

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

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From the Rector



In a few weeks we will be kicking off a Capital Campaign with the goal of updating, repairing and modernizing our kitchen and bringing the two restrooms near the parish hall up to code. In the grand scheme of things, this is not a high visibility project. I imagine that there are a couple parishioners who have never set foot in either the kitchen or one of the restrooms and wonder what all the fuss is about.

I know that some are concerned about the cost of the project and worry about whether a “commercial” kitchen is necessary. Our vision is for a kitchen that supports us as we engage more fully in the missions to which God has called our parish family. We included commercial-grade equipment and appliances in the design so that we would have the potential to earn County certification, which would allow us to even better serve our neighbors. Right now, our kitchen is suitable only for unwrapping casserole dishes made at home and for heating up hotdogs. We can't even plug in more than two crock pots without blowing a circuit.

Most of the kitchen must be removed or demolished because there are shortcomings and faults there that cannot be hidden or covered up with a coat of paint – in particular, the rather expensive task of jackhammering the entire kitchen floor in order to replace a too-narrow sewer drain pipe, and upgrading the electric service. In addition, we will be a much more welcoming and hospitable parish with restrooms that will accommodate any and all people.

I have been asked interesting questions about what we'll “do” with the kitchen once the work is complete, or why we “need” a laundry facility. We're going to begin using the kitchen space to enhance and increase our ministries; to allow us to dream bold and big about how St. Alban's can be a greater presence in our community and beyond. How? I honestly don't know the specific details, but I look to the Bible for guidance and inspiration, and I think of that great patriarch of Judaism, Christianity and Islam – Abraham. Like us, Abraham was called by God to do something audacious and bold. Abraham was called to leave the only place he ever knew and start a new life in a new country. Imagine what the world would look like today if Abraham had faltered because he didn't have a concise plan and timeline, or the committee chair hadn't been recruited yet? But Abraham had faith, and he had a dream, that God wanted him to do something that would change the world.

Our Capital Campaign Committees and the Kitchen Design Committee are in place and are excited and energized about the future. And so, I'm asking my St. Alban's family to set aside their fears and concerns and, instead, look to the future. I'm asking that we not get tangled up now in details about who will operate the new appliances, or how we will use the laundry facility. As Abraham said, “God himself will provide.” The answers to these and many other questions will become self-evident.

In the coming weeks your friends and neighbors will be asking you to give a financial gift to help us meet our goal to expand our ministries and enable us to continue doing the good work God had given us to do. I hope you will support us with your prayers and your best wishes, because we need all three – prayers, best wishes and funds. I am very excited about the future. I'm very excited about where God is calling St. Alban's. I'm very excited about what this project will enable us to do, as we continue our work to be the hands and heart of Jesus.

-Fr. Jeff



Our Youth Group missionaries being blessed with traveling mercies before they depart for Appalachia in July.



CHOIR NOTES



Meet Patrick J. Summers, our Interim Music Director

Patrick Summers has been hired as our interim Music Minister beginning September 8. Patrick will serve as both Choirmaster and Organist while our Search Advisory Committee continues its work to search for and hire permanent music staff.

Patrick is an excellent organist and choir director with an impressive list of accomplishments. In addition to his vocation as a church musician, Patrick is Principal of Summers & Associates, LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based accounting and auditing firm.

Patrick has been an active church musician for 49+ years in both the Washington, D.C. and New Orleans areas, and he has performed in the U.S., Venice, Florence and Rome. He has directed programs at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke, Va., First Congregational United Church of Christ in D.C., and Our Savior Lutheran Church and Arlington Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Va. In addition, he served as the Chapel Organist for the Headquarters Battalion of the U.S. Marine Corps at the Pentagon. He is a member of the D.C. Chapter, American Guild of Organists, for which he volunteered as the Treasurer for six years and is an active member of the Association of Anglican Musicians, serving as a national conference Treasurer and Treasurer of the Organ Historical Society. Check out Patrick's full biography. It can be found on our St. Alban's website at <https://wearestalbans.org/about#summers>.



Patrick J. Summers

On September 8, our choir resumes its ministry of making beautiful music to enhance our worship. As the Search Advisory Committee continues its work, please keep its members in your prayers: **Joan Jurenas, Fran Walinsky, Larry Hodgin, Jo Hodgin, Allison Blanchard, Sarah Traum, Chris Martin, Ronnie Hardcastle, Nancy Harrell** and **Fr. Paul**.
-Clarence Zuvekas

The Warden's Pen

Summer has ended, kids and teachers are back to school and much has happened at St. Alban's.

