

St. Alban's Episcopal Church **The word**

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From the Rector

In last month's newsletter I posed the question, "*are you going to church, or are you the Church?*" I followed that question with the statement that "Church isn't a place, it's people." That statement became very real to me as I attended a workshop on church growth (Invite-Welcome-Connect) in October. I was accompanied by your Senior Warden **Linda Cummings** and parishioners **Debbie Rosse** and **Kate Wettstein**. The workshop facilitator challenged us to look at our current methods of inviting others to church, making them feel welcome and then making them feel "connected" – part of the church.

At the workshop, the Invite-Welcome-Connect facilitator shared an anecdote with us. During a break at a workshop she was leading, one attendee from a smaller church came up to her and confided that she "really didn't want her church to grow" because she liked her church just the way it is. We all have differing levels of comfort with change, and *change* in our church can be very difficult for some. But churches should never be content to just exist. Churches must be *thriving*, active in the community, and raising up disciples to share the Good News. But that will never happen if the *invitation* and the *welcome* are taken care of by a committee. We are all responsible for inviting and welcoming to church people hungry for the Good News of God's love.

Generally, no one comes to church looking for a social club, but people do come through our doors looking for a faithful, Christian community. And they come through our doors wanting to connect with God, or because they are hurting. St. Alban's is a place that meets all those needs: we are a place of healing, a great faith community, and (I'm somewhat biased here) has amazing, Spirit-filled worship. All that is too good to keep to ourselves.

In the coming months St. Alban's is going to begin a process of self-examination--reviewing every aspect of our ability to Invite, Welcome and Connect. I hope you will take part in this self-examination, and I pray that every member of our parish family does his or her part to invite our neighbors and friends, to make visitors feel welcome and to provide opportunities for newcomers to become deeply connected, beloved members of our parish family – disciples of Jesus.

–Fr. Jeff



*Our beloved pets were blessed on October 8. Shown here are: **Clark Shankles**, the St. Alban's feline mascot and **Archie Harrell** with his owner **Nancy**.*

Episcopal 101



Everything you always
wanted to know
about the Episcopal Church*

October 29 and
November 5, 12 and 19
9:15 am

Fr. Jeff's office

Come prepared with questions!

*but were afraid to ask.

The Warden's Pen

On page 5 you'll find our annual request for volunteers to provide food and help serve Thanksgiving dinner at Lockwood House. This effort has been going on for some twenty years. If you've wondered how this got started, here's the answer along with some St Alban's history and a request.

The Rev. Canon John R Frizzell was rector of St Alban's from 1958-1986. He was a Virginian and a WWII veteran who graduated from the University of Virginia and the Virginia Theological Seminary. John Frizzell was a social activist who pushed parishioners to become involved in causes of the day. During the 1960's, civil rights marchers spent the night in our parish hall which at other times was the site for Friday night high school dances so teenagers had a safe environment to meet their friends. **The Rev. Alison Cheek**, a member of the Philadelphia Eleven (the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church), was a long-time member of our parish who was encouraged to attend seminary and seek ordination by Fr Frizzell.

In the early 1980's, Fr Frizzell determined that Fairfax County did not have enough housing for the low-income elderly. He enlisted the aid of Fairfax County government, HUD, and the Diocese of Virginia and was the guiding force for construction of Lockwood House (named for his brother) in 1985 and Elmwood House in 1995. Together, 188 residents live in the two adjoining houses which are ably managed by Quantum Real Estate Management Corp of Bethesda.

St Alban's Housing Corporation is the non-profit corporation established by Fr Frizzell to oversee Lockwood and Elmwood Houses. He served as President of the Board of Directors until his death in 2006, and by tradition parishioners of St Alban's also serve. I'll say to you what Fr Frizzell asked of me some 15 years ago, "The board needs new blood. Will you serve?"

-Linda Cummings

Stewardship

God is Still the Creator

My husband and I were invited to a dinner with folks from Episcopal Relief and Development and were given the topic of "What gives you hope?" for discussion. My answer was, "God is still the Creator." He didn't stop after the first seven days. He didn't stop after Jesus ascended into heaven. God continues to create, and He often works through and with us, His most beloved creation.

