

AROUND THE PARISH

January 24, 2025

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 – January 26

Epiphany 3

8:00-10:30am, Eucharist services in Sanctuary

9:30am, 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

meats and rolls will be provided by the Vestry. If you would like to contribute, you could bring salads or desserts. Monetary donations are also welcome.

We will review 2024 - its accomplishments, challenges and visions and look forward to those same opportunities for 2025. Past and future finances will be reviewed, and copies of ministry reports will be available in print. In addition, at this year's meeting, we will be voting on acceptance of the revised Bylaws as proposed by Vestry. Copies of the previous version, changes-noted copy, and amended version of the Bylaws are available in the Parish Hall.

Also available are copies of the survey taken last summer, Congregational Vitality Assessment.

Parishioners are invited to attend a review of this document after both coffee hours on Sunday, January 26.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 1/25 10:00am-12:00pm, Preschool Cleaning
- 1/27 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 1/28 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
6:00-9:00pm, Girl Scout Community Camp, PH
- 1/29 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube
- 1/30 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 1/31 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
12:00-2:00pm, Preschool Open House
- 2/1 12:00-2:00pm, Preschool Open House
- 2/2 9:30am, One Service, Eucharist, followed by
Lunch and Annual Parish Meeting
- 2/6 1:00-3:00pm, Thursday Discussion Grp, PH
- 2/8 8:30am-12:00pm, Preschool Fundraiser, PH
- 2/9 12:15pm, Worship Committee Mtg, Parish Hall
- 2/22 10:30am-12:00pm, ECW Coffee, Parish Hall



DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF LA FIRES

Your donations to support relief for those impacted by the Los Angeles fires can be made through St. Alban's. Although there are many charities to support, because of our heart for feeding people and food banks, our donations will be split between the following two charities.

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank – providing emergency food assistance to families and residents impacted by the fires blazing across LA County. 99% Charity Navigator rating.

World Central Kitchen – in Southern California to support first responders and families impacted by wildfires in the LA area. They are working with restaurant and food truck partners to provide comforting meals. 100% Charity Navigator rating; 96% of money raised is spent on programs.

Next ATP Issue: Friday, February 7, 2025

Article Deadline: Wednesday noon, February 5



ST. ALBAN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Sunday, February 2, we will gather for our annual meeting. The event begins with **one service at 9:30am, followed by a fellowship lunch.** Luncheon

PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR CHURCH

Holy Spirit of Father, we seek Your presence in our church and the wider Christian community. Guide us in our efforts to achieve unity and to reflect God's love in all that we do. As we work together with fellow citizens of the kingdom of God, grant us the wisdom to embody the teachings of the New Testament and the love of Christ. Help us to build a community of believers that stands as a testament to Your grace and unity. We pray for Your guidance and blessing in our efforts. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



ECW FELLOWSHIP – FEBRUARY 22

Be sure you have put **Saturday, February 22, 10:30am – 12:00pm** on your calendar. That's the date of our next Episcopal Church Women Coffee event.

This one will feature Jeannie Burpee telling us about her "Exploring the Lower Danube River" with us from her travels last October.

Also at this event, we're sponsoring a "sell the books you've read, and buy some 'new' ones" table. Check through your pile of books and share some with our St. Alban's readers. Wintertime is great reading time!

Light refreshments – coffee, tea and some goodies – will be provided. Plan on joining us for this time of fellowship and fun.



LENTEN DEVOTION: THE DISCIPLE'S WAY

Thanks to the Rita Bennett bequest, we can once again offer a devotion for Lent.

Forward Movement began with a bold summons to follow Jesus. The first publication, *The Disciple's Way*, issued a stirring call to individuals and the wider church to practice seven steps of discipleship: turn, follow, learn, pray, serve, worship, and share. That call is as urgent today as it was 90 years ago.

In this season of Lent, embrace the seven steps with encouragement from the original publication and daily meditations written by current leaders of the church. As the first Disciple's Way promised, this journey is high adventure, requiring time, effort, pluck, and money. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is The Way.

If you would like a copy, please contact the church office, 425-778-0371; stalbansedmonds@gmail.com or Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461; maryelleny@comcast.com. To ensure copies arrive in time for the start of Lent on March 5th, please make your request by **February 7th**.

Finances for the end-of-year will be part of the Annual Meeting reporting.

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CRA SEABECK RETREAT **National Level One Restore Wholeness Seminar** **and Retreat, Seabeck, WA** **March 21-23, 2025**

Shirley Wilson

This is a great opportunity to spend a weekend with caring people who are trained to help others learn how to be more effective in their prayer life. I went last year, and I can tell you that it was a wonderful experience. The food was great too!

It's a little pricey, but with the help of the Rita Bennett Scholarship Fund and her generosity, there is no charge for the entire weekend for St. Alban's people. If you are interested in attending, but are concerned about transportation, please talk to me and we can work something out. I would encourage you to not miss this opportunity if you would like help with

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 26 – 3RD EPIPHANY

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." This familiar phrase from Psalm 19 is perhaps most often used by those giving sermons or homilies, but the words are appropriate for all of us as well as we strive to lead the life of a faithful disciple and steward.

FEBRUARY 2 – 4TH EPIPHANY

Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple

1 Corinthians 13 is probably one of the most familiar parts of scripture, especially used at marriage ceremonies. But its description of love's attributes and the advice to remember that we see only in part, and will only later be enlightened about the true breadth of God's love for all of us, is welcome reassurance for those of us who sometimes struggle to stay faithfully on the steward's path.

FEBRUARY 9 – EPIPHANY 5

Isaiah 6:8 ends with the Lord saying: "Who shall I send, and who will go for us?" As those wishing to be faithful stewards, will our response be the same as the one in the lesson -- "here am I, send me."?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JANUARY 26 – 3RD EPIPHANY

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Collect for 3rd Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FEBRUARY 2 – 4TH EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

your prayer life or would like to be more effective in helping others.

You can always call or email me if you have any questions. Blessings!

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Copies of the CRA – Restore flyers are available in the Parish Hall.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Copies of next quarter's Forward Day by Day – February, March, April – still have not arrived. We are hoping to have them by Sunday, February 2.



DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

January's author is Jackie Fulop, an educator for the past 30 years. She and her husband Tim worship at Christ Church in Danville, Virginia, where Tim serves as priest-in-charge.

Psalm 31:24 – Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Wouldn't it be great if there were a spiritual cupboard from which we could take for ourselves whatever it was we needed at a particular moment in our lives? I'd rifle through looking for the giant box of courage I need right now to face the stressful uncertainty I feel these days.

I'm struggling to have hope, faced with the grim predictions for the future of our planet and the political discord threatening to destroy our country, as well as my own needs, which seem no less significant. My uncourageous response is to cocoon myself in my house, eat comfort food, and watch mind-numbingly stupid television.

The psalmist understands my distress and encourages me to be strong by waiting for the Lord. The kind of waiting we're talking about here isn't sitting mindlessly hoping in vain that something will change. This waiting is alert, like a sentinel posted on the parapet, expectantly watching for someone to appear. The someone I'm waiting for is the Lord, and it is in the certainty of God's coming that I can take the courage my heart needs.

Collect for 4th Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FEBRUARY 9 – 5TH EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:1-8; (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

- 1st week—Food Bank
- 2nd week—Discretionary Fund
- 3rd week—Outreach
- 4th week—International Relief
- 5th Week—Indigenous Women Support

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.

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- or use pictured QR code



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

- Tuesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30 pm
- Wednesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30pm
- Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

