

## AROUND THE PARISH

June 11, 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.

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday Eucharist** on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am  
**6/13 10:30 am, In-person, indoor service for those fully vaccinated.**

**Noon – outdoor service for all weather permitting**

**Adult Bible Study**, 9:30am; Romans led by Eric Hanson. Link through June

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765370758?pwd=OEFMd20xL0NjNkzQ0xJbHdaRGJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 6537 0758 Password: SeekFirst

**NOTE: Bible Study starts at 9:15am due to 10:30am in-person service for those vaccinated.**

*Sunday, June 13, is final BIBLE STUDY CLASS before summer and will resume in September.*

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



Fr. Greg Peters

The Vestry met for our regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, June 8, 2021. As usual, it was a productive meeting. Here's the run-down of what we want you to be aware of:

In normal years, we celebrate our patronal feast right around the Summer Solstice (the Feast of St. Alban is June 22) with a Saturday night party sponsored by the Endowment Board and a Coffee Hour featuring strawberry shortcake. The continuation of this less than normal year has altered our plans. The Endowment Board will instead sponsor the celebration on Saturday, August 7; weather permitting, it will be an outdoor affair. Please put this on your calendar and look for more details as the date approaches.

In his continual efforts to improve and maintain our physical plant, Phil McClelland, Warden for Buildings and Grounds, has been busy with two projects. Contractors will soon begin work replacing the siding on the south side of the Education Building. The Vestry has also approved \$1,500 for new antennae in the sanctuary to improve the quality of the sound system for both in-house broadcasting and live-streaming.

Organ maintenance has been on our agenda for several months. John Lehrack has finally been able to schedule an assessment of the instrument. The organ builder is in Portland, so only makes trips when he can schedule several appointments in our area at one time. We have not received the estimate yet, but it is expected that the repairs will cost many thousands of dollars. The Vestry has approved a recommendation from the Endowment Board to designate the entirety of Barbara

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**6/14, 21, 28 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall**

**6/16 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook  
Soup Supper, 6:30pm, Zoom link thru June**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86376914554?pwd=Zm02Y0xkMmFjVGZRaVc0bFVBL1htdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 7691 4554 Passcode: Soup

### CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- Mail check to church  
21405-82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org)  
and click on "Donate Now."

### ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

Zoom Coffee begins at 12:00pm. Click on Zoom link above. OR go to "zoom.us" on Internet, click on "Join A Meeting" in upper right hand side, at the prompt enter meeting code and then password (noted above). Next prompt is "Enter Meeting." Click on "Join" with audio.

Lagozzino's bequest to cover the costs of the repairs. In making this decision, several members noted how much Barbara appreciated music and her particular affection for John and his art.

The Vestry is delighted to report that Templo Emanuel has resumed worshipping at St. Alban's. The pandemic forced us all to shut down, so, as we reopen, it brings us great joy to see our brothers, sisters, and friends reopen too. Maisy Hochstettler, People's Warden, made a "Welcome Back" poster, which many of our congregation signed. She presented it to Fernely and Irma Robles on their first Sunday back. They really appreciated receiving it. I have heard part of their first couple of services and they were filled with excitement and happiness.

The last Soup Supper of the program year is scheduled for next Wednesday, June 16. The theme of the program has been "Getting to know your neighbor in the pew." Shirley Clark is presenting at the upcoming meeting. As you know, Shirley has served as People's Warden, is a layreader, and is a member of the St. Alban's Knitters. See you all Wednesday evening, after Evening Prayer, as we get to know her better.

Lastly, Senior Warden Susan Hanson noted that our Bylaws stipulate that the Vestry will meet eleven months per year. She also pointed out that, due to the many issues we needed to address, the Vestry has met every month for the last many years (at least the last four). She proposed that we take next month off. By unanimous consent, the Vestry agreed. Our next meeting will be August 10.

As I have said many times, I am so proud of the Vestry for their dedication, focus, diligence, and their ability to balance inward care of the congregation with outward looking nurture of the community and their faithful stewardship of our resources coupled with their foresight as we discern what ministries God is calling us into. They are a hardworking bunch of disciples. They deserve a little rest. Please let them know how much you appreciate them, too!



### **CALLING ALL JUNE 2021 GRADUATES**

We will be celebrating our **2021 graduates on Sunday, June 20**. As their St. Alban's family, we want to celebrate their achievements and bless them in their journey into adulthood.

To be sure your graduate is included, please send the name to Jeannie Wells at ([Jeannie.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:Jeannie.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)) or call the church office (425-778-0371).

**We realize the time is short, but graduate information is needed by noon on Wednesday, June 16 to be included in ATP and bulletin.**



### **CHANGES IN ATP PUBLICATION**

Judy Kistner

The good news is that the weekly ATP will continue, but with some changes. Shortly after the coronavirus prevented us from attending in-person church, Around the Parish was changed to weekly issues. The intent was to help support the parish and keep us in contact with each other. Now that we are beginning to return to in-person church, it seems possible to revise the schedule.

Beginning the first of July, there will be four issues a month published on Friday – Weeks 1 through 4, with no issue when there is a fifth Friday.