It seems as if we have had tragedy upon tragedy these last few months, both natural and man-made. That can wear on a person, even if you were not directly affected. It would be a very human reaction to wonder where God is in all of this. God is with us – all of us. He is with those affected, and those responding in love. He is weeping with us. He is also working with us to create a better world and a better future for His beloved children.

As Christians, we are called to love God and love our neighbors. At St. Alban's, we strive to live that call. We worship, we pray, we feed the hungry, we serve our neighbors in need, we support one another in joy and in sorrow. God is with us as we do these together as congregation and a community.

Everything we do at St. Alban's is possible because of the support we get from you, our parishioners. We are so grateful for the time, effort, talent, skills, knowledge and money that you contribute to our communal effort to BE God's church, to allow God to work and create good things through us. Thank you.

The In-Gathering for our Annual Campaign is Sunday, November 19. We will have a celebration meal after both services. Please bring your pledge cards and join us as we celebrate God's love for us and His continued creation.

-Allison Blanchard, Stewardship Chair

Focus Groups for Improvement Projects

Sunday, December 3

(Following 8:15 am and 10:15 am services)

Have you ever envisioned St. Alban's in the year 2020 (or beyond)? Is it a place where the Annandale community gathers for events? Or where the less fortunate find a hot meal and a place to seek shelter? Or where children's laughs fill the hallways? Or where people come to learn a job skill or incubate a new business opportunity? If you have ever pondered what St. Alban's means to you and what St. Alban's could be, we need your ideas!

Signs of progress abound and a buzz is building over the 2018 St. Alban's Capital Improvement Projects! On Sunday, December 3, Project Committee and Capital Campaign Committee members will hold two Focus Group meetings in the parish hall, one after each service. Committee members will present the latest information on the building projects and will seek input from the Parish regarding their vision for how these projects can enhance our mission here at St. Alban's.

We look forward to your great ideas and input! If you are unable to make the Focus Group meetings but would like to provide input and help define the vision for the improvement projects, please contact **Bill Calvert** on email at billandnancyalvert@verizon.net.

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From the Assistant Rector

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

I have always struggled with keeping good daily habits and practices – and perhaps particularly so when it comes to praying daily. It’s so easy to get caught up in the concerns of daily life, and so easy to forget to bring God into the day-to-day. In seminary, I found a great strength in praying the Daily Office, and was fortunate to live on a campus where it was offered every day, and thus it became part of my daily rhythm.

I discovered that the format of the Daily Office – a 15-20-minute liturgy consisting of psalms, canticles and scripture readings – helped to orient my focus in the right direction as a new day began. I discovered, too, that praying with others was the spiritual equivalent of a gym buddy. Without my friends to pray with, I’d likely sleep through it or let myself be distracted by a hundred other things.

In November, we will begin offering Morning Prayer on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:00 am. I’m hopeful that some of you will join me as you are able. You may do so in two ways: **in person**, here at the church; and **on Facebook Live** through the St. Alban’s Facebook page. Follow along at home, listen in the car or whatever works for you.

You can pick up a Daily Office booklet in the narthex which contains everything you need – you don’t even need to own a Book of Common Prayer to participate. The booklet also contains Evening Prayer, which we hope to offer occasionally in the future; and a simple order for Daily Devotions if you’d like something brief but structured. The table below lists the psalms and scripture readings for the month. Those who keep the Office readings for two years will find they’ve substantially read the entire Bible!

I want to invite you into a daily practice of prayer – even as I challenge myself to do the same. I need my spiritual gym buddies. Will you join me?
-Fr. Paul

