

## AROUND THE PARISH

March 17, 2023

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 – March 19

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

**9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is continuing the study of John**

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

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628      Passcode: SeekFirst

**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

Our Vestry met last Monday for our monthly meeting. The second Monday of the month is now our new meeting date. This change better accommodates my work schedule, and I appreciate the Vestry's willingness to make this adjustment.

Here are a few things of import that we want to share with you.

Our first order of business was to appoint Susan Hanson to fill one of the open positions. Susan will serve until our next Annual Meeting when she, if she wishes, will be eligible to be elected by the congregation for a full term. The Vestry appreciates Susan's commitment to serving the congregation and the wisdom and spirit she brings to our leadership team.

There were three positions open after the Annual Meeting; two resulting from the resignations of Wendre Vaughan and Maisy Hochstetler, and one because we were unsuccessful in recruiting congregants to serve on Vestry. There is still one open position. If you are considering serving on the Vestry, please contact one of the members to discuss the responsibilities, time commitment, and other information.

After this, we evaluated our retreat. The retreat was held last Friday (March 10), so we wanted to keep our memories fresh and the momentum going. Much of our conversation at the retreat involved our roles and responsibilities as individual Vestry members, as officers (wardens, treasurer, and clerk) and as clergy.

Then holding these in mind, we discussed how we receive, address and work through issues, concerns and challenges brought to us by congregants.

Subsequently, at our last meeting, we appointed an ad hoc group tasked with helping us implement what we learned, discussed and agreed to at the retreat. That group includes Liz Bee, Jan Skidmore and Susan Hanson.

Moving on to regular business: We approved the allocation of funds for several requests. These

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 3/18 11:00am, Dave Wilson Memorial Service
- 3/20 6:30pm, Worship Committee Mtg, Zoom  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 3/21 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall  
6:30-9:00pm, Girl Scout Parent Mtg, PH
- 6/22 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary  
6:30pm, Soup Supper & Program, PH
- 6/23 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 6/24 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 3/25 9:00am-2:00pm, St. Hilda/Patrick, PH
- 3/28 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 4/1 8:00am-4:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt Prep, PH  
7:00pm, Episcoplayers, Parish Hall
- 4/2 Easter Egg Stuffing, after/between services, PH
- 4/8 7:00am-5:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt, PH/Outside  
9:30am, Altar Guild Decoration, PH/Sanctuary

**++See Holy Week Schedule**

### GREG OUT OF OFFICE

Greg will be chaperoning daughter Sarah's class at an outdoor education event and will be out of the office Monday, March 27, through noon on Wednesday, March 29.

Have a great time, Greg!!

included an Altar Guild request to restore the finish on the flower vases; a Buildings & Grounds request to purchase a storage cabinet for the livestreaming equipment; and a Parish Life request to purchase new table linens.

The organ requires some maintenance, and we discussed how to proceed with the actual maintenance and with the funding.

Our last extensive discussion involved the need expressed by several ministry groups – the need for more people participating in those ministries. We need more lectors, altar guild members, and people to help with receptions and other events. All the members agreed to help promote participation in these ministries, and moreover expressed great appreciation for those already taking part in them.

The grounds are looking great.

The Sanctuary has been simply, beautifully – worshiply – accoutered.

Coffee Hours have been lovingly presented week in and week out, the reception for Alice Guyot’s funeral was graciously arranged, and the Parish Hall is looking better all the time.

Our lectors, intercessors, ushers and Eucharistic ministers make our services so much more rich, and the numbers of those taking part in leading worship is growing.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

On a personal note, I will be taking some time away in the near future:

First, from Monday, March 27 to noon on Wednesday, March 29, I will be chaperoning for Sarah’s seventh grade class at their Outdoor Education Camp. We’re going to Camp Sealth on Vashon Island.

Next, like last year, from Easter evening, April 9, through the end of April, I’ll be on vacation. Our family will be visiting Hanni at her university in SW England, taking a four-day hike on the Southwest Coast Path, spending a few days exploring London, then visiting Erika’s family in Munich.

Lastly and right after returning from vacation, I will be off to Bremerton for our Diocese’s Annual Clergy Conference from May 1 to noon on Wednesday, May 3.

