

AROUND THE PARISH

July 3, 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 – July 5

Pentecost 6

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.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 follow up to the pastoral issue I asked you to help with in the last ATP. As you will remember I asked for contributions to the Discretionary Fund to help a parishioner with a medical bill. The Fund had been depleted because of the greater than normal needs in the community, and then this medical need came up but we didn't have sufficient funds to help.

Your response was beyond generous! I don't know the final total, but the bill is covered and the Discretionary Fund now has more than enough to cover the needs and requests we typically receive each month.

So, on behalf of the parishioner in need and Dan Mullene and Jim Gilman, our Almoners, THANK YOU.

It is such a blessing to serve this generous, caring, and compassionate congregation. I have a glimpse into how Jesus might have felt when faced with those hungry crowds and a few loaves and a couple of fish – Awestruck Gratitude.

This, then, leads me to thoughts about Independence Day.

As I think about how we, in this congregation, care for each other and how we care for our neighbors, I wonder about why we are so generous. I mean it is the “Christian thing to do.” And, yes, Jesus certainly commanded and commended us to care for our neighbors. And again, the early Christian community as described in Acts lived this out, pooling their resources to ensure that everyone had enough – regardless of nationality, social status, marital status, economic status, age, or even, if one takes into account Roman and Samaritan members of the community, religious background.

We are bound together through our faith, yes, but there's something beyond that. The Christian community in general, and our congregation in particular, is bound to our neighbors in ways that transcend faith in Jesus. Or maybe, it's more that our

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

7/6 OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4

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

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

7/13 3:00pm, Discernment Work Comm, Parish Hall

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

7/20 1:00pm, Worship Committee Mtg, Parish

8/3-8/24, Greg on Vacation

8/4 4:00-8:00pm, National Night Out

NO SOUP SUPPER DURING JULY AND AUGUST

RECURRING EVENTS

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

7:00pm, AA Meeting, Annex

Tues: 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 17

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, July 15



faith transforms us into being extrinsically focused taking us beyond ourselves to minister to others simply because they are in need. Are we bound together in our shared humanity, shared hunger, a shared spiritual bond that is beyond all that separates or distinguishes us?

In this country, we are big believers in independence. Independence Day is our American Holiday. We admire rugged independence, self-made men and women.

Our Christian advocacy and the experience of being in this generous congregation witnesses less about independence – that we are self-contained, self-motivated, self-focused individuals – and more about our interdependence – individuals in community with other individuals, each having their place, function, strengths, weaknesses, perspectives, and insights, all of which contribute to the overall health and welfare of the whole community.

On Independence Day, we celebrate our declaration of freedom from tyranny, our exiting the monarchical political, economic, and social system. We formed a new interdependent system of government, based on the participation of every individual. Of course, that system is imperfect. It was at its inception and, even with vast and major evolutionary advances, it remains imperfect today. But at its core, a democratic republic and a free and open society recognizes the need we have one for another. Everyone has their place in society, and the freedom to move within it. Everyone's vote counts equally, regardless of status. Everyone contributes to the whole. Everyone subject to the same laws. Struggling for equality.

It's messy, frustratingly slow, and in constant need of tending, but it's real, authentic, and actually built to last for the long run. We are dependent on each other. We are bound together. Our differences and our diversity make a strong union.

So happy birthday, US. *E pluribus unum*

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God,
Ruler of all the peoples of the earth,
forgive our shortcomings as a nation,
purify our hearts to see and love the truth,
give wisdom to our leaders,
and steadfastness to our people,
and bring us at last
to that fair city of peace
whose foundations are mercy,

justice, and goodwill,
of which you are the designer and builder;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

By Woodrow Wilson



FOOD DRIVE AT ST. ALBAN'S

Our next Drive by Food Drive will be held on Saturday, July 18, 10:00am-2:00pm. You are encouraged to donate non-perishable foods – canned tuna/chicken, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, canned/dried beans, peanut butter, jam, etc.

Many, many people in our neighborhood depend on the food bank to supplement their food needs. Summer can be particularly difficult because school is out and some children are missing breakfasts and lunches provided by their local school.

The food table in the Parish Hall is always open for donations at any time.. Help us help others by dropping off items anytime during the month.