November 2017 Daily Office Lectionary

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<u>11/1</u> AM Ps 119:49-72 Ezra 6:1-22 Mt 13:10-17 PM Ps 49 Rev 5:1-10	<u>11/2</u> AM Ps 50 Neh 1:1-11 Mt 13:18-23 PM Ps 103 Rev. 5:11-6:11	<u>11/3</u> AM Ps 40, 54 Neh 2:1-20 Matt 13:24-30 PM Ps 51 Rev 6:12-7:4	<u>11/4</u> AM Ps 55 Neh 4:1-23 Mt 13:31-35 PM Ps 138, 139 Rev 7:9-17
<u>11/5</u> AM Ps 24, 29 Neh 5:1-19 Lk 12:22-31 PM Ps 8, 84 Acts 20:7-12	<u>11/6</u> AM Ps 56, 57, 58 Neh 6:1-19 Mt 13:36-43 PM Ps 64, 65 Rev 10:1-11	<u>11/7</u> AM Ps 61, 62 Neh 12:27-47 Mt 13:44-52 PM Ps 68 Rev 11:1-19	<u>11/8</u> AM Ps 72 Neh 13:4-22 Mt 13:53-58 PM Ps 119:73-96 Rev 12:1-12	<u>11/9</u> AM Ps 70, 71 Ezra 7:1-26 Mt 14:1-12 PM Ps 74 Rev 14:1-13	<u>11/10</u> AM Ps 69 Ez 7:27-28; 8:21-36 Mt 14:13-21 PM Ps 73 Rev 15:1-8	<u>11/11</u> AM Ps 75, 76 Ezra 9:1-15 Mt 14:22-36 PM Ps 23, 27 Rev 17:1-14
<u>11/12</u> AM Ps 93, 96 Ezra 10:1-17 Lk 14:12-24 PM Ps 34 Acts 24:10-21	<u>11/13</u> AM Ps 80 Neh 9:1-25 Mt 15:1-20 PM Ps 77, 79 Rev 18:1-8	<u>11/14</u> AM Ps 78:1-39 Neh 9:26-38 Mt 15:21-28 PM Ps 78:40-72 Rev 18:9-20	<u>11/15</u> AM Ps 119:97-120 Neh 7:73b-8:3, 5-18 Mt 15:29-39 PM Ps 81, 82; Rev 18:21-24	<u>11/16</u> AM Ps 83 1 Macc 1:1-28 Mt 16:1-12 PM Ps 85, 86 Rev 19:1-10	<u>11/17</u> AM Ps 88 1 Macc 1:41-63 Mt 16:13-20 PM Ps 91, 92 Rev 19:11-16	<u>11/18</u> AM Ps 87, 90 1 Macc 2:1-28 Mt 16:21-28 PM Ps 136 Rev 20:1-6
<u>11/19</u> AM Ps 66, 67 1 Macc 2:29-43,49-50 Lk 16:1-13 PM Ps 19, 46 Acts 28:14b-23	<u>11/20</u> AM Ps 89:1-18 1 Macc 3:1-24 Mt 17:1-13 PM Ps 89:19-52 Rev 20:7-15	<u>11/21</u> AM Ps 99, 100 1 Macc 3:25-41 Mt 17:14-21 PM Ps 94, 95 Rev 21:1-8	<u>11/22</u> AM Ps 101, 109 1 Macc 3:42-60 Mt 17:22-27 PM Ps 119:121-144 Rev 21:9-21	<u>11/23</u> AM Ps 105:1-22 1 Macc 4:1-25 Mt 18:1-19 PM Ps 105:23-45 Rev 21:22-22:5	<u>11/24</u> AM Ps 102 1 Macc 4:36-59 Mt 18:21-35 PM Ps 107:1-32 Rev 22:6-13	<u>11/25</u> AM Ps 107:33-43; 108 Is 65:17-25 Mt 18:21-35 PM Ps 33 Rev 22:14-21
<u>11/26</u> AM Ps 118 Is 19:19-25 Lk 19:11-27 PM Ps 145 Rom 15:5-13	<u>11/27</u> AM Ps 106:1-18 Joel 3:1-2, 9-17 Mt 19:1-12 PM Ps 106:19-48 1 Pet 1:1-12	<u>11/28</u> AM Ps 120-123 Nahum 1:1-13 Mt 19:13-22 PM Ps 124-127 1 Pet 1:13-25	<u>11/29</u> AM Ps 119:145-176 Obadiah 15-21 Mt 19:23-30 PM Ps 128-130 1 Pet 2:1-10	<u>11/30</u> AM Ps 131-133 Zeph 3:1-13 Mt 20:1-16 PM Ps 134, 135 1 Pet 2:11-25		



CHOIR NOTES



November 5. The Shakers were founded in England by Ann Lee, an illiterate factory worker. She and eight followers came to America in 1774 and established utopian communities in which property was held in common, work was cherished, and all members were regarded as equal. Known as Shakers because of their ecstatic dancing, they call themselves the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing. They are admired for their high-quality furniture and other products, as well as for their music. Because they practice celibacy, they have had a hard time maintaining their numbers, which have dwindled from about 6,000 in the 1840's to a handful of members in one community in Maine. We will sing the Shaker hymn, *Give Good Gifts*, by Sister Martha Jane Anderson (1844-1897) of the former Shaker community in Mt. Lebanon, NY.

