercy. Timothy said that we are saved in order that we might gratefully tell of God's mercy by the

example of our new lives in Jesus Christ. Do your prayer, giving, worship and service make you “an example to those who would come to believe in Him to gain eternal life?”

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### SEPTEMBER 4 – 13 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17  
Philemon 1:21  
Luke 14:25-33

#### Collect – 13 Pentecost

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

#### SEPTEMBER 11 – 14 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10



#### GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, 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)

#### 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.

#### CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- \*Place donation in plate or basket at entrance to Sanctuary before the start of the service.
- \*Mail check – 21405 82<sup>nd</sup> Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- \*Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg's door.
- \*Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban's.
- \*Online, go to [www.StAlbansEdmonds.org](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click on "Donate Now."

#### WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank  
2nd week—Discretionary Fund  
3rd week – Outreach  
4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering  
5<sup>th</sup> Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

#### PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn [kiwicat1@gmail.com](mailto:kiwicat1@gmail.com) or 425-745-1390

#### **Prayers of the People:**

Prayers of the People used during the Sunday worship.

#### **Prayer Chain:**

About a dozen people pray regularly for members of the congregation or other friends and relatives as requested.

#### **Prayer Shawls:**

Prayer shawls are available for those in need of comfort during challenging times.