

## AROUND THE PARISH

October 27, 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 – October 29

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services. Masking is no longer required, but is strongly recommended.

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

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 10/28 Diocese Convention, On Line
- 10/30 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 11/1 6:00pm, All Saints Day Eucharist, In Person
- 11/2 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 11/3 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 11/5 8:00 & 10:30am, Rooted in Abundance Ingathering
- 11/7 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 11/8 1:00pm, Finance Committee Meeting  
3:00-4:00pm, Food Distribution, Park  
6:00pm, Evening Prayer, FaceBook
- 11/9 1:00-3:00pm, Small Group Mtg, PH

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

Gracious God, in a world filled with conflicts and unrest, I lift my voice in prayer for peace. I pray for peace to prevail in every corner of the globe. May Your divine presence bring an end to violence, conflicts, and injustice.

Lord, ignite a spirit of reconciliation, understanding, and harmony among nations, cultures, and religions. Heal the wounds of division and replace hatred with love.

Grant us the courage to be instruments of peace in our communities, extending peace in our communities, extending grace and forgiveness.

May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, envelop our world. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen

(Author unknown)



### ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST SERVICE Wednesday, November 1, 6:00pm

Join us in a special All Saints Day Eucharist on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:00pm, in the Sanctuary.

Beginning Sunday, October 29, you are invited to bring pictures or mementos of departed loved ones, family or others special in your life. These will be placed on the altar until after services on Sunday, November 5.



### THANKSGIVING EVE EUCHARIST & DINNER Wednesday, November 22, 6:00pm

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Celebration will be even more fun this year as we host our neighbors from St. Hilda/St. Patrick. As in previous years, we'll mark the season with a simple Eucharist service at 6:00pm followed by a meal of hearty hors d'oeuvres and various drinks. The only limitation about food and drink is that nothing can be Thanksgiving related.

This is an opportunity to take a little time before the crazed busyness of Thanksgiving Day to relax, fortify your body, mind, and spirit, to meet new people, and to praise God for all the blessings of this life.



### DRIVE BY FOOD COLLECTION COMING

The next Drive by Food Drive collection at St. Alban's will be on **Saturday, November 18, from 10:00am – 2:00pm**. This will be the last one for this year, and we

hope to collect food items to boost our neighbors in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Anytime is tough when food is scarce for a family or individual. The holidays must make the situation even worse!

We all know the drill for non-perishable donations – peanut butter is primo, jams/jellies, soups, mac and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, canned tomatoes and vegetables, canned fruits, beans of all kinds, cereal, powdered milk, etc.

You can drop off your contributions each week when you come to church. The food bank table is waiting!



### **WOMENSPIRIT COALITION, FIFTH SUNDAY OUTREACH COLLECTION – October 29**

Jim Gilman

St. Alban's has been giving generously all year to Sta'ni Shay'i, this vital ministry that works to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault against indigenous women and promotes tribal policies and programs that benefit women who have suffered violence, including missing and murdered native women.

In a 2010 survey, of a sampling of 148 urban native women in the Seattle area, 94 percent reported they had been raped or coerced into sex at least once in their lives. More than half of these women (53 percent) were homeless at the time. What is equally shocking is that this report was kept from the public until recently. St. Alban's is continuing to support the work of WomenSpirit Coalition to prevent such violence and promote a vision of respect and opportunity for local indigenous women.



My family of origin is where I learned about love, respect and compassion, these values were the foundation of my familial relationships. When our family immigrated and there were constraints in our family situation, my mother worked in a factory and brought home “piece work” to sew (at 5 cents per zipper) for income. Regardless of those challenges I felt

secure in her love and protection. As our situation improved, and we were blessed with more opportunities, my mother served as a source of hope for those that immigrated and those that did not. I was fortunate to grow up witnessing daily examples of love, respect, compassion, and solidarity.

With the passing of my mother's generation including aunts and uncles, I have found that scripture has become more important in my life. In particular, my prayer group, friends and colleagues that strive for the beloved community are a source of strength and grounding; especially during these times when hard fought rights are being taken back as though universal rights somehow have to be rationed.