AUCTION THANK YOU

Linda Rowan, Vestry

Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auction at our St. Alban Celebration on Friday, June 20. From a giant Teddy Bear to artwork and experiences to be had, it was a great time.

Special thanks for assistance from Maryellen Young, Shirley Clark, Debby Wilson and Dan Mullene. About \$2,000 was gathered to help manage the deficit in our 2026 church budget. Any donations not bought at the auction will be held for the Rummage Sale later this fall.

As is the case with silent auctions, there was a bit of scurrying prior to the closing bell to see if “my bid” was the final, successful one.

And a giant Thank You goes to Linda for her planning, organizing and working on this fun and profitable event. This was no easy task, and she successfully brought donations and buyers happily together.



DISCERNMENT WORK GROUP SURVEY

By now, you have received information regarding the Discernment Work Group and the survey being distributed for the congregation's input on our future path. The Work Group is in response to Vestry's desire to critically review our limited resources at St. Alban's – both financial and human.

We thank those of you who have already returned your survey. With the goal of hearing from as many of you as possible and allowing enough time for you to carefully consider the options, the **survey deadline has been extended to July 10. Survey copies will be available at both 8:00 and 10:30am services on Sunday, July 4. Both members in a household are urged to vote, so you may need a second copy.**

Surveys can be returned at church in the red box on the shelf next to the entrance. They can be mailed to 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds 98026, or dropped through the slot in Greg's office door.

The Work Group will review survey responses at its July 13 meeting, so your timely participation truly matters. Thank you for being part of this important conversation and for helping to shape our future.

Altar Guild's Directress and Flower Chairperson is Sharon Joy. She will be on vacation from July 23 through August 23. If you have signed up to donate Sunday flowers during that time and have questions, please contact Sharon **by July 17**. She will be able to advise you on what and where to purchase flowers and put you in touch with the Altar Guild team on duty the week of your donation.

QUARTET LEAVES US ASKING FOR MORE!!



The above quartet treated the congregation to a beautiful performance on Sunday, June 21 – "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go." Voices beautifully blending were from Eric Hanson, Harvey Smith, Jim Gilman and Kinnon McPeak. We were left with feelings of "More, More"!! Accompanying the quartet was Edna Mae Smith.

Thank you for the memorable communion hymn.



ST. ALBAN'S CELEBRATION

On Saturday, June 20, we had a very successful celebration of St. Alban's. A great time visiting and eating was had by a record number of 42 attendees.

The evening also provided an opportunity for attendees to support reducing the budget deficit with a silent auction sponsored by Vestry under the leadership of a very hard-working Linda Rowan. The congregation supported the effort with donations of art work, events, gift cards and other fine items. Thank you to members of the Endowment Board and Vestry who supplied appetizers and beverages.

On Sunday we celebrated Legacy Sunday with the traditional strawberry shortcake provided by the Endowment Board.



CELEBRATING THE HANSON'S 50th

Honoring 50 years of marriage, parishioners Susan and Eric Hanson renewed their vows at St. Alban's on Sunday, June 28. Family, friends and fellow parishioners were present at the ceremony and celebration. It was a family event with the Hanson's sons Graeme and Christopher doing the readings, grandson Evan carrying the cross and granddaughter Maren as the flower girl.

A reception followed in the Parish Hall hosted by the Hanson family.



food; cleaning up. You don't have to be present for the entire time either.

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.

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.

To volunteer, please contact **Anna Sharpe: 425-221 9154; anna.carskad@gmail.com**, Event Chair or **Debby Wilson: 206-683-4251; dgzrus@gmail.com**, Day of Event chair.



ST ALBAN'S LEGACY SOCIETY

When Clare Fisher died in about 2005, she left a bequest to St. Alban's of approximately \$90,000. This was motivation for the Vestry to create a small committee to investigate what to do with these funds. Serving on this committee were: Daisy Beach, Barbara Lagozzino, Reilly Mannery, Dan Mullene and Maryellen Young.

After a couple years of research with the Diocese, at least three other congregations and the Episcopal Church Foundation, the Clare Fisher Fund was created. In 2007 the documents governing the creation of the Clare Fisher fund, Permanent Endowment Fund and Legacy Society were approved by Vestry.

