

AROUND THE PARISH

April 28, 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 – April 30

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

We welcome guest priest The Rev. Mac Murray

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



Today, we welcome The Rev. William MacDonald “Mac” Murray, who is a second-career Episcopal Priest. He grew up in Western New York in a village outside of Buffalo. He went to school in Las Cruces, NM, and spent the next 26 years in the software and systems engineering business with General Dynamics. After spending many years “stiff-arming God,” he finally responded to the call to Holy Orders. Mac attended seminary in Alexandria, VA, and his first call was to Grace Church in The Plains, Virginia. He was called as rector of Trinity Church in Milford, MA, where he served for 13 years before retiring at the end of 2019.

Mac and his spouse Merline for the past 55 years, traveled the world for most of 2020, settling in Seattle at the end of 2020 and enjoying retirement. They have two children and one grandchild.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 4/29 1:00-4:00pm, Puget Sound Music, Sanctuary
- 4/30 12:00-2:00pm, Vestry Luncheon Meeting, Annex
- 5/1 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 5/3 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 5/4 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 5/5 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 5/6 10:00am-2:00pm, Food Bank Drop
5:00pm, Cookbook Club, Parish Hall
- 5/13 10:00-11:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
- 5/20 8:00am-5:00pm, Private Event, Parish Hall



Howard Michael Hayden passed from this earth to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday morning, April 23. He had been in hospice care for several months.

Howard was a treasured, long-time member of St. Alban's, serving as Layreader and Eucharistic Minister. He was an avid fisherman, often off to favorite lakes with Fr. Greg. He was also a teacher and Boy Scout leader.

A date for Howard's funeral had not been set.



DRIVE BY FOOD BANK – SATURDAY, MAY 6

Please join us in collecting food on **Saturday, May 6, 10:00am-2:00pm**, for the residents in our community who are enduring continuing need for food assistance. They are many, and the need for our help continues to grow. We receive grateful letters from local food banks for our generous contributions, as well as information on the increasing numbers of individuals and families needing help. This ministry is vital; let's continue to do the work started many years ago, thanks to Lee Forsberg and his amazing volunteers.

All non-perishable foods are welcome – pasta, beans, rice, canned tuna and chicken, soups, fruits,

vegetables, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, Spaghetti-O, jams and jellies – and the all-time favorite of peanut butter.

Your contributions can be dropped off at church at any time. Currently, there is a growing collection at the door to the Sacristy. We can have a great impact on our community, giving not only food, but hope and encouragement.



COOKBOOK CLUB – SATURDAY, MAY 6

Theresa Chase

Sharpen up those cooking skills to be ready for the upcoming second Cookbook Club event set for **Saturday, May 6, 5:00pm**, in the Parish Hall. This evening will feature recipes from “The Jerusalem Cookbook.” There are copies of recipes in the Parish Hall for you to choose from, as well as the cookbook should you want to copy different recipes.

Please sign up with your name, dish and page number in the Comments section. If you have difficulties adding your name and dish, just let us know and we’ll add it for you.



Feel free to invite friends or family who enjoy cooking....and eating. If you are unable to cook and would still like to attend, please let us know so we can have space for all. We have limited oven and stove space, so last-minute cooking is not available.

Some really good food and fellowship abounded at the first Cookbook gathering in January. Hope you will join us on May 6! All are welcome!



THE REV ROBERT DUNN (1938-2023)

A memorial service will be held for Fr. Bob on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 11:00am, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Everett.

Fr. Bob passed away earlier this year from cancer and had been in hospice care. His obituary is

published in Camano Island, WA – Stanwood Camano News (legacy.com).



ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

After years of popping circuits and blowing fuses, not to mention the difficulties and frustrations involved from such, the church wiring has been redone and updated!! Phil McClelland has overseen this big project and made the recommendations necessary for our special needs.

There have been five new circuits installed:

*One will power all of Phil’s area of video and audio equipment.

*One is to power all the equipment around the television and Wi-Fi. The outlets are still in place from the 1950’s but are working much better as a result of the new wiring.

*Two of the new circuits are in the kitchen, with four outlets each, giving an incredible amount of power for crockpots, coffee pots, etc. This also means there will no longer be electrical cords running across the carpet when we have special functions such as the Pancake Supper. Big improvement!!!

*One additional circuit is on the north wall of the Parish Hall for general purpose use.

St. Alban’s is blessed to have the funds available to make such an improvement to our church home. This upgrade solves safety issues and will be more functional for our various activities and celebrations. Those who rent or share our facilities will be appreciative as well.

GREAT JOB!!



