

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

The word

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From the Rector



Rose Sunday December 11

I'm very excited about what 2023 will bring. I see signs of optimism and signs of growth everywhere. While it has been a slow increase, our Sunday worship attendance numbers have been steadily tracking upward since we resumed in-person worship, oh so long ago. Anecdotally, I understand that many of our sister parishes are not seeing that trend, so we should feel particularly blessed. Each Sunday I look out on the congregation assembled for worship and I see new faces and new families in the crowd. (Just as a reminder, it's incumbent on each of us to help make visitors and newcomers feel welcome. A smile and a friendly "hello" go a long way.)

On January 8th, our Choristers sang "Sing 'Gloria!'" proclaiming the Good News of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It was thrilling to hear the children's voices ring out from the choir loft. Their weeks of practice and rehearsals have paid off, and I see our chorister program as a very special ministry at St. Alban's. (Please see page 4 for a Chorister testimonial!)

We closed out 2022 with two weeks of service as a hypothermia shelter. The overwhelming response from you all was heartwarming. Our youth put together bags of personal hygiene products for our guests; you prepared delicious meals and made our shelter guests feel welcomed and wanted.

Seeing so many children and youth gathered for our first Epiphany Pageant since 2019 was particularly gratifying. It has been far too long since we saw Mary and Joseph searching for shelter, followed by a child-dressed-as-a-donkey, trudging down the center aisle.

With all those signs of growth, we do have some challenges ahead:

We have Sunday School offerings for all ages, from pre-school to adults. Unfortunately, attendance at Sunday School has been, shall we say, lackluster? Sunday School helps shape young minds and does much of the "heavy lifting" in the area of forming young Christians. Our Adult Forums and Sunday School programs are a place where we can wrestle with life's tough questions in a safe, loving environment. Regular attendance at Sunday School (and church) help build a strong foundation for your faith and a relationship with Jesus that will help sustain you in life's trying times.

Our Sunday volunteer scheduling system continues to experience growing pains – I notice a flurry of sign-ups on Thursday afternoons (after the weekly SAM email has been sent out) as volunteers fill in open serving slots for the coming Sunday's worship. I appreciate everyone who gives of their time to serve on Sundays. My hope is that more parishioners will participate by taking a moment to click on the link to the sign up page in the weekly SAM and signing up in advance.

We are rebuilding our acolyte corps and our Eucharistic Ministers (chalice bearers). Both ministries are vital and enhance our worship. Ideally, at each service we need two chalice bearers, a crucifer and two torch bearers. According to our diocesan canons, Eucharistic Ministers must be at least 16, and confirmed communicants in good standing. As a Eucharistic Minister, you work with, and assist clergy in, the administration of the sacraments, usually the wine. There are fewer requirements to serve as an acolyte. In fact, acolytes can be any age! Like Eucharistic Ministers, acolytes assist clergy as worship leaders, carrying the processional cross, or illuminating the way with a torch. Both roles are necessary... both are important to our orderly worship.

Our liturgy is not a solo act by the clergy; rather it is the "work of the people." It is a public event that draws us together as the Body of Christ. If you have any questions about the role of acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, or any of the other vital volunteer roles on Sunday, please do not hesitate to ask the clergy, who can point you in the right direction.

As 2023 unfolds, I pray for God's blessings on our parish family, and I look forward to serving with each you as a fellow disciple of Jesus.

-Fr. Jeff

From the Associate Rector

During the pandemic, smaller and under-resourced parishes lost many members to attrition. Part of this was a lack of infrastructure to keep online offerings going through the worst of the lockdowns; and part of this is that some folks and families have gotten used to sleeping in on Sundays, staying in jammies and waiting to watch the church live stream... maybe later.

Anecdotally, talking with other clergy at diocesan events, it seems that St. Alban's has avoided many of the losses that other churches have suffered. The **Bishop** reported that four very small parishes in our diocese ended their "season of ministry" in the past year – that means, they have ceased to exist. Our diocese is now 175 congregations strong; though before the pandemic we were 180.

From my perspective, it seems that most of us are – in one way or another – present or at least accounted for. And, if you've been in church regularly these past months, you have likely noticed a lot of new faces in the congregation. Nearly every week new people are visiting St. Alban's, and many of them are coming back and wanting to join. We are extremely blessed to be outliers in this way. St. Alban's is as vibrant and busy as ever.

