

AROUND THE PARISH

May 12, 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 – May 14

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

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is studying the Book of James

<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 on Monday, May 9, for our regular monthly meeting. Here are the XXX things we want you to know from that meeting.

1. In the hope of improving communications, Jan Skidmore suggested that Vestry publish a summary of the liaison reports after each Vestry meeting. Jan also volunteered to write the summary. Please look for these beginning with the next edition of the ATP!
2. As we continue in our Parish Post Pandemic "Spring Cleaning," work will soon begin in the Annex. There's some valuable real estate out there that needs some attention. As with the Parish Hall, we're working toward making the Annex more welcoming and more conducive to ministry.
3. These last two are simply "mark your calendar" notices. The St. Alban's Celebration is coming up quickly. It's scheduled for the weekend of June 24 and 25. Look for the usual Saturday night and Sunday festivities!
4. And last, planning for our Annual Picnic has begun. Please look for notification about the date, sign-up opportunities, and activities.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

5/13 10:00-11:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall

5/15 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

5/17 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30pm, Supper; 7:00pm, "Getting to Know Neighbor...."

5/18 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

5/19 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

5/23 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
6:30-9:00pm, Girl Scout Parent Mtg, PH

5/24 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
5:30pm, Howard Hayden Memorial Reception
7:00pm, Howard Hayden Memorial Service

6/10 10:00am, Mtg for Vestry Liaisons & Ministry Chairs and/or Ministry Contacts Individuals, PH

Thankfulness Leads to Praise

O my God, let me, with thanksgiving, remember,
and confess to you your mercies on me.

Let my bones be drenched with your love,
and let them say to you, 'Who is like you, O Lord?'

You have broken my bonds,
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving.
And how you have broken them, I will declare;
and all who worship you, when they hear this, shall say,

"Blessed be the Lord, in heaven and in earth,
great and wonderful is His name." St. Augustine

INDIGENOUS CIRCLE

Jim Gilman

A group particularly interested in the plight of indigenous people will meet **this Saturday, May 13, 10:00am, in the Parish Hall**. It is an informal gathering, and all are welcome to attend this meeting. Coffee will be provided; bring a snack to share if you would like.

Leader Jim Gilman is asking for (a) personal stories of interacting with native Americans/tribes, and (b) discussion from native news outlets.



SOUP’S ON – WEDNESDAY, 5/17!!

“Getting to Know Your Neighbors in the Pew” is a great program initiated last year by Faith Formation Liaison, Jeannie Burpee. This is an opportunity to better know those attending the Soup Supper as you sit around a table together. The next couple of monthly programs will feature a parishioner who shares events in their life.

This event begins on **Wednesday, May 17**, with **Evening Prayer at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, followed by Supper at 6:30pm and our program.** Bob Faley will be the guest on May 17, sharing his story. *(Editorial Note: Last week’s ATP incorrectly indicated the Faleys had moved “17 times.” It was actually 13 moves, although they probably felt like a lot more at the time!)* Come and learn about the impact of those moves on Bob’s life.

Join us for this evening of fun and fellowship! If you are able to contribute, please bring soup, salad, bread and/or dessert. There is always plenty of food, so come whether you contribute or not!



**THANKS FOR
FOOD BANK
DONATIONS**

It was a very iffy day on Saturday, May 6, when we held our Food Bank Drive By. There were lots of things going on locally and around the world. Still our faithful donors and workers collected over 300 pounds of food and \$250. That will help supplement and feed a lot of our neighbors!! And, that’s the goal of these food drives – helping those around us who struggle to feed themselves and families.

Thank you to all those who helped and those who contributed to the Food Drive. We’ll be back in a few months to continue our mission to “Feed my sheep.” In the meantime, you are encouraged to pick up a few non-perishable items as often as possible and drop them off in the Parish Hall.

**DO WE HAVE LIAISONS?
IF SO, WHAT DO THEY DO?**

**EPEC – Episcopalians Practicing
Epic Communication**



Jan Skidmore

Yes, we do! Each of the nine Vestry members are assigned several ministries to serve as a “liaison.” Each ministry here at St Alban’s is supported by the Vestry. The “liaison” is the communication link between the Vestry and each ministry he/she is assigned. Each ministry has one person designated as that ministry’s “contact.” That assigned individual may or may not be the Chair of that ministry.

