

Weekly Newsletter December 6, 2018

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In our prayers:

Ashley
Diane Evans
Dick Jordan
Rev. Ellie Thober
Eve Beaumont
Grant Geis
Jennifer Lang
Jewel West
Jim Meletiou
Joe
Karyl Danford
Ken Dollar
Kevin Ricketts
Marsha Brodsky
Pam Stenhouse
Ralph Alford
Randy Yates
Shirley Fischer
Sid Druen
Sophia Schatz
Susan Hughes
William

A message from John Bailey

Advent is meant to be a time of preparation for the celebration of the redemption brought to us through the Messiah's birth, sacrificial life, death and resurrection.

Advent is a time of waiting, anticipation, expectation and, perhaps most importantly, of self-examination. If the waiting does not produce in us a sense of patience; a willingness to examine ourselves and our beliefs with the help of the Holy Spirit; a sense of trust in God's love and plan for us, what purpose does it serve? Certainly, God could cause events in the world or in our lives to happen suddenly, as they do at times. So, then, why do other things need preparation over time? Could it be that it is us who need the time to see; to realize how gracious our God is to us?

So, by now you may be wondering what any of this has to do with music. Well, it is simply this: as we worship together throughout the year we go through this same journey of waiting, anticipation, expectation and self-examination. All of the music we offer in worship: the hymns and service music like the Kyrie or the Holy, Holy, Holy Lord during communion; the choir's anthems and the organ voluntaries are just that, an offering to God. The scripture and music chosen during Advent is meant to remind us of God's loving patience with us and how He accomplishes his plan over time. May God bless us all with a desire to wait patiently for Him.

Peace,

Wyona

We pray for the departed, especially for **Ron Skrzynski**. May his 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 The Episcopal Church.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Falkland Islands and The Right Revd. Timothy Thornton.

Military Prayer List:
Ryan Leinberger

Birthdays:

December 9

Elena Jacoby
Sam Laken
Dean Ruthstrom

December 10

Robyn Fulton
Jack Davis

December 12

Donna Beckham
Mary Helms
Ann Todd
Beatrice Gratz

December 13

Dana Phillips
Carol Smentek

December 14

Cleo Neal

John Bailey
Organist & Choirmaster

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

Jean Cunningham, Colleen Hager, Marcy Reid

Flower Guild: Melissa McClure

Eucharistic Ministers:

James & Meghan Wally

Acolytes:

Amelia Amadio, Fletcher Clausen,
Henry Harp, Molly Harp, Andrew Juchter

Lectors:

Beth Whitaker, Rosalind Seneca

Ushers:

James Kennedy, Sean Kennedy, Chris Sanders

Vestryperson: Clarence Fox

This Week's Service Times

9:15 T/Th: Morning Prayer

8:00 Sun: Holy Eucharist

9:00 Sun: Adult Forum

10:15 Sun: PreK-12th Sunday school

10:30 Sunday: Holy Eucharist & Choir

Ron Skrzynski's Celebration of Life will take place here at St. Alban's on January 12th at 11am.

Advent & Christmas Events and Times

There are many ways for you to be involved with St. Alban's this season of Advent and Christmas. For a listing of all upcoming events, please click [HERE](#) to download your own copy. There are also copies located in the Narthex. You may visit the [website](#) to see the event's schedule at any time.

La Posada Event

Las Posadas is a perfect way for St. Alban's families to meet the families of our preschool ministry, La Escuelita San Alban Bilingual Preschool. Please consider joining this wonderful celebration of Jesus' birthday. This Sunday, **December 9, 3:00 PM-5:30 PM** (including a fun dinner), ALL CHILDREN are especially welcome!



2018 Financial Offerings

We have currently collected \$475,606 (87%) of our 2018 pledge offerings. Please help us get to 100% by submitting the remaining balance of your 2018 pledge in December!

Please contact the church office at 704-892-0173 or our Finance Director (erin@saintalbansdavidson.org) if you have any questions about your 2018 pledge balance.

Year End Giving

In order to have your contribution to Saint Alban's recorded in 2018, please ensure that your contribution is received as follows:

- * Placed in the collection plate at the 10:30am service on Sunday, December 30th
- * Hand-delivered to the church office by 12pm on Monday, December 31st.
- * Mailed to the church office (301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, NC 28036) postmarked on or before Monday, December 31st.

