

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 19, 2022

SUNDAY – August 21, 2022

10:30am, Sunday Morning Prayer

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES 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



For the **BEAUTY**
of the **EARTH**

The following is from a Forward Movement publication, *For the Beauty of the Earth* (2018), a book of daily devotions that explore and celebrate the wonders of creation and the beauty of the Creator.

The author is Lauren Wilkes Stubblefield who lives in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and is a lifelong member of the Church of the Holy Trinity. During Hurricane Katrina, she served as the diocesan communicator for the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi.

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 12

I grew up on a farm in the lower Mississippi Delta, a lush verdant place full of living things. From my earliest days, the creatures of the Earth were an important part of that life: the cows Daddy and Grandpa milked, the cats Mother doted on, the snakes and alligators Grandma was vigilant against, the deer and ducks we cousins hunted – all pieces and parts of a brilliant jigsaw puzzle of life, a tapestry of barks and purrs, of downy undercoats and mesmerizing feathers. These were the textures, odors, tastes of a simple life, well lived.

Every sunrise brought unspoiled dew as the deer walked from the pecan grove to the creek; every evening brought the cows back to the barn, dogs to the porch, and cats to their saucers of milk. Thanks be to God for the creatures who teach us to question and explore their sameness and differences – who reciprocate love, loyalty, and affection, who help us learn the responsibility of caring for creatures great and small, and who each help us to live with deeper compassion in the great circle of life.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 8/22 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall**
- 8/24 6:00pm, Evening Prayer**
- 8/25 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy**
- 8/26 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex**
- 8/31 11:00am-9:00pm, Various Activities in Preschool Area**
- 9/5 Labor Day, Office Closed**
- 9/11 Welcome Back Sunday & Picnic**

Fr. Greg is on vacation August 17-27. Please direct any pastoral emergencies during this time to Jim Gilman, 425-409-1374. (There was not a supply priest available, so we will be having Morning Prayer.)



Two Repeats Shown

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love. Thank you for caring for us in our daily journeys. Thank you for guiding us in our decisions, thank you for giving us wisdom when we stumble, and thank you for leading us to support one another. Oh Lord, the love and care you show us blesses our daily lives, and we are better for it. We praise you for your love through this prayer of gratitude. Thank you, our Heavenly Father. Amen



Super Sunday

MAKE NOTE OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Get ready for our Welcome Back Sunday, blessing of backpacks and their owners, followed by another celebration picnic after the 10:30am service. The August 7 picnic was so great with lots of new and “old” members in attendance. Let’s do one more before fall when all its activities descends.

The menu remains the same – hot dogs, hamburgers and non-meat options cooked to perfection by our special barbeque chefs. We’ll also have buns, chips, drinks, condiments, plus parishioner contributions of side dishes and desserts.

Chefs, volunteers to set up, help serve, and then clean up are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



JULY FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for July was \$18,888 compared to a budget of \$14,925 or \$3,963 over budget. Year-to-date income is \$119,045 compared to a budget of \$113,510 or \$5,535 over budget. Again, July was a five-week month so exceeding budget is normal and hard to anticipate with the budget.

Expenses for July were \$13,833.18 compared to a budget of \$17,416 or (\$3,583) under budget. Year-to-date expenses are \$111,164 compared to a budget of \$116,252 or (\$5,088) under budget. Organist salary, church maintenance, and fellowship categories are the primary areas where we are underrunning expenses.

We continue to be blessed with the state of our financials. Year to date we have received \$5,055 more income than we have spent on expenses.

Year-to-Date Income and Expenses

Total Actual Income	\$119,045
Total Budget Income	\$113,510
Total Actual Income minus Budget	\$ 5,535
Total Actual Expenses	\$111,164
Total Budget Expenses)	\$116,252
Total Actual Expenses minus Budget	(\$5,088)
Net Total Income minus Total Expense	\$5,055



CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We continue with the collection of basic school supplies for Chase Lake Community students. You can help by taking advantage of all the current school supply sales and contributing to the basket of items in the Parish Hall. A list of the needed supplies is also in the Parish Hall.

If you prefer to donate money, please mark your contribution with “Chase Lake.” We will continue this collection through August. Having the correct supplies affects children’s confidence and ability to learn.



