

AROUND THE PARISH

February 18, 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

2/20 10:30am, Eucharist, Livestreamed only
7:00pm, Taize, Online

2/20 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2/20 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

This Saturday, February 19, marks the 80th Anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066, which ordered the forced relocation of American citizens of Japanese descent to internment camps far from the West Coast of our country, far from their homes, businesses, and communities. That order was signed by an Episcopalian, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Ben Kodama, a parishioner of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Seattle's International District (historically a Japanese and Japanese American congregation), remembers being sent to one of these camps. He was a boy of eight or so. He told me once that it wasn't so hard for him, but those older, teenaged boys, "Man, they were pissed." Ben was young enough to go along with what was happening, but those older boys, losing their lives, their freedoms, right at the cusp of adulthood, found it intolerable. Ben was relatively powerless; those teenagers had their burgeoning power taken from them. In his later years, Ben has devoted many hours to visiting classrooms throughout the Puget Sound region teaching about his experiences during the Internment and afterward.

Florita Skov, who grew up in the Kent Valley where many Japanese Americans lived, owned farms and ran businesses before WWII, remembers how one day many of her childhood friends were simply gone. Even though she is a white person of Scandinavian descent, the Internment left a lasting impression on her. Six decades later, then a parishioner at All Saints, Seattle, she always made a point of promoting St. Peter's annual *Big Take Out* fundraiser. And it wasn't infrequent that her close friends from St. Peter's would join us in worship.

Fr. Tim Nakayama, who served as the Rector of St. Peter's, told me that during the Internment, each family of St. Peter's was allotted a space in the parish hall for storing their possessions. It was never enough room for all their possessions, only their most cherished

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2/21 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

2/23 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Online

2/24 1:30-3:00pm, Way of Love, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

2/25 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex

3/2 12:00/6:00pm, Ash Wednesday Eucharists,
In person, In Doors for those fully vaccinated
(Depending on decreasing Covid numbers)

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."

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, we will resume in-person worship at St. Alban's. Covid numbers have continued to drop the past few weeks. Fr. Greg has consulted with Vestry and our parish medical team, and, barring any unforeseen new developments, we will begin to worship together again.

Ash Wednesday services will be at noon and 6:00pm. As has been our practice, we will wear masks, remain at safe distances and receive communion at the foot of the altar steps. Our Ash Wednesday service will be available on our website by 7:00pm. More information to follow.

ones. The church itself was mothballed during this time, with oversight and maintenance falling to the Bishop and the Diocese. From time to time, a family would realize that they needed something or other from their storage space and they would write Bishop S. Arthur Huston, who served from 1925 – 47. Fr. Tim lit up when he related that Bishop Huston would personally go down to the church, find the requested items, and send them to the families.

In the 1970s and 80s, several members of St. Peter's were involved in petitioning our national government for an investigation into the injustices caused by Executive Order 9066, for reparations, and establishment of a national monument about the Internment. President Carter established an investigative commission. The commission produced a report, *Personal Justice Denied*, that stated that there was little or no evidence of disloyalty by Americans of Japanese descent and that the incarceration was a result of "racism, prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership." Subsequently, President Reagan officially apologized for the Internment.

I tell you these stories in order that we not forget our past -- they are part of our collective national history, they are part of the history of our denomination. An Episcopalian enacted this injustice. Episcopalians were directly affected. And other Episcopalians took part in the restoration of justice, healing, reparation, and truth.

Human beings are complicated. Like President Roosevelt, we do many good things and sometimes we make closed-minded, terrible, sinful decisions that have far reaching ramifications. Like Bishop Huston, we sometimes do magnanimous, selfless things simply because they are the right thing to do or because they are our part of responsibility and calling to care for our neighbors. By grace, we are sometimes able to acknowledge our mistakes, missteps, and sins, learn from them, and change our lives (the BCP says amend our lives). Sometimes, with divine courage, we speak truth and will not let it be denied until things are made right.

Remember, our past, in all its detail, subtly, and nuance is important. Even when we do well, we can always learn from our experiences. When we do ill, we can learn and "amend our lives." Our calling as followers of Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, is to seek the truth that sets us and our neighbors free.



REST IN PEACE JON BURPEE

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our brother in Christ, Jon Burpee, died on Tuesday morning, February 15, at Swedish Edmonds Hospital. Jon has been enduring serious medical issues for some time. His wife Jeannie was with him at the time of his death. The Burpees moved to Edmonds in 2018, soon joined our church family and have both been active in several ministries and fellowship.

