

## AROUND THE PARISH

June 16, 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 – June 18

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

10:30am Baptism of Conrad Jensen

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom

<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

The Vestry met on Monday, June 12, for our regular meeting. There were many thoughtful and substantive discussions. We're particularly focused right now on being better organized, communicating (both among ourselves on the Vestry and in and to the rest of the congregation), and on expressing our thanks for the many participants in the ministries of our congregation.

All this is increasingly important as we progress further out of the pandemic and as we grow – and we ARE growing!

There are five developments, accomplishments, and projects we want to share with you all:

1. **Website Team:** Theresa Chase has been named Head of the Website Team. The other members of that team are Roger Anderson and Dan Mullene, with Harvey Smith serving as Vestry Liaison.
2. **Post Event Clean-up; a reminder:** It may seem obvious, but when a ministry group has an event it is the responsibility and expectation that that ministry group will clean-up and leave whatever space they have been using in the same -- if not better -- condition than they received it. Apparently, there have been a couple of incidents recently where spaces were left untidy.
3. **Welcome Back Sunday:** We set September 10, as our Welcome Back Sunday, when we officially begin the Program Year. We also decided to hold a Ministry Fair in order to educate each other about our many ministries and in the hopes that we will increase participation in them. We are looking for someone to serve as Chairperson to organize the fair.
4. **Parish Hall Piano:** After many months of discussion, research, and deliberation, we came to the decision to divest ourselves of the

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

6/17 10:00am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall

6/19 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

6/21 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; Soup Supper And Program

6/22 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group, Parish Hall  
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

6/23 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

6/24 All day, St. Alban's Celebration Set up and  
5:00-7:00, Celebration of St. Alban's Event

6/25 Legacy Sunday

6/28 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook

8/6 8:00am, Breakfast Picnic following service  
10:30am, Outdoor Picnic following service



piano in the Parish Hall. We are looking for people who would give it a good home.

5. **Building and Grounds projects:** There are two things to report from Buildings and Grounds. 1. Phil has repaired the automatic door on the north side of the Parish Hall. He reminds us that the door must be unlocked **before** the motor is turned on, so that the motor is not damaged by trying to open the locked door. 2. A neighbor reported that one of the alders on the East fence line of our property has a lot of dead wood, is insect infested, and is in danger of falling. Removing the dead wood will likely to significantly change the appearance of the tree. We are getting estimates from arborists.

There are also a number of fellowship opportunities coming up:

Next weekend is our annual St. Alban's Celebration. Saturday evening is our Appetizer and Wine Party hosted by the Legacy Society and Vestry. Sunday morning the celebration continues with strawberries and shortcake for Coffee Hour.

Sunday, August 6 is set for our Annual Picnic. We've got a breakfast barbeque between services and a lunch time barbeque planned for after the 10:30am service.

Sunday evening, July 23, St. Hilda and St. Patrick has invited our congregation to join them for Evening Prayer and a Barbeque.

Please join in the fun and fellowship. It is, after all, one of our Baptismal Vows – to continue in the Apostles' fellowship, in the prayers, and in the breaking of the bread. So much of Jesus' ministry revolved around eating; let's follow his example!



## FR. GREG'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us for a very special coffee hour after both services on July 2 celebrating Greg's ordination anniversaries. He was ordained to the diaconate June 28, 1997, and to the priesthood on June 20, 1998. We are so grateful to partner with him in our mutual ministry here at St. Alban's. Please come join the celebration.

## Vestry Hosts "Walk of Fame" Event to Recognize Parish Volunteers

Dan Mullene

In a special event on June 10<sup>th</sup>, wardens and members of the St. Alban's Vestry held a "Walk of Fame" reception to recognize the efforts of several parishioners and their volunteer contributions.

Recognized for their efforts were Roger Anderson, Mona Carter, Theresa Chase, Pat Chandler, Shannon Duggan, Connie Forsberg, Lee Forsberg, Mary Fowler, Jim Gilman, Sharon Joy, Judy Kistner, Reilly Mannery, Phil McClelland, Dan Mullene, Sheila Reidburn and Maryellen Young.

Each received a Gold Star and a printed certificate that noted "appreciation for your service and dedication." The volunteers were also inducted into the newly created St. Alban's Walk of Fame.

In addition to recognizing the volunteers, the Vestry members who also act as liaisons for the various volunteer ministries shared their commitment to continuing their support of volunteering as an important part of the church's success in the past and into the future.

Entertainment at the event included humorous skits by Vestry members. Jan Skidmore, who arranged the event, said that there are plans to continue similar events in the future to recognize more volunteers.



Attendees at the event walked through a star-studded entrance.



The event included a skit by Harvey Smith and Eric Hanson reprising the "Who's on First" routine made famous by comedians Abbott & Costello.



Susan Hanson and Jeannie Burpee performed a skit about the current issues in scheduling airline flights with the many added fees in today's world.

(Photos from Jeannie Wells)



**LET'S CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN'S**

Join in the Celebration of St. Alban's on **Saturday, June 24, from 5:00-7:00pm**, in the Parish Hall for our annual Appetizer and Wine Party. This is an opportunity for us to look back and see where we've been and what has been accomplished and look forward to the future.

This is a purely social event where you can enjoy some beverages and snacks and visit with fellow parishioners. Appetizers, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages are being provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**INDIGENOUS CIRCLE MEETING**



The monthly meeting of the Indigenous Circle will be held on **Saturday, June 17, at 10:00am** in the Parish Hall.

Items for discussion will be:

- \*Issues derived from Indigenous news outlets (e.g., Indian Country, Native News, etc.)
- \*The distributed article "'Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes"
- \*Readings for future Indigenous Circle sessions
- \*Possible indigenous contacts and field trips



**JOIN IN SOUP SUPPER ON JUNE 21**

**Wednesday, June 21**, will be our last soup supper and program before summertime. Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary begins at 6:00pm, and we then move to the Parish Hall for supper and our "Meet Your Neighbor in the Pew." Our guest for this program will be Mary Fowler.

