

St. Alban's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you

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In our prayers:

Grayden Cayton & Family
Karyl Danford
Dick Jordan
JC May
Pat Mead
Lis Slater
Carol Smentek
Phyllis Wagner
Jewel West
Chris Woodhouse

We pray for the departed, especially **Anita Reisser**, mother of Ingrid Merrifield, **Ann Englehardt**, wife of Dan Englehardt & Jalia Lingle may their soul and the souls of all others, by the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St.

A Message from Father Greg

St. Alban's is now officially in transition. Father David retired last Sunday, and this church did an enormous job of saying good-bye. We should all feel really good about the way we helped bring closure to his long career in ministry. Now we begin to enter the space in-between. We are between rectors. We are between the familiar and the utterly uncharted. We have left the old "normal," the old "business as usual," and we sit on the threshold (limin, in Latin) of what is next. We are in what spiritual directors call "liminal space."

The good news is that new leadership, new directions, and indeed God's new plan for St. Alban's, Davidson will emerge. Liminal space is sacred space. It is here, quite often, where our best spiritual work and growth occur. In *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*, Fr. Richard Rohr writes that encounters with liminal space help to keep us from idealizing normalcy. One of the main functions of religion is to lead us into the liminal time, instead of merely confirming the status quo. He writes, "Cheap religion teaches us how to live contentedly in a sick world, just as poor therapy teaches us how to accommodate ourselves to a sometimes small world based on power, prestige, and possessions. A good therapist and a good minister will always open up larger vistas for you, which are by definition risky, instead of just "rearranging the deck chairs" on a sinking Titanic."

As we enter this new and exciting reality, standing on the threshold and looking out to new vistas, we will begin by focusing on our many and various ministries. On August 27th we will put a new twist on our ministry fair by

Mark's in Roxboro & St. Luke's in Salisbury, NC.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Revd. Rafael Morales Maldonado in Puerto Rico.

Birthdays:

August 6

Terry Valente
Tamyra Meletiou

August 7

Hannah Plank
Gabe Orroth

August 8

Shelley Suter
William Klett

August 9

Elaine Olson
Brian Taylor
Will Storey

August 10

Sandy Zerkle

August 11

Larry Bearden

Anniversaries

August 7

Frederick & Renee Vesci
Chris & Kelley Ruthstrom

August 10

Ed & Jeanette Roberts

August 11

Phillipe & Jennifer Loher

Volunteer Sign Up Genius Link

We always need volunteers for reading, ushers, acolytes and crucifers. Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer for greeter, acolyte, lector and ushers during the church services.

holding it within the context of the Holy Eucharist. The ministry fair will be held in the Nave at 10:30, and serve as the Ministry of the Word. It will be interactive, casual, and infused with pauses for prayer and readings from scripture. Then we will pass the peace and gather around the Altar for Holy Communion. This new approach will help draw strong connections around how our worship and ministry are inseparable. It will be at once, a celebration of all we do, a reminder of our core identity, and an exciting glimpse of our potential in the future. May God's blessing be upon us all at St. Alban's as we enter this liminal time.

God's Peace
Fr. Greg

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

Susan Beaumont, Ruth Coyner, Alice Mietz

Flower Guild:

Sally Trask

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Shoemaker

Crucifer:

Henry & Sally Harp

Torchbearers:

Noah Allemeier, Hunter Brady

Lectors:

Alf Badgett, Jane Shoemaker

Ushers:

Steve Alfaro, Jon Davis

Vestry Person of the Day:

Gordon Jacobs

This Week's Service Times

9:15 T/Th: Morning Prayer

8:00 Sunday: Holy Eucharist

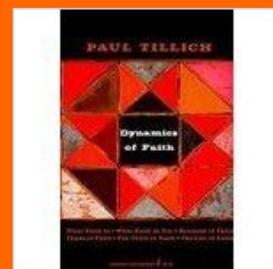
9:00 Sunday: Larry Bearden Adult Forum

10:30 Sunday: Summer Sunday school

10:30 Sunday: Holy Eucharist & Choir

Book Club Group

St. Albans Book Group will meet for a potluck brunch after church on **August 13th**. We will discuss Dynamics of Faith: What Faith Is, What Faith is Not, Symbols of Faith, Types of Faith, The Truth of Faith, The Life of Faith by Paul Tillich (August 20, 1886 - October 22, 1965), a German American Christian existentialist philosopher and theologian, who is widely regarded as one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century. The book is available on Amazon with many buying options. Please join us. Contact Margot Leydic-Boyd (margot_leydicboyd@yahoo.com)



Mooresville Soup Kitchen

The next opportunity to volunteer at the Mooresville Soup Kitchen will be on Friday, August 18th at 8:30am.. Please check your calendar and consider signing up on the form in the narthex, or contact emerichm@gmail.com.

