

AROUND THE PARISH

February 4, 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

- 2/6 10:30am Eucharist, Live Streamed only
2/6 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SWlPUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>
Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst
2/6 Worship Committee Meeting, 12:00, Zoom
2/6 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

Happy February. Happy Black History Month.

I have to tell you, my first reaction whenever I see a “Black Lives Matter” sign, is “Thank you.” It comes spontaneously, unconsciously, unbidden – a short sigh of relief mixed with gratitude. It’s like I know that this is a safe place, a sanctuary.

I know, I’ve said something like this before, but it’s all because of Sarah. Like all children, she has her unique challenges, and while I’ve studied the history of our nation and intellectually understand the burden of discrimination African Americans experience, I’ve only known it to a very small degree. This discrimination has not really affected me personally. I’m still not affected very much, really, personally, but with this blessed child, I’m coming to know it on a familial level. Those Black Lives Matter signs signal a sanctuary where she is less likely to be judged by the color of her skin.

So, again, I am thankful: thankful for our daughter and all her unique gifts; thankful for the potential our society has to heal and to change toward the better; thankful for all the ways America is what it is on account of all the enriching, improving, and invigorating presence of people of African descent in our cultural, history, and life.

The church, too, would not be what it is without the contribution of Africa. We know from Acts that from the very beginning the church thrived in Africa. Alexandria was one of the preeminent centers of Christianity, its faith, its thought, its worship. The monastic traditions of the universal church were born in the deserts of Africa. Some of the most faithful witnesses were and are African, just look at the Martyrs of Uganda and Archbishop Tutu. Some of the most important “doctors” of the church were and are African, just look at the continuing and lasting influence of Augustine of Hippo.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 2/7 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
2/8 Vestry Meeting
2/9 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Online
2/10 1:30-3:00, Way of Love
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
2/11 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex
2/16 6:00pm Evening Prayer; 6:30 “Soup Supper”
7:00pm, “Getting to Know...” Program

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.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, who was never in a hurry, we pray, O God, that You will slow us down for we know that we live too fast. With all of eternity before us, make us take time to live – time to get acquainted with You, time to enjoy Your blessings and time to know each other.

Lord, where we are wrong, make us willing to change; where we are right, make us easy to live with.

Peter Marshall

In our country, we can look to many examples of the gifts generously shared by African American Christians that have contributed to the vitality, faithfulness, integrity, innovation, justice-proclaiming, and peacemaking of the universal church. Just in our denomination, we are blessed with many theologians, liturgists, historians, ethicists, preachers, teachers, musicians, and leaders at every level of lay and ordained ministry, who are of African descent.

This month alone the church remembers three saints of African descent, Absalom Jones, Fredrick Douglas, and Archbishop Janani Luwum of Uganda. Absalom Jones, whose feast day is Sunday the 13th, was the first person of African descent ordained in the Episcopal Church. The great abolitionist, orator, and, I would say, though unelected, statesman, Fredrick Douglas, is honored on Sunday the 20th. And Archbishop Luwum, who was martyred in 1977 during the murderous reign of Idi Amin, is remembered on the 17th.

It is rather arbitrary to set aside the month of February to celebrate the many ways our lives, our nation, and the history of our world and our faith are enriched by Africans and people of African ancestry. Honestly, what part of the year is not permeated with these influences? What part of our lives is not enriched by these contributions?

Still, it is important to have a regular remembrance, to call these things to mind, to honor the things we so often take for granted. And we know that there is much to correct in our society and in our church. Recognition of blessings with gratitude is a great first step toward redemption, realization of things that have gone wrong, amendment of life, and reconciliation.

So happy and blessed African History Month to you. Let us give thanks, let us live eucharistic lives with humility, let us lift every voice, let us join in the song of praise that makes earth and heaven ring.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 300 has been part of St. Alban's for over 50 years. Many boys have grown into leaders as part of this group. They have worked to earn badges, learned responsibility, dedication, and respect for

others, as well as themselves. Troop 300 Scouts have progressed and risen to higher ranks, many becoming Eagle Scouts, their highest rank.

St. Alban's has been blessed in many ways by the special projects and support given to our parish. Our Scouts and their families join together to clean-up and help maintain our grounds twice a year – removing fallen debris, trimming shrubbery, cleaning and raking the yard and planting beds, applying bark mulch, etc.

Eagle Scout projects at St. Alban's have benefited us beyond what we could do – new ramp to Annex, railing on sides of church entry, rebuilding the play area, building the gazebo, adding a cement walk for it, meditation space in the front garden, adding two storage buildings and replacing the preschool shed.

In the past before Covid restrictions, we have invited Troop 300 members to join us in church to celebrate them. That is not feasible this year, but let us give thanks to this group, their leaders and families for their commitment to St. Alban's. Let us offer prayers for their continued personal success and thanksgiving for their service to us, especially on Scouting's birthday, February 8.



