

AROUND THE PARISH

June 2, 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 4, 2023

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

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

Hanson will resume teaching the class this Sunday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SWlPUXFybmduMXNYdz09>

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

I'm not sure how it happened, but June has arrived and our garden is woefully behind in being planted. I'm sure the weather has something to do with it. A long, colder than average Spring; May, our little Summer, was not summery for very long; and Juneuary arrived a couple of weeks early. When I had time to plant, it was too cold. When the weather was good and hot, I had no time or energy.

Thankfully, there are some starts in pots, so we won't go hungry this Summer; at least not if we can manage to survive on lettuce.

There are still 5 or 6 weeks before the weekend *after* the Fourth of July and our normally dry and hot weather Summer settles in and things in the garden really take off.

Church has something like this for me this year, too. I'm not exactly sure where Eastertide went, or how we've gotten to Trinity Sunday already. Mothers' Day sped by; Pentecost was a delightful blur; Fathers' Day is in a couple of weeks and our annual Celebration of St. Alban is rapidly approaching. After that we settle into Summer. That'll be nice.

I hold Summertime Church fondly in my heart – not too sure why. The weather's hot, but our pace settles down. People generally come and go as dictated by their energy levels and their vacations and out of town guests. Visitors pass through, which is sweet really.

Summer, with its visitors, is when that phrase "whether you're with us for an hour or for a lifetime" came to me. No commitment required for visitors to find welcome, to enjoy the time together (however long), to be gifted and to be a gift, to make connections that may not last a lifetime, but will be remembered for years to come.

Here's an example: In the before times, when I would sometimes go to shows, McCoy Tyner, the legendary jazz pianist, came to Jazz Alley. Erika and

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 6/5 6:30pm, Worship Committee Mtg, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 6/6 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 6/7 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 6/8 1:00-3:30, Small Group, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 6/9 4:00-6:00pm, Vestry Setup, Parish Hall
7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 6/10 10:00am, Mtg for Vestry Liaisons & Ministry
Chairs and/or Ministry Contacts Individuals, PH
- 6/12 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 6/14 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
- 6/17 10:00am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
- 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



the girls were out of town, so I was free to go out and stay out as long as I wanted.

Jazz Alley is such a great place to see great musicians, every seat is close to the stage. It's a super club so all the seats are at tables. The seat I managed to get was at a table for one next to the stage. I mean I was literally at Mr. Tyner's right elbow! If he had been younger and more exuberant, I might have gotten jabbed by that lithe and limber elbow.

Anyway, the show was amazing. At the table next to me were a couple of men who were as blown away as I. We didn't talk during the show, but we exchanged appreciative looks. After the show, we started talking, and it not being very late, someone suggested that we retire to another nearby bar, known for making a good cocktail, for more conversation. (I was bussing it, so another drink wasn't out of the question.)

Well, it turned out that my jazz loving comrades were on a business trip from Denmark. And like me, when they saw that McCoy Tyner was in town, they *had* to go see him. This was an opportunity not to be missed! Even in his 80's, McCoy Tyner was such a great talent and warm entertainer, but how much longer would he be able to tour? We talked for another hour or so about other musicians and other music, home and families, politics and hobbies. You know, all the real stuff of real life.

It was a great (night)cap to a great evening. I don't remember their names. I couldn't pick them out even of a small crowd. I'm confident the same goes for them. We didn't exchange any contact information. We simply shared a great experience of music and conversation, and then we went our separate ways – separate but surprisingly enriched – migratory birds enlivening our gardens with fresh color and sweet songs.

I know you've had experiences like this too.

I hope we have a lot of visitors this Summer. After the isolation of these pandemic years, it will be so good for our congregational and individual souls to see some new faces, hear some new voices, get news from elsewhere.

The Spirit could not, would not, and was not confined or isolated by the pandemic. I long to hear how others fared, how others found hope, what others learned. "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire."



CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN'S APPETIZER & WINE EVENT

Saturday June 24, 2023, is the date for the Celebration of St. Alban's. This annual Appetizer and Wine Party to celebrate St. Alban's will be held from **5:00 to 7:00pm**.

Appetizers, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages are being provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry. You won't want to miss this evening of fun and fellowship.

Rooted in Rest:



A Pentecost Reflection

I have a vision of the Holy Spirit leaning against a tree, or perhaps sinking into her favorite chair, and feeling both exhausted and exhilarated after the day of Pentecost. Rushing wind, fire, tongues, and the many gifts of the Spirit that blast into the world on that day must take a lot of energy, even for God. Much as God the Creator rested on the Seventh Day, I imagine the Holy Spirit must need a bit of a breather after her big day.

This is an appropriate feeling as we look onto the Summer. Half of the year is over, and schools, families, and rectors might be considering or looking forward to Summer plans for rest. We need this – time off to recharge and time to pursue our hobbies and personal interests. A couple of days to sleep in, the chance to look at a different landscape, a trip out of our comfort zone give us the opportunity for new perspectives, new ideas, new approaches.

