

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.



August 12, 2022

SUNDAY – August 14

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 11

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

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



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**8/15 6:30pm, Worship Committee Meeting, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH**

8/17 6:00pm, Evening Prayer

8/18 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy

8/19 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex



MEAL TRAIN BACK FOR SHORT RUN!!

Last week's ATP noted that the McClelland's Meal Train would cease operation after August 11. It seems some people were left at the station without the opportunity to provide a meal. The individual day slots were too quickly taken, and several people were disappointed they had not had a chance to share their good cooking.

So, the train is back in operation for one week – starting Friday, August 12, and running through Friday, August 19. If you have already cooked two or more times for the McClellands or donated money for them to purchase meals, please relax and enjoy a bit of summer. If you have not yet had a chance, please see the Meal Train site at <https://mealtrain.com/dyy8o3>. Be sure to note yellow instruction tab for allergies, etc.

Phil and Robin are so grateful for your generosity and the wonderful meals that have been provided!!!

GREETINGS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Church Family,

I miss you! How has it been 6 weeks already? It doesn't feel like I'm in San Francisco yet as I did nothing for a month but unpack and then was off to the East Coast for my nephew's wedding. I'm now back in San Francisco and ready to get life started.

My move was very traumatic. The short version of the story is that my movers didn't plan right and didn't have a big enough truck. This led to having to pay them to get a second truck as they threatened to leave almost half of my stuff behind. They still ended up leaving several things and I had to fly back to Seattle a week after I left to get the remaining items out of the house. Among the things left behind was my upright piano. The last I heard, it was now living in front of a neighbor's house for anyone to walk by and play. Yikes! Regrettably, I am in the process of taking the movers to court, but they cost me nearly three times what had been planned; not much was on the up-and-up. Many of my things are still in Seattle, stored with a friend. I will find a way to get them at some point.

On the day of my move, I could not trick the cat to get his meds so when we finally left, he was nowhere near sleepy, and screamed in the car for quite some time. We stopped just south of Portland to rent a motel room for a few hours but neither of us slept. The poor guy hid behind my toilet while the movers were here

and didn't eat for over a week. He has settled down now and is in my lap as I type this. I have been sick twice since moving here, and it's all from stress!

With the complexity of the move and then travel, I am just beginning to settle down here. I know I told you that I was retiring from church music and would really like to do that. I need a job though, especially after the fiasco with the movers and interviewed today at a Presbyterian church. The pastor is leaving at the end of the month so it's very up in the air. I am going to play for their service on September 4 and we'll see what happens from there. I'm hoping something else and different comes along in the interim. I just published another choral arrangement online and am busy preparing for a piano recital I'd like to bring to you and looking for a place to do a cabaret here.

I can't thank you enough for the send-off you gave me. Your cards and gifts were overwhelming, and I wish I could thank you all individually. Alas, much of the cash on hand went to the movers before I got to write down who gave me what. Know that you are so missed and appreciated though. I don't want to take up too much room in the ATP, but I'll be back in touch. I look forward to your emails, letters, and calls.

John



"Attached are views of the city from my deck. I'm sure no one feels sorry for me!" JL



Vestry Notes

Fr. Greg Peters

Your Vestry met last Tuesday, August 9, for our regular meeting. Here are the three things we want to report back to you about.

The first is that we are looking for a Clerk to succeed Jeannie Wells. Jeannie was, as you can

imagine, very good at doing all the duties required of serving as Clerk. She was not so good about magically making more hours in the day. With her duties as our Parish Administrator, the many hours she serves in her job at the other church, and training a new puppy, there was simply not enough time. Serving as Clerk, a volunteer position, was the logical choice of things to cut. Jeannie toughed it out for a long time, but she simply had too many other responsibilities. We discussed who to invite to the serve as Clerk and came up with several names. If you are asked, please thoughtfully consider accepting the role. Jeannie could certainly share her experience, what the required duties are, and an approximation of the time required. If you have not been asked and are considering volunteering, please contact any Vestry member.

Then there are two events coming up quickly that the Vestry wants to be sure you have on your calendars.

Sunday, September 11 is our Welcome Back Sunday/Backpack Blessing. We're going to expand on this celebration a bit this year by blessing school backpacks (and their bearers!). Then, because we had so much fun at the picnic a couple of weeks ago, we'll fire up the barbies and grill up another feast. Starting off the academic and program year fat and sassy.

Saturday, October 8, Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of the Animals. We're going to try something new with this annual celebration. In addition to welcoming and blessing animals at our Sunday services, we're going to have a community blessing and advertise it in the neighborhood. It will have a small fair like setting (outside, if the weather permits).

Look for more information about these events as the details get worked out.

NOTE: Fr. Greg will be on vacation from August 17-27, and again on Labor Day Weekend.

FOOD BANK THANK YOU

St. Alban's Episcopal Church,

Thank you for your support of the Edmonds Food Bank as shown by your thoughtful and generous contribution. Having community members like you is a solid support of our community members facing food insecurity. We appreciate you!

Gayle Olsson, Volunteer



Put it on your calendar –

September 11, Welcome Back Sunday and Back-to-School Backpack Blessing.