ENDOWMENT FUNDS AT WORK

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

The earnings from our Endowment Funds continue to support us. \$7,500 of the total cost of \$9,825.60 cost of adding additional electrical circuits and outlets was paid for from earnings we have received from our Endowment Funds. The balance was paid from our Buildings and Grounds Savings account.

We are blessed to have both the Clare Fisher Endowment Fund and the Permanent Endowment Fund. Each year earnings from these two funds are set aside to be available for projects such as the one just completed.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PRESENTATION

Jim Gilman

Our Habitat for Humanity event was well attended Wednesday (April 19). Gen. Hewitt, Volunteer Coordinator, gave a very interesting power point orientation to HH's mission: to provide decent, affordable housing to those in need. Several take aways:

- *If you were unable to attend but are interested in joining a St. Alban's Group Build, you still can. Contact Jim Gilman (namlig74@gmail.com).
- *HH of Snohomish County will soon provide summer and fall dates available for Group Builds. We hope to choose a couple of dates. Watch for further notices.
- *HH asks Groups who participate in a build to support their build financially. You can contribute beginning now. Please make your gift to St. Alban's, designate it to Habitat for Humanity Fund.

Thank you St. Alban's for helping to fight homelessness.



THE STORY OF RUTH:
Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life
 Maryellen Young

The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life by Joan Chittister is the next study for the Thursday Afternoon Small Group Discussion. Chittister uses the Bible story of Ruth to illustrate moments in a woman's life. Taking the biblical narrative of the young Moabite widow who followed

her mother-in-law to a new land, she relates the story to modern women's quest for independence, respect, empowerment and self-fulfillment.

Chapters are: Loss, Change, Transformation, Aging, Independence, Respect, Recognition, Insight, Empowerment, Self-definition, Invisibility and Fulfillment. Thanks to the Rita Bennett Bequest, you can get a copy of this book even if you aren't available to participate with this group. If you are interested in a book, contact Maryellen Young at 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net



MARCH FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for March was \$19,796.59 compared to a budget of \$15,627.00 or \$4,170 over budget. Part of this increase was receiving prepaid pledges and paying the January to March portions. Year-to-date income was \$54,024.89 compared to a budget of \$48,423.00 or \$5,602 over budget.

Expenses for March were \$16,281 compared to a budget of \$16,880.00 or (\$599) under budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$49,791.55 compared to a budget of \$53,592.00 or (\$3,800) under budget. Some of our underrunning of expenses is the difference with paying a supply organist instead of a salaried employee. There are not any other significant differences of note, and some budget items are difficult to predict.

Year-to-Date Totals

Actual Income	\$54,025
Budget Income	\$48,423
Income minus Budget	\$5,602
Actual Expenses	\$49,792
Budget Expenses	\$53,592
Expenses minus Budget	(\$3,800)

We have received **\$4,233** more than we have spent.



WOMENSPIRIT COALITION

Jim Gilman

A gray dress blows in a breeze from a rod above a crowd of 200 at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center at Discovery Park in Seattle. Rosenda Strong, a 31-

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

APRIL 30 – EASTER 4

(They) devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Sound familiar? Faithful stewards try to live those words, more often heard now in the Baptismal Covenant. Review that Covenant (Prayer Book, p. 304) frequently. Better still, copy it and put it where you'll often be reminded of the commitment you have made to live a God-centered life.

MA Y 7 – EASTER 5

Christ is described as the head and cornerstone, and we are urged to come to Him as living stones to be built into a spiritual house. How solid is your spiritual house? As a steward, do your holy habits create a haven for God to inhabit and work through? Is Christ the cornerstone reflected to others through the mirror of your life?

year-old mother of four and member of the Umatilla Tribe, left her sister's house in the gray dress and went missing; her body was found in an abandoned freezer near Toppenish, Washington.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sunday, April 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month. A reminder that our 5th Sunday offering basket gifts go to support *Sta'ni Shay'i* or WomenSpirit Coalition (womenspirit.net).

This local Coalition advocates for and promotes policies on behalf of indigenous women, specifically to protect women from domestic and dating violence, sexual harassment and assault, stalking, and trafficking. Its mission is to provide safety for victims of crime and to assist in searching for missing and murdered indigenous women.



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

A wife asked her husband, "Please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have avocados, get six."

A short time later the husband comes back with six cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy six cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



SCRIPTURE READINGS

APRIL 30 – 4 EASTER

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Collect for 4 Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MAY 7 – 5 EASTER

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach

4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering

5th Week—Indigenous Women Support

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Mail check – 21405 82nd 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 and click on "Donate Now."



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 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
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at 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.