### **DAVE WILSON MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Saturday, March 18, 11:00am**

There will be a memorial service on March 18 at 11:00am for our long-time friend and member, Dave Wilson, who died on January 16, 2023. A reception in

the Parish Hall will follow the service. Please join us as we celebrate the life of our brother in Christ.

MyEdmondsNews included a wonderful obituary of Dave’s life in the March 4 issue:  
David H. Wilson: Memorial service March 18 at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church - My Edmonds News



#### **April 2 – Palm Sunday**

8:00am Eucharist, in person

10:30am, In person/live streamed

No coffee hour

#### **April 3 & 4**

6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook only

#### **April 5 – Tenebrae Service (psalms and lessons)**

7:00pm, In person/live streamed

#### **April 6 – Maundy Thursday**

6:00pm Agape Potluck with Eucharist,  
foot/hand washing, stripping of altar

In person only

#### **April 7 – Good Friday**

11:00am, Service, In person/live streamed

7:00pm, Service, In person only

12:00-7:00pm, Stations of the Cross in  
Labyrinth, self-paced

#### **April 8 – Holy Saturday**

12:00pm, Service, Facebook only

8:00pm, Easter Vigil, In person/live streamed

#### **April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00-4:00pm**

#### **April 9 – Easter Sunday Eucharist**

8:00am, In person

10:30pm, In person/live streameded



You are invited to join in the good food and fellowship at our Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers. The next one is **Wednesday, March 22, beginning at**

**6:00pm**, in the Sanctuary for Evening Prayer. We enjoy our supper together at 6:30pm, followed by the Lenten Program. The evening ends with Compline at 8:00pm.

This year's program topic is Episcopalianism 101, using The Episcopal Way as our guide. This coming Wednesday, Fr. Greg will lead us through Chapters 6 and 7 of the book. There is always plenty of time for questions and sharing.

As you are able to contribute, please bring soup, salad, bread and/or dessert.

Come, Feast on the Word, Sacraments, and Fellowship every Wednesday in March.



### **FLOWERS AND EASTER EGG HUNT**

#### **Easter Flowers for Altar Area**

St. Monica's Altar Guild is finalizing plans to bring spring flowers into the Sanctuary for our Easter celebration. If you would like to contribute to the Flower Fund, there are donation envelopes in the pews. Dedications can be made in thanksgiving or in remembrance of family, friends and loved ones. Please indicate Easter Flowers on your check and **turn in your donation by Sunday, March 19.**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Scheduled for Saturday, April 8, from 2:00-4:00pm, our Easter Egg Hunt needs LOTS of plastic eggs and LOTS of small, wrapped candies. Please have your **donations to church by Palm Sunday, April 2.**

Eggs will be stuffed for the hunt after both the 8:00am and 10:30am services on April 2. If you are able to help stuff eggs or help on the day of the hunt, please contact Wendre at 425-892-3329.



#### **GOT SATURDAY, APRIL 15, ON CALENDAR??**

Be sure to save **Saturday, April 15, 10:30am-noon**, for our next ECW gathering. There will be refreshments, coffee and tea, and lots of conversation time to catch up with your St. Alban's friends, as well as a program about Jeannie Burpee's and Maryellen Young's recent trip to Italy.



#### **IRISH PRAYER**

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sign, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.



**WHO COULD HAVE  
FORESEEN THE  
POWER OF PEANUT  
BUTTER??  
IT CAN OPEN DOORS!!**

Bring any-size, any-brand jar of Peanut Butter to our live theater production of "The Golden Age of Radio" on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (no fooling!), at 7:00pm and the sanctuary doors will open for you. And it will also open the doors of the Edmonds Food Bank as we deliver their most needed item.

If you need transportation to the event call Jan Skidmore at 425-315-5412. We certainly do want you to be here!



#### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

We are very generous in our support to feed the hungry. In February, we sent checks of \$800 each to the Edmonds Food Bank, the Lynnwood Food Bank and the Mountlake Terrace Food Bank for a total of \$2,400 from donations we received from October through January from our 1<sup>st</sup> week basket offerings.

