

AROUND THE PARISH

April 7, 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 – February 5

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

Wasn't Maundy Thursday beautiful?

The food was delicious, the fellowship joyous, the foot washing done with such care and easiness.

There was a place for Elijah. Sarah looked all over the church grounds but didn't find him. Still, if he had showed up, we had a place of honor for him, and we would have swept him right into the festivities.

And it was poignant, too. We heard the words of institution of the Eucharistic elements as Paul passed them down to us in I Corinthians. Every table had their own bit of matzo. We were all Eucharistic ministers that night; and even more to the point, when it came time to break the bread, Maryellen made sure that it was Sarah, the youngest among all of us at our table who broke it up for the rest of us.

Then after this Eucharist, Jim, who had earlier read the Gospel, repeated, a short passage from it in which Jesus gave us the New Commandment, to love one another. A fitting conclusion to the Eucharist.

But what I particularly appreciated was after Eric's fine homily about the self-sacrificial love expressed in the Agape feast, everyone simply and nonchalantly said, "Thank you, Eric." The parish hall setting and the agape meal were so intimate that they lent themselves to this informal, affirming, and spontaneous response.

It was just another way of saying Amen. And, of course, Eucharist is simply the Greek work for Thanksgiving.

That's how I feel about Maundy Thursday – thankful. Through the Maundy Thursday service we are reminded to feed, care for, serve, wash, and love each other as Christ feeds, cares for, washes, and loves us. And then, like all our services, scatters us, into the world, to feed, care for, wash, and love all the others whom the Holy Spirit sends into our lives.

So thank you to all who participated in this service and this agape evening. It was a real and deep joy.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

See Holy Week Schedule

- 4/8 7:00am-5:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt, PH/Outside
9:30am, Altar Guild Decoration, PH/Sanctuary
- 4/10 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 4/11 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 4/12 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
No Evening Prayer; resumes 4/19
- 4/13 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 4/14 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 4/15 10:30am-12:00pm, ECW Coffee, Parish Hall
- 4/19 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30pm, Soup Supper
7:00pm, Habitat for Humanity Guests
- 4/21 1:00-3:00pm, Private Event, Sanctuary
- 4/29 1:00-4:00pm, Puget Sound Music, Sanctuary
- 5/6 10:00am-2:00pm, Food Bank Drop
5:00pm, Cookbook Club

FR. GREG VACATION

Fr. Greg will be away on a well-deserved vacation from Easter evening, April 9, through the end of April.

He, Erika and Sarah will be visiting daughter Hanni at her university in SW London, taking a four-day hike on the Southwest Coast Path, and then visiting with Erika's family in Munich.

Greg will be attending the Diocesan Annual Clergy Conference from May 1-3 in Bremerton.

Gethsemane, Pilates court, and the agony of Calvary must come, but these are sandwiched between, encompassed by, Maundy Thursday and Resurrection Day joy.

We have been given a new commandment and we have been given new life. Thanks be to God.



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 streamed



PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord God, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

- Maria Miriam, crosswalk.com



“OLD TIME RADIO” EVENT BRINGS IN THE PEANUT BUTTER

By Dan Mullene

An evening at St. Alban’s featuring three old time radio plays brought in the people and the peanut butter on Saturday, April 1st. Over 60 attendees donated 67 jars holding more than 100 pounds of the nutty spread, collected as the event admission price and going to local food banks.

An idea first promoted by Jan Skidmore to recreate radio programs, episodes from “My Friend Irma,” “Johnny Dollar” and “Fibber McGee and Molly” proved to be an entertaining night in the church.



Parish members portraying the various characters included Connie Forsberg, Jim Gilman, Eric Hanson, Susan Hanson, Dan Mullene, Harvey Smith, and Debbie Wilson. Providing sound effects were Jan’s friends Angie Rice and Augie Slagle.

Phil McClelland provided great support at the soundboard for the event, and also recorded it and has posted it on YouTube for viewing. Many thanks are also due to the other volunteers who helped with promotion, ushering, setup, and props used to recreate the radio studio setting.

Dan is trying to convince the troupe to call itself the “Peanut Butter Players,” but that is still under discussion. Watch out for more events in the future from the group, whatever it eventually calls itself!





Thanksgiving and congratulations to Jan Skidmore and the Episcoplayers for a fabulous evening of fun and entertainment on April 1.



EASTER EGG HUNT – SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Thanks to many hands and hearts, the **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8**, is ready to go. Many, many plastic eggs were stuffed with candy by parishioner volunteers, Girl Scouts, grandparents and any anyone who wandered by.

Wendre Vaughan has done a masterful job of getting the eggs, candy and volunteers together for this great task. Exceptional care has been taken to accommodate any and all children who may have special needs to enjoy and participate in St. Alban’s Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be in two sessions: **Session 1 from 2:00-2:30pm and Session 2 from 3:00-3:30pm.** Help is needed to hide the eggs for the hunt on April 8 and generally oversee the event. Let Wendre know if you can help -425-892-3329.

Many thanks to Wendre and all the volunteers for this special event.



ECW COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

You won’t want to miss the ECW gathering on **SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 10:30am-12:00pm.** The weather is hardly spring like, but we are more

than ready to get out and get together for conversation, some light refreshments and a great program.