A July storm put a branch through the roof of the rectory and water leaked into the ceiling of both the dining room and kitchen. The roof was last replaced in 1987 and was not in good shape (nor up to code). Thankfully, insurance will cover a portion of the cost. Along with the roof, the rectory had a dryer not drying and both the washer and water heater were leaking. A very generous parishioner gifted a washer and dryer and your Vestry voted to replace the water heater and the entire roof. In the parish hall, one of the A/C units has died and will be replaced.

St. Alban's has hired a new Interim Music Minister. Please see his bio above and greet **Patrick Summers** as he begins his important work here.

We will begin our Capital Campaign this month. Stay tuned for more information.

-Nancy Harrell

All Saints Guild

In 2012 I volunteered to chair the All Saints Guild, taking over for the wonderful **Annette Dagg**. It has been 7 years of arranging receptions for funerals and **Fr. Jeff's** installation. I have been blessed to be able to coordinate these events for our family here at St. Alban's.



It is time for me to end my leadership role for the Guild. This is an important ministry, our 'last gift' we give to our parishioners and their families. I will still be part of the All Saints Guild and will be happy to help whoever takes this on.

Please prayerfully consider taking over the wonderful ministry of the All Saints Guild. Please contact me or Fr. Jeff if you would like more information.
-Nancy Harrell

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Stewardship

There were many aspects of this year's Vacation Bible School that were noteworthy, but second only to the fun and friendship shared by the attendees was the number of adult and youth volunteers who came together to make this happen. By my count, more than 40 St. Albanites chipped in at one point or another. Impressive.

This year's VBS is just another example of how we do an awful lot in our parish and around or community to get the work done that we believe God has called us to do. We are a great bunch at volunteering our time and or talents. Who can forget the benefit concert for hurricane victims that **Harry Baisden** pulled together this past May? Or the rambunctious youth group that we sent out to once again give the

people of Hurley, Virginia a helping hand? What about our hugely successful Christmas Bazaar? The list of what we do is impressive.

Each year, though, we need to regroup and reestablish these commitments of time, which is why September 8 is such an important date in our church calendar. September 8 is Ministry Sunday—a time for you to learn more about the volunteer activities we are invested in and, if you're not already so engaged, find something that you'd like to be a part of! Being a Christian is not a spectator sport—we need you to help us push and pull in the all the ways that we do to make us the active Christ-centered parish that we are. We hope to see you around in the parish hall on September 8! Be a part of something worthwhile—be good stewards of your time and talents.

-Ron Vogel



*This year's Stewardship logo.
More later!*



From the Deacon

Partnering to Care for Children and Youth

Each August, I check the Fairfax County Public School data, particularly the percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Research shows that meals at school provide nutrition for students, increase students' ability to learn, keep them healthy and reduce discipline issues. Long-term outcomes include increased high school graduation rates.

Across the Fairfax County school system, 28 percent of students receive free or reduced-price meals because of their family's income. The two schools we work with, Belvedere Elementary School and Poe Middle School, have a higher percentage of students in need than other neighboring schools. The percentage of students receiving school meal support increased at Belvedere last school year to 55.8 percent which is 2.4 percent higher than the previous year. The percentage went up very slightly at Poe Middle School to 76.27 percent. Students at each school face food insecurity daily, which is why our weekend food program for Belvedere and our after-school hot meal program at Poe are so important.

Both programs will begin again in September. Be on the lookout for notices from the program coordinators about participating in these crucial efforts to care for the children around us.

Through our partnership with Belvedere, we also recruit mentors for a commitment for the school year of one hour a week. Mentors focus on offering students an additional caring adult in their lives. Counselors identify kids who need support with social skills development as well as other non-academic needs. Mentors undergo background checks to ensure the safety of students. If you have questions about mentoring or think you might be called to do this work, please talk with me and we'll explore it further together with the counselor at Belvedere.

-Deacon Theresa

Christmas Bazaar News

*St. Alban's Christmas Bazaar
is right around the corner on
Saturday, November 23!*



The bazaar is an excellent place to meet new friends and reconnect with neighbors and friends you haven't seen in a while. Most importantly, it gets our neighbors in the door and allows them to see our vibrant Christ-centered community and hopefully, we can encourage visitors to worship with us. In addition, the bazaar supports community outreach like ACCA, Poe Middle School, Bethany House, Lockwood House, Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, Our Little Roses School in Honduras, Holy Trinity Church in Haiti and other community organizations serving those in need! Last year we raised over \$15,000 for our outreach programs.