That doesn't mean everyone is physically "back." Some, due to distance or illness, are unable to attend in person. And that is, ultimately, the reason for the wonderful livestream ministry that helps so much to keep the homebound a part of the community. (Thank you, **Tim, Carlton, Sam, Will** and **Steve!**)

Some others, even longtime members, are almost never present in church—and this priest wants to call you back to faithful attendance.

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song...
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

Psalm 100, the Jubilate, is a call to worship – it's one of the "invitatory" psalms said each day in Morning Prayer. Quite literally, the invitatory in the daily office is both a wholehearted invitation as well as a spiritual exhortation: "Enter his gates," the psalmist says. "Go into his courts with praise," and "come before his presence with a song." This suggests physical presence.

In the Gospels, the astute reader will notice that quite often, when the disciples are together in person sharing a meal, that's when Jesus shows up in their midst. Indeed, when the day of Pentecost arrives, and the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples – and the Church, the bride of Christ, is born – the Book of Acts tells us that it happens when "they were all together in one place." This suggests the importance of embodied presence with one another, in the same place, at the same time.

And, in the Eucharist, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine – so much so that we call it the Body and Blood of Christ. It may not literally turn the atoms, but in these humble elements, our Lord is indeed WITH us. Not only spiritually, but in a vivid and real way. We are sent out, fed by the sacrament, equipped to fill the world around us with God's love and grace.

The mass cannot be fulfilled by the priest alone. The priest is a necessary part of the mass, but so are the people. The whole congregation, at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, say a loud "AMEN." And THAT is when we believe the consecration is complete. It's a collective endeavor, not a priest doing hocus pocus with "magic hands." The entire congregation present, along with the priest, make the Eucharist complete by our corporate participation in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The live stream never was meant to be, and never should be, a replacement for physical attendance at church. How can we grow in our faith personally, and in our life together, if we are not regularly coming to Church to confess our sins, hear the Word of God proclaimed, and receive the holy sacraments? The Christian life is hard enough without trying to bare knuckle it all by ourselves. It seems to me impossible to be a member of a community that you don't show up to.

I want to call on those who've become lax in attendance, or have allowed other activities to replace essential weekly time with God and with fellow Christians, to attend services more regularly. No, there is no attendance requirement – and no judgement for having to miss church for various reasons. But, if you've only been to church maybe three or four times in the past year, I'm asking you to look at why that might be. Your church misses you. We are not complete without you.

We love to say that being Episcopalian means "Catholic lite" or, "all the ritual, none of the guilt." And surely, guilt is never helpful. But perhaps exhortation is in order. As your priest, it's my job to remind all of us from time to time that there really is no substitute for in-person worship. There's no Zoom call or You Tube video that can fully replace the blessing and grace of being together as a church family – not just on holidays, but regularly.

We all need a reminder at times to recommit to regular attendance and renewed faithfulness. So, consider this yours!

It's been a nice break, spending lazy mornings at home. I know! But it's time to return to church.

-Fr. Paul

From The Music Minister and Organist

Happy New Year! After another beautiful Advent and Christmas season here at St. Alban's, I am excited for a musical "change of pace" in Epiphany and, a little later, in Lent. This is, by the way, a good time for you to consider "jumping in" and joining one of our choirs – please be in touch with me at adetzner@stalbansva.org if you are interested.

Especially in the first few weeks (or months) of a new year, when I'm forever writing, for example, "/22" instead of "/23," I get a little philosophical about time, especially as it relates to my vocation as a church musician. January 1 (The Holy Name) means something different to church musicians and other folks following the wheel of the liturgical year than it does to, say, accountants closing the books, or revelers in Times Square.

I recently finished a book by Barbara Tuchman called "A Distant Mirror," a lengthy and intriguing account of what she describes as "the calamitous fourteenth century" in Europe. It's a big of a slog sometimes, with a lot of Dukes of this one place and Counts of that other place, and it's really pretty depressing, but, as the title suggests, there's quite a lot it can teach us about our time. For example, it's interesting to read about the Black Death, which, like COVID-19, struck the peasantry much harder than the nobility, who could escape to a sort of "proto-quarantine" in country villas (c. f. Boccaccio's *Decameron*). And, like COVID, the Plague led to far-reaching disruptions in labor relations, allowing for the rise of the bourgeois class and, eventually, a sort of embryo capitalism in the early modern era.