Please keep Jeannie, their three children and other family members in your hearts and prayers.

If you wish to send a card to the family, the address is:

Jeannie Burpee
705 Birch Pl
Edmonds, WA 98020



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, TAIZE

At 7:00pm on Sunday, February 20, our outstanding Music Director, John Lehrack, will present his special Taizé service. This is a program of music, prayer, meditation, chanting (join in or listen), beautiful photographs – all geared to add to our at-home worship. This program will be online.

John's poem selection for this program is from *Something Black*, copyright 1966. It was written by Yusef Iman, a black poet, singer, actor, playwright and director. He was born in Savannah, GA, in 1933 and died in 1987.

brought here in slave ships and pitched overboard
Love your enemy
language taken away, culture taken away
Love your enemy
work from sun up to sun down
Love your enemy

Last hired first fired
 Love your enemy
 Rape your mother
 Love your enemy
 Lynch your father
 Love your enemy
 Bomb your churches
 Love your enemy
 Kill your children
 Love your enemy
 Forced to fight his Wars
 Love your enemy
 Pay the highest rent
 Love your enemy
 Sell you rotten food
 Love your enemy
 Forced to live in slums
 Love your enemy
 Dilapidated schools
 Love your enemy
 Puts you in jail
 Love your enemy
 Bitten by dogs
 Love your enemy
 Water hose you down
 Love your enemy
 Love,
 Love,
 Love,
 Love,
 Love, for everybody else,
 but when will we love ourselves???????



JANUARY FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for January was \$15,220 compared to a budget of \$16,452 or (\$1,232) under budget. Pledges are slightly lower as are loose plate offerings--because we are back to online worship. We are waiting for a couple of prepaid pledges that are coming from investment accounts. When they arrive, these prepaid funds will be spread evenly monthly.

Expenses for January were \$17,159 compared to a budget of \$17,336 or (\$177) under budget.

Year-to-date expenses exceed income as expected. Both income and, as much as possible, expenses are spread according to past history. Expenses are greater

at the beginning of the year and income is greater at the end of the year, explaining why we spend more than we receive at the beginning of the year.

Total Actual Income	\$15,220
Total Budget Income	\$16,452
Total Actual Income minus Budget	(\$1,232)
Total Actual Expenses (year-end)	\$17,159
Total Budget Expenses (year-end)	\$17,336
Total Actual Expenses minus Budget	(\$177)
Net Total Income minus Total Expense	(\$1,939)

BIBLE CLASS BEGINS EXODUS STUDY

Our Sunday morning Adult Christian Education group has finished Genesis and is moving on to the Book of Exodus. Seeing Exodus as a metaphor of our own sojourn from wilderness to the freedom of Easter, it will be the focus of our study in coming weeks.

Join us at 9:15am on Sundays via Zoom. The class is still online only at this time.

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GETTING READY FOR FOOD BANK DRIVE

Lee Forsberg

Last Monday was Valentines Day, a day of much giving. I am happy to announce that we are planning another Food Bank Drop for **Saturday, March 5, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.** We will need to plan for March weather as we could be dealing with a bit of cold. I know you will have such fun that you will hardly notice anything else. The feeling of good will, helping and generosity abounds at these events.

I would very much appreciate it if you can confirm soon that you will be able to help so that we can plan on our working crew (that is the "having fun crew").

Much thanks to all you wonderful people who reach out to help those who have less than we. Thanks !!!

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EVENTS

Executive Order 9066 authorized the forced removal and mass incarceration of Japanese Americans. The 80th anniversary of this event is being commemorated by a number of Japanese American organizations.

On Saturday, February 19, 10:00am-1:00pm, a

group of Japanese Americans will gather at the Puyallup Fairgrounds at 10:00am, moving at 11:00am to the NW Detention Center, both sites of detention. The program will include a live Taiko drumming performance by Fuji Taiko and a special ceremony to remember Japanese American concentration camps and incarcerated.

Click [here](#) to download the flyer to learn more.

On Sunday, February 20, Cascadia Art Museum in Edmonds is hosting a Day of Remembrance event in commemoration of the signing of Executive Order 9066. You are invited to join the events, performances, workshops, and food honoring Japanese Americans. Tickets are available online or at the door. For info or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).



CELEBRATING BLACK VOICES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 28, 2022

12:00pm in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

In celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for an honest conversation with five Black leaders who serve The Episcopal Church. Collectively, their service to the Church spans more than 150 years and each of them continues to serve in ways that make a difference.

