

## 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 26, 2022**

### SUNDAY – August 28, 2022

Welcome back from Vacation, Greg!

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

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



### WELCOME, BLESS & PICNIC

Be sure you have September 11 noted on your  
calendar!

We will be welcoming Fall and getting ourselves  
restarted after a great (if hot) summer. Fr. Greg will be  
blessing all students and their backpacks. Following  
the 10:30am service, we will have one more picnic at  
church. The Annual Picnic in July was a huge success,  
and we'd like to have a repeat performance!

Hot dogs, hamburgers, non-meat options, buns and  
chips will be provided. You are asked to bring salads,  
side dishes and/or desserts. We will need volunteers at  
various stages – to set up, cook, serve, and clean up. A  
sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

Please join us for this fellowship opportunity to kick  
off Fall and enjoy a meal together.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| 8/29 | 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall  |
| 8/30 | 2:00pm, Altar Guild Meeting, Parish Hall                               |
| 8/31 | 11:00am-9:00pm, Various Preschool Activities<br>6:00pm, Evening Prayer |
| 9/1  | 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy                                  |
| 9/2  | 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex                                     |
| 9/5  | Labor Day, Office Closed   |
| 9/10 | 3:00pm, Jon Burpee Celebration of Life                                 |
| 9/11 | Welcome Back Sunday & Picnic   |

### A Morning Resolve (Forward Movement)

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, and serene  
life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent,  
anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking;  
cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity and the  
habit of holy silence; exercising economy in  
expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in  
conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to  
every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits  
of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and  
sleep, which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to  
be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor  
even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee,  
O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for  
the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### *A Celebration of Life*

There will be a celebration of Life for John Burpee at  
St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Saturday, September  
10, 2022, at 3:00pm. Jon's friend, harpist Bronn  
Journey, will provide music featuring Welsh hymns.  
There will be a reception with light refreshments and a  
slide show in the parish Hall following the service.  
Jon's wife, Jeannie, and his children, John Burpee,  
Mark Burpee, and Heather Burpee Brine, invite those  
who knew him to celebrate his life with them.

### 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK BASKET FOR UKRAINE

Our recipient for our support for Ukraine refugees  
in July was: **Doctors Without Borders/Médecins  
Sans Frontières (MSF)**. We collected \$260 to support  
their efforts to help the Ukrainian people displaced by  
this war.



As Shirley Clark pointed out in her August 22 service homily, one of the ways we offer prayers to God is by helping, supporting, and caring for others. St. Alban's has several important outreach opportunities that can use our assistance:

**Books to Prisoners**

This is a volunteer program that provides books to prisoners in the State of Washington. Donated books are collected, sent to prisoners by volunteers, read, passed on or placed in the prison's library.

All genres – fiction, non-fiction, poetry, picture, devotional, travel – are needed. However, currently there is a special need and request for more donated Bibles. It is preferable for the books to be in good condition and not extensively marked or damaged.

Please bring your book(s) to the Parish Hall and place them on the designated table.

**Chase Lake Community School Supplies**

School starts again the first week of September and their students are in need of basic school supplies – pencils, erasers, markers, highlighters, spiral notebooks, etc. There is a box in the Parish Hall for donations. Sunday, August 28, is the last day for dropping off donations.

If you prefer to donate money, please indicate "Chase Lake" on your donation.



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

**# 6 – I'll Ask Hard Questions About Myself**

I'll ask myself hard questions. Why do I think the way that I think? Why do I behave the way that I behave? Was that right? Was that Christ-like? I won't accept the status quo and will ask myself if I'm really living in accordance with the teachings of Christ or if I'm confused.



**DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS**

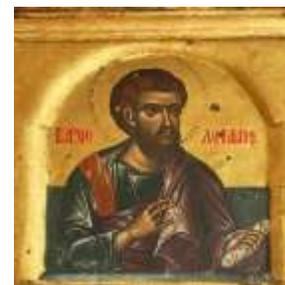
Reflection written by Patricia Marks, an ordained Episcopal deacon in the Diocese of Georgia. She is a retired college teacher and writer.

*Luke 1:47-48a – And my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.*

What would it take to welcome Christ as joyfully as Mary did? How do we follow Mary's path? Her life was not easy, as she would ultimately see her son crucified on the cross. Yet, here she rejoices in being chosen by God as the mother of the one who changed her life, our lives, forever.

Mary gives thanks for her lowliness. Pride and power have no value for God, who transforms the definition of social standing. Given the gift of a child, Mary rejoices in God her Savior and praises God for lifting up the lowly and feeding the hungry with good things.

Perhaps we need quiet time away from the twittering and buzzing that fill our lives. We need to turn from pride and selfishness, from power to discernment. We may not sing out in the beautiful words of the *Magnificat*, but with the Holy Spirit's help, we may find the courage to pray: Purify our conscience, O God, that we too may rejoice in all that we have been given.



**BARTHOLOMEW**  
**Apostle of the Lord**

We know very little of Bartholomew; even his name is something of a mystery. Bartholomew is a patronymic meaning "Son of Tolmai." He is mentioned only in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) but he is generally believed to be the same person as Nathanael in John's Gospel.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 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.

### SEPTEMBER 9 – 13 PENTECOST

Psalm 139 begins, *“Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.”* Even for those (or perhaps, especially for those) trying to be faithful stewards, God’s discerning our thoughts from afar has to give us pause. How can we possibly keep our minds thinking and acting in the way God would have us respond to life? It’s the old Holy Habits again which can help to keep us on the path. How are you doing with prayer, study, service to others, giving and being faithful in community worship and activity?

He is credited by several reliable historical sources with writing a gospel, but the Gospel according to Bartholomew is lost today. Tradition holds that he traveled to India and this is certainly not inconceivable. He is regarded as the founder of the Church in Armenia and may have been martyred there. Ancient tradition maintains that he was flayed alive at Albanopolis, Armenia, by the authorities as a consequence of his evangelistic work.

*Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant, we pray, that your Church may love the Word which he believed, and both preach it and obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.*

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### MORE QUOTES ON AGING

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened. Edgar Howe

Nice to be here? At my age, it’s nice to be anywhere. George Burns

The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down.

T. S. Elliot

I’m at that age where my back goes out more than I do. Phyllis Diller

Grandchildren don’t make a man feel old, it’s the knowledge that he’s married to a grandmother that does. J. Norman Collie

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### FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### AUGUST 28 – 12 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### Collect - 12 Pentecost

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

### SEPTEMBER 4 – 13 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1:21

Luke 14:25-33

### **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 82<sup>nd</sup> Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- \*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](http://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
- 5<sup>th</sup> Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.