A BIT OF SCOUTING HISTORY

"Do a Good Turn Daily" is the Scout Slogan

One day in London, England in 1909, an American visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was. A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the city center.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him.

"No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

When Mr. Boyce asked what a Scout might be, the boy told him about himself and his fellow Scouts. Boyce became very interested, and after his errand asked the boy to take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Being so

impressed with what he learned, Boyce took the Scouting movement to America.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. February 8 has been celebrated as the birthday of Scouting in the United States. No one knows what happened to that boy who helped Mr. Boyce, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the Scouting movement to the U.S.

(Internet search for Boy Scout history)



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Sharon Joy, Altar Guild Flower Chair

We all like to see beautiful flowers in our church, but we seem to keep running into road blocks. At present, the reality is that we are not attending in person, and we do not have access to sign up to contribute or dedicate flowers. Once again, we find ourselves on the outside looking in.

Lent begins on March 6 which makes February the only opportunity any of us have to make floral dedications until after Easter, April 17. However, you are able to make dedications for this month. If you would like to donate/dedicate flowers, please call Sharon Joy (425-478-6844), and she will assist you in making that happen.

This Sunday, February 6, we will have flowers in the sanctuary, and they are being provided through the generosity of those who have donated to our Flower Fund. Altar Guild will use money from this fund to provide flowers during February if necessary.

SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 16

Eric Hanson will be our guest on the next **Soup Supper program on Wednesday, February 16.** When we were attending church in person, you probably noticed that he sings various harmonies to the hymns. Come get to know this musical person and about his career.

Event begins with Evening Prayer at 6:00pm online, gives a brief recess, and resumes at 7:00pm with our guest. Program likely to be on Zoom; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449954451?pwd=dytEN014bE5CRnhwSUJnSHBHQnY1QT09>

Meeting ID: 884 4995 4451 Passcode: Soup

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Welcome to:

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Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043
206-459-3187
Email: Kirsten.e.chow@gmail.com

P.S. Be sure to send in any changes in your address, phone and/or email to church office. Parish Directory will be updated soon.



PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin – February 2

Ancient Jewish custom prescribed that a woman who had borne a male child should forty days after giving birth, come to the Temple to be “purified” (Leviticus 12). Furthermore, it was customary to present publicly every male child to God in the Temple (Exodus 13:2 – 12). Therefore, Mary and Joseph went up to the Temple for her Purification and Jesus’ Presentation.

In the Temple, to everyone’s surprise, a devout old man, Simeon, who was full of the Holy Spirit and “waiting for the consolation of Israel,” took the infant Jesus in his arms and praised God in the words of the now familiar *Nunc dimittis*. In this canticle Simeon proclaimed Jesus “a light to lighten the Gentiles.” For this reason, in medieval times the *Nunc dimittis* was sung and candles were blessed and lit and carried in procession through the streets on the night of this feast.

It is still called “Candlemas” in England, and the ancient “Feast of Lights” is still sometimes observed in connection with this occasion. Certainly a reflection on the *Nunc dimittis* (BCP, pp 66 and 126) is always an appropriate devotion for this day.

Almighty God, we pray that as your only Son our Savior was presented in the temple of the old covenant, so we, who are the temple of his Holy Spirit, may come before you with pure and clean hearts.

Calendar of Saints, Forward Movement

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES
VIRTUAL EVENT

Our Outreach recipient this first quarter of 2022 is Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. They are having a virtual event, “Spare the Love Happy Hours,” Thursday, February 17, at 4:00pm PT. Join us to learn more about our programs and services. And don’t forget your mocktail recipes provided when you register. Join us to learn more about our programs and services.

[Register Here](#)



Outreach Ballots

Parishioners are being asked to vote on the next four quarters for our Outreach recipients. Ballots were emailed to a St. Alban’s-only email list or were included with copies of a recently mailed Around the Parish. **Ballots are due by February 27.** You can mail your ballot to church, drop it through the mail slot in Fr. Greg’s door or email your selections to maryelleny@comcast.net.

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)

Diana Butler Bass Paddock 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 identify 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](#)

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of Morrison’s store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, “Son, can you tell me where the post office is?”

The little boy replied, “Sure! Just go straight down this street and at the end, turn to your right.”

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, “I’m the new minister in town. I’d like for you to come to

church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven."

Little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

FEBRUARY 6 – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:8 ends with the Lord saying: *"Who shall I send, and who will go for us?"* As those wishing to be faithful stewards, will our response be the same as the one in the lesson – *"Here am I, send me"?*

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?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FEBRUARY 6 – 5TH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Collect for 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FEBRUARY 13 – 6TH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

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)

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: gpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

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.

