



# St. Alban's Episcopal Church

# the word

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## From the Rector



*Imam Bilal Ankaya addressed the group in front of the Institute for Islam.*

A couple of weeks ago **Kate** and I attended the Fairfax Interfaith Friendship Walk--a three-mile trek through the center of Fairfax--to visit eight different houses of worship. About 150 of us gathered at Fairfax United Methodist Church where the walk was to begin. After some uplifting words by David Meyer, Fairfax City Mayor, we struck off to our first stop, St. Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church.

We walked together--Christian and Muslim--watching the children play and run together along the way. Kate and I chatted with some members of a Mennonite congregation from Daniels Run Peace Church. One of our stops on the walk was Truro Anglican Church, where I had the opportunity to meet and chat with the rector, The Rev. Tory Baucum. Our journey passed through the Mennonite, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Baptist churches, where we heard a three-minute presentation about each of the various churches. One stop was at Ezher Mosque, located in a corporate office park near downtown Fairfax.

Ezher Mosque is home to the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies where I meet periodically with some of my Christian clergy colleagues and enjoy a terrific Turkish breakfast served by the imam. Over tea and delicious, savory Turkish pastries, cheeses and egg dishes, we socialize and have a conversation over some aspect of our faith. Our conversation is lively and genuine. In just the few months I have been part of this small group I have learned much about Islam, and about my own faith, but (and most importantly) I have made friends with people I probably would never meet otherwise.

Having breakfast with neighbors of a different faith tradition might seem like a small thing, and I suppose it is. But, for me, it is a first step to understanding my neighbors who aren't "like me." Every time one of us makes even the smallest gesture of kindness, be it a smile, a "head nod" in passing or a "hello" at the checkout counter, we tear a small chink out of the walls that can divide us. I like to think that is the Christ-like thing to do.

Getting to know our Muslim neighbors doesn't have to begin with interfaith dialogue. In fact, I strongly discourage having that kind of conversation until you know--*really know*--the person with whom you are speaking. Let's face it, how often do you normally talk religion with a total stranger?

I dream of the day when we'll look back and wonder why we treated others with suspicion, or wonder why we found it so difficult to trust others who looked or acted or believed differently from us. I dream of the day when the words of Psalm 133 ring true:

*"Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!  
For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: life for evermore."*

-Fr. Jeff



*The Rev. Tory Baucum outside Truro Anglican Church.*

# PIICNIC

June 25 Picnic and St. Alban's Day Celebration  
Special service exploring St. Alban at 2:00 pm and picnic following  
(There will be an 8:15 am church service but no 10:15 am service that day)

## The Warden's Pen

I'm pleased to report that progress continues on the three projects for improvements to our physical plant – parking lot renovation, kitchen renovation, and parish hall lighting upgrade. As I wrote last month, we have come to understand that all three projects need to be reviewed and coordinated to maximize our time, finances, and efforts. At the May 16 vestry meeting, **Betsy Anderson**, chair for these projects, made a presentation along with **Kit Ryan**, member of the parking lot committee. Meetings have been held with some consultants, suppliers, and contractors and more will be held as needed. But, bottom line, the committee members have a thorough understanding of the projects and have developed a timeline.

If some matters are completed in the next few weeks as expected, one project will begin this summer. The Vestry wishes to thank Betsy and Kit for an excellent presentation. And to all the committee members, thank you for your time and talent to further these projects.

On June 25 we will celebrate St Alban's Day. There will be an 8:15 am church service but no 10:15 am church service. In lieu of the 10:15 am service, there will be a service at 2:00 pm which will include a pageant based on the life of Alban, our patron saint. I understand some additional roles need to be filled, so please keep an eye out for flyers. The 2:00 pm service will be followed by our wonderful annual picnic with barbecue from Red, Hot, and Blue.

Vestry member phone calls to parishioners continue. If you haven't received a call, please check your email or mail box. We want to connect with everyone, to hear any questions or concerns you may have, and to update our contact information.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic on June 25 if not before.