In her foreward, Tuchman explains that "medieval chronology is extremely hard to pin down:"

"The year was considered to begin at Easter and since this could fall any time between March 22 and April 22, a fixed date of March 25 was generally preferred... [leaving] the year to which events of January, February, and March belong in the 14th century a running enigma... Moreover, chroniclers did not date an event by the day of the month but by the religious calendar – speaking, for example, of two days before the Nativity of the Virgin, or the Monday after Epiphany, or St. John the Baptist's Day, or the third Sunday in Lent. The result is to confuse not only the historian but the inhabitants of the 14th century themselves, who rarely if ever agree on the same date for any event."

It is interesting to consider how completely the church must have pervaded medieval thinking, given "the Christian religion," Tuchman writes, "as it then was: the matrix and law of medieval life, omnipresent, indeed compulsory." Christian devotion, real or feigned, was more important to the medieval subject than agreeing on the date that something happened. If you harbor any romantic notions about medieval life, read this book – I assure you they will evaporate. But it's interesting to evaluate, or reevaluate, how we mark the passage of time: by the quarters of corporate profit reporting, or by the progress of a season of professional sports, or perhaps by our pie chart of uneven slices of greens, blues, reds, purples, whites – and two slim sectors of rose.

Music plays a big part in this: our Christmas carols don't start until December 24, a few weeks (months?) after shopping malls start blaring jazz arrangements, and don't end until January 6, a few weeks after they stop. Certain hymns are traditionally sung on certain days – here at St. Alban's, as I understand it, "I sing a song of the saints of God" is customary for All Saints', and "Welcome Happy Morning" is a mainstay at Easter. (If you know of any other "expected" seasonal hymns, I likely don't yet, so please let me know).

I am excited to hop back onto the wheel of our liturgical year. Thank you for all you do to encourage music-making in this wonderful parish.
-In Christ, Adam Detzner Minister of Music and Organist

Muldoon Concert Series 2023

February 12, 4:00 pm – Illuminare / Carmina Choral Ensemble

Carmina and its sister organization, the treble ensemble Illuminare, will present a program of Renaissance and early Baroque choral works by English, German and Italian composers including music by William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Thomas Tompkins, Johann Michael Bach, Johann Kuhnau and Caterina Assandra.

March 19, 4:00 pm – Second Annual Annandale Bach Birthday Marathon

An afternoon of short performances of organ works of J. S. Bach by talented local artists on St. Alban's beautiful mechanical action organ (John Leek, Op. 1). Audience members can drop in and depart at will. When the marathon ends at 6:00 pm, concertgoers and musicians will continue to celebrate Johann Sebastian with a festive reception, where beer and German fare will be served.

May 21, 4:00 pm – Dr. Kimberly Marshall, Organist

The organ was invented in the third century BCE, and it has an incredibly large repertoire. Nevertheless there are many hidden gems. A specialist on the earliest and most recent music for the organ, Kimberly Marshall will present a program entitled "Journeys into Freedom," featuring compositions by medieval, women, black and Navajo composers that contextualize more well-known works. Come discover new music on the world's oldest instrument!

A testimonial from a Choristers Parent:

“It’s been a real balm for the soul to see [our Chorister] take on learning a new skill. She finds such joy in singing, and your program has been a source of growth and personal development for her. Practicing, learning and performing have helped increase her confidence and strengthened her identity. You must be very proud, and we are very grateful.”

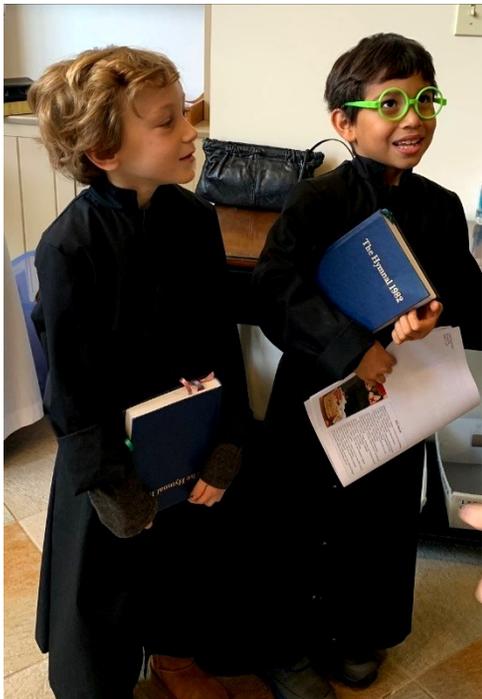


Photo above left: Choristers Rory and Stephen

*Photo above right: Choir members Sheila Massey, Debbie Rosse, Robin Barbee, Karen Weinberg, Choristers Jonquil, Stephen
Photos below: Choristers Erin, Samara, Jonquil and Rory. Rory, JoJo and Sheila. Rory*





Choir Notes



January 8. Our Choristers sang this Sunday.

