

## 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.



**November 11, 2022**

### SUNDAY – November 13

**10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube**

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

**9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – The class is beginning a study of Isaiah.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628      Passcode: SeekFirst

**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



**Fr. Greg Peters**

### Wednesday Soup Supper

This coming Wednesday is our monthly Soup Supper. We begin with **Evening Prayer at 6:00pm**. It's the Feast Day of Margaret of Scotland, so the readings, collect, and a short exposition of her life and ministry will be the focus of that service. At **6:30pm we feast!** and enjoy each other's fellowship. **The class on Episcopalianism/Anglicanism is from 7:00 – 7:45pm**. This is the second part of a scheduled three part series.

We're using *The Episcopal Way: Church's Teaching for a Changing World Volume 1* as our guide. For the evening's discussion we'll begin our exploration of Section Two, "The Church Meets a Changing World." In particular, we will be looking at chapter 3, "Digital Media and the Incarnation" and chapter 4, "A Multi-Tasking World and a Liturgical Church." Don't worry, these are short chapters -- short but promising a rich discussion. Reading the Introduction and Section One is also suggested, just so you know the authors' background and their intent with this work.

Copies of the book are available in the Narthex (Episcopalese for entrance to the church and/or parish hall). The books cost \$16 but we're asking that people contribute \$8 for a copy.

### Vestry Report

The Vestry met last Tuesday, Election Day, November 8. Here is a summary of the items we discussed.

- Jim Gilman announced his retirement from formal diaconal ministry. Jim will still be an active member of the congregation and will continue in several of the ministries he's been involved in and started but will be less involved in others. For example, he will most often only participate in the early Sunday service. His last official day will be Sunday, January 8. Let's fete Jim!

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**11/14 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall**

**11/16 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30 Soup Supper; 7:00pm, Program**

**11/17 1:30-3:00pm, Small Group Meeting, Parish Hall  
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary**

**11/18 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex**

**11/23 6:00pm, Eucharist followed by "hearty meal of finger foods"**

**11/24 1:00-4:00pm, Private Event, Parish Hall**

**11/26 2:00-4:00pm, Pokemon TCS**



### ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

The bible study class led by Eric Hanson meets in the Annex at 9:15am on Sunday and can be shared on Zoom as well. (See link in calendar above.)

Their study of the Gospel of Mark has been completed, and they will begin studying the Prophet Isaiah on Sunday, November 13. All are encouraged to attend the class; this is a perfect time to jump in as the group begins a new chapter.

- Templo Emanuel requested a change in venue on Friday nights from the Annex to the Nave. The Vestry approved this request and amended our contract to officially recognize it. This is an example of the care your Vestry is taking to ensure that our contracts are as accurate as possible.
- We determined that in the coming year the Collection for the Fourth Sunday Ministry Basket should continue to support relief work in Ukraine.
- There is a **Bake Sale scheduled for the Weekend of December 3 and 4** to help raise funds for Hospitality to the Community; examples include the Community Easter Egg Hunt, St. Francis Day Animal Blessing, and opening up the Parish Hall so people can get out of severe weather. A couple of Vestry members are contributing to this sale, but the Vestry encourages everyone to make contributions of bake goods, canned goods, and craft items. We also encourage parishioners to support the sale and invite friends and neighbors to attend.
- The Nominating Committee (out-going members Phil McClelland, Shirley Clark, and Cyndi Jacobson, and continuing member Wendre Vaughan) is seeking candidates to fill three Vestry and two Diocesan Delegate/Alternate positions.
- We are still looking for a Clerk. As an Officer of the Vestry, the Clerk's responsibilities include recording the minutes of regular Vestry meetings as well as Officers' meetings, and for keeping the records accurate and up to date. Contact Liz Bee or any other Vestry member to find out more.



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for two upcoming events to worship, enjoy time together, break some bread and participate in a discussion/class.

**Wednesday, November 16**, is the next Wednesday night Soup Supper. We begin with Evening Prayer at 6:00pm, followed by soup, etc., at 6:30pm. We then

continue with the next installment of Being Episcopalian 101 with Fr. Greg. This program looks at the fundamentals of being Episcopalians – what does this branch of the Jesus' Way look like, worship, engage scripture and ethics, live, more, and have its being.

You are invited to contribute to the soup supper as you are able – soup, salad, bread, and/or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

On **Wednesday, November 23**, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Eve with a simple Eucharist, and follow up with a meal of hearty finger food to strengthen you for the kitchen, cooking and entertaining onslaught of the following day. It's a fun, casual gathering where we give thanksgiving for our many blessings and enjoy some time together.

Some snacks/finger food and wine will be provided; contributions are always welcome.

**DITTY BAG STUFFING DAY**

During the holiday season, the Seattle Seafarers Center (Mission to Seafarers) gives away 1,000 ditty bags to merchant seafarers.

We have helped make this happen with all of your very generous donations for this project. Now you can also help with the Ditty Bag Stuffing Day. Wendre Vaughan will be taking all of our donations and participating in this event on **November 19, from 10 am to Noon, at St. John the Baptist in West Seattle--** 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116.

If you would like to join her, call Wendre on 425-892-3329 or email her at [wendrevaughan@att.net](mailto:wendrevaughan@att.net)

During the event, we'll share stories about seafarers ministry, and bless the bags to be given away.



