

## AROUND THE PARISH

January 21, 2022

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

**1/23 9:30am, Eucharist, Live Streamed only on Facebook or YouTube**

**10:45am, Gathering for Annual Meeting**

**11:00am, Meeting Begins on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82968930941?pwd=amRoMEpQRDMwMIJpdIA1SWFIdWFidz09>

Meeting ID 829 6893 0941 Passcode 21405

Dial in number +1 253-215-8782

**1/23 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

**1/23 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm**

NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook



### ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 23

**Our annual Parish Meeting takes place this Sunday, January 23, following our combined service at 9:30am. We will gather at 10:45am, and the Zoom meeting will begin at 11:00am. This is a very important meeting. Our Bylaws require a quorum of 25 communicants in good standing.**

This is an important part of our church life where we review 2021 activities and achievements – finances, buildings and grounds, ministries, outreach, adult education, etc. The 2022 budget has been approved by Vestry and will be reviewed at this meeting.

Despite the difficulties of not having church together for a large part of the year and having to comply with Diocese and State Covid restrictions, we have managed to have a very good year with many active ministries and outreach. Thanks to our parishioners, we enter 2022 with a balanced budget. Needless to say, your support – in time, talent and finances – is the reason we can face 2022 with optimism. May we continue to bless and share with each other and our community the gifts God so graciously gives us!

The materials and reports for the Annual Meeting were emailed to parishioners on Tuesday, January 18. Copies will be available in the Brown Box outside the Sacristy door; if you can't get to church and would like a copy, it can be mailed.

#### Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82968930941?pwd=amRoMEpQRDMwMIJpdIA1SWFIdWFidz09>

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To call into the Annual Meeting: Dial 1-253-215-8782 (Tacoma). You will be asked to enter Meeting ID and Passcode. If you don't have computer access or a smart phone, you can still call in to participate. Although you can't see what is happening, you can hear and participate.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1/24 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

1/26 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, On Line

1/27 1:30-3:00pm, Way of Love

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

1/28 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex

### 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 – have bank send check to St.Albans
- Online go to [www.StAlbansEdmonds.org](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click on "Donate Now."

### GATHER TOGETHER PRAYER

Mighty God, thank you that you hear and answer our prayers. Hear our prayer and be in the midst of our meeting today. Thank you that your presence calms the troubled sea of life and speaks peace to our souls. Give us clear minds and peaceful hearts as we gather together. According to your abundant mercy you have caused us to be born again into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. May we live in the light of your salvation, experiencing the freedom that is ours in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

(Internet: 2022connectusfund)



**END OF YEAR 2021 FINANCIALS**

Submitted by Maryellen Young, Treasurer  
We ended December on a positive note with Income minus Expenses a positive \$4,689.

Income for the year was a positive \$2,184 more than the budget. Our Unpledged Contributions exceeded our budget by about \$3,000 and we had about a \$1,000 shortfall in pledges. Our Loose Plate offerings were below budget, primarily because of a delay in when we started in-person worship services.

Expenses were also under budget by (\$6,375). The primary areas where we have underrun the budget were miscellaneous clergy expenses, office expenses due to an error in the budget, coffee hour expense. Our Diocesan Assessment was lower than budget because of credit we got for some building maintenance expenses.

Initially we anticipated a deficit of about \$4,000. However, with our income exceeding the budget and our expenses under-running our budget, we did not have a shortfall. Instead, we ended the year with \$4,689 more than we spent. Because we spent about \$11,000 from our Buildings & Grounds savings for repairs to our sewer, air scrubbers to improve the air quality and repair to the Sunday School heating system, the Vestry approved replenishing our savings with \$4,000.

<b>Total Actual Income (year-end)</b>	<b>\$174,492</b>
<b>Total Budget Income (year-end)</b>	<b>\$172,308</b>
<b>Total Actual Income minus Budget</b>	<b>\$2,184</b>
<b>Total Actual Expenses (year-end)</b>	<b>\$169,804</b>
<b>Total Budget Expenses (year-end)</b>	<b>\$176,179</b>
<b>Total Actual Expenses minus Budget</b>	<b>(\$6,375)</b>
<b>Net Total Income minus Total Expense</b>	<b>\$4,689</b>



**OUTREACH BALLOT AVAILABLE SOON**

St. Alban's Outreach Committee, has selected the organizations to be voted on for our next 3<sup>rd</sup> week

outreach donation basket recipients, starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022. The ballot will soon be sent to the ATP email list and mailed to those who receive the ATP by mail.

