

St. Alban's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you

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In our prayers:

Marsha Brodsky
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Karyl Danford
Ian Gallagher
Dick Jordan
Pat Mead
Elaine Olson
Pam Stenhouse
Chris Woodhouse
Pamela Young

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Christ's Beloved Community, St. Anne's & St. Paul's in Winston-Salem, NC.

A Message from Deacon Rebecca

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Fr. Jim, Fr. Greg and I spent most of last week at the annual Diocesan Clergy Conference in Winston-Salem. It was a wonderful time to learn and reconnect with our fellow clergy and to hear more about our new Bishop's vision and priorities. It was also a time to dig deep, together, into our roles in these times.

As Fr. Jim mentioned last week in his sermon, one of the speakers mentioned that it feels like tragedies are hitting upon us like waves, one after another, with no rest. There is no question that our country has been buffeted and battered not just by hurricane winds and waves, but by senseless tragedies such as Las Vegas, and by deliberate evil, going back even before the Emmanuel Church shootings in Charleston. I've heard so often from parishioners, "When will this end?" and "Why won't our legislators DO SOMETHING?" I don't have the answers to either of those questions.

One answer I do have, though, is that now more than ever, loving, deep, and active relationships MATTER. Love will always win--we know that--and loving relationships will keep us afloat on these rough seas. And loving relationship with neighbor, especially neighbor with whom we disagree, who is different from us (racially, culturally, economically, or in faith) will help us come to understand the truth that we are all God's children, and that we ALWAYS learn things by hearing the stories of others. That means these relationships have

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Right Revd. Ellinah Ntfombi Wamukoya of Swaziland, South Africa.

Military Prayer List:

Anatoliy Givens
Ryan Leinberger

Birthdays:

October 15

Michael Klemm
Bryson Woodhouse

October 16

Link Simpson
Winn Stewart
Braydon Doherty

October 17

Charlotte Whitney
Bob Boettger
Liza Short

October 18

Wally Jones
Bobby Clegg

October 19

Brenda Burk

October 20

Addison McAuley

Anniversaries

October 15

Brian Ratte & Tracey Fox

October 18

Guy & Susan Beaumont

October 21

Greg & Kathleen McIntyre

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

Amy Commer, Jay
Hammond

Flower Guild:

Elizabeth Bradford

Eucharistic Ministers:

Crucifer:

Henry & Sally Harp

Torchbearers:

Amelia Amadio, Andrew Juchter

Lectors:

Rosalind Seneca

Ushers:

James & Sean Kennedy

Vestry Person of the Day:

Gordon Jacobs

Alternative Mass

to be more than superficial-it's not just asking the colleague at work how the kids are doing while you're in the elevator together. It's breaking bread together, getting into deep conversations about hard stuff, and honoring each other enough to hear things that you'd rather not hear! I have a dear friend from Barbados who routinely questions my inherited, inculturated assumptions. It is as uncomfortable as a cold shower on a cold morning, and as refreshing as a cool rain on a hot dry day! Love will do that-and that friendship is helping me grow more every time we get together!

Those loving relationships will open our eyes to new delights and joys, to different value systems, and to understanding how much of what we take for granted works for us but not for others. And when that happens, we will have friends with whom we can plan, with whom we can speak the truths we have come to know, to those who need to hear them, and with whom we can act. Gandhi said that "Silence becomes cowardice when occasion demands speaking out the whole truth and acting accordingly." There are whole truths about our history, our housing and education systems, even our informal relational systems that have tremendous bearing on our Baptismal Covenant promises, especially "striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being." I've come to believe that we will never know those "whole truths," and gain the courage to live more fully into our Baptismal Covenant, if we don't find ways to enter into loving relationships and deep friendships with people whose histories and stories and systemic experiences are different from our own.

May we each grow in loving and living more fully through new friendships with the many different neighbors we've been gifted by God!