Fr. Greg's column will appear in first and third weeks, along with timely announcements, but fewer "feature" articles. Weeks 2 and 4 will also include timely announcements, but also articles about saints, reflections, etc. Every issue will include the schedule for Sunday, Upcoming Activities,





## **WHATCHA READING?**

Louise Penny is a Canadian author who many of us have enjoyed reading. For the last two decades she has written a mystery almost every year featuring Inspector Gamache and set in an idyllic village near Montreal. The first of this 17 book series is Still Life. Kären Ford is always the first among us to get the next one, which will be The Madness Of Crowds to be published on August 24th.

The mysteries stand alone, but it's nice to read them in order to follow the lives of the people who populate the books. Jeannie Burpee reports that she has been listening to them as audio books. Reilly said she has a collection of Louise Penny's books as does Kären. And Maryellen borrowed some of them from Sno-Isle library. For more information, check out the links below.

[Louise Penny Author - Official site](#)

[Louise Penny Books in Order - Books Reading Order](#)

## **THE WAY OF LOVE BIBLE CHALLENGE** **A 50 Day Bible Challenge**

**Marek P. Zabriskie**

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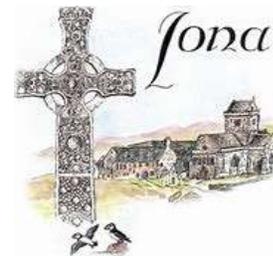
## **WASHINGTON KIDS IN TRANSITION**

Maryellen Young

Pictured is our money at work with volunteers packing bags of summer arts activities. Washington Kids in Transition is giving their clients bags with a journal, colored pencils, sidewalk chalk, rocks to paint with colored pens. I spent a fun afternoon helping to pack these bags, getting to see this organization at work. We helped support this project by providing money for supplies.

Washington Kids in Transition is our quarterly recipient for outreach donations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021. This worthwhile organization helps to serve the over 1200 children in South Snohomish County that are considered homeless and part of the [McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act](#).

We gave them \$420 from donations received in April, and June is our last month for donating to this organization. Additional donations will help support backpacks for their clients for the start of next year's school. Thank you for your generosity.



## **COLUMBA, ABBOT OF IONA** **Apostle of Scotland (died 597)**

In the troubled and violent Dark Ages in Northern Europe, monasteries served as inns, orphanages, centers of learning and even as fortresses. The light of civilization flickered dimly and might have gone out altogether had it not been for these convent-shelters.

Columba, a stern and strong monk from Ireland, founded three such establishments. He founded the monasteries of Derry and Durrow on his native island, and Iona on the coast of Scotland. Iona was the center of operations for the conversion of the Scots and Picts and became the most famous religious house in Scotland. There Columba baptized

Brude, King of the Picts, and later a king of the Scots came to this abbot of the “Holy Isle” for baptism.

The historian Bede tells us that Columba led many to Christianity by his “preaching and example.” He was much admired for his physical as well as spiritual prowess. He was a vigorous ascetic and was still quite active when he died, nearly eighty years old. The memory of Columba lives on in Scotland and Iona, though desecrated during the Reformation, and is today a protestant religious community.



### DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTION

June’s reflections are written by Keith Gogan who teaches English and wilderness backpacking at a Christian university in Tulsa. He attends Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa.

*2 Corinthians 11:32-33 – In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped from his hands.*

My hiking boot shifted suddenly by a few millimeters. I immediately recovered from the misstep, which could have sent me freefalling to my death.

This scenario has unfolded frequently when I’ve climbed peaks in the Rocky Mountains. At times, I’ve been so rattled on some steep slopes that my lower leg has pumped like a piston, and my heart raced like it was in overdrive. When I finally get to safe ground, I feel like both a fool and the luckiest man alive.

Paul knows close calls too. In today’s passage, he tells of his narrow (and unusual) escape. I’m sure Paul thanked God for his escape. We need to follow Paul’s example and thank God after we survive our various perils. It’s too easy to simply chalk our deliverances up to luck or to minimize them afterward. God saves our hides, perhaps scores of times in our lives – especially when we don’t even realize the intervention. “Thank you, God!” is in order every time.

### FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

### FROM ACTUAL POLICE CAR VIDEOS (featuring some quick-thinking cops)

You know, stop lights don’t come any redder than the one you just went through.

Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they’re new. They’ll stretch after you wear them awhile.

If you take your hands off the car, I’ll make your birth certificate a worthless document.

If you run, you’ll only go to jail tired.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### JUNE 13 – 3 PENTECOST

The mustard seed is the 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 13 – Collect

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in that 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 20 – 4 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!

**READINGS**

**JUNE 13 – 3 PENTECOST**

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**JUNE 20 – 4 PENTECOST**

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41



**ST. ALBAN’S YouTube CHANNEL**

There is an alternative option for viewing our Worship services, and you now have two options for your viewing: Facebook or YouTube. In the center of our website front page, there is a link to YouTube, pictured above. If you have problems with Facebook, try YouTube.

**WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS**

1st week—Food Bank  
2nd week—Discretionary Fund  
3rd week—Outreach – Compass Health  
4th week—Washington Kids in Transition  
5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)  
Cell: 206-778-1506  
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm  
Available by appointment