The Legacy Society started with 13 members. Since that time, our Legacy Society has continued to grow. Today, St. Alban's is blessed to have 56 members of our Legacy Society, six of whom have chosen to remain anonymous. Of these members, 21 are deceased and six have moved away. We have received eight bequests or designated gifts from members who are deceased.

In addition, nine current members have chosen to donate money now rather than have a donation come as a part of their estate. And not everyone who intends to leave a gift is able to donate or their family is not aware of their desire to donate. Being a member of the

We wish to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Greg and the congregation for sharing in our renewal of vows celebration. We love our church family!
Susan and Eric



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On **Tuesday, August 4, from 4:00 to 8:00pm**, our church community will come together with our Five Corners neighbors for an evening of fellowship, fun, and unity during our 2nd **National Night Out** celebration.

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

We can use help: starting at 3:00pm with setting up; greeting neighbors; helping with games for children;

Legacy Society is just an intention to leave a gift, not a requirement.

Even if you don't join the Legacy Society, you are part of St. Alban's legacy.

For more information about how to become a member of the Legacy Society, please contact a member of the the Endowment Board: Jeannie Burpee, Mona Carter, Bob Chaffee, Eric Hanson, Dan Mullene, or ad hoc members Keith LaBelle and Maryellen Young.

**YOUR DISCRETIONARY FUND
CONTRIBUTIONS HELP OTHERS
IN NEED EVERY MONTH**

Dan Mullene, Parish Almoner

As most of us know, St. Alban's has an account called the "Discretionary Fund." It is a dedicated church account used by clergy to provide confidential, emergency financial assistance to people in need.

In our case, there are three people who respond to requests for assistance: Fr. Greg Peters, Jim Gilman and Dan Mullene. We work together to respond to incoming requests for help and determine how best to reply.

We evaluate the nature of the request, the availability of funds, and if the individual has recently requested help. Generally, we prefer to help the same folks only every six months to allow us to respond to as many requests as possible each month.

In the past few months, some of the requests we have assisted with include the following:

- Assistance with utility payments
- Rent assistance
- Medical bill payment assistance
- Storage payment assistance
- Requests for local grocery store gift cards

Your contributions help St. Alban's respond to the emergency needs in our community every day, and your generosity is greatly appreciated!

PARISH DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Nick Sharpe's phone number is incorrect in the Parish Directory. Please change to
425-563-0406



CHASE LAKE DONATION

Thanks to some recent donations, we were able to give \$475 to Chase Lake for their backpack program before the end of the school year. They were very grateful for the donation because they are supporting over 40 families this year.

Watch for more information soon about back-to-school supplies which we will be collecting again in August.



BASKET DONATIONS FOR 3rd QUARTER

1st week—Food Banks for Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace Food Banks.

2nd week—Discretionary Fund to help people who contact the church for assistance with gas cards, utility bills, rent and other emergency aid requests.

3rd week—Pathways for Women YWCA Pathways for Women provides shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing for single mothers and children.

4th Week—World Central Kitchen (WCK) is first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crisis.

5th week—Indigenous Women: WomenSpirit Coalition. Our next 5th week is August.

Donations can be made at any time by placing your donation in an envelope and designating category for your donation.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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.

JULY 12 – PENTECOST 6

What kind of seed are you? Are you being used up on the pathway of life, eaten by the birds? Do you spring up quickly and just as quickly fade away from responsibilities and solutions? Are the thorns of life smothering and choking you? Or are you laboring to be a “good soil” seed, creating a life that blossoms with care and concern for others, offers glory to God, and brings holy satisfaction to you? Most of us will face all of the above in our life journeys, but we can pray that the final full one is that for which we will continue to strive.

JULY 19 – PENTECOST 7

“mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask...” If we truly believe God’s promises, and trust that, in his unfathomable love and desire to be in meaningful relationship with us, he will indeed hear us, and provide for, not our wants, but our real needs. God is eternally faithful to those who love him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JULY 5 – PENTECOST 6

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 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 neighbors: 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

JULY 12 – PENTECOST 7

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65 (1-8), 9-14
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Collect for Pentecost 7

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

JULY 19 – PENTECOST 8

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Collect for Pentecost 8

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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 to make an appointment. In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

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

