

St. Alban's Episcopal Church The word

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From the Rector



Researchers estimate that about half the population, and as much as three-quarters of the population, are extroverts. As someone in the minority (I'm an extreme introvert), there is nothing more painful for me than to approach a total stranger and introduce myself, unless it's having to introduce myself to a room full of strangers. I'd rather crawl under a rock and hide. I can't help it – it's who I am. I have learned over the years, though, that as a parish priest I have to get over my fear and discomfort and take the plunge, and I've found our Coffee Hours to be the perfect place to work on overcoming my painful shyness. At

Coffee Hour I can approach strangers in a comfortable, but chaotic, social setting and really get to know them.

Our Coffee Hours might seem like delightful gatherings to catch up with friends, and they are, but they are so much more. I believe Coffee Hour is one of *the* most important ministries at St. Alban's. I suspect most of us don't really think of Coffee Hour as a ministry because when we're at Coffee Hour, we're not feeding the homeless, nor are we repairing a needy family's home, nor are we mentoring at-risk children. But Coffee Hour strengthens and builds community. Coffee Hour fosters friendships and creates new relationships, and it is the one place where a newcomer or visitor can really see, and get to know, who attends St. Alban's. I joke about Episcopal Coffee Hours as being the "eighth sacrament," but underneath the humor is a little bit of the truth.

Coffee Hour is a holy event. Think about it: our Deacon has just dismissed us and sent us out into the world as a grace-filled people to carry the love of Jesus into the community. And our first stop is Coffee Hour where we mix and mingle with friends, visitors and newcomers. Do we make our visitors and guests feel welcome and wanted, or do we hesitate to step out of our comfort zone and, instead, focus our attention on our friends and those we already know? Do we incorporate visitors (or anyone, really) into our conversation, or do we leave them standing, awkwardly, on the sidelines? Remember Jesus cautioned the crowds: "...if you love those who love you, what reward do you have...and if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others?"¹

I think we do a good job of being warm and welcoming, but we can always do better. The next time you're in the glorious chaos of Coffee Hour, I encourage you to look around and see who is standing alone, and then introduce yourself. Ask them what brought them to St. Alban's, and if they tell you they've been members here for 30 years (or their mother was a founding member), have a good laugh, and then comment on the weather. And while I'm at it, we can always use more Coffee Hour hosts – at both services. If you're interested in being a Coffee Hour host, please contact **Tammy** in the parish office.

The fellowship of Coffee Hour is a precious thing and an important ministry that involves all of us. Coffee Hour is our opportunity to share the love of Jesus to one another and to all who grace our doorway and is our opportunity to welcome the stranger with genuine, heartfelt hospitality.

-Fr. Jeff



*Please welcome our new seminarians **Gaelyn Evangreene**, Senior, Diocese of Western North Carolina and **Larry Civale**, Middler, Diocese of Massachusetts. Their first day was September 9. Happy to have you with us!*

¹ Matthew 5:47

From the Assistant Rector



Fr. Paul baptized the Barbee's grand-daughter Morgan Barbee September 2.

Youth Group vs. Youth Ministry: What's the difference?

Beginning this fall, I have started more and more to refer to our programming for young people (grades 6 to 12) as St. Alban's Youth Ministry – rather than the old stand-by catch-all term of “youth group.” It's a subtle change, and perhaps it will take a while to catch on. Perhaps for most, the adjustment from speaking about “youth group” to “youth *ministry*” will barely be noticed. I'd like to change our thinking about ministry for young people at St. Alban's.

This year, we will offer separate age-appropriate “youth groups” – under the banner of St. Alban's Youth Ministry, so that teenagers of similar ages can more easily share their experiences and burdens in a supportive environment. My hope is that, with good adult mentors to lead them, these groups will be safe spaces for our kids – so that when changes and challenges of life come their way, they will have a trusted place to go for support.

I believe we need to have a sustainable youth ministry: one that, with lay adult leadership as an important component, is strengthened to continue uninterrupted even when one leader or other moves on. I want to form a Youth Ministry that fosters fellowship and support among people of similar ages; one that addresses

the real challenges and anxieties of their lives as teenagers in the metro DC area; one that empowers and strengthens them to live into their identity as followers of Jesus in an increasingly secular world; and one that encourages them to take on the same roles that adults take on in church.