-Best wishes to you, Linda

## Stewardship

### Role Models of Generosity and Stewardship

When I was 12 years old, Roger Staubach was one of my role models (not in small part to poke my parents, both Red-skin fans)! Not only did he always seem to toss the winning pass, he was also a well-spoken and humble team player. I met Roger, ever so briefly, many years after his football career was over, which prompted me to see what he was doing with his life. I was encouraged to find that he became a very successful real estate developer which enabled him to start a family foundation. Roger runs his foundation differently than most athletes. He doesn't solicit donations, throw fund-raising parties or seek publicity. Nearly all the money he gives to charity-- about one million dollars since the foundation's inception-- comes out of his pocket. He volunteers for many United Way organizations in Dallas and is a deeply spiritual man who knows that his eternal salvation is his reward. He believes in starting each day by asking himself what impact is he going to have on someone in a positive way.

During last year's Stewardship Giving Campaign, we heard short presentations from some role models who support St. Alban's many diverse outreach programs. We all know that at St. Alban's, we are a generous Christian community and that our "generosity" means much more than the amounts of money we give. It also refers to our quality of spirit and the attitude reflected with our giving. Hopefully, most of us are still lucky enough to have friends and families around us who serve as role models of generosity and stewardship.

Volunteering to lend some time and talent, or treasure, is a great way for each of us to act as a role model for others and express God's justice and love with our world. With the warm summer months upon us, outreach programs in our community struggle to find volunteers and funds to help fulfill basic needs for less fortunate children and families, or just provide an ear to listen and hand to hold. This summer, please consider helping out with ACCA missions, Bethany House, Vacation Bible School, Sleepy Hollow Manor, Christmas Bazaar or one of the many worthwhile opportunities at St. Alban's or in our community.

- Bill Calvert, Stewardship Committee



**Save the Date:  
Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont  
September 29-October 1 2017**



## CHOIR NOTES



**June 4.** We have sung a number of arrangements of African-American spirituals by William Levi Dawson (1899-1990), who was educated at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, earned a Master's degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, and served as first trombonist of the Chicago Civic Orchestra from 1926 to 1930. Dawson returned to Tuskegee in 1931 and for the next 25 years developed its choir into a world-renowned ensemble. The American Choral Directors Association awarded him for "pioneering leadership, inspiration and service to the choral arts." We will be singing Dawson's arrangement of *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*.

**June 11.** Harold Friedell (1905-1958) was born in Queens, New York and composed about 100 choral works, hymn tunes, and organ pieces. He studied at Julliard and later taught there and at other New York institutions, notably the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary. Friedell played a key role in the development of the American Guild of Organists. The evensong services featuring the 70-member choir at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, where he was organist-choirmaster (1946-58), drew large crowds. We will be singing his anthem, *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, composed in 1945 as a communion hymn for Pentecost Sunday.

**June 18.** This Sunday's anthem, *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*, based on Psalm 100, may or may not have been composed by the great English Renaissance master, Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585). Some sources attribute the music to him, but others say "formerly attributed," crediting instead our old friend, Anonymous. A recent collection of the complete works of Tallis does not include this work. Since biographical information on Anonymous is unavailable, a few words are in order about Tallis, who may well have influenced this composition. Tallis lived during a time of religious upheaval in England, composing in both Latin and English in accordance with who occupied the monarchy at the time. In 1575, Queen Elizabeth I granted him and his distinguished pupil, William Byrd, a monopoly on the printing of music and ruled music paper.

**June 25.** The text of *The Souls of the Righteous*, from *Wisdom 3:1-3*, has inspired a number of composers. We will be singing a setting by the contemporary Welsh composer Geraint Lewis (b. 1958). Lewis began composing this work in 1991 and finished it in 1992 as a memorial to William Mathias (1934-1992), a colleague at the University of Wales at Bangor whose service music (S-98, S-128, S-165, and S-278) we have often sung. Geraint Lewis was born in Cardiff and educated at Cambridge University. In addition to his university position, he has served as Artistic Director of the North Wales International Music Festival and Artistic Director of the Nimbus Foundation, which records music under the Nimbus label.