BOOKS TO PRISONERS

Jim Gilman, Deacon

Bibles, books; more books and Bibles.

A nonprofit organization called “Books to Prisoners” is calling for books, and especially Bibles. “Books to Prisoners” collects donated books and is kind of a lending library. When prisoners, incarcerated in the State of Washington, request a specific book or a specific genre of book, volunteers (my daughter among them) send them the book. The prisoner reads the book and then passes it on or places it in the prison library.

Most of us know how critical the ability and opportunity to read are to the health of a person’s mind and soul. Malcom X said, “The ability to read awoke inside me some long dormant craving to be mentally alive.” St. Albans has an opportunity to contribute to the health and healing of those imprisoned by donating books.

Currently, there is a special need and request for more donated Bibles. But “Books to Prisoners” is also looking to collect books of all genres—fiction, non-fiction, poetry, picture, devotional, travel, etc. It is preferable if the books are not extensively marked or damaged.

Please bring one book or a box of books to the Parish Hall and deposit them on the designated table.

They will be transported to the headquarters of “Books to Prisoners” in Seattle’s Greenwood neighborhood and distributed from there.

God bless you. Much thanks.

Jim Gilman



2023 BUDGET INPUT

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Now is the time to start thinking about input for the 2023 St. Alban’s budget. If you are responsible for an area of the church’s budget, we need input about any potential changes for 2023.

Our budgets are already tight, and we will have limited ability to expand areas of spending, depending on the results from our pledge ingathering. This year may be even tighter with the potential impact of inflation on both our costs and our donations. However, it is still good to be aware of our needs and desires.

Please provide any changes along with an explanation for the reason for change to Maryellen Young, Treasurer, maryelleny@comcast.net or in writing to the Treasurer’s inbox in the office by October 1st. If you have questions, you can also call Maryellen at 425-776-2461.



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

The following Forward Movement’s Day by Day meditation is written by Patricia Marks, an Episcopal deacon in the Diocese of Georgia. She is a retired English teacher at Valdosta State University. She loves writing, knitting and traveling with her astro-physicist husband.

John 5:39-40 -- You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

I love the prayers, music, and sermons in church on Sunday. Sometimes, though, when I’m distracted, all I hear are words, not meaning. I’m like a student

struggling to learn a new language. Words, after all, are more than letters arranged neatly in a row; they have context, history, and significance.

You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life,” says Jesus to those persecuting him because he broke Sabbath laws by healing the sick and lame. The point is not that we shouldn’t study the words of the Bible; after all, these words testify to who he is. Rather, Jesus is saying that if we go to the Word itself, to *him*, we will feel his presence and see his works.

If we want life, not merely words, we need to ask Jesus to abide in us. Only in that way can we understand the Word and find eternal life.



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

#5 – I’ll Learn and Be Teachable

Christ’s ways are often hard and challenging, and I’ll choose the harder path. I’ll be teachable, and I’ll learn. I’ll allow my neighbors to challenge my heart without taking offense or becoming bitter. I’ll be teachable and moldable. I’ll accept constructive criticism as the pathway that draws me closer to Christ. I won’t be self-righteous or act like a know-it-all.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Address: Gretchen Munsey
P.O. Box 3326
Edmonds, WA 98020

Addition: Kim Nelson
1211 N. Lake Stickney Dr
Lynnwood, WA 98087
425-289-1817
kimnelsonhome@gmail.com



From Dave Wilson

Everyone ran in fear when Satan appeared in this church except this old man.

A few minutes before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?"

"Nope, sure ain't said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man in an even tone.

"Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical AGONY...for all eternity?" persisted Satan.

"Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope."

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for the last 48 years."

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg

A little time off; reader board back next week.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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.

AUGUST 28 – 12 PENTECOST

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels unaware."

Blessed are those who make service to others an ingrained part of their stewardship lives. "Pay it

forward" and "pass it on" are current mantras for some in our society. We have been so blessed by our Creator that these reminders should be welcome and, yes, sought out tasks for us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

AUGUST 21 – 11 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Collect for 11 Pentecost

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

AUGUST 28 – 12 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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:

*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."

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 stalbasedmonds@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.