I strongly believe that if an adult can do it, then **any one of our teenagers** can do it too: my dream is that St. Alban's Youth Ministry can help them find their place in our church – to serve as acolyte leaders, lectors, ushers, lawn mowers, counters... I am even hoping that one of our teenagers will run to serve as a member of the Vestry in the coming year. We need their voice and their perspective!

I'm blessed to be joined by a small group of amazing laypeople – adults who have answered the call to help mentor and support our awesome teenagers: **Harry Baisden, Gina Clune and Jim Kilby**. With their help, St. Alban's Youth Ministry will have the capacity to offer more programming that is more directly relevant to their lives. And, these adult leaders will be grown-ups they can talk to when they need to – especially when it comes to challenges that are hard to talk to with their own parents, perhaps. This expanded vision for a sustainable and robust St. Alban's Youth Ministry is still developing – we have a fantastic group of young people in our church, and I am very excited to see what God has in store for each of them! If you feel a tug at your heart toward youth, perhaps God is calling you to be a part of it.

I pray for each of our young people by name daily. I encourage you to keep our youth in prayer regularly as well. It's never easy to be a teenager – and in some ways, I think, it is harder now than ever. They need the foundation of a strong church and solid mentorship to give them the boost they need to go on to great things in their lives! That involves ALL of us.

Faithfully, Fr. Paul

The Warden's Pen

I hope all of you are enjoying fall. As this is mailed, I will have just returned from our annual trip to Shrine Mont. A weekend away from our busy lives and spending it with our friends at church is something I look forward to every year. It is one of the places I love.

I enjoyed our Ministry Sunday. I hope you took the time to explore all we do and signed up for something. A huge thank you to **Rick and Karen Weinberg** for organizing!

I have some wonderful news. A very generous donation will allow us to replace both the choir rail and the alter rail. We don't have an install date, but work continues. Thank you to **Fr. Jeff, Fr. Paul, John Clements and Linda Cummings** for working on this. And to the anonymous donor – bless you for helping to make St. Alban's safe and beautiful.

The Village School is fully moved in. The Griffin Academy has completely moved out and courtesy of them, we now have a new shed for buildings and grounds. This will enable us to take down one of the old, falling apart metal sheds.

Your Vestry continues their work for the parish. We will be creating a pet cemetery in the near future for parishioners' use. We will also be creating a new photo parish directory, so keep a look out for that.

I've asked members of the Vestry to be 'on duty' during both services on Sundays. Not all members of the Vestry will be on duty every Sunday, so be sure to look for someone wearing a Vestry nametag. Look to them if you have any questions or comments. And as always, I am available.

-Nancy Harrell

Stewardship

At our recent Ministry Day event—again, thanks to **Rick and Karen Weinberg** for an outstanding job in organizing this important event—I was nevertheless feeling a bit sorry for myself and our Stewardship Committee. Placed next to the coffee service, my visits were mainly from folks who were looking for a place to set their cups while they went back to fill their plates with the food choices of the day. No one asked me to sign something to qualify them for the raffles. Not even members of our own committee! Such is the lot in life, I thought to myself, of those tasked with fundraising and the like.

Nevertheless, the event was very well attended; folks moved from table to table, and laughter was the preeminent sound of the day. We were a community; an association of like-minded individuals who care deeply about our church and we work hard to carry out the work that the Lord has given us to do. So many tables with such a wide array of activities: we reach out the less fortunate; we minister to the needs of our own parish; we help prepare the next generation for the responsibilities of adult Christians; and, we share the good news of Jesus Christ here and in the world around us!

Ministry Sunday left me with a feeling of pride in the church to which I belong, and an assurance that we have indeed been sent “now into the world...to love and serve” our Lord “with gladness and singleness of heart” (BCP, p.365).

Thanks to all the saints here at Saint Alban’s who generously give their time and money to this wonderful church family! -Ron Vogel



Stewardship Chair **Ron Vogel** with **Bill Calvert**, Committee member.

WHAT WE DO WITH WHAT WE GIVE:

Saint Alban’s Music Ministry



A hallmark of worship at Saint Alban’s has been its choir and musical programming. Few of us have not been moved by the superb performances of the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of our Easter services, beautiful anthems sung prior to the Offertory, handbells rung in preparation for services on Christmas Eve, or our organist **JinSun Cho’s** amazing organ postludes. Not only does our music ministry enhance the depth and quality of our worship, it continues to be a powerful magnet drawing new members into the St. Alban’s family.