**MORE THAN ENOUGH PLEDGE REPORT**

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a pledge card. After our pledge ingathering on November 6th, we received 34 pledges. This number is about 70% of the pledges we received last year. We are off to a great start.

There is still time to turn in your pledge. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks if you haven't had

a chance to turn in your pledge yet. Or you can mail your pledge cards to the church, using the envelope that was included in the stewardship letter mailed to your home. If you need us to mail you a pledge card, please call the church office on 425-778-0371.

Thank you for your support of our church family.

### PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES

#### New Email Address:

Sheilah Reidburn: [sheilahreidburn@comcast.net](mailto:sheilahreidburn@comcast.net)

#### Phone Number:

Debby Wilson: 206-683-4251



**Jim Gilman, Deacon**

Last winter St. Alban's opened its Parish Hall as a hospitable Warming Center for those who are homeless or otherwise in need of a warm space and drink and snacks. We are opening the church again this winter and are inviting volunteers to assist in this ministry. If you are available and interested, contact Jim Gilman ([namlig74@gmail.com](mailto:namlig74@gmail.com)) or the church office. We will open from 10:00am to 4:00pm, whenever the daytime temperatures are 37 degrees or below. At all times, there will be two volunteers present to monitor and assist guests. Hospitality R Us.



### GREETINGS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe it's been nearly five months since I left Washington. Where does the time go? I'm doing well although I'm still looking for more work.

One job I do have is actually back up in Seattle. In early October I began work as the Executive Director for Puget Soundworks, which is a chorus in Seattle. It's a part-time role and odd for me to have a job back

where I just left, but it's a good one. This chorus has a mission of "making the world a kinder and more inclusive place, one song at a time." As the executive of the organization, I work alongside a small board to run every aspect of the organization. I have a small staff of three, including the artistic director, and everyone has been very welcoming to me.

This means that I travel periodically to Seattle. I will next be there for our December concert on December 2-4. And the big news is that **I will be playing for church on December 4 at both services!** I hope to see many of you then. If you have any interest in coming to the concert you can get tickets on our website at [www.PugetSoundworks.org](http://www.PugetSoundworks.org). The show is in West Seattle, so I know that's far for most of you. I'll be present at all three performances.

In other news, I just published my first collection of piano arrangements. I found that I really loved playing spirituals during my time at St. Alban's and so decided to make my own arrangements and put them on paper. They include such songs as *Steal Away*, *Mary Had a Baby*, *Deep River*, *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*, and *Go Down, Moses*. There are ten arrangements in all and the collection, **Contemplative Spirituals for Solo Piano** is now available on Amazon. Each individual song is also available digital on SheetMusicPlus.com and SheetMusicDirect.com. I am so pleased to have done this and even more pleased to have the collection dedicated to St. Alban's. Anyone who gets a copy will know about the church!

My plan is to come to Edmonds sometime in the next few months and give a short recital of all of them. In the meantime, I hope you are all well. I enjoy reading the ATP, and Jeannie Wells keeps me up to date on many things. I look forward to seeing you soon.

John ([john@johnlehrack.com](mailto:john@johnlehrack.com))



**From Dave Wilson**

A woman ran a red traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of their cars were demolished, but amazingly neither of them was hurt.

After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said, "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign

from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days.”

The man replied, “I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!”

The woman continued, “And look at this, here’s another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of wine didn’t break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune.” Then she hands the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opens it, drinks half the bottle and hands it back to the woman.

The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man. The man asks, “Aren’t you having any?”

“Nah,” she replies. “I think I’ll just wait for the police.”

Men will never learn.

### **FROM THE READER BOARD**

Lee Forsberg



### **A Prayer of Gratitude for Our Veterans**

As believers we owe our veterans a deep debt. It is because of their sacrifice we are free to worship God. You and I go to church, worship, have Bibles, and serve God without fear of being put into prison or put to death. It is in large part due to their sacrifice we have these freedoms.

So thank a veteran today and pray for them because they are one of the biggest reasons we are free to worship as we please.

*O God, we give you praise for these people who have allowed us to serve and worship You in freedom. We do not take for granted that there are millions of Christians around the world afraid of prison or even death because of what they believe. Our veterans are a significant reason why we do not fear and we thank You for them. Amen.*

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### **NOVEMBER 13 – PENTECOST 23**

As disciples and stewards “in training,” part of what is right for us is loving God with all our hearts, minds and souls, and continually striving to frequently and generously thank Him for every good gift we have been given...and they have been many!

### **NOVEMBER 20 – LAST PENTECOST**

The Last Sunday after Pentecost – God gave a most painful and extravagant gift to us – the Crucifixion of His beloved Son that we might be saved from everlasting death and granted eternal life. How can we possibly adequately respond to that overwhelming love for us? Why not try loving Him and our neighbors, and living a generous and thankful life? It’s a good start.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **NOVEMBER 13 – PENTECOST 23**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Canticle 9

2 Thessalonians 2:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

### **Collect for Pentecost 23**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **NOVEMBER 20 – LAST PENTECOST**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Canticle 4 or 16

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

### **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)



### **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."

### **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 at [sheilahreidburn@comcast.net](mailto:sheilahreidburn@comcast.net)  
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.