Volunteer Opportunities - New leads are needed for the Jewelry and Toys rooms for this year's bazaar. If you're able to support one of these areas, please contact **Nancy Calvert** or **Sue Mairena** by email for additional information. Nancy's email address is billandnancycalvert@verizon.net and Sue's is mairena75@verizon.net.

The parish hall closet is open for your donations! Please place items in boxes or sturdy bags marked with what's inside. As you are choosing items to donate, please consider what you or others would like to buy. All items should be clean and in good condition. As you consider your donations, ask yourself if you would buy the item. Please make sure any battery-operated items have a battery so the customer can check it out. -Nancy Calvert and Sue Mairena

Congratulations to Gwen DeFilippi and Jim Kilby

We've had two noteworthy military promotions in our congregation. In April, **Gwen DeFilippi** was promoted to Air Force Colonel. On July 23, **Jim Kilby** was promoted to Navy Vice-Admiral (3-star) at the Pentagon.

Congratulations to Gwen, Jim and their families.



Gwen DeFilippi with daughters Sarah, Emily and Maggie at her promotion ceremony.



Sam, Jim, Ivy, Jim's father Gerry and Zach Kilby.

Ice Cream Social Sunday September 1

immediately following both services.



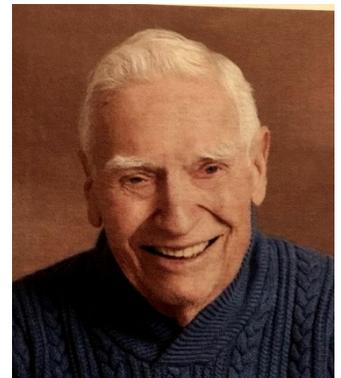
Linda Fraunfelder

Longtime parishioner **Linda Fraunfelder**, wife of **Moe** and mother of **Drew** and **Chet**, died on June 27 after a long illness. Linda was very active in the life of St. Alban's, serving as Senior Warden and editor of *The Word*, among other ministries. A festive celebration of life for Linda was held at St. Alban's on the evening of July 17.

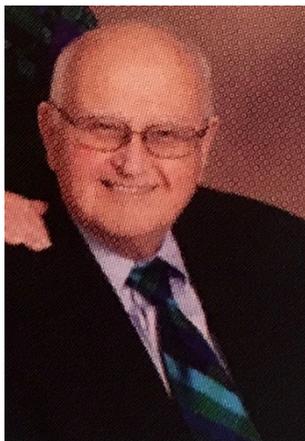
Art Deverill passed away on July 27. A service in thanksgiving for his life was held on August 12.

Marilyn Bernard died on August 16 after a sudden illness and brief hospitalization. Arrangements for a memorial gathering are underway.

Longtime parishioner **Walt Barbee** died on August 21. His wife **Robin** and his daughter **Anne** were at his side. Walt was very active at St. Alban's, serving on various committees, the Vestry and, with Robin, in the choir. For many years, he wrote the Choir Notes article for *The Word* and volunteered weekly in the church office. A burial liturgy for Walt will be held at St. Alban's at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 31.



Art Deverill



Walt Barbee

Please keep the loved ones of Linda, Art, Marilyn and Walt in your thoughts and prayers.

"Receive, O Lord, your servants Linda, Art, Marilyn and Walt into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light."



Youth Group Mission Trip July 7-12



Blessings and thanks to our youth group and adult leaders. They did God's work painting and patching up houses in Appalachia.

Group picture below:

Fr. Jeff, Harry Baisden, Nathaniel Harpine, Olivia Findorff, Allison Perina, James Perina, Robby Larson-Ensinger, Landon Gates, George DeFilippi, Fr. Paul, Maddie Clune, Julia Lesko, Macgregor Bickel; Darius Zorin, Victor Zorin, Ted Blanchard.



Toiletries Drive

Chris Martin delivered donated toiletries and gift cards to the Northeast D.C. office of Samaritan Ministry in June. The St. Alban's family was so very generous to donate so many toiletries and so many gift cards.

Many thanks to all. -Debbe Hughes



Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 29-August 2



Vacation Bible School 2019 was a big success! With an African themed program, VBS taught around 50 children about God's love, compassion and forgiveness through fun and lively play, art, physical activity and music activities. Thank you to our VBS coordinators **Ann Gates** and **Melanie Jillson** for a job well done. And thanks to our many volunteers:

Fay Froh
Molly Chilton
Linda Cummings
Vanessa Cummings
Tom Tycz
Bob Ensinger
Peter Larson
Stephanie Farley
James Chilton

Donna Archer
Nancy Calvert
Izanne Zorin
Cheryl Sinsabaugh
Melinda Patterson
Delores Baisden
Harry Baisden
Cathy Casey
Adam Keiper

Kit Ryan
Harris Andrews
Moira Skinner
Laura Barker
Drew Barker
Fran Walinsky
Sam Jillson
Becca Sticha

Heath Larson-Ensinger
Mykell Payne
Olivia DePasquale
Emily Rutherford
Zoe Kinder
Emma Solem



A prayer from The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

On the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the first transatlantic slave trade in Hampton, Virginia, in August 1619, as documented by Jamestown colonist John Rolfe.