Capably directed by **Fred Binkholder**, our music programs are the result of literally hundreds of hours of planning, programming and rehearsal. Perhaps in no other area is the “stewardship of time and talent” so wonderfully demonstrated as it is by the volunteers who participate in our music ministry programs. Presently, there are more than 40 people in our church family that participate in the various music programs for which Fred is responsible. This includes the volunteers who participate in the Muldoon Concert Series, which, while it receives no direct financial support from Saint Alban’s, is a very important part of our outreach ministry to the larger Annandale community. And if you want to help in perpetuating our music program ministries, Fred is always looking for new folks to get involved. Just grab him after services or send him an e-mail. Fred can be reached at: music@stalbanva.org

The music ministry is financially supported by your annual pledges. In 2018, you helped underwrite a budget of approximately \$80,000. The return on investment is amazing. Thank you. -Ron Vogel

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CHOIR NOTES



October 7. Harold Friedell (1905-1958, a native of Queens, New York, studied at Julliard and later taught there and at other New York institutions, notably the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary. An accomplished organist, he 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. His compositional output focused on choral works, hymn tunes, and organ pieces. We will be singing once again his best-known anthem, *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, composed in 1945 as a communion hymn for Pentecost Sunday.

October 14. This Sunday's anthem is the traditional African-American spiritual, *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Lan'*, arranged by John Wesley Work III (1901-1967). The spiritual dates from a time, perhaps in the 18th century, when slaves saw little hope for improvement in their earthly lives and placed their hopes instead on an eventual heavenly life. Tennessee-born John W. Work III received a B.A. in music from Fisk University in Nashville and went on to study at what is now Julliard and at Columbia. He spent nearly his entire professional career at Fisk, where he chaired the Department of Music and directed the Fisk Jubilee Singers. Although he composed in a variety of genres, he is best known for his choral and vocal music.

October 21. Sir John Tavener (1944-2013) was Britain's most popular classical composer in the latter part of the 20th and early 21st centuries. Perhaps this was because his works were recorded on the Beatles's Apple label. Or perhaps his deeply spiritual, deceptively simple compositions (quite a contrast with his modernist, dissonant, and sometimes bizarre early works) provided a measure of comfort to troubled souls. This was most clearly the case, perhaps, with his *Song for Athene*, sung at Princess Diana's funeral in 1997. Tavener was raised as a Protestant, converted to Catholicism as a young man, and in 1977 became an Orthodox Christian. Later he became interested in Hinduism, Islam, and other religious traditions, while at least formally remaining Orthodox. A heart attack in 2007 left in him in constant pain, which crept into his subsequent compositions. This Sunday's anthem, from Tavener's spiritual period, is *The Lamb*, a setting of a poem by William Blake (1757-1827). Tavener composed it for his nephew Simon's third birthday in 1982.

October 28. English organist, composer and educator Herbert Howells (1892-1983) was Professor of Music at the Royal College of Music and the University of London. He also succeeded Gustav Holst as director of music at St. Paul's School after Holst's death in 1934. Although Howells wrote a large number of orchestral, chamber, and organ works (our former organist, Ben Dobej, recorded some of his organ music on a Pro Organo CD in 1988), he is best known for his choral music, including the *Hymnus paradisi*, a response to the death of his 9-year-old son in 1938, and *Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing*, commissioned in 1963 for the memorial service for President John F. Kennedy. We will be singing Howells's anthem, *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*, set to a text by the English poet laureate Robert Bridges (1844-1930).
-Clarence Zuvekas

Muldoon Concert on September 9 —The Instrument of Kings

The first Muldoon concert of the season began with a solo trumpet, emerging from a lower doorway into the Nave. As the solo trumpet merged with organ, Chuck Seipp and Randy Sheets continued a dazzling program.

Composers from Handel to Schuman, Vivaldi to Stepen-son, Morricone to Widor, gave our audience a trip through history and into the current. Shenandoah played on fluegel-horn, and the Widor organ Toccata may have been the most familiar, but Fanfare for an Angel (James Stephenson), Glimmers of Hope (James Stephenson), and Gabriel's Oboe (Morricone-Sheets) warmed our emotions, and rekindled our memories.

The surprise guest and former Baroque Trumpet Specialist gave Chuck Seipp and **Larry Hodgin** a chance to rekindle their trumpet memories, perhaps a bit tongue-in-cheek..err..funnel.

The performance in the choir loft was projected to a screen in front of the altar that provided concert goers sitting in the nave an interesting face forward bird's eye view of the performers. A fun concert!
-Larry Hodgin



Shown: Chuck, Randy and Larry Hodgin demonstrating the rare "antique" trumpets (not!) they used in a fun rendition of Toccata. (funnels!)

