

AROUND THE PARISH

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.



JUNE 17, 2022

SUNDAY – June 19, 2022

St. Alban's Legacy Sunday

Farewell to John Lehrack following each service

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services for those fully vaccinated

9:00am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is currently studying Acts

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

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

7:00pm, Taize, YouTube

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



Fr. Greg Peters

The Vestry met last Tuesday evening, June 14. Here's the rundown of six things we would like to report back to you.

1. Troop 300 scout, Travis Smith, made a presentation about an Eagle project. Travis proposes making and installing two wrought iron benches near the playground. This was a preliminary presentation, but the Vestry is enthusiastic about it and is looking forward to seeing more definitive plans.
2. Jacob Vaughan also made a presentation about a program he is setting up to teach children how to play Pokeman. The program will principally be focused on meeting the needs of children on the Autism spectrum. Jacob made a detailed presentation of the aims, goals, and material needs of the program. The Vestry was very impressed with Jacob's program and allocated \$500 from Undesignated Funds, which are set aside for funding new ministries, for the necessary materials.
3. The Vestry voted to endorse a Special Needs Parents' Support Group. This program, begun by Maisy Hochstetler and Wendre Vaughan, is aimed at parents of special needs children, to build a mutually supportive community and provide relief as needed. By endorsing this program, the Vestry has recognized it as an official ministry of our congregation.
4. We approved renewed contracts for West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool and Templo Emanuel. The contracts were reviewed, updated, and revised by our fabulous Contract Team. Thank you, Mary Fowler and Dan Mullene, for that good work!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

6/18 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Celebration with Wine & Appetizers, PH

6/23 1:30-3:00pm, With Gladness, PH

6/30 1:00pm, Claudia Walker Memorial Service

WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE ROAD.....

7/4 Independence Day – Office Closed

7/13 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot

7/31 12:00pm, Church picnic at church

With the St. Alban's Celebration on June 18 and John Lehrack's farewell on June 19, please hold off on bringing donations for the food bank until June 26. This will allow the Parish Hall to look more festive for those events

5. Shirley Clark, Jeannie Burpee, Liz Bee, and Greg Peters attended the Bishop's Leadership Conference in mid-May. They presented a report to the Vestry about what they took away from the conference. We learned that

- a. compared to many other congregations, we are in very good financial shape;
- b. our attendance has remained good throughout the pandemic, (this is true for both our live-streamed and in-person attendance);
- c. our facilities and grounds are put to good use by many ministries both within our congregation and by those beyond it (people walk their dogs, use the playground, enjoy the gazebo and the labyrinth, and police officers, garbage truck drivers and others take breaks in our parking lot); and
- d. that overall, we are well positioned for spiritual and faithful growth.

The Vestry recognized that our current condition is in great part the result of all the work that people have put into keeping us all connected. In particular, Phil, building on the foundation set up by Theresa and Clark Chase, has developed our livestreaming equipment and kept us connected as a worshipping and learning community. Similarly, Judy Kistner, Jeannie Wells, and many volunteers have kept us connected through weekly editions of this Paper and vastly expanded worship bulletins. Roger Andersen continues to get announcements out via Constant Contact. The behind-the-scenes labor of these good folks has kept us connected, informed, inspired, giving, and growing. Again, we are thankful!

6. We also came away realizing that there are several places where we can grow. These are mostly enhancements of things we are already doing in faith formation, stewardship, and communications. For example, having a small group who would act as online ushers fielding questions and comments during our livestreamed services would enable Phil and Denise to concentrate on producing the worship services. More children's sermons and celebrating more saints' days are other proposals.

7. A group is being formed to seek John Lehrack's successor. A small group will first focus on discerning what our music ministry might look like in the future, then to begin looking for our next Music Minister.



**COME HELP US
CELEBRATE
ST. ALBAN'S**

Come one, come all!! Join in the celebration of St. Alban's on Saturday evening, **June 18, from 5:00-7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. It's time to look back and be thankful for where we've been and look forward to our future together. This is a fellowship gathering for ALL the parish. It is a purely social event where you can enjoy some beverages and appetizers, wander around and visit with your fellow St. Albanites.

Our Endowment Board and Vestry provide lots of great appetizers, wine, beer or soft drinks to enhance the festivities. Our favorite Music Director John Lehrack will be at the piano with his amazing repertoire of music for our enjoyment. John invites our requests (a lot of "oldies") and a good, old-fashioned sing-along follows. Don't miss this fun and fellowship!

SERVICE FOR CLAUDIA WALKER

There will be a memorial service on **June 30 at 1:00pm** for our sister in Christ, Claudia Walker, who died on March 5, 2022. Claudia lived in Mountlake Terrace for many years and recently was in a care facility. She and her husband Al, who preceded her in death, were long-time members of St. Alban's family. She treasured her family and friends and enjoyed the many trips she was able to take over the years.



**COFFEE HOURS FOR
JOHN LEHRACK**

Join us for a festive farewell to John on his last day as our Music Director on **Sunday, June 19, following both services**. John has been our beloved, multi-talented Music Director for seven years and is off to San Francisco next week.

We will be celebrating John with special coffee hours after both the 8:00am service with foods, and

with champagne, desserts and fruit after the 10:30am service. You are invited to attend one, or both, of these gatherings. There will also be a “Giving Tree Basket” for John and a basket for cards.



ONE MORE TAIZÉ

Please join us for John’s last Taizé service on **Sunday, June 19, at 7:00pm, on YouTube**. John has been creating and treating us to these special services since April 2017. This unique service combines music, chanting, prayer, readings and silent time for meditation. You are invited to join in the chanted music, which is very repetitive and simple, or you may chose to just listen and let your mind relax and enjoy.