God's peace,
Rebecca+

This Week's Service Times

9:15 T/Th: Morning Prayer

5:00pm Saturday: Alternative Mass

8:00 Sunday: Holy Eucharist

9:00 Sunday: Poetry Adult Forum

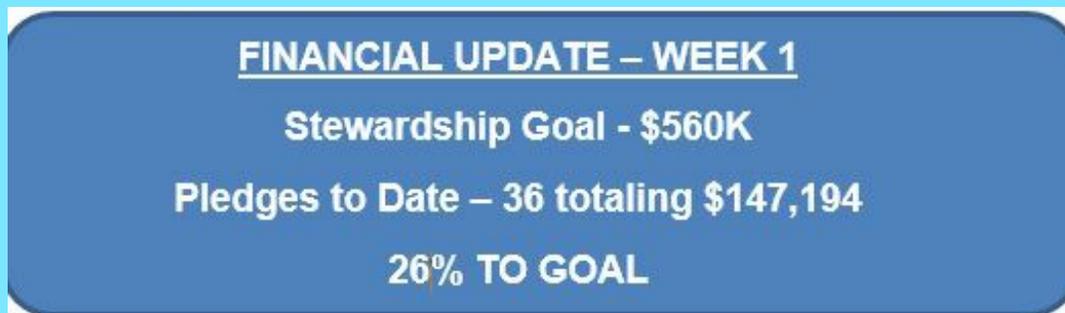
10:30 Sunday: PreK- 12th Sunday school
& Holy Eucharist & Choir

Our Alternative Mass will be this **Saturday at 5pm**. This Mass will be an Instructed Eucharist Mass. Please join us!

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.

Stewardship "Express" - FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



What is Stewardship?

The act of sharing one's time, talent, and treasure with our parish community.

Why does St. Alban's do a Stewardship Campaign each year?

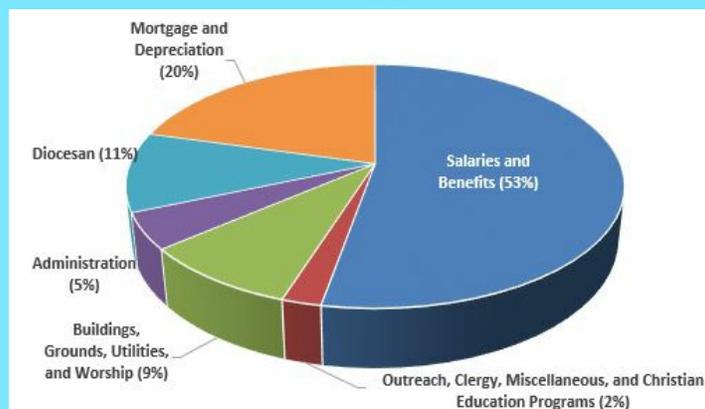
While parish members are encouraged to continuously support St. Alban's with their gifts of time and talents, the Stewardship Campaign is held each year to identify the upcoming year's treasure pledge. This pledge is then used to develop the annual operating budget for the upcoming year.

How much does it cost to fund the annual operating budget at St. Alban's?

We estimate that it will cost \$560K to fund the 2018 budget. This is also the pledge dollar goal that has been established for this year's stewardship campaign.

What is included in the annual operating budget for the upcoming year?

The annual operating budget can be divided into the following categories represented by the following pie-chart:



How can I submit my pledge for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign?

All parish members are encouraged to submit a confidential pledge by one of the following methods:

(PLEASE FIND THE LIVE LINKS BELOW)

[ONLINE PLEDGE CARD LINK](#)

Or, submission of a paper pledge card in the weekly offering plate at service or directly to our financial director, [Erin Garrett](#).

[PRINT AT HOME PLEDGE CARD](#)

You may also visit our "Giving" tab on the St. Alban's website to find additional

information and ways to support our faith community.

["GIVING" TAB LINK](#)

I have not submitted a pledge card in the past, but consistently place money in the weekly offering plate. Doesn't this accomplish the same thing?

Weekly offerings are always greatly appreciated, however, without a pledge card, it is impossible for the church to prepare an accurate annual budget for the upcoming year. Therefore, the initial submission of a confidential pledge card during the Stewardship Campaign expressing your intentions for donation of treasure for the upcoming year is the best way to support St. Alban's.