Hosted by the Church Pension Group's (CPG) People of African Descent affinity group, we will explore the panel's experiences and thoughts around Becoming Beloved Community; examine themes around social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion; and discuss the challenges and opportunities they see in a predominantly white Church.

We hope you can join us for this candid conversation on Monday, February 28, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET.

Individuals interested in attending can register at cpg.org/BlackVoices. Questions can be submitted in advance to corpcomm@cpg.org. Please note, this conversation will be recorded.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)



As noted in Fr. Greg's column last week, Vestry officers and Liaison Leaders were determined at the meeting on Tuesday, February 8.

Serving as officers:

Senior Warden: Liz Bee

Junior Warden, People's: Maisy Hochstetler

Junior Warden, Bldgs & Grounds: Phil McClelland

Clerk: Jeannie Wells

Treasurer: Maryellen Young

Ministry Areas & Liaison Leaders:

Worship: Shirley Clark

Faith Formation: Jeannie Burpee

Buildings & Ground: Phil McClelland

Communications: Cyndi Jacobson

Finance: Jan Skidmore

Fellowship: Wendre Vaughan

Faith Expressions: Eric Hanson

Stewardship: Liz Bee

Evangelism & Social Justice: Maisy Hochstetler

Please contact those listed above with any concerns or questions you may have.

AND, there is always a need for volunteers to assist in each and every ministry. Many tasks that keep St. Alban's afloat are occasional and not full-time commitments. You can not only provide needed service, but also share fellowship with other parishioners – some you may not really know.



MORE VOTES NEEDED

More votes are needed for St. Alban's Outreach recipients for the next four quarters. So far we have received 19 ballots, but we don't have any clear front runners. There are 8 leading organizations within one or two votes of winning and 3 organizations close behind. Last year the winning organizations received between \$730 and \$1,195 in donations from us, so this is an important vote for the recipients.

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. There are also copies of ballots 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



CHASE LAKE BACKPACKS

More shopping for Chase Lake Backpack program. Reilly Mannery and Maryellen Young went shopping at Costco this time, spending about \$107 to help replenish the Food Pantry Shelves at Chase Lake Community School to use for their backpack program. We still have funds available so we can continue shopping. This week we got some diced peaches, Mac & Cheese boxes, Tuna, Spam, Cup of Noodles and some treats of Rice Krispie bars and Oreo packs of two cookies.



LORRIE PRUITT'S CANINE COMPANIONS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your contribution (\$747.00) to Canine Companions made in memory of Lorrie Pruitt. Your thoughtful donation in support of the Puget Sound area helps us provide expertly trained service dogs and ongoing follow-up services, entirely free of charge to our clients. Since our founding in 1975, Canine Companions has placed over 7,000 service dogs, including more than 350 working dog teams placed in 2021.

Your tribute makes a difference for people with disabilities.

“My life has been totally changed by a cold nose and a wagging tail who gives me freedom and

independence,” says four-time graduate Joan with Service Dog Finn.

Your support helps children, adults and veterans with disabilities live with greater independence. We are so grateful for your contribution and dedication to our mission.

Canine Companions

BETTER TOGETHER FAITH FORMATION

March 12, 9:00am / \$20 Registration

Better Together is for church staff, clergy, volunteers, and musicians who are deeply involved with faith formation in its many aspects. It's for those who design programming for children and families, youth, adults, and across the generations; plan special faith-based events; create liturgy, music, and the arts; advocate for social justice; and serve through outreach and community building.

We'll gather on Saturday, March 12, from 9:00am–4:00pm via Zoom to hear from several amazing featured speakers who are re-thinking what spiritual formation looks like in a changing world. We'll connect with each other through interactive workshops that get to the heart of our work in these strange times filled with both uncertainty and potential. Musical guests, poetry, and prayer will round out the day.

See the registration link below for more details.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg





From Dave Wilson

I think my wife has started to show the first signs of Alzheimer's. She said she can't remember what she saw in me.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim." I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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.

FEBRUARY 27 – LAST EPIPHANY

It is hard to believe that Lent begins this week. Have you considered yet what discipline you might assume for these next weeks? Rather than "giving something up," what might you "take on" that will help you to grow as a steward and apprentice of Jesus?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FEBRUARY 20 – 7TH SUNDAY AFT EPIPHANY

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Collect for 7th Sunday after Epiphany

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FEBRUARY 27 – LAST EPIPHANY

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

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)

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
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

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.

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.