

Weekly Newsletter

April 29, 2021



INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up to attend the 8:00am or 10:30am services.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Who is celebrating this upcoming [week](#)?

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for these [people](#).

SERVERS

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up to be an acolyte, usher, lector or greeter at our indoor services.

A Message from

John Bailey

So many passages of scripture speak of making music and singing as a sign of joy and offering praise to our God: Psalms encouraging us to “Sing to the Lord”; “Sing a New Song”; “David played upon his harp”. In the New Testament as well Christians are encouraged to “Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs”. So, with the precautions that had to be taken during this last 14 months or so to protect us all, doing without congregational singing has felt like a real loss. I have truly missed hearing your voices and seeing our faithful choir members every week in their usual place of service. The irony that so many of the hymns and organ pieces I’ve chosen have the words “Sing to the Lord” in the title has not been lost on me. However, I am encouraged when

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Send Fr. Gary Some Love!

The Rev. Gary Steber, St. Alban’s Rector Emeritus, has recently relocated to Rome, Georgia to receive continuing care closer to his children. While this is a positive move for Father Gary, it is a big transition after so many years in Davidson. We’d love for Father Gary to receive some St. Alban’s love at his new home, to let him know he is in our prayers. Cards and letters can be addressed to:

The Rev. Gary Steber
The Spires at Berry College
600 Eagle Lake Trail
Rome, GA 30165

Community Drive In

Outdoor Movie Night Details:

- Saturday, May 8 @ 8:00 PM
- Back Parking Lot of St. Alban's Church
- Davidson, NC
- **Bring:** Lawn chairs, blankets & snacks

Join us for a family-oriented, socially-distanced outdoor viewing of the highly acclaimed film, *Hidden Figures*, featuring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, and Janelle Monáe. The film tells the true story of three brilliant African-American women who served as the brains behind NASA's epic launch of John Glenn into orbit. Sponsored by the St Alban's Youth Group and St Alban's Anti-Racism Team (StAART).



Seeking Acolytes

As we resume in person services, we are seeking folks willing to serve as acolytes. We will have one acolyte at our 10:30 services, serving as a crucifer. With our Covid protocols, the crucifer duties will be more limited than in the past, but are still an important role in our service. Anyone who was serving as an acolyte prior to Covid is welcome to serve in this role. We also welcome anyone in 5th grade or older who would like to be trained to serve as a crucifer during this time. If you are willing to serve, please contact [Jessica Ewell](mailto:jessica.ewell@stalbans.org) in the office, or Dave Pylipow at dave.pylipow@gmail.com or 952-484-9578. If you have any questions about being an acolyte, feel free to contact Dave. We hope to hear from many of you soon!

Save the Date: Outdoor Family Eucharist on Sunday, May 9 at 9:15 a.m.

On Sunday, May 9 at 9:15 a.m. we will offer an outdoor service of Holy Eucharist geared toward families with kids, weather permitting. This service will include a children's homily and will last about 45 minutes. While children are always welcome at all of our services, we know that many families with kids have not yet felt ready to attend indoor worship, so we hope this opportunity will be a special way for families to safely gather for worship. Families are invited to bring chairs and picnic blankets for this simple, relaxed service. Space is limited, please register





St. Alban's Preschool

The preschoolers continue to study life cycles this week. This week is all about frogs. Our teachers plan activities to address all areas of development through these weekly themes. One of the favorites this week has been the gross motor area where children used their tummy and arm muscles on flat scooter boards to collect frogs and matched to colored hoops. Next week we will learn all about plants and will start a garden in the Seeds garden.

Join us for outdoor Wiggle Worship every Thursday at 12:15 p.m., weather permitting! All are welcome. A blanket is suggested to sit on.

The preschool is now enrolling for our summer camp program being held the first 3 weeks in June. Preschoolers must be four or five years old to attend. Sign up for one week or all three. Please contact the preschool for more information at 704-892-8955.

Lastly, we have a few spaces available in our threes program for the fall. If you'd like more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Patti at the preschool.

Preschool is Hiring

St. Alban's Weekday Preschool is looking for a loving, energetic, experienced three-year-old teacher to begin in the fall of 2021. For more information please contact Patti at 704-892-8955.



