

St. Alban's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you

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Sandy

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A Message from

Colin Burns

My friend and I were discussing the other day how we don't really perceive the new year as starting until after Martin Luther King, Jr. Day has passed. This is a perception held over from when we were in school, when the new semester would start and immediately lead into a long weekend, giving us a sense of a "false start."

This year, that idea has felt even more tangible, given the weather last week. With the frigid temperatures and 4-7 inches of snow out of the way, this relatively comfortable sunny weather has given me a renewed burst of energy this week. I find myself looking forward to everything the next few months has to offer, starting with the Children's Choirs singing in the service on February 4. Pretty soon after that will be Ash Wednesday, and I have been hard at work getting all the music for Lent planned. But the most exciting thing by far has to be the new choir robes for the Adult Choir! We have successfully raised enough money to purchase a new set of choir robes, and I am so thankful to everyone who donated towards this goal. I plan to have them by Holy Week, so that we can welcome in Easter with a fresh, crisp look. I hope you are all as excited as I am for this project - I feel like it really encapsulates the fresh start here at the beginning of 2018!

Colin

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Church of the Advocate in Chapel Hill, Chapel of Christ The King & Christ Church in Charlotte, NC.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Most Revd Francisco De Assis Da Silva Primate of Brazil & Bishop of South-Western Brazil.

Military Prayer List:

Anatoliy Givens
Ryan Leinberger

Birthdays:

January 28

Sam Fitzpatrick
Ryan Givens

January 29

Rev. Gary Steber

January 30

Susan McCoy
Kelly Atkinson

February 1

Peter Kelly
Brian Ratte
Connor Fulton

February 2

Deacon Rebecca
Maddi Stenhouse
Robert Bolton
Christopher Torok

February 3

Wayne Sotile
Caroline Craig

Anniversaries

January 30

Matt & Lisa Givens

February 3

Scott & Courtney Fossett

Volunteer Sign Up Genius Link

We always need volunteers for reading, greeting and Eucharistic Ministers. Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer for the church services.

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

Dana Phillips, Pat Shaw, Sally Trask

Flower Guild: Dianne Hamilton

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Shaw

Greeters: Anne Stephens

Crucifer: Stella Higgs

Torchbearers: Fletcher Clausen, Ally Storey

Lectors: Valerie Colbert, Richard Colven

Ushers: Kevin Davis, Clarence Fox

Vestry Person of the Day: Richard Colven

Prayer List

If you would like to add your name or someone else's name to the prayer list, please email [Jessica](#). When emailing Jessica please state whether you would like the first name only or first and last name listed.

This Week's Service Times

9:15 T/Th: Morning Prayer

8:00 Sunday: Holy Eucharist

9:00 Sunday: Adult Forum

10:15 Sunday: PreK-8th Sunday school

10:30 Sunday: Holy Eucharist & Choir

Mina Price Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life service for Mina Price at St. Alban's, this Sunday, **January 28 at 2:00 pm**. All are welcome. There will be a light reception following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Thompson Children's Home, Second Harvest, St. Alban's Mina Price Youth Scholarship Fund, or the St. Alban's Piano Fund.

Donations Needed

LAST WEEK OF COLLECTION: The Outreach Team is collecting new and gently used clean blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks during January. These donations will be taken weekly to the soup kitchens, Lydia's loft and Ada Jenkins or where there is a need to serve those at risk because of the cold weather.



Financial Update

2017 contribution statements were mailed last week. Please look over your statement as soon as possible and contact our parish administrator, [Jessica Ewell](#), if you have any questions.

2018 pledges are still being submitted. It is not too late - we still have not fully funded our 2018 operating budget! If you would like to pledge for 2018, please email our Finance Director, [Erin Garrett](#), (erin@saintalbansdavidson.org) or fill out a pledge card in the church office or [online](#).

Annual Youth Winter Retreat

All middle and high school kids are invited to our annual winter retreat at Valle Crucis on **Feb. 9th-11th**. Your child can choose to ski at Sugar Mountain or snow tube/zip line at Hawks Nest. Please click [HERE](#) for flyer and cost break down. Two

nights lodging and all meals are included in the total cost. A \$50 deposit check secures your child's spot for the trip. As of today we have 8 spots left open. Any questions please email [Lisa Givens](#).



Pancake Supper

It is that time of year again: St. Alban's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! A "time for eating and making merriment," a time for "self-examination and spiritual growth" and a time for a fun night of pancakes, fellowship and of course - BINGO! Please join us **Tuesday, February 13th from 6-8 pm**. Tickets will be \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum charge per family. Need prize donations so bring in any Christmas presents that may not have suited you, but could suit someone else!! Also need volunteers after the 10:30 service on Feb 11th to help clear chairs. Please contact Jerry Landry at jerry.landry@gmail.com or text 601-927-4402 to volunteer. Invitations will be emailed out this week, so please make sure to RSVP when you receive the invite, so that we can plan food accordingly. Brought to you by the Ministry of Fun!