-Clarence Zuvekas

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### **St. Alban's Muldoon Concert: An Evening of Piano Virtuosity**

The final concert of the season featured pianist **Mikyoung Cho** who performed works by Scarlatti, Schubert and Shostakovich. Scarlatti's Seven Piano Sonatas, reflecting the folk melodies of his adopted country Spain, capture a dramatic range of emotion—joy, dark melancholy, unbridled delight—that became the foundation of choreographer Alexei Ratmansky's ballet of the same name, recently performed by the Washington Ballet. Schubert's The Wanderer Fantasy is a four-movement improvisation on eight bars from his lied, "Der Wanderer", focusing on the theme that he is a stranger wherever he may roam. Considered his most technically demanding composition, this work's segments flow one to the other without the traditional ending cadence between each. Shostakovich's Five Preludes and Fugues derive inspiration from Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier, with each piece consisting of the two parts and based on a different key.

Ms. Cho holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano performance, and received an Advanced Certificate in Music and Performing Arts Professions from New York University. She currently serves as adjunct faculty in the department of Performing Arts at Georgetown University.

-Fran Walinsky

## From the Deacon



One of my requirements as a deacon is to participate in continuing education. I am grateful that a line item is included in the St. Alban's budget to help me meet that requirement.

In mid-May, I took time for continuing education at a preaching conference. Over the five days I attended the conference, I heard sermons, lectures and workshops presented by leading preachers and professors from a wide range of denominations. Some of the presenters are people whose work I studied in deacons' school or have read across the years. Many were new to me. It was wonderful to be with many very seasoned preachers and some, like me, less seasoned ones. We shared the joys and the "fear and trembling" we experience as we proclaim the message of God's infinite love and as we preach in a time of ambiguity and pain in our society.

Several of the lecturers called on us to join with allies across denominations and from non-Christian faiths to work together for justice, equality, and peace. We have begun some of that work at St. Alban's. I look forward to continuing it over the summer. Thank you for your support as I continue to learn and grow.

-Deacon Theresa

## St. Albanites Attend Bethany House 6th Annual Garden of Light Gala

### Moira Skinner, Joyce Aument and Nancy McSlarrow

represented St. Alban's at this event celebrating the work done by Bethany House of Northern Virginia (BHNV) on behalf of abused spouses and their children, and raising funds to expand the capacity at Bethany House's shelter.

More than 200 Bethany House supporters attended the gala fundraising event held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Alexandria on Thursday, April 27. Donations and a spirited live auction raised more than \$60,000 in support of on-going expenses of BHNV's program of providing shelter, guidance, and support to battered spouses, and contributing to a fund to expand space at their shelter to accommodate additional clients.

Last year some 400 families who requested shelter could not be taken in. The current campaign plans to add additional space at the shelter to assist a few more families. Individuals who wish to contribute to Bethany House may make checks payable to BHNV and either place them in the St. Alban's collection plate on Sundays or mail to Bethany House at BHNV, 6601 Little River Turnpike, Suite 110, Alexandria, VA 22312.

-Nancy McSlarrow



*Moira Skinner, Nancy McSlarrow & Joyce Aument attended the Bethany House Benefit Gala in May.  
Photo courtesy Garay Photos*

### What is Bethany House of Northern Virginia?

Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. (Bethany House) is a non-profit, faith-based organization that provides emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence. Through our Helpline, we provide immediate response to any victim of abuse. In our emergency shelters, we serve women and children who have survived family and intimate partner violence.

### What does Bethany House do?

Bethany House provides women and children with the support and resources to break the cycle of abuse. This includes safe shelter, emergency services, counseling, life skills services, and follow-up support.

### When did Bethany House begin?

Bethany House was founded in 1979 by Doris Ward in response to the unmet needs of victims of domestic violence. Over the years, Bethany House has expanded its programs to provide victims of domestic violence with comprehensive levels of emergency and long-term support.