January 15. John Goss (1800-1880) was organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London (1838-72) and professor of harmony at the Royal Academy of Music (1827-1872). He was knighted upon retiring from both positions because of ill health. Most of his compositions are vocal and choral music, both religious and secular. His anthem, *These Are They Which Follow the Lamb*, is based on Revelation 14:4-5.

January 22. London-born Healey Willan (1880-1968) emigrated to Canada in 1913 to head the Theory Department at the Toronto (now Royal) Conservatory of Music. From 1921 until his death he was organist and choirmaster at the Anglo-Catholic St. Mary Magdalen Church in Toronto. The *Kyrie*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei* we sang during Advent are from his St. Mary Magdalen Mass. Somehow he managed to find time to compose a large body of both sacred and secular music. We will be singing his anthem, *Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come*. The text is from Isaiah 60:1, an unidentified Epiphany Epistle (Ephesians 3:1-12 is standard but the link isn't obvious), and Psalm 117.

January 29. This Sunday's anthem is a setting of the *Prayer of St. Francis* by Jan Nieland (1903-1963), a Dutch composer and organist. The familiar text begins with "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

February 5. Philip Wilby (b. 1949) attended Oxford's Keble College, was a professional violinist early in his career, studied composition with Herbert Howells, and joined the faculty of the University of Leeds in 1972. While his strong faith led him to compose sacred music, he has also made notable contributions to music for wind and brass bands. We will be singing his setting of the 16th century text, *God Be in My Head*.

February 12. William Byrd (1543-1623), a student of Thomas Tallis, was an organist and major composer of English Renaissance music. A Roman Catholic, his career was temporarily sidelined when Mary was succeeded on the throne by her Protestant younger sister, Elizabeth I. But Byrd revived his career by composing in the Anglican tradition, while continuing to produce works in Latin. Byrd and Tallis demonstrated business acumen by securing from Queen Elizabeth a monopoly on the printing of music. We will be singing Byrd's anthem, *Teach Me, O Lord*, the text of which is from Psalm 119:33-38.

February 19. The sacred music of Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) has stood the test of time better than his secular compositions. Stanford is also well regarded for his contributions as a professor of music at Cambridge University and the Royal College of Music. We will be singing his *Te Deum in B-flat*.

February 22 (Ash Wednesday). Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) was the son of Samuel Wesley, a noted English composer and keyboardist, and the grand-nephew of John Wesley, who broke away from the Anglican tradition to found the Methodist Church. SSW was highly regarded as an organist but apparently didn't have a high regard for other people because he had a hard time keeping a job for very long. His modest number of choral compositions include this Sunday's anthem, *Wash Me Thoroughly (from My Wickedness)*. The text is from Psalm 51:2-3.

February 26. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was a vicar's son who grew up with a low opinion of the music he heard at his father's church. He decided he could do a lot better, and the evidence in our Hymnal (a large number of original tunes and arrangements) demonstrates he was right. This Sunday's anthem is an arrangement of a traditional tune and text, *The Truth Sent from Above*.
-Clarence Zuvekas



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Photo courtesy Carmina/Illuminaire Website

Epiphany Pageant January 8

Big thanks to **Sarah Traum** and **Jane Cheek** for organizing and directing this year's pageant, along with many adult helpers, including **April Kreller**, **Elizabeth Howton**, **Alison Dilworth** and **Olivia Devereaux**.
And thanks to our cast...see page 7 for names.