Each month, approximately the week prior to the upcoming monthly Vestry meeting, the liaison will communicate with each contact person of their assigned ministries to inquire what needs, issues, accomplishments, suggestions the ministry may have that the liaison may report to the Vestry on their behalf.

The ministry may also contact the liaison at any time to make requests, suggestions, etc. Also, a ministry may contact any Vestry member (see the new Vestry photos prepared by Harvey Smith) at any time to relay information to the Vestry. Regular, on-going communication will, hopefully, result in all of us serving with Christian love.



LIAISONS & MINISTRY CONTACTS EVENT

**EPEC – Episcopalians Practicing Epic
Communication**

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Each Vestry member serves as a liaison to several St. Alban’s ministries and is the primary communication link between each of those ministries and the Vestry.

A special meeting is to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, to provide an opportunity for the Ministry Contacts to meet with their assigned Liaison. The agenda for the meeting will include the importance of effective communication to inform the Vestry and the Congregation of activities, accomplishments and the needs of each ministry plus expressing gratitude to those who serve as ministry contact.



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

Domestic Violence Services is the second 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 the second 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."



HOWARD MICHAEL HAYDEN

Howard Hayden passed away on Sunday morning, April 23. On Wednesday, May 24, there will be a reception at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall and a memorial service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Please join us as we celebrate the life of our brother in Christ.

ROBERT CHARLES HARDY

Robert Hardy passed away unexpectedly on April 11, 2023. He was one of a large family of Hardy children who grew up at St. Alban's. Kim Schattenkirk, his sister, continues to be an active member of our parish.

There will be a memorial service for Robert on Friday, May 26, at 10:00am at Beck's Tribute Center, 405 5th Ave N, Edmonds.

DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

This meditation was written by Perry M. Pauley, associate priest at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix, AZ. Prior to becoming a priest, Perry worked as a professor

and an entrepreneur. He is married and has two children.

Luke 8:24-25a – They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

When I was a boy, my family loved to go to the lake and take a break from the desert summer heat. One afternoon, we had our little boat on the water when we saw thunderclouds appear upon the hills. If you haven't experienced a desert thunderstorm – we call them monsoons – there are a few things to know: they are unpredictable, intense, and move very quickly. We tried to outrun it, but the storm caught up to us while we were still in the middle of the lake. The wind and waves were so violent that we had to turn off the engine and wait it out. And unlike Jesus, none of us slept calmly through the storm.

Jesus' question to the disciples is funny because their decision to wake Jesus shows where they placed their faith. They didn't know what else to do and hoped that Jesus could do something, anything to save them. Maybe that's the heart of Jesus' question: Why do you wait until you've run out of options before bringing me your cares?



Sadly, we have reached the end of the jokes our brother Dave Wilson contributed for Around the Parish. His gentleness and good humor will remain in our memories. The following from Dave is not a "joke," but has an important message; it has been published before but is well worth repeating.

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **Someone Else.**

For many, many years as a part of this church, Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, everybody said, "Let Someone Else" do it. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; Someone Else can work with that group.

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers. Whenever there was

a financial need, everyone assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember – we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 14 – 6 EASTER

“...that we, loving you in all things above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire...” Laying our lives in God's hands and trusting His plans for us will provide blessings far above anything the words or other people can offer. But laying our lives in His hands is not passive. We need to study, pray, give, and be an active Christian community participant and servant to others to fully obtain those promises.

MAY 21 – 7 EASTER

From Psalm 68: *“...let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name...”* Being a faithful steward does not mean we need always to be serious and bowed down with the weight of our own or the world's problems. God loves music, and joy, and all those things that create full and thankful heart in the children so dear to Him. Make it part of your daily discipline to find at least one thing in which you can truly rejoice!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 14 – 6 EASTER

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Collect for 6 Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MAY 21 – 7 EASTER

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

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.