Jeannie Burpee and Maryellen Young went to Italy in September for “The Footsteps of St. Francis” tour led by Jeff Johnson (who presented the wonderful Celtic concerts in past years). The trip went from Rome to Assisi to La Verna, a mountain retreat of St. Francis, stopping in Orvieto on the journey back to Rome. Jeannie and Maryellen have prepared a program of slides and sites visited.



SOUP SUPPER INFORMATION

There will **not** be a soup supper on Wednesday, April 12. We will resume our gatherings on **Wednesday, April 19**, with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm, followed by supper, and a special program.

The April 19 program will feature two representatives from Habitat for Humanity Snohomish Affiliate. They will talk about the vision and mission of Habitat for Humanity and provide an official Orientation for those interested in participating in a St. Alban’s Group Build. This orientation is very important and necessary for those who wish to volunteer with the organization in the future.

See the article from Jim Gilman below.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY at ST. ALBANS

Jim Gilman

On Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm, two representatives from Habitat for Humanity Snohomish Affiliate will be present at St. Alban’s Soup and Salad Supper. Their mission is twofold:

- *Talk about the vision and mission of Habitat for Humanity, and
- *Provide an official **Orientation** for those interested in participating in a **St. Alban’s Group Build.**

Soon we will be scheduling a St. Alban’s Group Build for some Saturday in June or July. In order to participate in a Habitat group-build post-pandemic, all participant volunteers **must attend** this Orientation

Session. For example, if you and your spouse want to volunteer together, then both must attend. Two kinds of volunteers are needed:

*Unskilled workers to help build on-site, supervised by a contractor.

*People to make lunches ahead of time for the group that builds.

Please mark your calendars and attend this important Soup and Salad Supper. Habitat's mission is to provide affordable, decent housing for those in need. God knows there are plenty of people these days who are in need of accessible housing. This is yet another way as Christians and as members of St. Alban's we can fulfill Jesus' promise of helping those who are homeless.

NOTE: ATP is taking an Easter break with no issue on April 21. We return on Friday, April 28.

SCOUTS BEAUTIFY THE GROUNDS....AGAIN!

John Bee

Boy Scout Troop 300 dedicated many work hours to cleaning up the church grounds on Saturday, April 1. According to John Bee, there was a total of 84.5 people hours and 22 volunteers.

Workers were everywhere -- Scouts, leaders and parents -- all pitching in to rake and clear out fallen tree debris, cleaning up the rear bank, etc. Over 900 pounds of yard waste was taken to the dump. The Bees donated four yards of bark/mulch which was spread over the planted beds around church.

With extra help from Jeannie Burpee (who has beautifully trimmed the front bushes), Phil McClelland and John Bee, the church yard is ready for Easter and many weeks/months ahead.

**THANKS TO TROOP 300
AND ALL THE SUPER VOLUNTEERS!**



2ND QUARTER 3RD WEEK and 4TH WEEK BASKET DONATIONS

Domestic Violence Services is our 2nd quarter recipient of our outreach donations from our 3rd Week Basket. DVS provides free and confidential services - emergency shelter, legal advocacy, support groups and

domestic violence education and is the only program in Snohomish County providing these services to all victims of domestic abuse. Please designate your gift "Outreach."

World Vision is our 2nd quarter recipient of our support for Ukraine FROM our 4th Week Basket donations. Since the onset of the conflict, World Vision has supported the most vulnerable people with life-saving aid, shelter, child protection, and essentials, bringing our global expertise in partnering to the Ukraine crisis. Please designate your gift "Ukraine."



COOKBOOK CLUB FEATURES THE JERUSALEM COOKBOOK

Theresa Chase

Sharpen up those cooking skills to be ready for the second **Cookbook Club** scheduled for **Saturday, May 6**, at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. This evening will feature recipes from "The Jerusalem Cookbook; there is a copy in the Parish Hall for you to look over.

Please sign-up with you 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.

Watch for more details in future ATP issues.

NEXT FOOD BANK DROP DATE Saturday, May 6, from 10:00am – 2:00pm



The next Food Bank Drop date has been scheduled, and we are organizing our wonderful volunteers to assist in St. Alban's continuing ministry of helping those who need food assistance.

We continue to do great work with our donations -- this week Phil McClelland put together and transferred the 456 pounds of food contributed and on display in the Parish Hall. Included in that donation were about 100 pounds of peanut butter donated from the Episcoplayers' great program on April 1.

There is lots of time to shop and donate before the May 6 Food Bank Drop date. Drop your foods off as you buy them so we can all watch the pile grow!

jokes

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

Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this one!

A preschool teacher was helping one of the children put on his boots. He asked for help, and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Miss, they're on the wrong feet."

She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to.

Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, "They're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear them."

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry.

But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your gloves?"

He said, "I stuffed them into the toes of my boots."

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

APRIL 8 – THE EASTER VIGIL

The stories told at the Easter Vigil repeat time after time, the many ways in which God has entered the lives of His people in saving and grace-filled manifestations. As he has promised to live in us and through us, too, as we allow Him to undergird our lives of discipleship. Alleluia! Alleluia!

APRIL 9 – FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Psalm 118 ends, "On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it." May we strive to be rejoicing stewards, not only in the Easter season, but the whole year through – always thankful and grateful for our blessings. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

APRIL 9 – EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

Collect for Easter Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

APRIL 16 – 2ND EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 10:19-31

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."

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



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.