You can vote for up to four organizations by either: completing the ballot and returning it to church by mail or using the mail slot; or just emailing a list indicating your choice of four organizations to [maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net). For households with more than one person, each member of the household is eligible to vote. Please indicate votes by members of the household to help with the vote tabulation. The top four vote getters will be selected. Watch for more information soon.

**FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS**

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order.

- ✓ Limit of one order per residential address
- ✓ One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen Covid-19 tests
- ✓ Orders will ship free starting in late January

Order form is available on website.

Websites: <https://special.usps.com/testkits> **OR** [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov)



Bishop Rickel offers his thoughts and reflections on the life and teachings of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Even if it's one small act, one small gesture, one step in the direction of humanity, do it. Do it today and then build that habit so we lean in that direction every day. And if we do, we will, as Dr. King also said so beautifully, 'Bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice.' Every tiny act, added all together bends it evermore towards justice and equality and finally to a people-oriented existence.



**DIRECTORY UPDATES REMINDER!!**

Do you have any information that needs to be changed for an upcoming edition of the St. Alban’s Directory?

One change to think about is your telephone number. Many people have switched from using land line telephones to cell phones, but haven’t shared the new cell phone number with us. If you have made the switch and would like your cell phone number listed, please let us know. In some cases, people want both numbers listed.

Changes can be sent via email to [StAlbansEdmonds@gmail.com](mailto:StAlbansEdmonds@gmail.com) or telephoned to the office at 425-778-0371



St. Alban’s has received two Thank You letters from the Lynnwood Food Bank.

In November 2021, our congregation generously donated \$880 to the Lynnwood Food Bank and in December 2021, our donation was \$360.

“During the month of November, the Food Bank served 2,202 households with 7,826 individuals, almost a 50% increase compared to the same month before Covid. With so many people out of work right now, the need has grown substantially, and it is with your support that we are able to help meet that need.

“These households are served only because our community provides countless hours of volunteer work and financial support. We thank you for your kindness and generosity towards our community; you are helping make this a better place.”

Matthew J. Appel, Treasurer  
Lynnwood Food Bank

**THINK ENGLISH IS EASY??**

*Homographs are words of like spelling, but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.*

The bandage was “wound” around the “wound.”

The farm was used to “produce produce.”

The dump was so full that it had to “refuse” more “refuse.”

We must “polish” the “Polish” furniture.

He could “lead” if he would get the “lead” out.

(Contributed by an anonymous reader.)



From Dave Wilson

**I lost my job at the bank on my very first day! A lady asked me to check her balance so I pushed her over.**

**Due to my isolation, I finished three books yesterday. Believe me that’s a lot of coloring.**

**I asked my Doctor today how long he thinks this Covid thing will last. He responded with, “How should I know? I’m a Doctor, not a politician.**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**JANUARY 23 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER 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.

**JANUARY 30 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JANUARY 23 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

### Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 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 all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### JANUARY 30 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 1:4-10,

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

## PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn [kiwicat1@gmail.com](mailto:kiwicat1@gmail.com) or 425-745-1390

### **Prayers of the People:**

Prayers of the People that are used during the 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.

## 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](mailto:gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)

Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm

(Available by appointment)

## WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

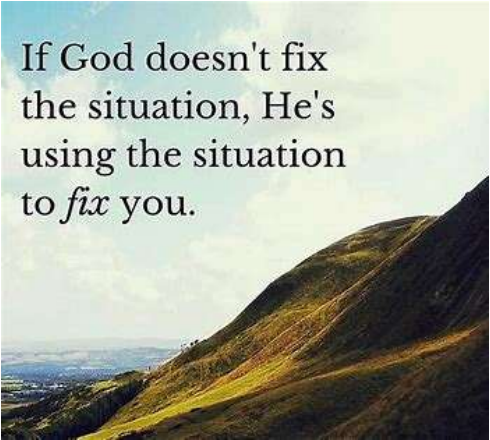
1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach – Domestic Violence Services

4th week—Capital Improvements

5<sup>th</sup> Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)



If God doesn't fix  
the situation, He's  
using the situation  
to *fix* you.

## 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

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.