November 12. This Sunday's anthem is *My Lord, What a Mornin,* ' an African-American spiritual harmonized and arranged by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and musically trained only by his mother, Burleigh displayed talent as a baritone and was employed as a singer in local churches and synagogues. At the age of 26, he entered the National Conservatory of Music in New York, which for part of his time there was directed by none other than Antonin Dvorak, who encouraged Burleigh to arrange the African-American songs and spirituals he had sung for the Czech master. In addition to composing or arranging more than 200 songs, Burleigh was a music editor and soloist for more than 50 years at St. George's Episcopal Church in New York.

November 19. Herbert Howells (1892-1983) was born in Gloucestershire, England and studied at the Royal College of Music (RCM) under Charles Wood and Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. He later served for many years as an RCM professor, holding the same position for a decade at the University of London. Howells wrote much orchestral, chamber, and organ music but is chiefly known for his sacred choral works, including *Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing*, commissioned in 1963 for the memorial service for President John F. Kennedy. Sunday we will be singing Howells' anthem, *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*. The text is by the English poet laureate Robert Bridges (1844-1930).

November 26. *Thanks Be to Thee* is often attributed to George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) and is said to be an arrangement of his earlier work, *Dank sei Dir Herr*; but its origins are obscure. According to The Handel Institute (GFHandel.org) the latter was not in fact written by Handel but rather by our old friend Anonymous. The first arrangement of *Dank sei* using the words "Thanks Be to Thee," appears to have been made by the German composer and choral director Siegfried Ochs (1858-1929), who some people think may have written the original tune. Who knows?
-Clarence Zuvekas



Muldoon Concert Series

The first Muldoon Concert was on October 22. David Burgess played classical guitar. Praised by critics for his polished technique and flamboyant style, David Burgess has performed throughout North and South America, Europe and the Far East, as well as having recorded for CBS Masterworks, Musical Heritage Society, Tritone and Athena Records.

November 5 Jinsum Cho, Organ

Our own very accomplished organist Jinsum will delight us with a selection of majestic organ music.

January 14, 2018

Deep Crater Boys Band

March 4, 2018

John Bullard, Classical Banjo

April 8, 2018 Carmina & Illuminaire, Early music vocal ensembles

Please join us for the free concerts of the Muldoon Concert Series and for the receptions after the performances for conversation with the performers and light refreshments.

All concerts start at 4:00 pm

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From the Deacon

Seeing Christ in Others



In October, I attended a retreat for deacons from six states which focused on Franciscan spirituality. While we often picture him with animals, Francis gave up a life of luxury and became a prophetic voice for church reform. Francis was known for being able to see Christ in everyone he met and God in all things. Francis envisioned himself standing at the edges--both inside and outside the church. Today, one of the primary images for deacons is the doorway, the edge between the church and the world. In many parishes the deacon

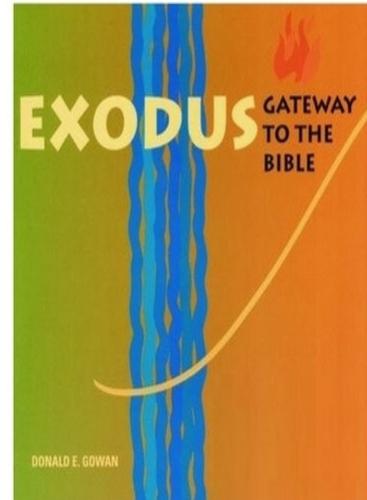
stands by the door for the dismissal, sending worshippers out to be God's ministers in the world.