Our August 7 picnic was so good, we want to do it again! We’re going to celebrate the beginning of the program and academic year with blessing school backpacks (and those who carry them) and follow it up with another barbeque picnic after the 10:30am service. Just like the recent picnic, burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided, but it’s also a side-dish and dessert potluck. We’ll need cooks, setter-up and cleaner-up helpers. Look for more info in the coming weeks.



Continuing to quote from Dan Mullene’s recent homily, following is another thought from Holly Mthethwa, a Christian author:

#4. I’ll Rejoice and Mourn

I will walk alongside my neighbors. I will rejoice when they rejoice and mourn when they mourn. I will align my spirit with theirs as I say, “I’ll give thanks with you and I’ll cry with you.” I’ll bear the burden of the pain and anguish, because I know that Christ is the ultimate burden-bearer, and I’ll shout for joy in tandem with their cries of thanksgiving and praise.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHASE LAKE

As we have done for many years now, we support Chase Lake Community School students with some of their basic school supplies. Jim Nichols began this drive to help neighboring children, and we continue with these donations in his memory.

There are many back-to-school sales currently at Target, Walmart and other local stores. This is a great

time to make purchases, or if you prefer to contribute money, just designate “Chase Lake” with your donation.

There is a list of supplies in the Parish Hall, as well as a basket for items donated. Nothing warms a young child’s heart like his/her own new box of crayons, pencils, pink erasers, dry erase markers, yellow highlighters, markers, spiral notebooks, etc. Please consult Chase Lake’s supplies list for specific items.



CLARE OF ASSISI
Founder of the Poor Clares

(Commemorated August 11, died 1253)

Clare, the daughter of a noble Italian family, was very deeply touched by the teaching of Francis of Assisi. She refused two proffered marriages and when eighteen years old joined a convent of Benedictine nuns. Later, her sister, and finally her widowed mother, joined her in this convent. Then, with the help of Francis himself, these three founded the first Franciscan community for women. It was located at St. Damian’s Church in Assisi.

The community grew and flourished. There the “Poor Ladies,” or “Poor Clares” as they came to be called, observed the same strict rules of poverty, humility, and devotion that the male Franciscans observed.

Filled with evangelical fervor and compassion for the souls of their little flock, Clare became a model abbess. For forty years she wisely and firmly led the community and oversaw the founding of similar communities throughout Europe. No one ever better personified the Franciscan ideal of renunciation for Christ’s sake.

There is today a community of Poor Clares on Long Island, New York.

O God of mercy, enlighten the hearts of your faithful people and grant us, after the example of your servant Clare, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OUTREACH

Housing Hope is the current recipient of our 3rd quarter outreach contributions from the third week basket. It offers services such as life-skills training, childcare, case management, and employment services as well as affordable housing.

World Vision is receiving our 4th Week Basket for August to support the crisis in Ukraine. 3.5 million people, mostly women and children, have had to flee to neighboring countries, and World Vision is working to provide food, hygiene and protection for these children and their families.



We all missed Coffee Hour over the past months. Covid prevented us from gathering and enjoying fellowship with one another. A special thanks to Wendre Vaughan and her helpers who once again provide Coffee Hour and its amazing array of choice treats. Setting up and cleaning up are big tasks, and we appreciate the group's dedication and efforts!

P.S. Help with clean-up is always welcome!!



From Dave
Wilson

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street. "But officer," the man began, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But officer, I just wanted to say..." "And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said "Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

QUOTES ON AGING

Age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard, there is nothing you can do about it.

Golda Meir

The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened.

Mark Twain

I was thinking about how people seem to read the bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me – they're cramming for their final exam.

George Carlin

We don't grow older, we grow riper.

Pablo Picasso

At my age, flowers scare me.

George Burns

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

AUGUST 14 – 10 PENTECOST

"...to follow daily in the steps of his most blessed life..." The Holy Habits of daily prayer and study, giving, corporate worship and serving others can be good reminders of the disciple's (yes, you are, or can be one!) daily quest for ways in which to serve the God who gives all.

AUGUST 21 – 11 PENTECOST

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe..." The world may often be topsy-turvy, and our lives in turmoil, but the bottom line for believers is that God's kingdom cannot be shaken...we are safe if we commit ourselves to His protection.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

AUGUST 14 – 10 PENTECOST

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Collect for 10 Pentecost

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

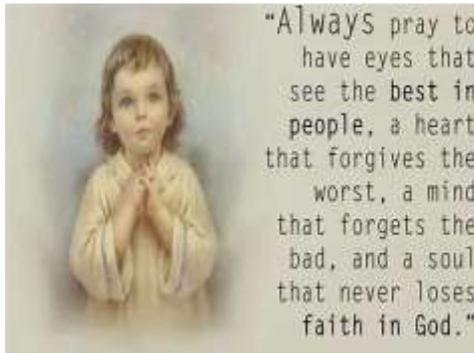
AUGUST 21 – 11 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



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)

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week – Outreach

4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering

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.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn kiwicat1@gmail.com or 425-745-1390

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People 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.

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Place donation in plate or basket at entrance to Sanctuary before the start of the service.
- *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."