In addition, we sent Edmonds Food Bank \$470 from our Drive By Food Drive in February, as well as

the food collected, and \$284.10 from donations received in conjunction with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

We also help our neighbors by having food available to hand out the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, thanks to the efforts of Jim Gilman and others who support these efforts.

Our next chance to make a difference will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> for the program presented by the Episcoplayers. Instead of tickets, admission is with jars of peanut butter (but cash or check donations can also be made). I'm sure our neighbors appreciate our generosity.



### DID YOU KNOW THIS?

A hot cross bun has been hung up in a public house called the Widow's Son in the London Docklands every Good Friday since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The pile, added to every year, probably totals nearly two hundred by now – some of which have been transferred to the cellar, in various states of decay!

This Widow's Bun Collection commemorates a poor widow who originally lived on the site now occupied by the pub. Every Good Friday, she baked a Hot Cross Bun in expectation of the return of her sailor son – who, alas, never came home. When the public house was subsequently built, part of the terms of the lease was that a sailor should hang a bun each year in memory of the widow's devotion.

*Article from a parishioner's old cookbook, found in Canadian used book store.*

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*Our brother Dave left us with many stories from his vast collection, and we will continue to share them in gratitude and in his memory.*

**From Dave Wilson**

An old man crashed his car into a very expensive automobile. The owner of the expensive car jumps out and confronts the old man and says, "Give me \$10,000 or I will beat you to a pulp!"

The old man replies, "Whoa, wait, buddy. I don't have that much money but let me call my son who trains dolphins."

The old man dials his son. As he is about to speak, the owner of the expensive car yanks the phone out of his hand and says, "So, you train dolphins. Well, your old man just hit and damaged my car. You bring me \$10,000 or I'm gonna beat the heck outta him and you!"

The son answers, "Okay, give me 15 minutes, and I'll be there." In exactly 15 minutes the son pulls up in a Jeep. Ten men jump out and beat the living daylights out of the expensive car owner.

Meanwhile the son walks over to his father and says, "Dad, I train Navy Seals, not dolphins."

### FROM THE READER BOARD

**Jim Gilman with inspiration from Lee Forsberg**

*A note from Lee Forsberg; "Jim Gilman will be changing the reader board hereafter with a few suggestions thrown in."*

*Thanks to Lee for years of great notices of information and faith. It is a treasured part of St. Alban's, not just for our parishioners, but for our neighbors as well.*



### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

#### **MARCH 19 – LENT 4**

Psalm 23 is surely one of the most widely known and recited parts of the Psalter (we actually said it almost daily in elementary school). God is the provider and overseer par excellence – if we but ask, he will provide everything we need (notice it says need, not want!). How great our gratitude will have to be if we indeed trust Him to be our shepherd and guide for all time!

## **MARCH 26 – LENT 5**

Sunday's Collect provides one of my favorite reassurances – that if we love what God commands, and desire what He promises, then among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found, and we need not look only to the world around us for love, affirmation, serenity and peace. What a relief!

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **MARCH 19 – LENT 4**

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### **Collect for Lent 4**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread that He may live in us, and we in Him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **MARCH 26 – LENT 5**

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

## **CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS**

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- \*Mail check – 21405 82<sup>nd</sup> Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98926
- \*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—Indigenous Women Support

## **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

Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) to make an appointment. 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 – 10:00am – 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)

## **PRAYER MINISTRIES**

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at [sheilahreidburn@comcast.net](mailto:sheilahreidburn@comcast.net) or 425-745-1390

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

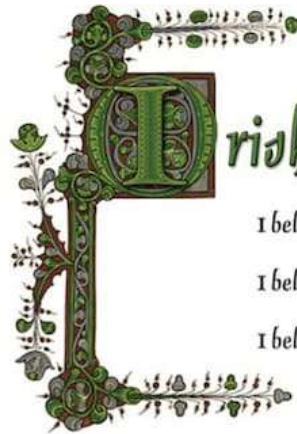
Prayers of the People that are used during the Sunday worship.

### **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.



## ***Irish Wisdom***

*I believe in the sun... when it is not shining*

*I believe in Love... even when I feel it not.*

*I believe in God... even when He is silent.*