

AROUND THE PARISH

October 6, 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 8

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

- 10/7 10:30am-1200pm, ECW, Debbie Dimitre
2:00-6:00pm, Private Event, Parish Hall
- 10/8 Indigenous Peoples Day
- 10/9 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 10/10 2:00pm, Altar Guild Meeting, PH
- 10/11 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
6:00-8:00pm, WECP CPR, Parish Hall
- 10/12 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 10/13 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 10/14 9:00am-1:00pm, Boy Scout Church Clean-Up
- 10/18 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30pm, StewFest
- 10/21 10:00am-12:00pm, Indigenous Circle, PH

For the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 840)



STEWFEEST – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

I am hopeful that you will join our annual StewFest this year on **Wednesday, October 18, beginning with Evening Prayer at 6:00pm and followed by dinner.** The speaker will be Beth Hoyt, a local environmentalist and play therapist. She will bring both her knowledge of trees and plants and her warm and lively spirit for what will surely be an enjoyable and maybe even interactive experience for us all.

Join us at 6:00pm for evening prayer. Those of you who are still in transit at 6:00pm, please come at 6:30pm for a hearty dinner of stew, salad, bread and desserts. We always have several stews to choose from including vegetarian. The beverages range from water to wine with beer and sparkling cider in the mix as well.

You do not need to bring food for this meal, just come and eat. If you have a burning desire to share one of your specialties, please let me know in person or email eabee@juno.com.

I look forward to sharing an evening of good food, good thoughts, and good company with you.

Liz Bee, Senior Warden

ECW COFFEE – FELLOWSHIP and SPECIAL GUEST, DEBBIE DIMITRE

Be sure to be at St. Alban's tomorrow morning,

Saturday, October 7, from 10:30am to 12:00pm. You will be treated to coffee/tea, some light refreshments, as well as a great presentation from a gifted speaker.

Debbie Dimitre is an inspiring and entertaining actress and storyteller who brings historical stories and characters to life. On



Saturday, she will present Mrs. Bertha Wright Landes, the first woman mayor of Seattle.

This will be a wonderful time for you to invite a friend or relative to share this unique experience.



**NATIVE AMERICAN VERSION of
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(We will be using this version of the Lords' Prayer during the month of October.)

O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world
above
is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day –
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.
Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things
done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to
stray from your good road,
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless
ways.
May it be so!

To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.
Mandy Hale



SEPT 30 CELEBRATION EVENT EXCELLENT!!

If you missed it, you missed a really fun and informative occasion, plus a plentiful and delicious breakfast! There was plenty of time to eat and socialize, and then we were treated to an Episcoplayers' performance. Attendees filled out "leaves of appreciation" which are

to be posted in the Parish Hall. The quotes were in reply to "Why do people stay with St. Alban's?"

Under the direction of Jan Skidmore, and with a delightful script written by Jan and Dan Mullene, we were the audience in a dramatized radio broadcast. In three broadcast acts, we learned about St. Alban's beginning days, moved into the present time, and finally took a look at the future in year 2043. The whole program was very clever, humorous and educational.

Episcoplayer performers were Jeannie Burpee, Judy Fleenor, Connie Forsberg, Jim Gilman, Susan and Eric Hanson, and Dan Mullene. Liz Bee and Jan Skidmore joined the troupe with Jeannie and Judy to form a "choir" providing humorous sound effects to the show.

Thanks to all those who contributed to this celebration and fellowship gathering, the good breakfast, and to John Bee for his KP contribution!



A conversation between the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton.

When you think about being rooted, what comes to mind?

Where we are, our place on land, is important to our spiritual groundedness, our connection to spirit-filled natural resources. We are part of a larger family of kin that includes all that God has made and reaches beyond the cosmos. Our kinship places us in relationship that is about mutual responsibility to care for one another.

How do you understand abundance?

We have everything we need. Are we doing everything we can to live in reciprocity, within an understanding that we are mutually responsible for one another and are called to live within a cultivating relationship with our environment and all live within it? Stewardship is asking the question, "What do we need to grow to continue to be in good and right relationship, in recognition of our kinship with all that is, in which we all thrive?"

What image comes to mind when you hear the phrase Rooted in Abundance?

I think of a beautiful image of the tree of life in aboriginal art. The image shows the relationship of being in a circle where animals and plants, people, land

and air and water are all interdependent. Wisdom and care for eight generations, including past, present, and future, inform decisions and stewardship in a reciprocal relationship.

What is it that grounds you?

Place, context, environment, communities, Creator, the community I am serving. Wherever the Creator has put us is where we are in spiritual relationship. It is often said, “Wherever you go, there you are.” I would add, “Wherever you go, the Sacred is there.”

What role does gratitude play?