If you would like to make a securities contribution, please initiate the transfer instructions with your broker by December 14th. Thank you to everyone for your 2018 contributions!

Flower Guild Bow Fundraiser

BOWS for your wreaths and garland! The flower guild is selling deluxe 10 loop wired ribbon bows in red, silver, gold and Christmas plaid. They can be ordered for \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Forms will be available in the Narthex.



Nursery Help Needed



Here at St. Alban's we have a wonderful, active nursery every Sunday morning and during holiday events. Currently we have two paid Davidson College students that work for us each Sunday. Unfortunately they both are on a college schedule and that leaves us without their services around the holidays. We have a current need for someone to volunteer on **December 16th, 23rd, 24th and 30th**. The times needed are from 10:00am till around 11:45am. Dec. 24th we will need someone for the

3:00pm and/or 5:00pm service. Please email [Lisa Givens](mailto:Lisa.Givens) if you can help with this wonderful ministry or sign up on the [Sign up Genius link](#). This would be great for someone who has a college student home for the holiday season:)

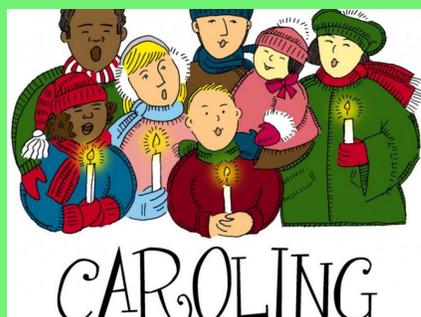
Poinsetta and/or Music Donations

Consider donating for Christmas music or a lovely Christmas Poinsetta for the altar this year in memory or celebration of a loved one - or in thanks for our many blessings at St. Alban's! An announcement of your contribution will be included in the Christmas bulletins. A suggested donation amount is \$20.



You can do so by filling out a form that is available in the Narthex. Please write your check to St. Alban's and include "Christmas flowers/Christmas music" in the memo line. You can bring your payment and donation information to the church office. Forms must be returned by Sunday, December 16 in order to be printed in the Christmas bulletins. Contact Jessica Ewell (parishadmin@saintalbansdavidson.org) for more information.

Christmas Caroling with St. Alban's



Please join us as we gather on **December 16th** at 4pm to go caroling in the St. Alban's neighborhood. Absolutely no experience is necessary and songs will be provided. Let us all gather and spread some Christmas cheer. Please RSVP to [Mary Kennedy](#), so we know who to expect on Dec. 16th.

Mooreville Soup Kitchen

You are invited to join St. Alban's volunteers at Mooreville Soup Kitchen on Friday, December 21st at 8:30am. This is another great opportunity to "reach out" during the holiday season. Please sign up on the form in the narthex, or contact emerichm@gmail.com.



Dinner Groups



Its that time of year again, Winter/Spring dinner groups are forming. If you are interested in joining a group of 6-8 to share dinner at each other's homes between January and April. Please send your name, address, email and if you can host to Jackie Dienemann

at jpdien@mi-connection.com. Singles are welcome. We had a small group of 4 families this fall who had a children/family group. If you are interested in that, please

let Jackie know. She will get back to you by January 1 with your group, who will be the first host and category of food for each couple/person. The first dinner is scheduled to be Saturday January 12 at 6pm. After that the group can choose the day and time. Some groups went out to dinner once or had brunch... it is up to the group!

Habitat Dedication Rescheduled

Due to the weather forecast, we are erring on the side of caution and rescheduling Akisha's dedication. The dedication for the LKN Faith Coalition home at 310 Clover Street will now be held on Sunday, December 16th at 2 PM. Please share with your congregations.

Volunteers, mission teams, anyone interested in seeing what Habitat is all about and celebrating a great time in this holy season is invited to come and rejoice with Akisha and her girls as they move into their new #homefortheholidays!

St. Alban's Preschool Opening

The preschool has an opening in the M-TH Four-Year-Old class beginning in December. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please have them contact the [preschool!](#)



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](#) or [Mary Helms](#).

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](#)

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to request flowers on the altar in honor or memorial of someone please click the online form [HERE](#). A suggested minimum donation of \$50 per request.

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