If you are able and would like to contribute to supper, please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert.

The programs for our Soup Suppers are one of the Faith Formation ministries with Jeannie Burpee as the Vestry Liaison. They are always fun and a great way for us to get to know each other better. The events will resume again in mid-September. Look for dates and information in later editions of Around the Parish.



**FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION AT ST. ALBAN'S**

Volunteers from the Edmonds Food Bank visit many locations in our community to assist those who need help in providing food for themselves and their families. St. Alban's was one of the stops made on June 14 and every second Wednesday of the month from 3:00-4:30pm. Our donations of food and funds are vital to so many today and are having a great impact on our neighbors and friends.

(Photos by Jim Gilman)





## SUMMARY OF JUNE LIAISON REPORTS

Jan Skidmore, People's Warden

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Neighbor concerned one of our trees might fall on her house. Professional to examine.
- ADA Door Switch – Phil contacted Automatic Entries to repair.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Teresa Clark is now functioning as the lead person on a team that includes Roger Anderson and Dan Mullene. Website is to encourage people to attend, to inform our parishioners and community.

### EDMONDS FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTIONS

- About 30 visitors benefit from food distribution each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.

### ENDOWMENT/PLANNED GIVING

- Fund performance was up by 2.34%.

### EVANGELISM & SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Completed the registration, training and sign-up for the Boy Scout Troop 300.

### FAITH FORMATION

- Adult Education – The minor prophets are the focus now. Will pause during August.
- Thursday Women's Group – Discussion of Story of Ruth continues. Will break for July and August.
- Soup Supper Program – In May, Bob Faley shared. Mary Fowler will share in June.

### HOSPITALITY

- Successfully supported Howard Hayden service on May 24. --

Working on:

1. Learning to use the evite system and communicating how to use this tool to all.
2. Developing procedures to help streamline the process of assisting with memorial services for parishioners and other outside groups.
3. Making financial policy that is consistent and understanding the financial accounts that support hospitality.

### PASTORAL CARE

- A dedicated group continues to visit shut-ins, those in the hospital or rehab facilities, adult homes, and those who are distraught.

### PHOTO DIRECTORY MINISTRY

- Harvey is working on getting Directory Photos for new people.

### WORSHIP

- Altar Guild - Sharon will be Director, Judy K. Assistant Director. If people sign up to pay for flowers, or bring flowers, and fail to do so, Sharon will reach out once. If no response she will report the flowers as from the church.
- Lector/Eucharist Ministries – Any interested new servers would receive training.
- Prayer Chain/Prayers of the People - Continually add people to both the prayer chain and the prayers of the people. Updates about those needing prayer are needed to update the chain.
- Worship Committee - A new quarterly schedule was prepared.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### (Alternative Version from A New Zealand Prayer Book, p.181)

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.

Bethlehem is God with us,  
Calvary was God for us, and  
Pentecost is God in us.

Robert Baer



### ALBAN, FIRST MARTYR OF BRITAIN

“In Britain’s Isle was holy Alban born.” Alban was a young pagan who lived in the Roman town of Verulamium (modern St. Albans, Hertfordshire, just north of London).

During the persecution of Diocletian (some historians think Decius), he sheltered a Christian priest in his home. The priest converted and baptized him. Later, when Roman soldiers came to search the house, Alban hid the priest and disguised himself in the priest’s cloak. He was dragged off to court. When it was discovered who he was and what he had done, he was accused of harboring a rebellious and sacrilegious person. Alban then publicly confessed his faith in Jesus Christ, was scourged and, still persisting in his confession, was sentenced to death. The executioner refused to do his duty, and he and the priest, whose names we do not know, soon became the second and third British martyrs.

Alban has always been highly honored among British Christians. St. Alban’s Abbey was a great medieval monument to him, and there his shrine still stands.

*Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering, and despised death: Grant, we beseech you that enduring hardness, and waxing valiant in fight, we may with the noble army of martyrs receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

(Forward Movement, Calendar of Saints)

### HEAVENLY BASEBALL

Two brothers who loved baseball wondered whether they could play the sport when they went to heaven. So they swore that whoever went to heaven first would find some way to let the living brother know.

The oldest brother passed away a week later. On the night he was buried, he reappeared at the foot of his brother’s bed.

“Is there baseball in heaven?” asked the younger brother.

“Well, I’ve got good news and bad news,” the older brother said. “The good news is that there is baseball in heaven.”

“That’s great!” came the reply. “What’s the bad news?”

“The bad news is you’re pitching Sunday.”

(Contributed by Jeannie Burpee from “Dragon Scoop,” St. George Church, Roseburg, OR)

### FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### JUNE 18 – PENTECOST 3

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...” and “as you go, proclaim the good news” should speak to us. Our names will probably never be preserved for posterity as were those of the disciples commissioned that day, but if we take our baptismal covenant seriously, we are called to join the laborers and, by our lives and words, proclaim that Good News.

#### JUNE 25 – PENTECOST 4

And then there is that so-hard-to-believe phrase, “even the hairs of your head are all counted.” How can that BE? Does God really have time for such trivial details? Bu God truly does value and care for every aspect of His creation...that’s part of what makes him God! And the hair counting is meant to be some hyperbole to stress just how very important you and all of us are to Him. The world cannot offer that kind of blessing. What an incomprehensible gift He has given each of us who are willing to accept it!

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **JUNE 18 – PENTECOST 3**

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

### **Collect for Pentecost 3**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **JUNE 25 – PENTECOST 4**

Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

## **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.