From the Deacon

An Invitation

Our hospitality at St. Alban's often includes food. More importantly, our ministries in the community include a focus on feeding those in need, particularly children and youth. Our food ministries included wider circles as we also supported programs that feed children across the globe.

Twice a month, dedicated teams of volunteers cook and serve hot meals to students in the Poe Middle School After School program. For many of the students, this is their last meal of the day. Students attending the after-school program do better in their classes and their school attendance rate is higher. Our Belvedere Elementary School backpack program ensures that younger students have food over the weekend. Counselors tell us that the teachers see an immediate impact when a student begins to receive food for the weekends.

We'll have two other events in October to provide food to our neighbors. The deacons of the Diocese of Virginia are collecting canned tuna and chicken this month for food pantries across the Diocese. The deacons will collect additional food at Diocesan Convention to give to pantries in need. At St. Alban's, I'll coordinate a collection with our ACCA food coordinator to focus on our local needs, as well as the parishes without the community-wide support ACCA has. Details will be in SAM later this month.

Our parish-wide activity to provide nourishment to people across the globe returns after a hiatus last year. Mark your calendar for October 28 to participate in the Rise Against Hunger food packaging. In a few hours, we'll prepare 10,000 meals to be shipped some of the world's most vulnerable people. We'll have fun as we work together. Look for an announcements in SAM.

You are invited and welcome to join us as share our abundance with our sisters and brothers. Come join us.

-DeaconTheresa

Muldoon Concert October 7 4:00 pm HUB New Music

Hub New Music is a Boston-based chamber music organization actively performing and commissioning the latest generation of composers. It is "one of the most talked about younger contemporary classical ensembles" (Oregon ArtsWatch). With its unique instrumentation of flute, clarinet, violin, and cello, the ensemble of "intrepids" (WQXR, New York) has been praised for performances of adventurous repertoire that are "gobsmacking and perfectly played" (Cleveland Classical), with the Boston Globe encouraging audiences, "next time the group offers a concert, go, listen, and be changed." The ensemble celebrates the fluidity and diversity of voices in today's classical music landscape. The ensemble's name is inspired by its founding city of Boston and the notion that a hub is a center of innovation.



*Early service parishioners singing Happy Birthday to **Harry Baisden** on September 2.*

Ministry Sunday September 9

Thank you Karen and Rick Weinberg (to right) for once again hosting our Ministry Sunday on September 9. What an impressive array of ministries—something for every talent!



Ice Cream Social after both services September 2



*Saying goodbye to summer with ice cream!
Jinsun Cho, Melinda Patterson and Katy Oh.*



Christmas Bazaar News!

Why do St. Alban's parishioners attend our annual bazaar, continuously volunteer and keep coming back?

I like participating in the Bazaar because I can work with our church family and reach out to the community at the same time. I also enjoy being around all the positive people! **Jim Kilby**

I enjoy eating sausage rolls, browsing used books and hunting for "treasures" while being around friendly people. It turns out that if I want the bazaar to continue to exist, I should get involved. Besides, it is great fun! **Izanne Zorin**

I'm so proud of our bazaar. I think we are unique in that many of the things we sell are handmade by our parishioners. We do not have any "vendors." That's what keeps people in our neighborhood coming back year after year. It's like a big block party. **Delores Baisden**

I enjoy helping with the bazaar because I have gotten to know everyone better. I have only been a part of the bazaar for one year, but it is such a joy to help because everyone works together so well. And, of course, the food is always delicious! **Stephanie Lightner**

I like the bazaar because: 1. I get to hang out with some of my favorite people, especially Jeanette and Fay; 2. I love the bake sale; 3. St. Alban's has the real Santa; and 4. I Christmas shop in Jewelry and Handmades. **Ann Gates**

I like the old fashioned homespun feel of our bazaar. So full of heart and soul poured into it with love by our community of parishioners. And I like that it's an Annandale community tradition for over 60 + years! **Barbara Hallman**

I enjoy attending the Bazaar because it's an amazing event St. Albans puts on every year. I love seeing all the booths and what they gave. Any of my friends that attend love it too! **Nancy L. Harrell**

I enjoy the Bazaar and the fellowship with St Alban's parishioners. I think it is an excellent community outreach program that brings the Christmas spirit to many in the community who look forward every year to this event. **Tom Tycz**