Deacons' ministries take many forms depending on our communities' needs. Our focus is on the deacons' call "to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely" and "to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world." (*The Book of Common Prayer, p 543.*) Deacons are not supposed to be solo acts. We carry out our ministries alongside our parishioners and community members. Like Francis, we strive to see the face of Christ in everyone and God's presence is all things.

-Deacon Theresa

JOIN US FOR A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 6:30 PM,
STARTING NOVEMBER 29TH**



The Exodus course runs for 14 weeks, with a break at Christmas. The study book costs \$22. Checks may be made payable to St. Alban's, with a memo notation of "Kerygma"

**Contact Fr. Jeff if you are interested,
or for more information.**

Thanksgiving at Lockwood House

St. Alban's has for many years offered a delectable Thanksgiving dinner to residents of Lockwood House. We need volunteers to carry the food to Lockwood House on Thanksgiving beginning at 11:00 am, volunteers to arrive at 11:30 am to serve dinner at noon, and one volunteer to take leftovers to an Arlington shelter.

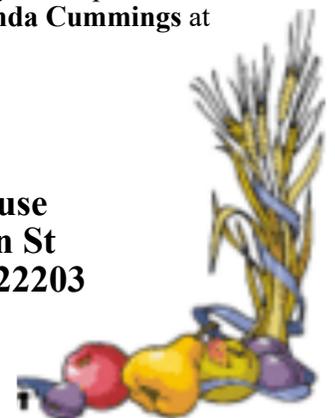
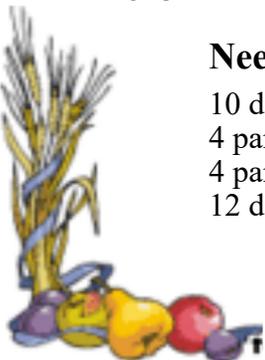
Cooked and ready-to-eat food is due at St. Alban's by 11:00 am on Thanksgiving Day. If you're taking food directly to Lockwood House at 600 N Madison St in Arlington, it's due there by 11:30 am. Dinner is served at 12:00 noon and we are normally finished well before 2:00 p.m.

If you want to donate **defrosted** uncooked turkeys, please put them in the St Alban's refrigerator marked for Lockwood House no later than 7:00 pm Wednesday. **Make sure they will be defrosted** by then so they can be cleaned and delivered to Magill's Wednesday night for cooking and carving early Thursday morning. We need your help and want as many St. Albanites there as possible. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex or contact **Linda Cummings** at ldcummings@msn.com

Needed: (sign up will be in narthex)

- 10 defrosted turkeys, approximately 10-12 lbs. each
- 4 pans mashed potatoes, each ready to serve 20
- 4 pans of green beans, each ready to serve 20
- 12 dozen rolls, ready to serve
- 8 quarts of gravy, ready to serve
- 8-10 pies; pumpkin pie, cherry pie, etc.
- 10 cans of cranberry sauce, whole, jellied
- 3 boxes butter/oleo (4 sticks each)

**Lockwood House
600 N Madison St
Arlington VA 22203**



Albergotties Receive Champions of Character Award



Daniele and Diane Albergottie (third and fourth from left), with other winners of Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards.

We are pleased to report that our parishioners **Daniele and Diane Albergottie** were awarded a Champions of Character Award for their good sportsmanship, service, teamwork and leadership with the Annandale Boys and Girls Club. These awards are presented annually by Fairfax County, the Fairfax County Athletic Council and TD Bank to a male and female athlete, a coach, and a parent in each supervisory district of Fairfax County.

The Mason District Champions of Character honored Daniele and Diane Albergottie, along with other winners, at an awards ceremony October 16 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Daniele and Diane Albergottie, long-time Annandale residents, “have influenced the community through their moral standards, devotion to their family, and devotion to their neighbors,” the announcement says. They have been coaching or assisting with soccer teams for the past 17 years, have been active with all four of their sons’ soccer teams, served as age-group coordinators and helped train new commissioners.

Congratulations Albergotties for your service to our community!

Sleepy Hollow Road Cleanup

Twelve parishioners, our biggest crew ever, helped clean up and post a flyer about St. Alban’s to the residents along the one-mile stretch of our adopted road, Sleepy Hollow.

