

AROUND THE PARISH

February 11, 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

Sunday Eucharist on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

2/13 10:30am Eucharist, Live Streamed only

2/13 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2/13 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm

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



Fr. Greg Peters

Report back from the February 8, 2022, Vestry Meeting to the Congregation.

Here are six things your Vestry would like to report about our meeting of February 8.

We welcomed our new members, **Jan Skidmore, Liz Bee, Wendre Vaughan, and Eric Hanson**. Jan volunteered to serve by fulfilling the two-year term left vacant by Jim Nichols' death.

Senior Warden:

Greg informed the Vestry that he had asked **Liz Bee** to serve as Senior Warden, and he was delighted to announce that she had accepted.

Officers: Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Clerk, and Almoner:

The Vestry subsequently chose **Phil McClelland** to serve as Junior Warden for our Facilities; **Maisy Hochstetler** as People's Warden; **Maryellen Young** as Treasurer; **Jeannie Wells** as Clerk; and **Dan Mullene** as Almoner (the person charged with assisting with the Discretionary Fund).

In-Person Worship:

Working with the Worship Committee and considering the advice of several medical professionals in our congregation, the Vestry hopes that in-person worship and meetings can resume on **Ash Wednesday, March 2**. Of course, this is dependent on the continued waning of the omicron surge. If there is a secondary surge or another variant develops, reopening will have to be delayed. While we are planning for the resumption of in-person worship, we have also decided that is best to hold off the resumption of Coffee Hour until Easter.

Parochial Report:

We approved the annual Parochial Report, which provides statistical information on membership, attendance, and finances to the Diocese and Episcopal Church. A good bit of time was spent addressing two

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2/14 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

2/16 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Live Streamed

6:30pm "Soup Supper"

7:00pm, "Getting to Know..." Program, Zoom

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2/17 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

2/18 4:30-5:30pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall

7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex

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 – have bank send check to St.Albans.
- Online go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on "Donate Now."



Thank You, Lord

Today I give thanks

For the blessings you've given me

For the kind people you've placed in my path,

The beauty that exists all around me,

And for the million gentle mercies and graces

That are a part of each fresh, new day.

I sing your praises, Lord.

narrative questions, “**Looking toward the future, what changes do you hope to see in your faith community? What does your community need in order to bring these changes about?**” This was a very fruitful discussion. Please, look forward to hearing more about our responses as the year progresses.

Celtic Concert, Benefit for Chase Lake School Canceled:

After a lengthy discussion, we determined that the Celtic Concert, tentatively scheduled for the Monday of Holy Week, would be put off again. We reasoned that, given the uncertainties of the Pandemic, we would be unlikely to attract an audience large enough to make this worthwhile. This was a difficult decision to make, but we are determined to resume this annual event in the future.



“GETTING TO KNOW....” SOUP SUPPER

Eric Hanson will be the featured guest at our monthly Soup Supper on **Wednesday, February 16.**

Our gathering begins at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer on line. There is a brief break for your supper, and the program begins on Zoom at 7:00pm. Eric frequently gives 10:30 music harmony and has quite a musical background and history.

Join us for this event with the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449954451?pwd=dytEN014bE5CRnhwSUJnSHBHQnY1QT09>

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MORE THAN ENOUGH—EPIPHANY SEASON

The season of Epiphany is a stark and luminous reminder that signs of the divine light of Christ can be both tenderly subtle and glaringly obvious. You might notice that light and likeness imagery often go together in Scripture. Despite our apparent

differences, class, race, or circumstance, we all share in the likeness of God. And in sharing likeness, we all share God’s light as well.

And during the season of Epiphany, we are ready to witness the manifestation of Christ’s light in all things, people, and the Earth that we steward. And not only to witness and find beauty and remarkability in it, but how we humbly offer our valuable gifts and reverence for others and the world.

As we continue to notice these signs, big or small, there is an abundance of light and likeness to be found in our lives.



MAUREEN FORSYTHE

It is with sadness that we share that Maureen Forsythe passed away recently. The Forsythes were only with us for about three years, but they made a significant contribution to our community while here.

Maureen and Steve both served on Vestry with Maureen volunteering to fill a one-year vacancy. They made up half of our team at the College for Congregational Development. And they both were active on our capital campaign and fund-raising activities. The Forsythes added a good dose of “southern sensibility” to our Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration.

Maureen brought a depth of faith to our congregation. She was particularly drawn to the spiritual and peacemaking work of Archbishop Tutu and the Dalai Lama. She very much loved their *Book of Joy*. Let us remember her with joy.

The Forsythes moved to Oklahoma in 2020 to be close to their daughter. Maureen had health issues for several years. If you would like to send a card to Steve, his address is 4606 E. 54th Street, Apt 106, Tulsa, OK 74135. Should you wish to make a memorial donation, Steve suggests New Hope Oklahoma, PO box 3243, Tulsa, OK 74101



VOTE FOR YOUR OUTREACH FAVORITES

Now is your chance to express your preference for St. Alban's Outreach recipients for the next four quarters. Parishioners have nominated their favorites, and your votes are needed to select the "winners."