You can access John’s former Taizé service programs also from a link on the front page of St. Alban’s website www.stalbansedmonds.org.

John’s selection for his poetry reading is one of his favorites -- “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost.

The Road Not Taken

Robert Frost - 1874-1963

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.



I can’t thank everyone at St. Alban’s enough for all your generous love and support these many years. Sunday will be hard, but I look forward to seeing most of you one more time AND you’re going to get a double postlude! For those who would like to follow me professionally, I’d love it if you would “like” and “follow” my social media sites.

As you probably know, so much music is made solely online these days, and to succeed, one must have followers. Followers lead to more views and opportunities to be paid to create music online. Even if you rarely access social media, just doing a one time “like” or “follow” helps and the more often you like something I post, the better reach I get with people who don’t know me and build a larger following.

On my professional website – johnletrackmusic.com – you can find the latest information about what I’m doing, sign up for my mailing list (I promise no one will ever get your contact information but me), know in advance about things like my **upcoming album of favorite preludes**, shows, video release and more.

Depending on your social media usage, you can follow/like me on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. I know I’ll be adding more, but those are what I have now. For all social media, just search for [johnletrackmusic](http://johnletrackmusic.com) and you’ll find me. I hope you’ll stop by often.

Thank you, family. I will miss you.
John

NOTE: John’s new address included in last week’s ATP was incorrect!!. It should be:

**767 Corbett Ave. #4
San Francisco, CA 94131**



the crisis in and around Ukraine. WCK is serving millions of fresh meals to Ukrainian families fleeing home as well as people remaining in the country.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

Sunday, June 19th is the last session for in-person pictures taken by Harvey Smith. Please contact Maryellen Young to request an appointment time at maryelleny@comcast.net or call her at 425-776-2461.

You can also have someone take a cellphone picture. The picture should be taken from the waist up and then Harvey will format it for the directory. Email any pictures you would like to submit to charveysmith@me.com. Please note, this is a special email address for Harvey for pictures only. **June 26th** is the deadline for submitting cellphone pictures.

Once the pictures are taken, it will still take some time for formatting pictures before the directory will be ready for distribution.



JUNETEENTH – JUNE 19

Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) is also known as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day and Black Independence Day. It is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is often observed with celebratory traditions including public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs and the reading of works by noted African-American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou.

In 1863 during the American Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, that the state’s residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished.

The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. It was the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was adopted in 1983.

Banks will be closed on Monday, June 20, in commemoration of Juneteenth.



OUTREACH BASKET OPPORTUNITIES

Episcopal Relief & Development is our June recipient for donations to support the crisis in Ukraine. ERD is providing humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine, working with ACT Alliance and our Anglican partners in Europe.

Our gift will help provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance to refugees from Ukraine, as well as others affected by disasters, emergencies and humanitarian crises around the world. Please designate your gift “Ukraine”. Gifts received through July 3 will go to Ukraine ERD.

Clothes For Kids is the recipient of our 2nd quarter outreach donations from our 3rd week basket. Clothes for Kids provides quality clothing for thousands of students in a retail store environment, where kids and teens can pick out their own clothes with their families. June is the last month for donations to Clothes for Kids.



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

This meditation was contributed to Forward Day by Day by Brendan O’Sullivan-Hale who serves as canon to the ordinary for administration and evangelism for the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis.

Matthew 16:18 – And I tell you, you are Peter, and on



On behalf of the entire World Central Kitchen team, thank you (St. Alban’s) for your donation of \$300.00 in support of our response to

this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Taken as a stand-alone statement, “on this rock I will build my church” rings with confidence. But that confidence seems misplaced when you take into account all the mistakes Peter makes throughout the gospels. Just a few verses after this one, Jesus says to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan!” after Peter protests Jesus foretelling his death. That episode pales in comparison to Peter’s denial of Jesus before the crucifixion. But despite all of Peter’s errors, Jesus doesn’t renege on his promise.

What causes Jesus to speak these words is Peter’s understanding that Jesus is “the messiah, the Son of the living God.” Even though Peter is often confused, and in the critical moment of Jesus’ crucifixion, Peter shows himself to be a coward, Jesus never intends to build the church on the rock of Peter’s perfection. If perfection were possible for Peter, or for us, we would have no need of a savior. Instead Jesus builds the church on the rock of Peter’s faith, and that foundation endures.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

John was told that a twin-engine plane would be waiting at the airport. Arriving at the airport, he spotted a plane warming up outside the hanger.

He jumped in, said, “Let’s go.”

The pilot taxied and took off. Once in the air, John told the pilot, “Fly low over the valley so I can take pictures of the fire on the hill.”

“Why?” the pilot asked.

John replied, “Because I’m the photographer for a television show. I need to get some close-up shots.”

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, then he stammered, “So, what you’re telling me is . . . you’re not my flying instructor?”

The lesson: Always ask; never assume!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JUNE 19 – 2 PENTECOST

Jesus heals one of the “least and lost” – one who was feared and had been rejected by those around him. When he wants to join Jesus on his travels, Jesus tells him to “Return to your home, and tell how much good God has done for you.” And we are urged to do the same: Live in God’s love for you, and tell others God’s story!

JUNE 26 – 3 PENTECOST

Paul writes “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*” Quite a list for those who wish to be his disciples, stewards, and friends. Do you agree that we all have no shortage of things on which to work?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE 19 – 2 PENTECOST

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Psalms 42

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Collect for 2 Pentecost

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

JUNE 26 – 3 PENTECOST

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62

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, Wednesday, 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)

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98926
- *Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg's door.
- *Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban's
- *Online, go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on "Donate Now."

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Clothes for Kids
4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
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.