Children's Ministry



Children's News

We hope you have received your **April/May packets** by now! If you did not, they will be arriving soon! PLEASE also continue to email [Courtney](#) with **PICTURES** of your

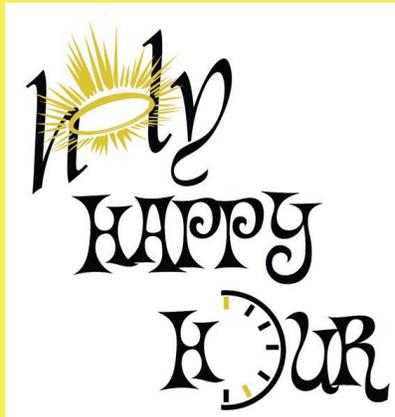
kids enjoying the packets! Thank you so much for your support!

Summer is right around the corner and we appreciate you providing us with feedback by completing the VBS survey. Based on responses and all we have been through in the last year, we have made the decision to offer a **virtual VBS** for June and July AND hold an **IN-PERSON VBS** late July/early August most likely outdoors. More details to come soon! Thank you so much for your support!

Ushers and other Worship Volunteers Needed

We are in need of more ushers/greeters for our in-person worship services in our nave on Sundays. If you are interested in serving as an usher or would like more information, please email

parishadmin@saintalbansdavidson.org. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer to help with livestreaming our 10:30 a.m. service, please email m.w.presson@gmail.com.



Holy Happy Hour

The Holy Happy Hour is back! We are excited to announce the first Holy Happy Hour for 2021, **Sunday, May 16, from 5--6 PM** in our gorgeous Caldera Gardens next to the church. Everyone brings a beverage and a snack to share if you wish. We have two picnic tables and benches in the shade, but bring a folding chair if you like. We will have cups, plates, tables set up for snacks and coolers with ice. Carmen says a blessing then we just visit. Holy Happy Hour is open to folks from the neighborhood and SEEDS gardeners. Everyone has a grand time, sharing the joy of our peaceful space with the community.

NOTE: The Caldera Gardens is open for everyone at any time.

Our next Youth Group event is planned for this **Sunday, May 2 at 5:30pm** to meet at **LKN Mini Golf** (18639 Statesville Rd.) for fun and games. Other events coming up include:

- Saturday, May 8 at 8pm, Outdoor **Movie Night** (*Hidden Figures*)
- Sunday, June 6 from 5:30-7:30pm, Water Fun with slip and slide, water balloons and a cookout

Stay tuned for more details on these and other events! We will keep you posted on any date or time changes. Parents, please complete a [registration form](#) for your youth to make sure we are aware of any allergies, etc.

Do you have a graduating Senior this year? If so, please email [Courtney](#) with their details (Full name, graduating from, plans, etc.). We have exciting surprises to celebrate them and want to make sure we don't miss anyone! **SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, May 23 at 10:30am** will be Graduate Recognition Sunday!

Does your **Youth need reminders of our events?** Please sign up for Remind notices by downloading the **Remind app** on your phone and **enter code @lknyouth for High School or @19middle for Middle School**. I will send out Reminder emails for our meetings.

If you have ideas, needs, concerns, questions, please don't hesitate to reach out by emailing [Courtney](#).



Moms Connect

Moms Connect will meet at 7:30pm on **May 20** outside in the Caldera Garden if the weather is nice, or on Zoom if not. Bring a camping chair and any refreshments you'd like. Our discussion topic this month is cultivating compassion in our kids and practicing anti-racism in parenting. Moms Connect is a community of moms from St. Alban's Church and Preschool who gather regularly for fun, reflection, mutual support, and prayer. Please reach out to carmen@saintalbansdavidson.org for more information.





Morning Prayer & Centering Prayer

As people of faith, one of our primary anchoring points is the spiritual practice of prayer. Prayer takes various forms. Two particular forms that have stood the test of time are daily liturgical prayer and contemplative prayer. I would like to offer a friendly reminder that I continue to offer opportunities for both of these forms of prayer on a daily basis, Monday through Thursday. All are invited and welcome to join me and others for Morning Prayer (8:30) and/or Centering Prayer (4:30) whenever your schedule allows. I and those who have been joining me have found consistent prayer together to be extremely helpful in these challenging times.

The Zoom link is the same for both: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9497600098> Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.
Yours in Christ, Kevin

ONGOING EVENTS

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is offered in the chapel of our nave at 9:15am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Masks are required for all adults and children over age 2 who enter the building.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you or someone you know is sick or grieving, support might come from a "hug" in the form of a prayer shawl that has been blessed by our clergy. The shawls are knitted or crocheted or woven by our prayer shawl ministry members who give of their time, talent, resources, and prayers. If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for yourself or someone you know, please contact [Jessica Ewell](#).

PASTORAL CARE

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

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](#)

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open and staffed from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