Outreach ballots were emailed separately to a St. Alban's-only email list or were included with ATP copies to those receiving mailed versions. You can vote for up to four organizations. The top four vote getters will be selected. Ballots are due to church by February 27. Ballots can be mailed to church, dropped off through the mail slot in Fr. Greg's door, or you can email your selections to maryelleny@comcast.net.

Lost your ballot? Contact the church office for another one. There are also copies available in the Brown Box by the Sacristy door at back of church.

Listed below are the organizations found on the ballot:

Chaplains on the Harbor's Harbor Roots Farm; ChildStrive; Clothes for Kids; Cocoon House; Compass Health; Early Life Speech & Language; Edmonds Waterfront Center; Faith Action Network; Habitat for Humanity; Hand in Hand; Hopelink; Hope Works; Housing Hope; Kairos of Washington; Ladybug House; Literacy Source; Matthew House; PAWS; World Vision

DIANA BUTLER BASS LECTURES

February 15 & 16 – Hybrid Event

Tuesday Feb 15, 6:30-8:00pm (EST)

Lost Histories: The Problem of Anglican Exceptionalism and Honest Remembering

Wednesday Feb 16, 6:30-8:00pm (EST)

Beyond Tradition: The Necessity of Experience & Memory as a Spiritual Practice

Dr. Bass draws from decades of her work to reflect on the centrality of memory to Anglican identity the craft of history, remembering as a spiritual practice, the relationship between tradition and experience and the urgent need to strengthen churches as communities of narrative memory.

[CLICK HERE To Register for the Livestream](#)



MEANINGFUL MOVIES –

John Lewis: Good Trouble

The next film in this series is John Lewis: Good Trouble, Screening Window February 17-19, with Panel/Community Discussion February 18 at 6:00pm. Using interviews and rare archival footage, the film chronicles the life and career of the legendary civil rights activist. Running time: 96 minutes

REGISTER TO RECEIVE A 72-HOUR SCREENING LINK TO USE ON YOUR OWN DEVICE – SCREENING WINDOW FEBRUARY 17-19.

JOIN US FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION AND COMMUNITY CONVERSATION VIA ZOOM: Friday, February 18, 2022 at 6:00pm PT.

This event is free, but please register by using the Eventbrite link here.

[February Screening \(ecww.org\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/february-screening-tickets-31234567890)



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

The following is written by Catherine Healy, rector of St. Paul & the Redeemer in Chicago, Illinois.

Luke 6:20-21: Then (Jesus) looked up at his disciples and said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Mathew gets all the press, but in the Gospel of Luke, we hear the equally powerful Sermon on the Plain. In all the gospels, but especially in Luke, Jesus shows his commitment to people who have been pushed to the edges of society – the poor, the sick, the widowed, and anyone else who might wonder if there is a place for them in the kingdom of God.

In this sermon, Jesus offers an amazing promise to all of us who have ever found ourselves poor, hungry, or weeping. Instead of worrying that our suffering is some kind of divine retribution for an unknown sin, we can trust that God has not sent our hardships to punish us – and that, instead, God will bless us in ways we can't even begin to imagine. With this promise comes a responsibility: we must find ways to be a blessing to others in need too.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



jokes

From Dave Wilson

A woman went to the emergency room, where she was seen by a young new doctor. After about three minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out of the room and ran down the corridor screaming.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was; after listening to her story, he calmed her down and sat her in another room. Then the doctor marched down the hallway to the first doctor's room.

"What is wrong with you?" he demanded. "This woman is 63 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant!!!"

"Does she still have the hiccups?"



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

FEBRUARY 13 – 6TH SUNDAY AFT EPIPHANY

The Lord says, *"I the Lord will test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings."* Are we cultivating the Holy Habits – prayer, study, generous giving, and regular worship and support in our parish community – so that the "fruit of our doings" is a reflection of our ever-growing thanksgiving to the Giver of all?

FEBRUARY 20 – 7TH SUNDAY AFT EPIPHANY

Joseph said to his brothers, *"Come closer to me."* And conscientious stewards remember that's what God says to us daily: *"Come closer to me"*; give me your burdens and your concerns. Rest in me when you are weary, and trust my plans for you and yours. We can take comfort in God's promise that we don't have to go it alone.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FEBRUARY 13 – 6TH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Collect for 6th Sunday after Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FEBRUARY 20 – 7TH SUNDAY AFT EPIPHANY

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm 37:1-12, 412-42

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

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 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 OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home
Wednesday Church Office – 10:00am – 2:00 pm
(Available by appointment)
Via email: wpeters.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 Service
4th week—Capital Improvements
5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn 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.

