

## AROUND THE PARISH

June 19, 2026

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.

### SUNDAY – June 21

#### Pentecost 4

8:00 & 10:30am, Eucharist Services in Sanctuary

9:30-10:15am, Adult Bible Study, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwocaNgIbbx30Er.1>

Meeting ID: 836 2506 3228 Pass Code: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Rental, Church

NOTE: Watch the Sunday service on YouTube either live or later.

[St. Alban's Episcopal Church Edmonds - YouTube](#)



Fr. Greg Peters

**First a pastoral issue.** One of our members has a medical issue and does not have the funds to cover the treatment. The total bill is \$900. We have \$400 in the Discretionary Fund. After consulting with Dan Mulene and Jim Gilman, our Almoners, we are able to pay \$300 toward that bill; reserving \$100 for other needs as may arise. I realize that we just took in money for the Discretionary Fund last Sunday, but I am asking for another contribution to the Discretionary Fund, hoping to raise \$600 to cover the remainder of the bill.

If memory serves, I did this once before, several years ago, and I don't ask this lightly, but the need is pressing. All contributions are very much appreciated.

#### Vestry Update

The Vestry met on Sunday, June 14, for our regular monthly meeting. Here are the four things that we discerned and approved that we think you should know.

**Habitat for Humanity Build.** Jim Gilman brought the opportunity to join Habitat for Humanity in building affordable housing. We have been part of these building projects in the past, but it's been a few years. Because there is a modest expense involved in participating, Vestry approval was required. The Vestry enthusiastically approved the expense and encourages the congregation to participate. Look for future announcements about the build or talk with Jim about how to join in it.

**Utilities Oversight Committee needed.** As we continue to look for ways of addressing our budget deficit, vestry members realized that we could really use a small committee to oversee our utility uses, looking for ways of reducing our costs and being better stewards of our monetary and natural resources. In the months ahead, we will be recruiting members and planning on having the committee begin their work in the Fall.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

6/19 Setup for 6/20 Celebration, Parish Hall

6/20 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Celebration - Wine & Appetizer Party/Silent Auction Event

6/21 Legacy Sunday

6/27 10:30am, Indigenous Circle Field Trip  
Hanson Decorate for Anniversary on 6/28

6/28 10:30 Coffee Hour, Hanson Anniversary

7/6 OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4

7/8 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot

7/12 12:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex

7/18 10:00am-2:00pm, Drive by Food Drive

NO SOUP SUPPER DURING JULY/AUGUST

### RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

7:00pm, AA Meeting, Annex

Tues: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall, (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

6:30pm, AA Serenity Seekers, Parish Hall

Wed: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube

Thur: 7:00-9:00pm, Rental, Sanctuary

Fri: 7:00-8:30pm, Rental, Sanctuary/Parish Hall

Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, July 3

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, July 1

Celebrate St. Alban's on Saturday (June 20, 5-7pm) and enjoy strawberry shortcake on Sunday (June 21) in recognition of our Legacy Society.

**Coffee Hour for August 30 and the visit of Dean**

**Thomason.** On Sunday, August 30, the Very Rev. Steven Thomason, Dean of St. Mark’s Cathedral will be visiting St. Alban’s. Besides preaching Dean Thomason will be promoting the Cathedral’s Living Stones project. Living Stones is a major renovation of the Cathedral’s heating system. We, here at St. Alban’s, have some experience in this kind of not very glamorous but essential project. St. Mark’s is our Cathedral and so it is fitting that every congregation of the Diocese have the opportunity to contribute to the project.

**Artist Exhibition and Sale.** The Vestry wholeheartedly approved a proposal by Shen Warner to host an art exhibit, which is also a fundraising effort and a cultural exchange. Shen works with a newly formed organization of Chinese artists, International Charity Artists Association, that promotes up and coming artists, donates half of any sales to sponsoring non-profit organizations, and endeavors to connect Chinese and American artists. With this event, we hope to attract a wide variety of people, neighbors, and art lovers from around the area; make our congregation better known; make intercultural connections; and put another dent in our deficit. The event is scheduled for September 12.