The bazaar provides not only an enjoyable festive atmosphere that deepens bonds among parishioners but also an opportunity to reach out to our wider community in Northern Virginia. It also makes an important contribution to our church's budget. Each year I look forward to being part of this wonderful occasion. **Clarence Zuvekas**

I was really excited to join Melinda in the Jewelry room and enjoyed weeks of preparing for the Christmas Bazaar. On the day of the bazaar, as I moved from room to room I saw joy, team spirit and comradeship among members of St. Alban's and I knew I would come back again and again. **Salome Metzger**

I enjoy the Bazaar because: 1. It brings our church community together with our local community. 2. I feel very proud of our church and all the wonderful people involved during the Bazaar and 3. The food is excellent. **Christine Peck**

I had never belonged to a church that held a bazaar, so I attended my first bazaar here 13 years ago with no expectations. I never imagined an event which brought in so many parishioners and friends to work together. The bazaar is one full week of work and laughter, friendship and fellowship and, of course food – and "bazaar day" is absolutely magical. If you want to see St. Alban's at its best, come help out at the bazaar. **Fr. Jeff**

Several years ago, I saw the sign for the bazaar and dropped in. There was such a festive atmosphere in the parish hall, the food at the café was yummy and all the volunteers I encountered were warm and welcoming. A few years ago, when we were looking for a new church home, I recalled the church with the great bazaar and we came for a visit. As a result of coming to that 1st bazaar, I've grown closer to God, made great friends and become a member of this wonderful church family. As we plan for the bazaar, I wonder if there'll be someone else driving down Columbia Pike on November 17th that will have their life changed like me. **Nancy Calvert"**

When I first thought about being Co-Chair of the Christmas Bazaar I had real reservations. Based on my past experience it was a few people that did the work of many. I was so surprised by the fact that at St. Alban's, the whole congregation came together to make the bazaar a success with the end goal to support the people in our community less fortunate than us! The bazaar is the kickoff of the holiday season for me. I love perusing the various stands to find nick-knacks and Christmas presents, eating chowder and hearing the choir sing! Most of all I love the life-long friends that I've made as a result of the bazaar. Please consider becoming involved! **Sue Mairena**

If you'd like more information, please contact **Nancy Calvert**, billandnancycalvert@verizon.net or **Sue Mairena**, mairena75@verizon.net.





September 2 Baptism of Morgan Marie Barbee



Fr. Paul, with assistance of **Deacon Theresa**, baptized Morgan Marie Barbee on September 2. Little Morgan is the granddaughter of **Walt** and **Robin Barbee**. Morgan's parents are Edward (Ned) and Kellee Barbee, and her big sister is Delaney. Godparents are Karen and Timothy Pemberton and Ryan McElhoe. In family photo above are: Ann Hawkins, Paul Schroeder, Walt, Cameron Hawkins, Delaney, dad Ned, Morgan and mom Kellee, Robin, and Lauren Hawkins.



September Caregiver Luncheon

Deacon Theresa, Fr. Jeff and Seminarian Larry Civile attend the September Caregivers Luncheon.

Anyone who provides support, encouragement or care to a loved one is invited to join in over lunch to explore resources and discuss common issues and solutions. The luncheon is held monthly after Sunday services. Please come if you are interested; no reservation necessary. Stay tuned for announcement of next luncheon in SAM.



Youth Group Kick Off Party





Front row: Brenda Nakato, Elizabeth Maguzi, Tendo Mugabi,
Back row: Betty Kiconco, Timothy Obodha, Chloe Achieng,
Daniel Mugisa and Agnes Mabangi.

Our Parish Family

Elizabeth Maguzi, an emigre from Uganda, has been affiliated with St. Alban's since 2007. She was raised in the Anglican Church and attended a British school in Uganda, and she found in St. Alban's a welcoming atmosphere. The music, the service and the friendly parishioners make her feel at home.

A Certified Nursing Assistant, Elizabeth has worked as a home caregiver since 2003, often putting in 12-hour days and working two jobs. In 2008 she received a Medical Assistant certification. She worked in a doctor's office as a medical assistant, but decided after two years to return to her work as a nursing assistant. A true life-long learner, she put off her plans to seek certification as a Certified Physician's Assistant in order to help her daughters **Brenda Nakato** and **Agnes Mabangi**, who arrived in the U.S. in May 2009, pay for their schooling.