Through my reading of the book of Genesis, creation is the very essence of possibility and abundance. God, the source of abundance, makes it available to us because of His infinite love for us, his children. Because this belief is an integral part of my faith, I feel fortunate to be rooted in abundance, to feel loved, to have options.

To be rooted in abundance suggests that gratitude and generosity are a natural consequence of a loving environment, a space where possibility, generosity, and abundance thrive. Without love for God, self and others, you risk being trapped in an environment of scarcity.

#### ***Questions for Reflection***

Often those with limited means show great generosity and solidarity, why do you think this is?

*Dora Currea belongs to the Washington National Cathedral congregation where she is a Co-Chair of the Sanctuary Ministry advocating and supporting immigrants in partnership with diocesan and other faith groups in the DC area as well as the Church's Episcopal Migration Ministries. Dora currently serves the diocese as Chair of the Commission on Ministry.*



#### **CHASE LAKE HEADPHONES NEED MET**

Chase Lake had a goal to get headphones for all of the students. These headphones will be kept at school and are used for State Testing, IReady testing, doing assignments during class times, etc. Initially

Maryellen Young thought these headphones cost \$88.50 each, including tax. However, each box contained 10 headphones. Our members generously donated \$1,000, allowing us to purchase a total of 11 boxes of headphones and totally fulfilling the need.

Great caring and sharing!!

**CHASE LAKE THANK YOU**

Dear St. Alban's,

Chase Lake would like to say Thank You for your generous donation of brand new headphones. With this donation, our students will be able to be successful in all of their online learning.

Our school is so grateful for your generous support. Thank you!

Chase Lake Staff



**WRITING YOUR WILL**

Writing your will is the most important step you can take in planning your estate. Without a will, the state's probate court will make decisions about the distribution of your assets. The state may not include all the people you would like to benefit, and it definitely won't include any charities or religious organizations you wish to support. No assets will be given to *any* charitable organization, no matter how important that organization was to you during your lifetime.

If you do have a will, this may be a good time to review it. Wills should be kept up-to-date and assessed from time to time to mirror the changes that may take place in your life. A properly prepared will is a very effective means to accomplish many goals, including charitable intentions.

There is a brochure "Writing your Will: When there's a will, there's a way" in the tract rack to the right of the entrance to the Parish Hall. This brochure provides a few helpful suggestions on how to prepare to write your will, including a list of assets to consider. This brochure is provided thanks to your Endowment Board and prepared by The Episcopal Church Foundation.

**PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Addition: Nick & Anna Sharpes  
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*In Memory*

**THE REV. CANON JERRY M. SHIGAKI**

Jerry passed away on October 5, 2023. His lifelong work as a social worker and an Episcopal priest revolved around social justice. He worked towards increasing opportunities for those less advantaged, celebrated diversity – always striving and advocating for a more inclusive, just, and equitable society.

Jerry also served many Episcopal churches as a supply priest. We had the pleasure of his wisdom and fellowship at St. Alban's several times.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00pm on November 18, 2023, at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 1245 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle.

**EATING IN THE FIFTIES**

A "take-away" was a mathematical problem.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

<u>Reminder for Flower Donors</u>			
Oct 29	T. Balagot	Dec 10	P. Chandler
Nov 5	J. Kistner	Dec 17	
Nov 12	S. Reidburn	Dec 24	)
Nov 19	H. Small	Dec 25	) Christmas
Nov 26	People of St.A.	Dec 31	
Dec 3	P. McClelland		

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### OCTOBER 29 – PENTECOST 22

The Great Commandment – love God and love your neighbor – how can we make it the basis of all we do in life? Perhaps the Holy Habits of prayer, study, sacrificial giving, and being connected to a faith-filled community can be our stepping stones to living that commandment in a world that constantly tempts us into living only for ourselves, and puts God in the less than primary place He deserves.

### NOVEMBER 5 – PENTECOST 23

“...it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service...” If we want to live as faithful servants, we first need to gratefully accept God’s gifts – freely given. We need not, in fact cannot, “go it alone” and hope to live a life that reflects the grace and glory of our Creator.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### OCTOBER 29 – PENTECOST 22

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

### Collect for Pentecost 22

Almighty and Everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### NOVEMBER 5 – PENTECOST 23

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

## 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 206-427-1920.

### Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People are used during 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.



Prayers  
for Peace  
in our world.