What do I do if my financial situation changes, resulting in a modification of my initial Stewardship Pledge?

Stewardship pledges are not a contract. It is your best guess for the upcoming year to allow St. Alban's to do its best to prepare an annual budget. If your financial situation changes for the better or worse impacting your pledge offering, just simply contact our Financial Director, Erin Garrett, and she can make the appropriate modifications in the annual budget.

When is the last day of the Stewardship Campaign?

Ingathering will be on Sunday, November 12th. We request that all parishioners submit their pledges by this date.

Sincerely, *St. Albans Stewardship Committee*

Acolyte Meeting

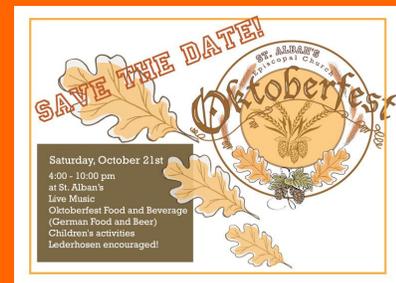


Attention Acolytes! We will hold a short meeting on **Sunday, October 15**, immediately following the 10:30 service, in the Nave. We have some updated procedures and want to be sure all acolytes know our current process. So we ask all acolytes, regardless of how much experience they have, to join us. The meeting should last about 45 minutes. Please RSVP to Dave Pylipow

at dave.pylipow@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Dave, Jay Hammond or Deacon Rebecca. We look forward to seeing you then!

Oktoberfest Event

Mark your calendars for our 1st Annual Fall Oktoberfest Celebration on **Saturday, October 21st** from 4:00 - 10:00 pm outside at the Church. This will be open to the public with free admission and authentic German food and drinks for sale. Entertainment lineup includes Billy Jones and the Pocket, Paul Atkinson, and Neighbor Unknown with Oompah Music. Fun for the entire family including bounce houses for the kids, games, raffle, greenery sale, and silent auction. For this to be a success, we need your help!!! Please plan to attend and bring friends and family. We also need volunteers to help make this event a success and generate funding to support our Ministries.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please click on the link below to sign up where you are able.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4EAF723A4FA7-octoberfest> or visit the Ministry of Fun table before or after services.

Information will be updated to the webpage [HERE](#).

Adult Confirmation Class

We have had a wonderful response to our upcoming Adult Confirmation Class. The Bishop visit will be on December 3rd and classes will begin on Sunday, October 22nd after the 10:30 service. Please call Jessica in the front office to be added to the list.

Greenery Sale

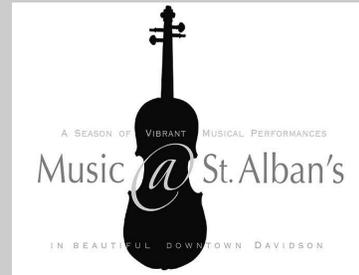


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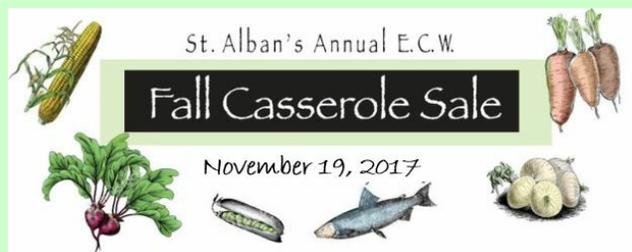
Believe it or not, the church's Annual Greenery Sale is underway. The wreaths and garland are handcrafted by the same company that supplies greenery to the Biltmore House. Each year our shipment is full, fragrant and fresh! All proceeds benefit the ministries of St. Alban's. Order forms are available in the church front office and Narthex or you may click [HERE](#) to print an order

Music @ St. Albans

On Sunday **October 22, 2017 @ 3pm**, Music at St. Albans will host the Bach Akademie Charlotte and North Carolina Baroque Orchestra in a program that includes Bach Cantata 80 with "Ein fest Berg ist unser Gott (A mighty fortress is our God) and Cantata 140 that also includes a Martin Luther Hymn. This program celebrates the 500th Anniversary of the reformation. The Bach Akademie Charlotte is a new professional vocal group of 16 that includes our own Colin Burns. A meet-the-artist reception follows the concert. Tickets available at the door or on the website: www.musicatstalbansdavidson.org \$20 general; \$15seniors; \$10students; children under 12 are free.



