

## AROUND THE PARISH

June 14, 2024

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 16

#### Pentecost 4

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



#### 9:15am SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Eric Hanson

The Sunday morning Bible Study class has concluded its Philippians' study. The class will continue on June 16 with Pastor David Hahn as guest through the end of July. Everyone is invited to attend. August will be a month off, and the group will resume in September.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

6/15 11:00am, Indigenous Circle, Hibalb Culture Center  
1:00-5:00pm, Recital, Parish Hall

6/17 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

6/19 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook

6/20 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group Mtg, Parish Hall  
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy

6/21 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy

6/22 5:00-7:00pm, Celebration of St. Alban's, Parish H  
Appetizers and Beverages (Setup all day)

6/23 Legacy Sunday

6/29 10:00-3:00pm, Parish Hall, Private Event  
6:00-9:00, Recital, Parish Hall (Setup 4:30-10:00pm)



We hope you will join us in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, June 22, from 5:00-7:00pm, for the Celebration of St. Alban's**. This is an extra special time as we celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being recognized as a mission by the Diocese of Olympia!

Some memories of past times will be shared by Georgia LaBelle, Donna Hoffman and Phil McClelland. Appetizers, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages are being provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry.

You won't want to miss this wonderful evening of fellowship, fun, and a trip down Memory Lane.

#### Come, O Holy Spirit by John Henry Newman

*Come, O Holy Spirit.*

*Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,  
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,  
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,  
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,  
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,  
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.  
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,  
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,  
to be your servants to the world. Amen.*

(buildfaith.org)



#### CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY ASSESSMENT

We are all encouraged to take part in the Congregational Vitality Assessment being offered through June 16. The survey has been created and managed by a professional faith development company

dedicated to helping churches thrive. There is no cost to us.

**A FEW NOTES:** As with many surveys, your answers are limited to a) agree, b) strongly agree, c) disagree and d) strongly disagree. If you don't know an answer in one of the sections, the honest response would be "disagree." It's okay to not know things or to disagree with the statement. The data we get back from the survey will be helpful in showing areas where we need to improve.

Also, if you are unable to finish the questionnaire in one sitting, you can stop and return later to complete it.

<https://www.cvatool.org/survey/take/st-albans-episcopal-church-1907/>



Jeannie Burpee, Endowment Board

### You might like to serve on the St. Alban's Endowment Fund Board of Trustees!

Five members appointed by the Vestry meet quarterly, generally on a Wednesday at 2:00pm. Terms are for three years and start in November. Two of the current trustees will complete their terms five months from now. Trustees oversee funds whose earnings enable the Parish to more completely fulfill its mission by developing its Christian-based ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds.

In the first quarter of 2024, the market value of the Endowment Funds increased by over 4%. Current Vestry-appointed Board members are Jeannie Burpee, Bob Chaffee, Mary Fowler, Dan Mullene, and Harvey Smith. Ad Hoc and Ex Officio members are Mona Carter, Keith LaBelle, and Maryellen Young. Fr. Greg Peters also serves on the Board.

**Would you like to serve on the Endowment Board?** Please contact St. Alban's Treasurer Maryellen Young if you're interested in filling an Endowment Board position.



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Jim Gilman

On Saturday, June 8, a St. Alban's work crew of eight volunteers helped build a house in the Bayside Neighborhood of Everett: Anna Carstad, Nick Sharpe, Claire Norris, Edwin Murphy, Ron, Emily and Liam

Austin, and Jim Gilman. Tasks included: insulation, insect mesh, ditch digging, along with cleanup.

Habitat's aim is to provide decent, affordable housing for lower income families, in this case a family of five. The St. Alban's family also generously gives financially to Habitat, including the current quarterly outreach offering. Thank you, St. Alban's.



"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. I'm free to choose that something. That something—the something that I've chosen—is my faith. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have, to try to make a difference."

(Jimmy Carter, as quoted by his niece Kim Fuller during a February 19, 2023 prayer service.)



**JUNE LIAISON REPORTS TO VESTRY**

Jan Skidmore, People’s Warden

**\*Building & Grounds – Phil McClelland:** Join Phil on the Buildings and Grounds team, for ongoing care, and be proactive for care of our facility.

**\*Church Directory - Harvey Smith:** Harvey is up to date with directory photos and has been at church between services the past two Sundays helping people put the Directory App on their smart phones.