Brenda, a Licensed Practical Nurse, works two jobs as well as going to school to become a Registered Nurse. She also works four days a week as a private duty nurse for special needs children. "It's very rewarding to work with these young children," she says. "They are very friendly and open up to you easily." She also works one or two days a week at Goodwin House Bailey's. Brenda's daughter **Chloe Achieng** is an active third grader who loves anything involving movement, from dancing to cheerleading. Brenda was married in April to **Daniel Mugisa**. For fun the family enjoys playing board games, and going to movies and local parks, especially water parks.

Agnes loves taking care of the elderly. She works in two different nursing homes as a Licensed Practical Nurse and is working toward a Bachelor's degree in nursing from Chamberlain University. Most of her courses are offered online, and she hopes to finish her degree in two years. Agnes' daughter **Betty Kiconco** is 15 years old. Her nephews **Timothy Obodha**, 18, and **Tendo Mugabi**, 9, are also pictured.

"In my culture, my brother's children are my own, and his grandchildren are my grandchildren," says Elizabeth of her extended family. "We are so happy to be American citizens, and to be a part of St. Alban's." -Cathy Williams



Check out the cool vest you wear!

Sleepy Hollow Road Adopt a Highway Clean Up Event Saturday, October 20 2:00 pm

Volunteers wishing to help clean up our adopted one-mile stretch of Sleepy Hollow Road should gather in the church parking lot at 2:00 pm to get assignments, orange safety vests and trash bags.

Please bring gloves and trash grabbers if you have them. Volunteers must be over 10 years of age.

It takes only about an hour out of your day and you will get instant gratification and community pride when you fill up your bag! Rain date Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm.

Please contact **Elizabeth Howton** for information and to sign up for service.

Passages

Dorothy Ferguson, mother of the late **Ed Walinsky**, mother-in-law of **Fran Walinsky** and grandmother of **Lauren, Ed Jr.** and **Sarah**, passed away in August.

Doris Drake, mother of **Linda Cummings**, mother-in-law of **Casey**, and grandmother of **Darren** and **Mark**, passed away in September.

Please keep the Walinsky and Cummings families in your thoughts and prayers.

"Receive, O Lord, your servants Dorothy and Doris into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light."





Dottie Ninde doing Altar Guild duties on September 2.



October Birthdays

Elizabeth Cheek	1
Mark Russell	3
Robert Fleming	4
Scott Martin	4
Hope Grauel	6
Drew Schrecker	7
Doris Lewis	10
Kyle McKenzie	10
Christopher Hite	13
Kathryn Cook	14
Howard Foard	14
Ellen Gerdes	14
Laura Jean Hyde	14
Becky Lallande	14
Jeff Allen	15
Patricia Elder	15
Joseph Kim	15
Gail Coleman	17
Jessy Jackson	17
Andrew Lieberthal	17
Danielle Krafft	19
Gabe Nassar	19
Jinsun Cho	20
Madeleine Clune	20
Olivia Findorff	20
Martha Kelley	21
Catalina Cashdollar	22
Luanne Gutermuth	23
Catherine McCoy	24
Jack Gelman	25
Douglas Mairena	25
Gean Martin	26
Chris Peck	27
Jack Harrell	29
Lynne Schrag	30



*The true meaning of editorial oversight!
Clark Shankles, the St. Alban's feline mascot, stopped by the church office
to oversee the Word mailing by Sharon Belanger in July.*



Evie Tanner and Gwen Jillson show off our brand new nursery on September 9.



**St. Alban's
Muldoon Concerts
2018-2019**



Come join us for a delightful
afternoon of joyful music.
Reception following.
All concerts free. 4:00 pm

October 7
Hub New Music

November 11
Cristian Perez Guitar

December 9
Celebration Singers

March 24
Dr. Mickey Terry, Organ

October Calendar Highlights

October 5 **Lunch Bunch at Houlihans** at the Hilton Hotel,
Springfield, 11:30 am To reserve, please contact **Patricia Elder**

October 7 **Blessing of the Animals**, both services
Muldoon Concert, Hub New Music, 4:00 pm

October 13 **Oktoberfest** 6:00 pm; parish hall

October 20 **Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up** 2:00 pm; rain date October 21

October 28 **Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event**

November 4 **All Souls' Evensong** 7:00 pm in the church

November 6 **Youth Group Election Day Donut Sale**

November 17 **Christmas Bazaar** 9:00 am-2:00 pm

November 18 **Annual Giving In-Gathering
and Put the Stew in Stewardship!**