ECW Casserole Sale



raiser for ECW, so any and all support is appreciated. It's easy. Just sign up in the Narthex and pick up casserole containers (they're free!) and instructions. (ECW = Episcopal Church Women)

Back by Popular Demand! Help support St. Alban's by sharing your favorite soup, stew or casserole for the holidays. Then on Sunday, Nov. 19th, choose a frozen casserole that you would like to buy for you and your family - or your friends and neighbors! This is the major fund-

Sit N Stitch

The St. Alban's Sit & Stitch group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Reflection Room, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please join us. All are welcome.

Parking Lot

Paye it and they will come! Our parking lot campaign is coming along very nicely. We



have currently raised \$50,000 for the parking lot. Our goal is to reach \$60,000 by our Oktoberfest event, so that we can move forward with having the paving complete as soon as Thanksgiving. Please consider a donation today! No amount is too small. Please mark any checks with "parking lot" in the memo line.

Craft Group

CCC Craft Group will meet **Tuesday, October 24 at 10 a.m.** in the reflection room. We will price items received to-date for the November craft sale. If you are crafting, but unable to attend, you may place completed items in the labeled bin in front of the main floor bulletin board. Sale proceeds will assist with the purchase of new adult choir robes. Call/text Marie Shipley at 770-356-8617 with questions.



Habitat Faith Build Reception

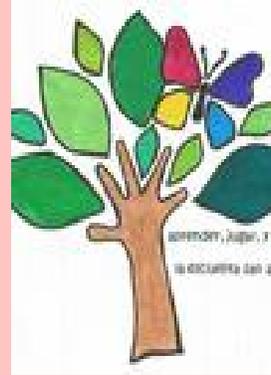


Can you believe it? We are celebrating another Lake Norman Faith build home. Fabriola and her five children will soon have a decent, affordable home, thanks to our faith build partners. Now we would like to say thank you for your gifts of time, sweat, funds and prayers. Please join us at the DCPC Parlor on **October 15th at 3pm** for a coffee and dessert reception.



St. Alban's Preschool News

Preschool has been quite busy these last few weeks. We've had our fall portraits taken and are starting fall conferences. We have started our Enrichment Program with Stretch-n-Grow, The Math/Science Nucleus and Chapel. In Stretch-N-Grow we are learning about our muscles, our bones, and how to eat and be healthy! In Science we are learning that some of the things we see around Halloween time are actually not so spooky. We learned that we all have a skeleton that helps keep us upright. We've learned about bats and spiders and how they help us. In Chapel we met with Father Greg this week and heard the story "Elisha Helps a Friend". We learned that God showed Elisha how to be a good friend to a woman and her two sons and that we can be good friends too. Next week features a visit with our drama teacher from the Children's Theater with Fall parties not too far behind.



La Escuelita San Alban

La Escuelita San Alban has an upcoming fundraiser concert: **Concierto La Escuelita San Alban** is a fund raiser for St Alban's bilingual preschool. The concert is **October 15 at 3pm at St. Albans**. The artists are Florence Liu (Piano), Drew Dansby (cello) and Andrew De Weese (violin). These teen, classical musicians have each won recognition at state and national competitions. A Latin themed reception will follow. Tickets are \$15; free to children under 12 years old. Checks should be made to LESA and mailed to LESA, 301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, NC, tickets will be held at will call. Donations will also be accepted. Childcare will be available for 3-5 year old children.

Blood Drive - Save the date!

Please "Save the Date" of Sunday morning, **November 5** for our Fall Blood Drive. Current shortages exist, after the impact of this hurricane season. Questions? Please contact me, Susan Beaumont @ susanbeau31@gmail.com or 704-237-3373. Or sign up by clicking on the link: [make an appointment](#).

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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