

AROUND THE PARISH

July 23, 2021

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.

Please note: There will not be an issue of Around the Parish next Friday, July 30. With our revised ATP schedule, the fifth Friday of a month will be a "day off." We'll be back on Friday, August 6.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Eucharist on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

7/25 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services
for those fully vaccinated.

7/25 Templo Emanuel, 1:00-5:00pm

NOTE: If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday 10:30am service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

7/26 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

7/27 Vestry, 6:30pm

7/28 Evening Prayer, 6:00pm, Facebook

7/29 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary

8/1 8:00 & 10:30am, In-Person Services

8/1 Templo Emanuel 2:00-5:00pm, Sanctuary

8/2 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

8/7 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Celebration, Annual
Appetizer & Wine Party

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- Mail check to church
21405-82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.
- Bank Bill Pay – ask bank to send check to St. Alban's.

Online go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org
and click on "Donate Now."

NOTE: Our Zoom Coffee Hour has been discontinued since we have returned to 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday services. Thanks to Wendre Vaughan and Maisy Hochstetler, after-service coffee is back giving us the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with each other – and maintaining safety measures as much as possible.



Fr. Greg Peters

On our tour, in one of the small towns of SW Wisconsin, Tom and I saw a banner for a Tent Revival. I didn't really know those still existed. I think I once attended a revival in an Assemblies of God church when I was growing up. It was held over the course of a couple of days, but it wasn't in a tent. It was a long time ago, and I don't really remember much about it, except that it was hot and humid – it was summer in Wisconsin after all – and so I associate revivals with heat and humidity, a pleasant kind of heat and humidity. Anyway . . .

Just the other day, in trying to catch up with my emails, I came across an announcement from the Union of Black Episcopalians about their Summer Revival and, thanks to live streaming services, I'm going!

Here are the title and dates:

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING:

53rd Annual Conference and Churchwide
Revival
Tuesday, July 27 – Friday, July 30, 2021

The preachers look really good: Presiding Bishop Curry and Bishop of Vermont Shannon MacVean Brown among them. The music will be a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

There are several other speakers discussing the direction and future of the Episcopal Church from a perspective we all know too little of in the Diocese of Olympia. These promise to be very interesting and provocative discussions.

Of course, if, like me, you love spirituals and the music of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, this promises to be a wonderful event.

I hope you'll join me. For more information, check out this link:

https://www.ube.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3207745 and to register, this one : <https://tinyurl.com/smz9ufp9>

I'm only sorry that, being virtual, there won't be much in the way of meeting people, of celebrating Holy Communion together, or of food and fellowship.

It's also unlikely that, here in the PNW, we'll have any of that pleasant heat or humidity, but it's sure to lift the spirit and revive the soul.



CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN'S APPETIZER & WINE EVENT

Saturday August 7, 2021, is the date for Celebration of St. Alban's from **5:00 to 7:00pm** and outside, weather permitting.

And this year is a real celebration of our completed capital campaign projects. We also celebrate the repair of the back wall of the Sunday School wing paid for with a legacy gift from John Kistner and new street signs donated by Jean & Jon Burpee and Phyllis Becker.

Wine, non-alcohol beverages and appetizers are being provided by the Endowment Board and Vestry. You won't want to miss this evening of fun and fellowship.



6 MONTHS OF OUTREACH DONATIONS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Through June 2021 our very generous congregation has made the following Outreach donations:

- Outreach--\$1,925
- Food Bank--\$8,312
- Chase Lake--\$2,395
- ERD (5th Sunday)--\$315
- Discretionary--\$4,578
- Total--\$17,525

Some of these donations are greater because of sharing of Stimulus Check funds. Also, this does not reflect money raised from the July Drive-by

Food Drive. Thank you to everyone for supporting these ministries!



WHATCHA READING?

Previously Judy Fleenor recommended a book by Timothy Egan (*Pilgrimage to Eternity*). Jeannie Burpee supplied the name of the book that Jan Skidmore was trying to remember the name of about the dust bowl, as well as adding another book by him:

The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan 2006-- This non-fiction book presents the untold story of those who survived the Great American Dust Bowl.

The Big Burn by Timothy Egan 2009--This is the real story about Teddy Roosevelt and the fire on the border of northern Idaho and Montana that saved America.



REMEMBER TO VOTE:

Primary election ballots need to be posted by August 3 or taken to a drop box by August 3.