Rest is so important, that we should require it or at the least remind ourselves to take advantage of it when we can. We are called to offer our gifts to our churches, communities, and families and the gifts we offer will be strengthened if we have had a chance to get new perspective and energy and ideas. Find the ways this Pentecost season to rest up for the challenges that the Fall will bring.

For Reflection:

- What are the ways that you find to rest and recharge?
- What about ministry gives you energy or joy?

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In Loving Memory

Our sister in Christ, Lana Berger, passed away at home on May 26. She has been a member of St. Alban's for many years, but illness has kept her from being in attendance. Lana has endured hip and leg surgery, infections, and heart and lung issues. She is indeed, "free at last" from the pain and distress of the past ten years. Lana was a member of Altar Guild for a number of years. Please keep her son, daughter and sister in your prayers.



FUN AND ENTERTAINING EVENT FOR MINISTRY "CONTACTS"

Saturday, June 10, 10:00am, Parish Hall

Jan Skidmore

The Vestry supports each Ministry here at St. Alban's. Each month a "ministry contact person" for every ministry, is "contacted." The contacted person has this opportunity to share information to be relayed to the Vestry about what is being done, what is happening by his/her ministry. The information from all ministry groups is shared at the next Vestry meeting. In addition, a contact person may also relay additional, information to any Vestry member at any time.

We wish to show appreciation to those serving as a contact on June 10, 2023, and ask for their assistance in planning a special, future event for all volunteers.

At the June 10th event and the future ones, all volunteers' events emphasis will be on entertaining!



SOUP SUPPER – JUNE 21

The next soup supper is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 21, beginning with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm.** Supper is at 6:30pm, followed by our "Getting to Know Your Neighbor in the Pew" program. The special guest that evening will be Mary Fowler. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun, as we all get to know Mary better.

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



BENEFITS FROM ST. ALBAN'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS

When Clare Fisher died about 2005, she left a bequest to St. Alban's of about \$90,000. This was motivation for the Vestry to create a small committee to investigate creating an endowment fund. Serving on this committee were: Daisy Beach, Barbara Lagozzino, Reilly Mannery, Dan Mullene and Maryellen Young.

After a couple years of research with the Diocese, at least three other congregations and the Episcopal Church Foundation, the Clare Fisher Fund was created. Daisy Beach also did research into Vestry meeting minutes and discovered we had received an earlier anonymous donation to an endowment fund, and it had temporarily been invested with memorial funds in the Diocesan Investment Fund. That money and interest created the start of our Permanent Endowment Fund. In 2007 the documents governing the creation of the Clare Fisher Fund, Permanent Endowment Fund and Legacy Society were approved by the Vestry.

We have received over \$100,000 in benefits from the earnings of our Endowment Funds and other memorial gifts. The largest benefit was the \$75,000 in matching funds for our Capital Campaign projects of replacing the roof, repaving the parking lots and purchasing new furnaces. We have also paid for five Celtic and Christmas concerts to benefit Chase Lake Community School between 2015 and 2019. Our

Endowment Funds also paid for the equipment to make it possible for us to televise our services during Covid and continue now with hybrid worship.

Other purchases to benefit the congregation are our AED system, the Owl that is used for Zoom meetings and Bible Study, a nationally known speaker for a Stew Fest, a fire safe for storing important church records and most recently upgrading our church electrical system with the addition of five new circuits. Each year the earnings from the Clare Fisher Fund and the Permanent Endowment Fund are set aside for capital projects and outreach programs to enhance the life of St. Alban's.

We have also received memorial gifts: About 10 years ago Kay Castro's gift provided for kitchen improvements; John Kistner's bequest paid for the repair of the back wall of the Sunday School building; Barbara Lagozzino's gift has been designated for maintaining our organ and other musical opportunities; and Rita Bennett's gift is being used to support Faith Formation programs to grow our faith. We are so grateful for the benefits we have received from members of our congregation to provide for the future of St. Alban's.

Gifts can be made directly now or left as part of your estate plans. For more information, please contact a member the Endowment Board: Mona Carter, Bob Faley, Mary Fowler, Herman Siqueland, Harvey Smith or church treasurer Maryellen Young.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



EPISCOPALIANS

....feel that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

....drink coffee as if it were the Eighth Sacrament.

....are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

....still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season.

....believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

Garrison Keller

(Above contributed to ATP by Dan Mullene)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JUNE 4 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Today's Epistle concludes: "... *and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*" Family and friends may fail us; life may be full of trials and temptations; other groups may not live up to our expectations. But God never fails – He remains the rock of our hope and salvation. He is always present and ready to undergird our lives and faith...all we have to do is ask. What a gift!!

JUNE 11 – PENTECOST 2

"*O God, from whom all good proceeds...*" Often it is so difficult for us to believe that simple statement. How can we learn to put our trust in the God who created us and who will never forsake us, rather than in the "things" of this world, which are bound to disappoint and fail us? Pray that you may learn to discern the true source of support and direction for your life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE 4 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have given to us your servants, grace by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O

Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

JUNE 11 – PENTECOST 2

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 33:1-12

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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.