(text from BHNVA website)



## May Family Dinner

Families got together for a pot luck dinner in May.

Fun for all the little ones and all the moms and dads too!



## Vacation Bible School Save the Date! July 31-August 4 Digging for Treasure - Parables! July 31-August 4

Our Vacation Bible School theme for this year is Jesus' parables. We have an exciting program planned for this summer, but still need you to make it happen. Our VBS coordinator is still looking for: Primary Teachers for our K/1 and 4/5-grade classes, as well as adult and teen helpers for all classes. Our After Care program needs 2 people (preferably over the age of 18) to work from noon-5:30 pm. This is a paid position at \$13/hr. We need people with energy and some creativity to keep the kids busy after VBS. Sign in (First day only)- volunteer to greet our guests and track registrations and late enrollments.

Please contact **Molly Chilton** ([chilton.molly@gmail.com](mailto:chilton.molly@gmail.com)) or the parish office if you have any questions.

## St. Alban's Day and Picnic June 25

Mark your calendar for our special 2:00 pm service on Sunday, June 25th followed by the Annual St. Alban's Day Picnic!

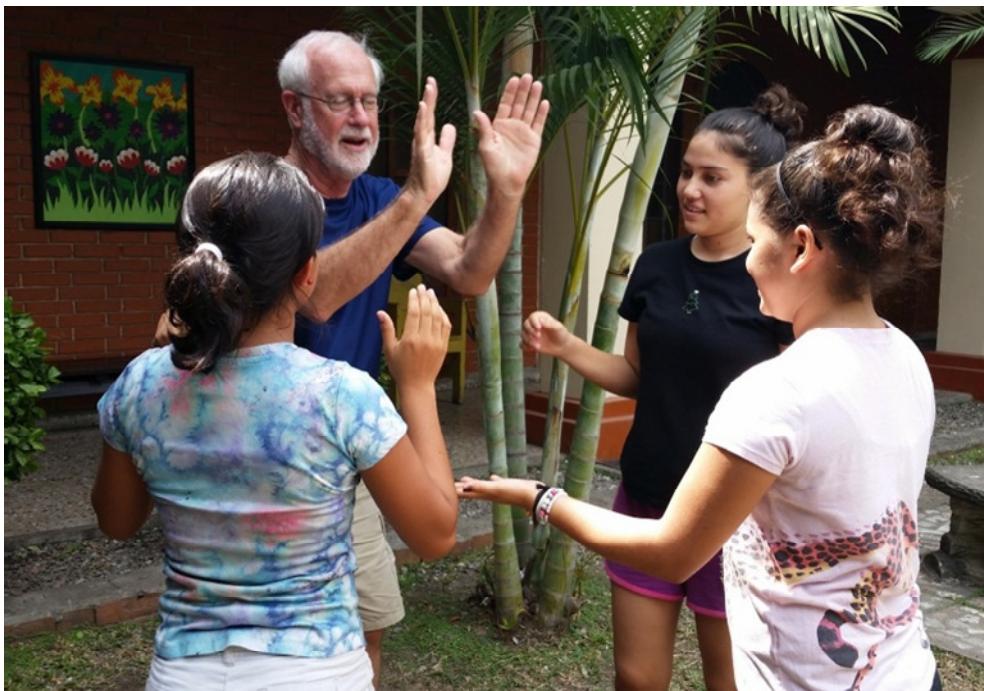
On June 25th, in honor of our patron saint, Alban, we'll have a special 2:00 pm service (there will be an 8:15 am service, but no 10:15 am service) which will feature a stunning performance of the trial and execution of St. Alban.

Following the 2:00 pm service will be our annual picnic. The festivities will take place in the Rectory Yard, with a Moon Bounce, beer and soda, and delicious barbecue from Red, Hot and Blue.

All you need to bring are the following: \* Chair /blanket to get nice and comfortable on the lawn! \* Sunscreen, so you don't get burned! \* and...be ready to have FUN!