**OUR SIBLINGS**

All my relatives.  
Every living creature  
Every bird that flies  
Every fish that swims  
Every animal that walks the earth:  
They are all my relatives.

In the great family of Spirit  
The spirals of kinship  
Weave us all into relationship  
Mutual, caring, connected.

Since all that Spirit does is done in love  
All that Spirit created was created in love.  
There are no orphans left standing alone  
For all are embraced by the compassion  
Of a common Creator.

How well we treat our siblings  
Is how well we honor our maker.

(Steven Charleston, “Spirit Wheel”)



**LET’S CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN’S**

Remember: this **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00pm**, is the annual Celebration of St. Alban’s. You won’t want to miss this fun opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners. Appetizers, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages are being provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry.



This year Vestry will also be hosting a silent auction to help close the budget gap. Hope to see you there.



*Hansons Renewal of Vows June 28<sup>th</sup>*

*The Hansons are tying the knot! Again!  
In celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary,  
Susan and Eric will renew their vows at the 10:30am  
service. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.  
Please join with them in celebration of this very special  
occasion next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.*



**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2026**

Nick Sharpe, Treasurer

May income of \$33,110.67 exceeded budget by \$16,149.67, driven by strong giving. YTD income of \$99,388.89 is \$17,524.89 ahead of plan.

May expenses of \$16,449.39 came in \$351.61 under budget; YTD expenses of \$97,297.32 are

modestly over by \$4,268.32. The parish finishes May with a net surplus of \$16,661.28 and a YTD surplus of \$2,091.57.

Please remember we are budgeted for a deficit this year but are blessed with very generous giving.



### **BUILDING FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Anna Sharpe

On **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**, our church community will come together for an evening of fellowship, fun, and unity during our second **National Night Out** celebration. This very successful event is being repeated this year. Being hosted on the church grounds from 4:00-8:00pm, this special event will bring together neighbors, families, local law enforcement, and church members to strengthen the bonds that hold our community together.

National Night Out is more than just an evening of food and entertainment—it's a powerful reminder that when we come together in love, peace, and faith, we build safer, stronger neighborhoods. At St. Alban's, we are proud to open our doors and our hearts to welcome everyone.

The night will be filled with joyful laughter, children's games, and delicious food. Local police officers and firefighters will be in attendance, giving children the opportunity to meet everyday heroes and reminding all of us of the importance of community partnerships.

**Please join us in welcoming and meeting friends, neighbors, and strangers alike that live in our 5 Corners neighborhood.**



### **St. Alban's Episcopal Church Discernment Work Group Initial Survey**

One of the Vestry's priorities for 2026 is to address the realities of our limited resources at St. Alban's — both financial and human. We are operating on a budget that includes a \$30,000 deficit. Our volunteers are running on empty, and we do not have enough Sunday helpers

to act as greeters, chalice bearers, lectors, hospitality servers, or members of the Altar Guild.

To help us respond faithfully and responsibly, the Vestry created the Discernment Work Group to explore solutions including the possibility of moving to one service. This group will not be making decisions, but rather finding ways to ensure every voice is heard and differences resolved in ways that demonstrate our commitments to following Jesus.

The work group developed a survey designed to learn more about current attitudes and perspectives. We ask congregants to complete this survey and return it to the church before **June 30, 2026**. We will be distributing it at Sunday services on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> and sending it through mail to all congregants. Please have all church members in your household complete it, but please complete it only once. We appreciate your willingness to let your voice be heard.



In the June 5 issue of *Around the Parish*, an article from Debby Wilson, Vestry member and clerk, highlighted several ways to help support our life together at St. Alban's.

Most Sundays, we arrive to find the grounds cared for, a friendly face handing us a bulletin, the church and altar prepared for worship, and coffee hour ready so we can visit with one another. All of this happens because "someone" is serving on vestry, tending the property, hosting coffee hour, and stepping up for events like our anniversary celebration, pancake suppers, soup suppers, and other parish gatherings. Each of these occasions depends on volunteers who offer time and care so that our fellowship and sense of belonging can flourish.