As we remember those 20 African people who were stolen from their homes, brought to and sold on the shores of Virginia, let us lament the legacy of the transatlantic slave trade that still haunts us today. Let us pray for descendants of slaves and of slave owners alike, for all people of our Commonwealth and nation, and for all enslaved persons in our world today. And let us commit ourselves to working for justice, freedom and peace for all people.

+ Susan

Let us pray:

God our Governor, great is your name in all the world, great is your presence in this land.

You were here when Native peoples first lived and loved and governed themselves. You were here when the first Englishmen immigrated to these shores, and when they held their first Legislative Assembly 400 years ago. You were here that same year when the first English women chose to come and join the men in establishing settled communities, and when the first African people were brought here, in harrowing circumstances, against their will. You were with our ancestors, men and women of diverse races and cultures, through triumph and adversity, though hope and fear.

In the same way that you were with your people then, be with us now as we remember the relationships and legacies that have shaped us as Americans today. Forgive us the ways that we have hurt and exploited one another. Give us the courage to do the hard work of real reconciliation. And bless our continued efforts for justice, freedom and peace for everyone in this land - everyone, without exception. For you are a God who does wonders, and in your name we see wonders. May it be so. And may we be partners with you in making it so. Amen.

September Birthdays

Fay Froh	1
Renee Martin	2
Zack Dilworth	4
Christina Popescu	4
Grace Gelman	5
Zack Russell	5
Declan Chilton	6
George DeFilippi	6
Kathryn Zimmerman	9
Shawn Clune	10
Camille Stern	11
Ron Vogel	12
Lydia Talamante	13
John Lesko	15
Mary Trice	15
Betty Petersilia	16
Penny DeFilippi	17
Allison Perina	17
Derrick Deck	20
Casey Cummings	21
Emily Rutherford	21
Robyn Leersnyder	24
Macgregor Bickel	27
Mike McCaffree	28
Nancy Gamber	29
Katilyn Mairena	30
Sandy Trumbull	30



Youth Group at King's Dominion August 14



Nathan's Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to our summer seminarian **Nathan Harpine** at coffee hour on his last day, August 4. Nathan's parents and girlfriend joined us for services that day. Thank you Nathan for all your hard work and effort on VBS, the mission trip, the Bible study and so much more. You were busy! Wishing you all the best, Nathan, as you move to your next stage of discernment. Blessings to you and your family.

Photo left: **Nathan with Debra Becker and Jane Cheek (and his cake)!**

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Annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont September 27-29, 2019

Our annual weekend at the diocesan retreat center in the Shenandoah Mountains is a great time to relax and spend time getting to know one another over mealtimes, worship, singing and fellowship. Come have fun and take advantage of the slow pace of life over the weekend. If a glass of sweet tea or a tasty Anglican beverage are calling to you from a porch rocker, then that's where you need to be!



Fairfax 50+ invites you to the Venture into Volunteering Fair at the Dulles Expo Center (4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA) on October 2, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Representatives from 100 organizations will be on hand to discuss volunteer opportunities in Northern Virginia. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/venturefair2019> or call 703-324-5406.

-Tanya Erway, Fairfax County Division

September Calendar Highlights



September 1 **Ice Cream Social** after both services

September 6 **First Friday Lunch Bunch**

September 8 **Ministry Sunday**
following 10:15 am service. One service only this day.

September 15 **Youth Group Kick-off**
Sunday School resumes

September 18 for 7 weeks (Wednesdays)
Bible Study on Job 7:00 pm
Study Guide \$23, payable to St. Alban's

September 22. **Adopt-A-Highway** clean up event
Meet at church parking lot at 3:00 pm for assignments.

September 25 **Christmas Bazaar Kick-off Meeting**
6:30 pm in parish hall

September 27-29 **Parish Weekend Shrine Mont**

Ministry Sunday September 8

Join us for Ministry Sunday, September 8 immediately following the 10:15 am Holy Eucharist (only one service that day!) Representatives from each ministry will be available to discuss how our combined effort serves the mission of St. Alban's. For more information, please contact **Karen** or **Rick Weinberg**.