As always, your cooking skills are also desired: (by last name):  
A – L Side Dish to share      M – Z Dessert to share  
Casual attire; even for church!





*No, Larry is not blessing the children.  
He's trying desperately to keep up in a clapping game.*

## A May Trip to Our Little Roses

*Sandi demonstrates that kids are kids everywhere.*



**JOIN US!** Next trip begins November 29. If you would like to come along, please contact Jo or Larry Hodgin.



*Victoria and friends with a cabinet full of medical supplies provided by St. Albanites for everyday medical needs at Our Little Roses Home for Girls in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Some parishioners contributed cash, which will help to buy much-needed prescription medicines.*



*Photo below and above right:  
The children at Holy Family School prepare for a Mother's Day celebration.*



*Frijoles and fresh fruit juice for 80! The cooks and girls at OLR are grateful to the people of St. Alban's for their first industrial blender.*

## St. Alban's Celebrates Two Special May Birthdays

St. Alban's has two very special parishioners who celebrated milestone birthdays in May. On May 12, longtime parishioner and member of a St. Alban's founding family **Grace Trollinger** celebrated her 100th birthday. St. Alban's hosted a festive party in her honor. On May 13, longtime parishioner **Ginny Peters** celebrated her 99th birthday. Parishioners helped her celebrate her special day at coffee hour.

Blessings to these lovely birthday ladies!



*Grace Trollinger blows out the candles on her birthday cake in celebration of her 100th birthday.*



*Martha Kelley in deep conversation with the birthday girl, Ginny Peters, while Gean Martin looks on.*

## ACCA Furniture Ministry

Would you like to be a part of this very edifying community ministry? Please contact **Debra Schrag** at [debraschrag@msn.com](mailto:debraschrag@msn.com)

## June Birthdays

Trish Huheey	1
Barbara Cook	4
Dick Craig	4
Emily Olkowski	4
Annette Dagg	5
Debbie Schrag	5
Audrey Shankles	5
Liz Clements	6
April Lieberthal	6
Fran Walinsky	6
Olivia Gamber	7
Laura DePasquale	8
Richard Grauel	9
Marci Campbell	10
Lindsay Gelman	10
Brynn Farley	12
Walt Barbee	13
Aaron Chilton	14
Sarah Traum	14
Zachary Kilby	16
Kendall Huheey	17
Olivia DePasquale	18
Rex Pendley	18
Sam Kilby	20
Richard Froh	21
Darius Zorin	22
Daniele Albergottie	23
Liam Andrews	25
Jeanne Martinez	25
DeeDee Brinkema	26
Ros Deck	27
Sally Hanlein	27
Ivy Kilby	28
Sara Zimmerman	28
James Chilton	29
Brett Smith	29
Leneice Wu	29
Ethan Campbell	30
Tom Ryder	30



## The Word needs your help!

Looking for help taking photos of St. Alban's events. Very little time commitment; tips and camera provided! You will be "on assignment" like an ace reporter! Teens welcome! Contact **Barbara Hallman** at [bhallman1@cox.net](mailto:bhallman1@cox.net)

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## June Calendar Highlights

June 2 **First Friday Lunch Bunch**

Madigan's, Occoquan

June 25 **Picnic and St. Alban's Day Celebration**

Service at 2:00 pm; picnic following

(There is an 8:15 am service but no 10:15 am service that day)

June 11 **Youth Group End of Year Party** 12:00 pm, Rectory

July 31– August 4 **Vacation Bible School:** Digging for Treasure

**St. Alban's Day and Picnic!**  
**June 25**



**First Friday of the Month  
Lunch Bunch**

June 2, 11:30 am

Madigan's on the Waterfront  
Occoquan

Please RSVP to Sally Sare

## Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!

July 31-August 4

*Digging for Treasure  
The Parables*

Please contact **Molly Chilton**

chilton.molly@gmail.com  
or the parish office to volunteer  
and for questions.