Each ministry below plays a vital role in shaping the spirit and strength of St. Alban's. Some are very visible; others serve quietly behind the scenes. No prior experience is required—only a willingness to serve and an openness to where God may be calling you. Support and guidance are always available.

Volunteering is also a wonderful way to deepen friendships and feel more connected to the parish.

If you feel a nudge to learn more, please contact one of the leaders listed below. We would be glad to help you find a place where your gifts and interests can flourish as we continue to build a welcoming and vibrant community at St. Alban's.

- Vestry Clerk – Record and support the work of our leadership.  
Contact Debby Wilson, [dgzrus@gmail.com](mailto:dgzrus@gmail.com).
- Hospitality Coordinator – Oversee coffee hour and parish gatherings.  
Contact Linda Rowan, [sharlin@aol.com](mailto:sharlin@aol.com).
- Stewardship Chair – Guide and encourage our annual giving efforts.  
Contact Debby Wilson, [dgzrus@gmail.com](mailto:dgzrus@gmail.com).
- Episcoplayers Lead – Coordinate our parish theater group. Contact Linda Rowan, [sharlin@aol.com](mailto:sharlin@aol.com).
- Greeters/Newcomer Ministry Lead – Support those who welcome visitors and new members.  
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### **VESTRY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

*At our monthly vestry meetings, members are asked to take turns sharing a scripture reflection at the beginning of the meeting. The following is an excerpt of the scripture reflection shared by Debby Wilson at our June 14th meeting.*

Exodus and Psalm 100 remind us that we are God’s treasured possession, called to serve with gladness. Romans speaks of hope that does not disappoint because God’s love has been poured into our hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus sees the crowds with compassion and sends laborers into the harvest.

These readings speak beautifully to parish life. Through our ministries in communication, finance, buildings and grounds, outreach, faith formation, pastoral care, worship, and fellowship, we help one another hear the good news, share God’s love, and welcome others into the life of the church.

As we continue our work, may we remember that we are God’s people, held in grace and sent in love. We also pray for the leaders and helpers needed for ministries such as Coffee Hour(s) and our Budget Deficit Group, trusting that God will provide the right people at the right time.



**Phil McClelland, William Bitter, Colyn LaVergne, Thor Lamusga and Connor.**

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AT WORK**

The long bank at the back of the church property was trimmed, raked and the debris loaded up for disposal by Phil McClelland, Vestry Junior Warden for Buildings & Grounds, and his helpers on Saturday, June 13. Fortunately, Phil and his crew got started early and were able to work in the shade a good part of the day before the sun heated up the area.

Our many thanks to Phil and his crew – William Bitter, Colyn LaVergne and Thor Lamusga – plus mascot Connor. Our property requires a great deal of maintenance, and we are grateful for Phil’s diligence and devotion to St. Alban’s.



**Photo from Maryellen Young**

### **LABYRINTH WALK**

With longer days and warmer weather, walking the labyrinth is a great way to have a few peaceful moments with God. You can use walking the labyrinth as a way to pray a specific request, meditate or just have a conversation with God.

A brochure is available at the entrance that provides more information. Signing our guest notebook helps us know that the labyrinth is being used. Our grass labyrinth is available for use at any time. This labyrinth is one of our ministries to the broader community and is publicized in the Labyrinth Locator.

Thanks to Phil McClelland and his crew for continuing to maintain our labyrinth.

### **AN EDUCATION ON THE “SACRAMENTS”**

Many thanks to Jeannie Burpee for the following Humor article, which was published in the Roseburg Episcopal Church Dragon News.

This clip is from the book, *O Ye Jigs & Juleps!* and is a short work by Virginia Cary Hudson first published in 1962. It is a series of ten unintentionally funny essays written by the then

10-year-old Hudson while she attended an Episcopal school.