**\*Evangelism/Social Justice – Brad Goergen:** June 8 is another Habitat Build day; a crew of eight people will work on a Habitat house in the Bayside Neighborhood .

The Food Pantry cabinet has been moved outside to provide needy people with 24/7 access to food. It will be stocked and monitored by St. Alban’s.

Indigenous Circle: June 15, a field trip to the Hibulb Cultural Center, Tulalip Nation.

**\*Faith Formation – Eric Hanson :** Pastor David Hahn will teach Sunday Bible Study through the end of July. We'll take August off and resume after Labor Day.

Thursday Women’s Discussion Group plans to study *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* beginning in the fall.

Restore Wholeness Level 2 Facilitator Training on June 14-15, 2024. Shirley Wilson and Teddi Balagot will attend.

**\*Pastoral Care – JL Krilevich:** Committee met and reviewed the Directory to make sure all members are being cared for. Committee members volunteered to contact those people who we were not sure about. Discussed Euthanasia/Death with Dignity--legal and theological.

**\*Worship – Shirley Clark:** Altar Guild – A long-time member of the altar guild will be retiring in the fall. The guild is very short-handed, creating a difficult situation. Please consider serving. Men also welcome.



**MINISTRY FOCUS**  
**(What and How We Operate)**

Jan Skidmore, People’s Warden

**Discretionary Fund.-** Donations by our members are used for persons in need. Fr. Greg Peters, Deacon Jim Gilman and Parish Care Minister Dan Mullene process the requests.

**Indigenous Programs - The Indigenous Circle,** led

by Jim Gilman, meets once a month to listen, learn, and be guided by native peoples in the best way to engage with their community.

**Food Bank Food Collections and Distributions –** Lee Forsberg and Jim Gilman organize the on-going food collections and deliveries, Sunday basket money donations, drive-by events, plus the monthly food distribution held in our parking lot.

**HUMOR GROANS....**

I’ve started investing in stocks: beef, vegetables, chicken. One day I hope to be a boullianaire.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers; the big ones at the end of the wing are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.

The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song, but the chick peas can only hummus one.



**DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS**

The following “Forward Day by Day” reflection is by Philip M. Beyer, who has a passion for serving the unhoused, incarcerated, addicted, and missions in Haiti. He is a retired business person, author, and avid gardener and retired archdeacon of the Diocese of Florida.

*Galatians 6:9 – So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up.*

Binh’s family and three other refugee families jammed into their tiny apartment, and Binh’s nail salon emerged from a boarded-up storefront. It was welcomed with bricks thrown through windows and graffiti. Yet he persisted, repeatedly restoring windows and painting over graffiti.

Binh appeared in our church parish hall, where hundreds of working poor, unhoused, and prostitutes ate weekly. He set up tables with signs, “Free Nails.” One evening the neighborhood matriarch held out her filthy hands, “Free, huh?” and sat down. No words were exchanged, only gestures. Others watched as she admired her freshly polished nails: “Look y’all.”

Before long, Binh manicured scores of his neighbors' nails, all for free. Window breakage and graffiti gradually ceased. Over the next two years, the area was revitalized as more stores appeared, and, with them, new relationships. I admired Binh for his persistence, for loving those who shunned him, and for doing what was right.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### JUNE 16 – 4<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST

The mustard seed – smallest of the seeds on earth. Yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all the shrubs and serves others as a haven. Were our lives as stewards sown as small as the mustard seed, and have they grown and blossomed as we hear God's voice, thank Him for His gifts, and seek to serve Him in others.

### JUNE 23 – 5<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST

When Jesus awakes and calms the sea, he says to the Disciples, "*Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?*" Good questions for the reluctant steward. Why are we so afraid to return to God a generous portion – but just a portion – of what he has so lovingly given us – everything!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JUNE 16 – 4<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

### Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

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 23 – 5<sup>TH</sup> Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

Psalms 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

**NOTE:** Fr. Greg is currently on Sabbatical Leave. For emergency or other inquiries, please contact:

Administrative/Business: Liz Bee, Senior Warden,  
[eabee@juno.com](mailto:eabee@juno.com), 206-795-5594

Pastoral Care: Jim Gilman

Discretionary Fund: Dan Mullene, Jim Gilman

Church Office: [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) or  
425-778-0371

**Sabbatical Pastor: Pastor David Hahn**

### 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 Liz  
Bee at 206-795-5594.

### 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.