Gratitude is a spiritual practice. Indigenous elders are giving thanks all the time: “Thank you, Creator, for the gift of the cedar tree.” And then thanking the cedar tree for the gift it gives. Gratitude for our gifts invites us into community, and thus into responsibility for the flourishing of our community, which is our kinship with all of creation.

If we put all this together, what does being rooted in abundance look like for you, in your context?

It’s a circular understanding. All community is responsible for each individual to nurture a sense of being meaningful and valuable. And every person has responsibility for meeting the needs of the community.

Question for Reflection

What does being rooted in abundance look like for you?

The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, a Shackan First Nation member, is the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett, WA, and the vice-president of the House of Deputies.



Jan Skidmore, People’s Warden

Your thoughts, questions, and/or concerns are important. There are various options for sharing them such as: making an appointment to talk to Fr. Greg, request to attend a Vestry Meeting. If it is related to any of our ministries, please check out our Ministry List in the Parish Hall to determine which Vestry member is assigned as a liaison between the appropriate committee and the Vestry. Contact the assigned liaison. Or you can contact any Vestry member. Either the liaison or any Vestry member is then responsible for relaying your concerns, questions etc. to the Vestry.

Or if you prefer you may use our “We’re Listening” red box in the Parish Hall. Each week I will check the box to see what has been submitted. I will consult with Fr. Greg and/or our Senior Warden, Liz Bee, to write a response which will be published in the next issue of Around the Parish. Yes, we will be listening!



Here’s a dedicated parishioner weeding in the front planting beds of St. Alban’s – Jeannie Burpee. If you would like to stop by church sometime to do a bit of gardening, it can be your own personal ministry – done in your own time and at your own pace. Every volunteer task accomplished is appreciated by all of us!



3rd WEEK OUTREACH BASKET

4th Quarter Recipient

Homage is our 4th quarter recipient of our outreach donations from our 3rd Week Basket. Homage is the largest provider of services for older adults and people with disabilities in Snohomish County. The majority of people receiving their services live on limited incomes, are frail, and are in need of services that help them maintain their health, independence, and quality of life. Please designate your gift “Outreach.”

3rd Quarter Results

Thanks to your generosity, we are donating **\$620** to **Hand in Hand Kids** from our outreach donations for the 3rd quarter. Hand in Hand Kids provides critical care and support for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, drug raids, abandonment and other dangerous circumstances and entering foster care.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



DAVID DiFIORI ORGAN CONCERT & RECEPTION Sunday, October 15, 2023, 3:00pm Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett

Trinity Episcopal is holding an organ fundraiser featuring David diFiori, international organ virtuoso, with dramatic scripture narrative by Rev. Rachel Taber Hamilton, Rector of Trinity Episcopal. diFiori is originally from Seattle, and will share his musical gifts with the community to reprise his 2018 performance of the complete cycle of “Job” by the Czech composer Petr Eben.

Trinity Episcopal Church is located at 2301 Hoyt Avenue, Everett.



DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

The following Forward Movement reflection is written by Kathryn Nishibayashi, a member of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Los Angeles and a graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She was an elementary school teacher for 12 years prior to seminary.

Matthew 6:34 – So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

“Good morning. This is God. I will be handling all your problems today. I will not need your help. So, relax and have a great day.”

These words hung on the door of my grandmother’s assisted living apartment. She saw them each time she left her private unit. When I visited her, I read those words too. They offered a sense of comfort to me, and I imagine my grandmother also felt reassured by these words and the feeling that God would be with her throughout the day.

The door sign was my grandmother’s version of a *mezuzah*, the blessing box by the door of Jewish homes as a reminder of God’s constant presence. It is easy to become overwhelmed with all we need to accomplish in a given day and not appreciate each day for what it is – a gift.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER 8 – PENTECOST 19

And then there are the unfaithful and murderous tenants in the vineyard. Jesus’s parable says in part that the vineyard will be given to new tenants who will produce a good harvest and be loyal to God, the landowner. Christ, rejected by the hierarchy, is the new cornerstone, and both the early Christians (and those of us who call ourselves Christians today) are called to be the new tenants and faithful servants. What are you doing in your life to be a good and faithful servant? How do you live and serve God and those around you?

OCTOBER 15 – PENTECOST 20

We pray that God’s grace “*may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works.*” We must not allow that grace to surround us like a protective bubble and insulate us from being *mindful of the needs of others.*” But the paradox is, the more we break out of the bubble to care for and about others, the more flexible and God-enriched the bubble becomes!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OCTOBER 8 – PENTECOST 19

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Collect for Pentecost 19

Almighty and Everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

OCTOBER 15 – PENTECOST 20

Exodus 32:11-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

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 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.