*“Sacraments are what you do in Church. What you do at home is something else. Cooking and sewing and running the Bissels sweeper and eating and sleeping and praying and scrubbing yourself are not sacraments.*

*“When you are little and ugly somebody carries you in church on a pillow, and you come out a child of God and inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven. They pour water on your head and that’s a sacrament.*

*When you are twelve you walk back in yourself with your best dress and shoes on, and your new prayer book your mother buys you, and you walk up to the Bishop, and he stands up, and you kneel down, and he mashes on your head, and you are Episcopal. Then you are supposed to increase in spirit. Then everybody kisses you and that’s a sacrament. Only I left out the bread and the wine. That’s a sacrament too. I tasted some of that bread in the choir room and it tasted just like my gold fish wafers.”*



Food Bank distribution at St. Alban’s on June 10, 2026. This photo was taken at the end of the line. There were over 35 individuals/families helped during the most recent distribution. .

Jim Gilman, Marian Hagglund, Harvey Smith, and Nick and Anna Sharpe are regular volunteers assisting in this ministry.

The Edmonds Food Bank brings food to be distributed for this once-a-month event. At other times, the Blessing Pantry is available to help fill the need with food and personal products either bought by us or bought from a Diocesan Grant. Our bi-monthly Drive by Food Drives provide the opportunity for us and the community to donate food that is taken to Edmonds Food Bank by Phil McClelland. All of our donations of food, personal products or money help fill a critical need.



**Philip Sack has been periodically assisting as crucifer along with Colyn LaVergne at the 10:30am service for several years. This past week, Philip also assisted Fr. Greg in processing the cross for the Gospel reading.**

**(Photo by Debby Wilson)**



### **ST. ALBAN’S BLESSING PANTRY/FRIDG**

Jim Gilman

Our Blessing Pantry and refrigerator are both in need of regular food donations. We have plenty of Mac & Cheese, but most other foods are welcome; both fresh and frozen vegetables/fruits, for example, are welcome, as well as packaged foods, including cans of food.

In addition, the church now maintains a **Hygiene Pantry** of basic items, like toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, toilet paper, and other bathroom items, but NO medications/pills. Thanks to all for your continued generosity of "Do unto others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31).

### **GRATITUDE for DONATION**

St. Alban’s Church,

Thank you for your generous donation, dated June 9, 2026, for \$500.00 to WomenSpirit Coalition.

Your gift helps support our mission to eliminate violence against Native women and promote the well-being of Native families and communities throughout Washington State.

Best wishes to you.

Dee Rhodes-Koester, M.S. Founder/CO

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JUNE 21 – PENTECOST 4

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:8-11, (12-17), 18-2

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

### Collect for Pentecost 4

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 28 – PENTECOST 5

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

### Collect for Pentecost 5

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### JULY 5 – PENTECOST 6

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### Collect for Pentecost 6

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### JUNE 21 – PENTECOST 4

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### JUNE 28 – PENTECOST 5

“...*that we may be made a temple acceptable to you...*” When we think of temples, we tend to think mostly of special, consecrated buildings. Perhaps we need to focus more on the “special and consecrated,” and not be trapped in the actual building image. Why not think outside the box, and work at seeing yourself as a very particular temple – full of thankful love and praise for your Creator.

### JULY 5 – PENTECOST 6

One of our national holidays has just passed. Each week in our prayers we remember those who lead our country. Take some time this week to read some of the other Prayer Book offerings for our nation, its people and its concerns. (See pp. 816, 820-828, and pp 838-840.) Part of a faithful steward’s life is built upon prayer for self and others. Here is a special opportunity to concentrate on the “others” part.

*be strong enough  
to stand alone,  
smart enough  
to know when  
you need help,  
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**WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS**

- 1st week—Food Bank
- 2nd week—Discretionary Fund
- 3rd week—Outreach
- 4th week—International Relief
- 5<sup>th</sup> Week—Indigenous Women Support

**ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS**

- Monday 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm
- Friday 2:00 – 4:00pm

Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) to make an appointment. In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

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**GREG'S OFFICE HOURS**

- Monday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Wednesday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm  
(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)

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**PRAYER MINISTRIES**

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at [sheilahreidburn@comcast.net](mailto:sheilahreidburn@comcast.net) or 206-427-1920.

**Prayers of the People:**  
Prayers of the People are used during 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:

- \*Collection plates and baskets on Sunday.
- \*Mail check – 21405 82nd 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- or use  
pictured QR code