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

July's Reflections are written by Jenny Crier who lives in Rhode Island. She's a cradle Episcopalian and has been reading *Forward Day by Day* since she was 15 years old.

John 20:16a – Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

Mary Magdalene is one of Jesus' most faithful disciples. Even when the Twelve get it completely wrong, Mary can be found with Jesus, sitting at his feet. Mary is one of the women who provides for Jesus out of her resources. When the disciples abandon Jesus at the cross, Mary is with him.

And now, on this first day after Sabbath, she's first to arrive at the tomb. Everyone keeps asking her why she's weeping. Isn't it obvious? “Woman,

why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

She mistakes Jesus – the man who saved her from seven demons, who taught her, who loved her – for the gardener. But when he says her name, “Mary!”, she immediately recognizes him. She realizes the impossible has happened: Jesus is with her.

The impossible still happens every day. Jesus calls us by name to remind us that he is with us, even when everyone else has left, when everything is falling apart. The King of the Universe, of things great and small, knows who you are – and knows what you are going through.



WILLIAM WILBERFORCE (died 1833)
Member of Parliament – Christian Statesman

So often a devout and well-informed layman is a far more effective servant of the church than a professional clergyman. William Wilberforce of Hull, England, is an excellent example. He was a devoted student of the New Testament and a strong churchman. He was educated at Cambridge University and traveled widely. A deep concern for the Lord and his work led Wilberforce to the “brink of Holy Orders.” However, under the influence of John Newton, he decided that he could better serve Christ as a politician.

For over fifty years, William Wilberforce served the church, his country and the world as a Member of Parliament and an eloquent spokesman for Christian values and ethics. He is probably best remembered for his efforts to end slavery in the British Empire. The crowning achievement of his legislative career, the Emancipation Act of 1833, was passed one month after his death. He also championed the cause of Catholic Emancipation in the British Isles, of English missions in India, of parliamentary reform, and of judicial and prison reform. He wrote *A Practical View of the Prevailing Religious System of Professed Christians*, which was widely read both in England and on the continent, and which significantly influenced religious and political thinking in his day.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

NOW THAT I'M OLDER...

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below freezing outside they closed school? Yeah, me neither.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was a young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

I love approaching 80. I learn something new every day and forget five other things.

O God, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Bring us to that place of abiding in you where we know ourselves to be forgiven, loved and free; give us the courage to be kind, and the groundedness to discern justice, as we follow the light footsteps of Jesus, in whose Name we pray.

Amen (Way of Love, 50 Day Bible Challenge)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JULY 25 – 9 PENTECOST

The miracle of the loaves and fishes parable is a reminder for all of us attempting to be good stewards, that if we have faith, God will provide far more than we need – and help us to fulfill the needs of others in His name as well. Here's a Grace for Meals you might like to use as a reminder in the

coming week. *“Christ in the wilderness five thousand fed, with two small fishes and five loaves of bread. May the God above who made that division, descend upon us and our provision. Amen*

AUGUST 1 – 10 PENTECOST

One of the favorite hymns of many folks in the Diocese of Bethlehem (literally in Hebrew, “house of bread”) is #335, *“I Am the Bread of Life.”* The last two sentences of today’s Gospel remind us of those comforting words. *“Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”* What a promise on which those striving to be good stewards can build their life with their Creator!

AUGUST 6 – THE TRANSFIGURATION

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him.” Jesus’ teachings provide us with all the lessons we need to live faithful, honest and productive lives – also as God’s “chosen.” At Baptism, the cross is sealed on our foreheads, and we are *“marked as Christ’s own forever.”* Stewardship is about how we respond to that feely given gift of grace, and how we offer thanks with grateful hearts and lives to the God who gives us all.

AUGUST 8 – 11 PENTECOST

In Ephesians, we are told ... *“be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God as beloved children, and live in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”* How do we “show forth in our daily lives” our gratitude and thanks for this greatest of freely-given gifts?

READINGS

JULY 25 – 9 PENTECOST

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:4-21
John 6:1-21

July 25 - Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

AUGUST 1 -- 10 PENTECOST

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-13
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 1 – Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

AUGUST 8 – 11 PENTECOST

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Outreach – Pathways for Women
4th week—Capital Improvements
5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

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 – 4:00pm

The office isn’t open on Sundays, but there are people around from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Before and after services, people are available for quick business activities.

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make appointment.
- Wear a mask.

In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

GREG’S HOME OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506

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