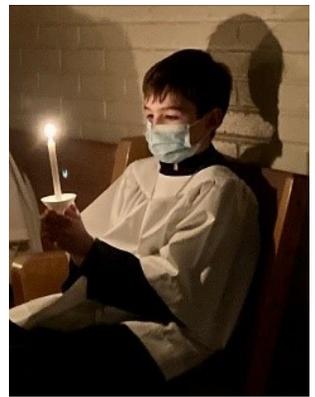
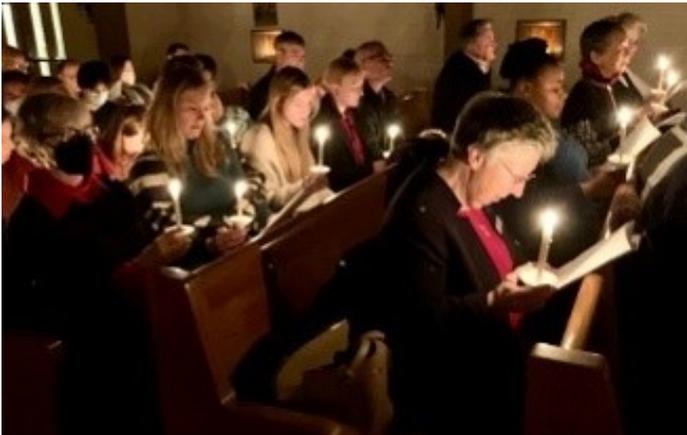
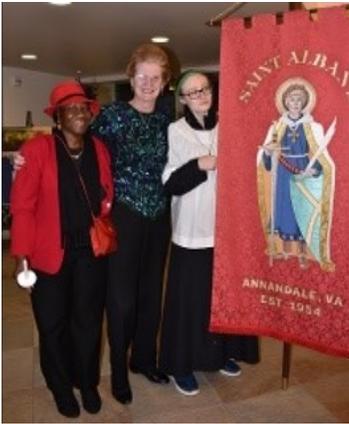


2023 Epiphany Pageant Cast Key Roles

Narrators **Zachary Dilworth, Alison Dilworth**
 Angel Gabriel /Angel of the Lord
Jalen Terry (Wiles' grandson)
 Zechariah **Cole Lieberthal**
 Elizabeth **Sofia DePasquale**
 Baby John **Arthur Keiper**
 Mary **Emily Rutherford**
 Joseph **Sam Jillson**
 Donkey **Jackson Braun**
 Baby Jesus **Grace Headland**
 Innkeeper **Jack Devereux**
 Innkeeper's Wife **Erin McClintock**
 Herod **Ted Blanchard**
 Herod's Assistant **Edmund Keiper**
 Wise Men **Finley Devereux, Rory McClintock,**
Rory Lieberthal
 Head Shepherd **Samara Traum**
 Head Angel **Jonquil Traum**
 And many cute angels, shepherds and animals



**Christmas Eve, 2022
5:30 pm Service**





More Christmas Eve 5:30 Service



St. Nicholas Day *St. Alban's celebrated St. Nicholas day on December 4. Children left their shoes in the narthex and, lo and behold, out they came out to find chocolate gold coins in their shoes! St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, and on his feast day, St. Nicholas was said to leave bags of gold in shoes as signified by gold chocolate coins.*



Check out ACCA's Year in Review!

ACCA is doing some amazing work for the Annandale community, and we at St. Alban's are thrilled to join and support their amazing efforts!

St. Alban's donated 28 lbs of resources to the ACCA pantry in December! Way to go! The shelves are looking good, too, thanks to some local food drives.

In addition, the **Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA)** is looking for volunteers! Critical needs right now include:

- Food Captains (remote)
- Money Captains (remote)
- Food Delivery Drivers
- Drivers (to help local seniors)
- Development Chair
- Grant Writer

Please share these needs with your family, friends, and neighbors! For more information, please visit the [website](http://www.accares.org) or email volunteers@accacares.org

Samaritan Ministries

Many many thanks to all who baked/donated Christmas cookies to the Samaritan Ministry - Arlington office.

The Christmas gift bag distribution was a success and greatly appreciated. St. Alban's bakers (and buyers) provided enough cookies for every participant's gift bag. Additional cookies were available to share with people who stopped in to ask questions.

Each participant there is working to meet health housing, and professional goals. St. Alban's continuing support of Samaritan Ministry is truly a blessing.

*Thanks to **Jo Hodgkin** for delivering the cookies and for the pictures!*

Merry Christmas!

-Debbe Hughes



Coffee Hour on December 18 with Ann and Clarence Zuvekas and Evangeline and Zinnah Wiles.