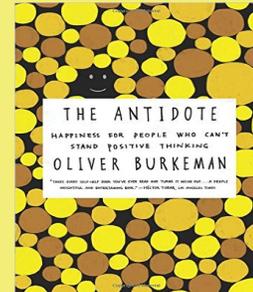
Blood Mobile

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) Bloodmobile will be here on **Sunday, February 4**. CBCC is the primary blood supplier to local hospitals & patients. Sign up early by clicking on the link below. Appointment slots are available from 9:15AM thru 12:30PM. T-shirts for all presenting donors. Click [HERE](#) to make your appointment.



Book Club Meeting

The next Book Club meeting date is March 4 and the book is: "[Antidote: Happiness for people who can't stand positive thinking.](#)" by Oliver Burkeman. It's an interesting, very well researched book about different approaches to what makes people happy. It's also funny! I think there is a lot to discuss, especially if we ask "What does Jesus say about happiness?" I think we will have a great discussion.



Cursillo Weekend

If you are looking for something more in your spiritual life, or if you need a "kick-start", you may want to consider attending the next Cursillo Weekend being conducted in the Diocese of NC.

The weekend will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Concord, NC., April 5-8, 2018.

Cursillo is a spiritual renewal ministry in the Episcopal Church for men and women.

During the course of the Weekend, you hear and discuss talks given by lay persons and Clergy about how the community of faith experiences God's love. The Book of Common Prayer is used for all worship services. Music is also a major part of the weekend.

The cost of the weekend is fifty dollars (\$50.00) which includes accommodations and all meals. For more information, about this Cursillo Weekend, contact your parish priest, or go to the Cursillo website, ncursillo.org. At the Cursillo website, you'll find Pilgrim, Sponsor, and Weekend Team applications, which should be mailed to the Weekend Leader's mailing address, P.O. Box 859, Lewisville, NC 27023.

Love Offering for Father Greg

During Father Greg's final few weeks at Saint Alban's, we will be collecting a Love Offering to thank him for his commitment and service to Saint Alban's and to wish him well in his new Rector position at Saint Patrick's! Checks written directly to Father Greg McIntyre will be considered gifts and will not go through the Saint Alban's accounting system. Contributions made to Saint Alban's with "Father Greg Love Offering" in the memo line are tax deductible for the contributor and will be taxable to Father Greg. Please join us in thanking him! Contributions can be delivered to the church office or placed in the weekly collection plate. **The Love Offering will be presented to Father Greg at his last service on February 18th.**





St. Alban's Preschool News

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has started. If you are looking for a part day preschool program with a small, loving, Christian environment and experienced teachers, we encourage you to attend one of our Open Houses. You will have the opportunity to hear more about the program, visit the classrooms, and speak with our teachers. If you have friends or neighbors that are looking for a fabulous preschool, please encourage them to attend. Our final Open House is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th at 10:00 a.m. Registration forms are due no later than 12:30 p.m. on Friday February 9th. If at that time we have more applicants than available spots, we will conduct a lottery.

Families will be notified by mail on Monday, February 12th about their admission or position on the wait list.

Please visit our website for more information www.saintalbanspreschool.org



La Escuelita San Alban

Do you have a special talent you are willing to share with sweet preschoolers? Be a "Friend of LESA" and volunteer for an hour once a week as a **Special Activity**

Activity

Assistant: REGULAR volunteers interact with children by reading stories, teaching and playing games, blocks, puzzles, manipulatives and songs, and working with children in small group activities like COOKING, sports, SCIENCE, MUSIC, dance, and GARDENING.

Classroom assistant: refilling paint and glue bottles, sharpen pencils, sort toys, straighten shelves, wash paint brushes and containers, prepare materials, display art projects, and assist in keeping classrooms and closets clean and orderly.

If you speak Spanish consider helping our Family Support Specialist with activities that include home visits, parent training workshops, door to door recruitment, health clinic presence, visits to places of employment, receptions for community partnerships, and introduction to school-related services.

Media Coordinator to maintain LESA media presence and website. Work with photos and videos; create presentations, albums and promotional materials with input from Director and Board. Manage relations with local news sources, social media, Davidson College, and other community groups and schools. Assist with photo-based newsletter. Manage FaceBook.

Reading Readiness Volunteers who are comfortable talking and listening to children with the ability to "get down on their level" both physically and mentally. Volunteers should enjoy books

and stories that are age appropriate and also have the ability to "ad-lib", enhance stories and ask questions as they go. The goal of this volunteer position is NOT to teach young children to read, but to inspire good feelings about reading and books and to increase interest in reading and books both inside and outside the classroom.

Donation Manager to assist with sorting of donations of supplies; create and organize theme boxes, assist teachers in the preparation of educational materials. Create and manage a book and educational toy lending closet. Tell a friend who might donate of their time, talent, or treasure.

You will not regret your time with us!

<http://escuelitasanaban.org>

Women's Retreat

Save the date: for the women's retreat at Valle Crucis with St. Martins and St. Peters on April 20-22. The theme this year is Caregiving, Caregivers and Faith, the leader is a sister of a parishioner at St. Martins who is a Methodist minister and recently retired Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. More news to follow when the brochure is ready.



Jackie Dienemann will be collecting registrations.

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 [Mitzi](#) or [Valerie](#) 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. When emailing Jessica a name, please state whether you would like first and last name or just first name on the prayer list. The name will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks, or you can "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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