Shown are: the **Weinbergs**, the **Kilbys**, **Ron Vogel**, **Stanley Utterback**; **Felix** and **Elizabeth Howton**, **Wendy Cleland-Hamnett** and the **Calverts**.



Come join us for next clean up day, SATURDAY, November 4 at 3:00 pm.

Meet in the parking lot and bring gloves. Orange bags and vests will be provided. Must be age 10 or older.

Rain date: November 11. RSVP Elizabeth at ehowton@stanfordalumni.org.



BETHANY HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION

Once again St. Alban’s will be collecting Christmas gifts for **Bethany House of Northern VA (BHNVA)**. Bethany House is a non-profit, faith based organization providing shelter and supportive services to the victims of domestic violence—around 50 family units per year.

In preparation for the Christmas gift-giving season, St. Alban’s provides gifts for the Bethany House Christmas Shop. The Christmas Shop provides a place where BHNVA clients can select gifts for their families. These may include gifts for children of all ages (including teens) as well as for the mothers.

St. Alban’s collection will begin on **Sunday, November 12 and run through Sunday, December 3**. There will be a collection point in the narthex where gifts may be placed. Gift cards and checks (made out to Bethany House of Northern VA) may be left in the church office.

Thank you for making Christmas a little happier for these families! -Nancy McSlarrow

Annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont September 29-October 1





Blessing of the Animals October 8



Belvedere Backpack Ministry

Parishioners packed bags of food for low income kids at Belevere School on October 8.

Shown are:

Camille Stern with **Kitty Wildes**; **Catalina Cashdollar** and **Emma Conkle**.

Can you help? Be on lookout in SAM for next packing date. It takes less than one hour!



Building Update

The Parking Lot Committee is pleased to announce the successful completion of the perimeter light installation. **Kit Ryan** has painted the pillars and placed reflective tape on them. This project is the first step in renovating the parking lot. This winter, we will be seeking bids on resurfacing, including re-stripping, replacing some of the curbing and ensuring that we have the right number and type of accessible spaces. If you would like to help define the scope of work and evaluate the bids, please contact **Betsy Anderson** at betsy.anderson@me.com.

As of October 17, the parish hall lights were in production and we hope to receive them by the end of October with installation, God willing, by the time of the Bazaar.

The Kitchen Committee expects to meet with the architects by mid-November to receive their schematic design and cost estimates for the kitchen renovation. We look forward to presenting these to the parish and are very excited about the many ways a better kitchen will enable us to carry out St. Alban's mission!
-Betsy Anderson

Youth Group at Shocktober Mansion



Brave youth and their courageous adult leaders dared to visit the very frightful and creepy Shocktober Mansion in Leesburg on October 14. Few photos because most of the tour was in the dark!

November Birthdays

Moe Fraunfelder	2	Eli McCoy	23
Ava Campbell	3	Carleton Jillson	24
Nancy Harrell	4	Lauren Savoy	24
Evangeline Clarke-Wiles	5	Gail Allison	26
Patricia Smith	5	John Clements	26
Vivian Byrley	7	Olivia Devereux	26
Nancy McSllarrow	7	Samantha Schrecker	26
Maggie Rutherford	8	Nathaniel Krafft	27
Ann Gates	9	David Mundy	27
Evelyne Willis	9	Connor Delaney	28
Jeff Shankles	10	Linda Fleming	28
Mark Slacin	10	Susan Lavrakas	28
Marc Cheek	11	Dan Grady	30
Mark Deal	12		
Debbie Haggard-Rosse	13		
Sophia DePasquale	15		
Anne Walker	15		
Nancy Calvert	16		
Christie O'Connell	18		
Emily Gamber	19		
Jessica Trollinger	19		
Diana Albergottie	20		
Heath Larson-Ensinger	23		





Oktoberfest October 7

Parishioners and their friends celebrated Oktoberfest and were entertained by the Christina Heimlich Dancers.

Photos:

Our graceful little dancers, Miss Lisa with her dad; Dotty Ninde with a cute friend; Bob Weschler in lederhosen, and a toast from Martha Kelley, Ingrid Swartz and Kate Wettstein.



St. Alban's Bazaar!

