

## The Weekly Newsletter | August 4, 2022

### SUNDAY'S SERMON

If you missed Deacon Valerie's sermon last week, you can watch it [here](#).

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

### IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for these [people](#).

### SERVER SIGN UP

Want to serve as an acolyte, lay Eucharistic minister, lector, usher, or on the Stream Team?

Sign up to serve [HERE](#).

### The Message

from Rev. Carmen

While many of us have been on the road this summer, it's also been a major travel summer for The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

In early July, our denomination's leaders met in Baltimore for the 80th General Convention (GC). Normally, GC meets for eight days every three years, but this GC was delayed a year and shortened because of the ongoing pandemic.

Each Diocese sends its bishops and elected clergy and lay deputies to GC to discuss and vote on resolutions that shape the values and practices of The Episcopal Church as a whole. All told...

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## BACK2SCHOOL BLAST: AUGUST 13



Summer is here and that means it's time to start preparing the children in our community to put their best foot forward this school year. The 15th Annual Back2School Blast is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Davidson. This community outreach event helps by providing shoes, book bags, and school supplies for area students. There are several ways to offer

support.

## DONATE

Look for the Back2School collection shoebox during our weekly Holy Eucharist celebrations or visit our [online giving page](#) and select Back2School from the dropdown menu.

## SHOP-N-DROP

You can also shop for school supplies and drop them in the collection boxes at church.

Supplies Needed: wide- and college-ruled paper, composition notebooks, and 1-subject spiral notebooks; 2-pocket folders; boxes of crayons; highlighters; markers; No. 2, mechanical, and colored pencils; rulers; handheld pencil sharpeners; 1-inch 3-ring binders; lined index cards; and USB drives.

## VOLUNTEER

There are multiple ways to serve on the day of the event. Visit the Back2School Blast [online sign up](#) to view volunteer opportunities.

## FEEDNC: AUGUST 19

St. Alban's lunch team is scheduled to serve at FeedNC on **Friday, August 19th, 9am-1:30pm**. Please consider volunteering, as this outreach mission is as crucial as ever during these challenging times. If you are available to help this month, or for more information, please contact Mary at [emerichm@gmail.com](mailto:emerichm@gmail.com).



## RED WAGON



**LOAVES & FISHES**

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

Ada Jenkins reports that in June the number of food pantry requests was the highest in a year. St. Alban's supports this mission through our Red Wagon donations for Loaves and Fishes. Especially needed are nonperishable food items and pet supplies, as well as hygiene and cleaning products. Items may be dropped off at any time during the week. Thank you for your continued generosity.

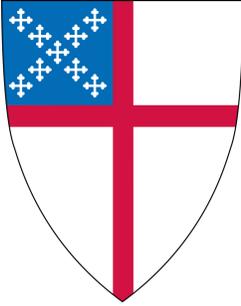
## ST. ALBAN'S MEN'S GROUP: AUGUST 29

We are pleased to announce the formation of the St. Alban's Men's Group. Our group's objective is to provide fellowship and fun, spiritual growth, and service - to the community, St. Alban's, and those who request it. Please join us for our first gathering on Monday, August 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex. We will have pizza and salad (BYO refreshment), and then each of us should be ready to provide a quick introduction and share a brief, funny / interesting story from a work or family experience. RSVP [here](#), please. Looking forward to seeing you at 7:00 p.m. on August 29th! Contact Greg Knudson at [gregoriok4@gmail.com](mailto:gregoriok4@gmail.com) or 419-350-5004 for more information.