St. Alban's Hosted Hypothermia Shelter December 11-24

My heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who made our Hypothermia Prevention ministry a success! You have been so generous with your time, money and patience. I am more grateful to you all than I can express. Since the pandemic we have been hosting only about half as many of the shelter people as we did in past years. But we have been hosting for two weeks instead of one. Our guests praised our food and our friendliness. I thank God for all of you. -Delores Baisden



*A few of the nightly hosts for our two-week day hypothermia shelter: Pictures top row: **Marcus Smail, Delores Baisden, Melinda Patterson, Fran Walinsky, Bob Wood and Dottie Ninde.** Alison Dilworth, Owen Dilworth, Chris Peck, Zach Dilworth, Kate Lauderdale, Cris Dilworth and Bethany Bower. Pictures bottom row: **Barbara Hallman, Remy Jurenas, Fran Walinsky. Donna Archer, Jo and Larry Hodgins and Vicki Wyatt.** Thanks to all the servers, cooks and cleanup crews who graciously welcomed and fed our homeless guests.*



Belvedere Weekend Package December 11

*Gift Wrap On December 11. Photos left to right: **Jane Lesko, April Kreller, Carlton Jillson, Allison Blanchard, Kate Wettstein and Nancy Calvert.***



The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson Consecrated 14th Bishop, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia



Photos: **Bishop Curry** with **Bishop Stevenson**, the **St. Alban's contingent**: **David Holland, Fr. Jeff, Fr. Paul, Ted, Allison and Chuck Blanchard, Kurt Finkenstaedt, Elizabeth Howton and Kate Wettstein** (not shown but present, **Adam Hutson**).
Middle photo second row: Elizabeth gets a photo with **Bishop Curry**. (Well, it's a cardboard cutout of the Bishop, but still!)



"This is the day," we sang in the mass choir, and what a day it was! **The Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson** was ordained a bishop and consecrated as the 14th bishop of Virginia on Saturday, December 3 at the St. Paul's Baptist Church in Henrico, VA., and many members of St. Alban's were there to assist and bear witness.

Fr. Paul was the assisting minister of ceremonies and liturgist, which meant that he helped plan and run the service, with all its pageantry and moving parts. **Fr. Jeff** was one of the ministers of communion. **Ted Blanchard** carried the St. Alban's banner in the procession, and **Adam Hutson** was a verger. **Allison Blanchard, David Holland,** and **Elizabeth Howton** sang in the choir. Also in attendance were former St. Alban's clergy Deacon Theresa Lewallen, the Rev. Cayce Ramey, and the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales.

The service was clearly a labor of love by so many lay people and clergy of the diocese, culminating in the moment when bishops from all over the country and as far away as Ghana and England surrounded Fr. Mark and laid their hands on him to consecrate him. **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** gave a lively sermon, starting with 2 Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ rules us" and going on to Sister Sledge, "we are family" — all God's children who need to heal the world with love. If you missed it, you can watch the livestream here:

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=827118961914554

-Elizabeth Howton



About Bishop Stevenson:

Over the course of **Bishop Stevenson's** ordained ministry, he has served as Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries, Domestic Poverty Missioner for The Episcopal Church, and Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Louisiana. He was the Rector in two parishes: the Church of the Annunciation in New Orleans, and the Church of the Good Shepherd in Maitland, Florida.

Bishop Stevenson succeeds **the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston** who retired in 2017. **Suffragan Bishop Susan Goff** served as Ecclesiastical Authority in the interim years. As Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, Stevenson is the pastoral leader of 177 congregations, with more than 65,000 baptized members.

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*Jo Hodgkin and Stephanie Lightener sell tickets for a raffle for a fun family night basket of games and snacks on January 8. And the winners are: **The Maclintock family.***

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Youth Group Schedule 2022-2023

SAINT ALBAN'S YOUTH MINISTRY 2022-2023 Calendar

JANUARY

8 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

22 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

FEBRUARY

5 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

12 | Sunday | 7:30-12:00 pm
FUNDRAISER: Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches

26 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

MARCH

12 | Sunday | Late afternoon (TBA)
Youth Group Movie Night

26 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

APRIL

23 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

MAY

14 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth "Thank You" Taco Luncheon

JUNE

11 | Sunday | Time TBA
End of School Year Celebration

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Clark says: Please remember to turn in your pledge cards! It's not too late!

Stay tuned—

Watch SAM for more information on these events coming in February.

February 11 Chili Cook-off 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

February 12 Youth Group Superbowl Subs Fundraiser 7:30 am to 12:00 pm

February 21 Shrove Tuesday

February 22 Ash Wednesday

February 25 Lenten Quiet Day 8:30 am to 1:30 pm



Holy Land Pilgrimage October 5-15

Footsteps of Jesus | St. George's College, East Jerusalem

There is still time to join our pilgrimage to the Holy Land...the course remains open until filled. Talk to Fr. Paul if you have questions or are curious.

2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage Information

Episcopal Relief and Development, in partnership with Action by Churches Together Alliance, is providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other desperately needed assistance to families fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Donations can be made to support these efforts on the Episcopal Relief and Development website.