November 18, 2017 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



For the many parishioners who have attended and/or volunteered at one of the Bazaars over the past decades, we truly thank you for your spirit, your fellowship and your talents. We couldn't do it without you!

If you're hearing about the Bazaar for the first time or haven't been able to attend in the past, please consider dropping by to get in the Christmas spirit! The bazaar has something for everyone! We sell books, gently used household goods, handmade arts and crafts, candy, baked goods, holiday decorations, toys, jewelry, tools and many other items. There's face painting, breakfast and light lunch items in the café, a moon bounce (weather permitting) and of course, Santa!

At last year's bazaar more than 50 volunteers came together to welcome approximately 2,000 visitors from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. During those five hours, we raised almost \$14,000 which was used to support several community organizations including: ACCA, Poe Middle School, Belvedere School, Bethany House (emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence), Lockwood House (low cost housing for elderly), Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter. Internationally, we supported Our Little Roses School for abandoned and abused girls in Honduras and Holy Trinity Church in Haiti.

If your time permits, we invite you to join our enthusiastic volunteers and help prepare and carry out our annual St. Alban's Christmas Bazaar! If you're unable to help on the day of the bazaar, consider helping with preparations such as hanging decorations, setting up and taking down the sales rooms, making chili and chowder for sale in the cafe, and many other tasks.

We need raffle prizes that will attract ticket buyers of all ages. You could donate sporting event, theater or concert tickets, an offer of professional services such as decorating a special cake or raking leaves or detailing a car, or even gift cards! Please contact **Chris Peck** about your donation cmpeck02@verizon.net.

We also need your donations of jewelry, housewares, tools, toys and Christmas décor.

New for 2017 - ART SALE!

Please join us on Sunday, November 12 for a Pre-Art Sale. The sale will begin after the 8:15 am service and end following the 10:15 am coffee hour. Items for sale include a **Bob Fones** sketch and a **Tom Wright** painting. If you have unique, one of a kind art that needs a new home (i.e., paintings, photography, sculptures, prints, pottery, etc.), please consider donating it for the pre-sale. All unsold items will be sold at the bazaar. For additional information, please contact **Robin** or **Walt Barbee** at rbarbee@cox.net or wwbarbee@cox.net.

Want to learn more? Please email bazaar co-chairs **Sue Mairena** at mairena75@verizon.net or **Nancy Calvert** at billandnancycalvert@verizon.net to add your name to our email list of volunteers.

We're really looking forward to another fun, exciting year at the bazaar!

-Nancy and Sue

How you can help today—Help spread the word!

Enclosed is a bazaar flyer to promote our bazaar. Please take it with you when you visit a local business, church, school or other establishment and ask to post it on their bulletin board. Or post the information in your community newsletter or listserv.

November and December Calendar Highlights

Morning Prayer Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:00 am

Book Discussion Group 8:30-9:30 am Room 11 held on 2nd Sunday of the month.

For information, please contact **Kristi Potts**

November 2 **All Soul's Day Holy Eucharist** 7:00 pm

November 3 **Friday Lunch Bunch** Cheesecake Factory 11:30 am

November 4 Saturday **Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup** meet in church lot 3:00 pm

November 5, 12 and 19 "**Episcopal 101**" **Fr. Jeff's** office 9:15 am

November 5 **Muldoon Concert Series Jinsun Cho** on Organ 4:00 pm

November 12—December 3 **Bethany House Christmas Gift donations**

November 12 **Art Sale Pre-Bazaar** during coffee hour

November 18 **Christmas Bazaar** 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

November 19 **Annual Giving In-Gathering**

November 29 **Study of the Book of Exodus** Wednesday evenings starting November 29 at 6:30 pm

December 2 **Advent Quiet Morning** 8:00 am to noon in the church

December 3 **Focus Groups for Improvement Projects** following both services

December 10 **Lessons and Carols** 6:00 pm

December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent/**Christmas Eve**)

Morning Prayer 8:15 am

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm with program of music at 5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm

December 25 **Christmas Day Holy Eucharist** 10:15 am

First Friday
Lunch Bunch

**The
Cheesecake
Factory.**

Fair Oaks Mall
November 3
11:30 am

Please RSVP to
Sheila Massey.