**MEN'S**  
GROUP

## INQUIRERS' CLASS FOR ADULTS

In September, we will offer a 4-session class for adults who are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. This can be for anyone who is new to St. Alban's, or



anyone who simply wants a refresher. Participants in the class will also be eligible to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church if desired when Bishop Sam Rodman visits on October 23. The class will meet in person on Thursdays at 7pm on September 8, September 15, September 22, and September 29. For more information, or to sign up for the class, please contact [Rev. Carmen](#).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: PRESCHOOL BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

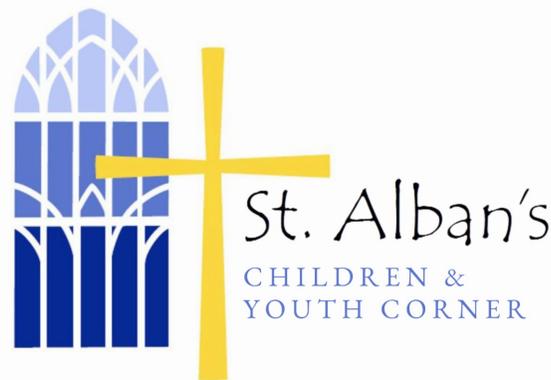
The St. Alban's Preschool is seeking one additional individual to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2022-23 school year. The individual must be a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church. The Board typically meets for an hour on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you have an interest in serving, please reach out to Preschool Director, [Patti Rossini](#).



## KEEP IN TOUCH THIS SUMMER



We are enjoying keeping up with your travels this summer! When you are out exploring, drop a postcard in the mail to **301 Caldwell Lane Davidson, NC 28036** if you can! We will put them up on the bulletin board in the narthex and we'll enjoy seeing all the places our parish family has been. If you attend church during your travels, be sure to save the bulletin. We'll put those up on the bulletin board, as well!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Vacation Bible School Compassion Camp has been going on since Monday and we are having the best time!** Our theme is Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Loving Kindness and we have learned so many ways to show compassion for ourselves, our neighbor, our world and all around us. The kids are having the greatest time, creating, learning, playing, and singing. It concludes today and we thank all of the amazing volunteers that helped make it happen, of course all the kids, and all the parents that shared your wonderful children with us! Thank you so much for making this a great week!



**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** – Although Sunday School has ended for the summer, we are offering **Children's Chapel for all ages weekly during the 10:30 service.** Children will begin worship with their families and then gather around the Deacon for the Gospel reading. After the Gospel, they will process out for singing, prayers, and a short lesson during the Sermon. They will return to the nave during the Passing of the Peace so families can be together for Holy Communion. We look forward to offering this beneficial learning over the summer for our children. We hope to see many of you in Children's Chapel over the summer!

**NURSERY** – We offer nursery for the 10:30 service. If any additional adults are available to help, please contact [Courtney](#).

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Although Sunday School has ended for the summer, we hope to see many of you in a service over the summer.

**YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR** – Our next Youth Group event has been changed to August 14th with a Water Fun Day/Cookout at the Church planned. More details to come! Youth Group will have one event per month over the summer and then will Kick Off again for the Fall on Sunday, Sept. 11. The Summer and Fall schedule can be found [here](#).

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION** – We are thrilled to announce that we plan to have an in-person Confirmation course for youth who are in 9th grade or older! Classes will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. from August 31 - October 5. Those youth who participate in the course, and then decide they are ready, will be confirmed by Bishop Rodman during his scheduled visit to Saint Alban's on October 23. Questions may be directed to [Courtney Fossett](#) or [Rev. Kevin](#).



**ACOLYTES** – Some of our youth currently serve as acolytes and we would love to have more youth (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) get involved in this wonderful ministry. Please contact [Courtney](#) with interest. This amazing volunteer ministry is also service hours eligible.

**REMIND app!** Parents and Youth, please sign up by going to this link or **text @stalbansyo to 81010.** Event reminders and last minute changes in venue make this app essential for communication to our group!

### OFFICE HOURS

The office is open and staffed from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday - Thursday.

### PRAYER LIST

Would you like to add a friend or loved one to the St. Alban's prayer list? Please email [Jessica](#) either their first name or their full name, depending on their preference. The name will appear on the parish prayer list for three weeks. If after that time they still need to be on the prayer list, then reach out to

### MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is offered in the chapel of our nave at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Morning Prayer via [Zoom](#) is offered at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### MEMBER DATABASE

Need to update personal info with St. Alban's? Check your pledge balance? Look up another member? ACS is our church database and it allows you to do all of this and more. Login with your

Jessica to renew for another three weeks.

church email and then [read more](#) for additional information.

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