CCC Group

Please join the CCC craft group on Thursday, **August 22, at 10 am** for coffee and treats. We plan a show-and-tell of items being prepared for our November craft sale. Bring a sample of completed items, or something that is "in process". Or, just join us to learn more about our plans. Please refer to the poster on the church bulletin board for additional information. Or call/text Marie Shipley (CCC communications chairperson) at 770-356-8617 with questions.



Episcopal Diocese of NC



Our website now has a direct link to the Episcopal Diocese of NC. The Diocese often posts information directly to their website that may be of interest to you and your family. You

can click the link [HERE](#) or find it on our website under, About Us.

Annual Convention

St. Alban's is excited to announce the Delegates to the 202nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of NC. **Jay Hammond, Dana Phillips, Jerry Landry & Alex Slawson** will participate in the upcoming Nov. 17th & 18th convention. We thank them all for their service and dedication for representing St. Alban's at the Annual Convention

Interim Rector

The St. Alban's Vestry is excited to announce that they have made an offer to an Interim Rector. We are currently awaiting official documentation from the Diocese before releasing more information. Details will follow in the upcoming weeks. Any questions concerning this process can be directed to our Senior Warden, [Leslie Urban](#).

Canterbury Signups



Please sign up to provide a meal for the students at Davidson College. A Movable Feast is the Episcopal Canterbury meal held in the

Davidson College Student Union on Sunday evenings. This is a great point of connection between St. Alban's and the College. Feeding college students a home cooked meal once a week is an incredible ministry of hospitality. It shows that the Church cares about them and it provides a great way for students to find Christian fellowship. It's

easy to do and you can be reimbursed for your groceries.

Please go to www.takethemameal.com Name: Students; Password: Canterbury. There you will find further instructions. Or you can sign up in the narthex of the Church.

Contact Sandra Johnson (sandrakandted@yahoo.com) with questions.

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin **Wednesday, September 6th** at 7:00pm till 8:30pm. This is a 9 week commitment for all students. All materials will be provided by the church. It is imperative that we have an exact number of participants for the upcoming classes. Please take some time to talk to your 8th grade and up youth and see if they feel a desire to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Father Greg and Lisa Givens will be running the program this year and look very forward to having your youth participate. Please email Lisa Givens if your youth wished to be confirmed and attend classes.



Dinner Groups



Back from vacation? Planning for fall... why not get connected through a dinner group? We will meet Saturdays Sept 9, Oct 14 and Nov 11... then re-group for Spring. December is usually too busy for most people. Just sign up with Jackie Dienemann...

jpdien@mi-connection.com... Singles welcome... You

do not have to host... Groups are usually 8 people... Let her know your name(s), address, email and telephone number and if you are willing to host. If you will miss one date.. it is OK.. just Let Jackie know. Each person/family brings a dish in a category... Jackie will determine the first dinner and then the group is "on its own"... where, who brings what, and even may change dates or decide to go out for a meal.

MORNING PRAYER

Every Tuesday & Thursday
from 9:15 to 9:30.

NEWCOMERS

The Newcomers meeting is held the first Sunday of each month following the 10:30 service. The meeting will be held in the front office. Please email [Jessica](#) for more information.

NURSERY

Do you have a young child who uses our nursery services? I hope you do because our paid nursery staff is wonderful! We are in need of volunteers each Sunday at 10:30. [Daniel Johnson](#) is the nursery coordinator and you can [Click here](#) to sign up.

THE PINES

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 11:00am, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at The Pines.

PASTORAL CARE

Are you or someone you know in need of pastoral care? Please contact [Becky Mohlere](#).

ECW

The Episcopal Church Women meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 in the church. ECW meetings follow the school year calendar.

PRAYER LIST

Would you like to add your family or friend to our prayer list? Please email [Jessica](#) the name. The name will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks. If you would like to "renew" the name for another two weeks, please email Jessica this request too.

MEMBER DATABASE

Need to update personal info with St. Alban's? Check your pledge balance? Maybe look up another church member? ACS is our church database and it allows you to do all of this and more. Login with your church email and then follow this link for more info. [Read More](#)

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