

Weekly Newsletter

January 13, 2021



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Who is celebrating this upcoming week?

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for these people.

A Message from

Courtney Fossett

Happy New Year sweet St. Alban's Family! It feels a little late to be saying that, but I wanted to make sure to wish you all the best of new years! We all very much need it with yet another variant, Covid rising rates and services suspended again. The need for perseverance is more important than ever now to enable us to move forward with positivity, creativity, and flexibility. The last couple years have certainly presented us with our fair share of challenges and yet we continue to move forward in faith.

A very close friend of mine recently brought my attention to a recent Richard Rohr Daily Meditation from the Center for Action and Contemplation entitled "It Can't Be Carried Alone". It opens with what seems an obvious, yet profound statement of, "...we are transformed by our suffering-not by bearing it apart and alone, but by recognizing our universal connectedness with each other and God". This seems as if it should be a known fact, but many times our first instinct with suffering of any kind is to face it alone. When in fact,

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Important Update

While we had planned to offer the 8:00 a.m. service in-person this Sunday, January 16, the weather reports are now calling for snow, ice, and potentially dangerous driving conditions. Given the circumstances, we have decided to go ahead and cancel in-person worship this coming Sunday. Online worship will be at 10:30 a.m. on our Facebook page. We hope to resume in-person worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 23—watch next week's newsletter for further information. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as our plans shift once again!

FEED NC

Volunteers are needed for St. Alban's lunch prep team on Friday, January 21st, 9am-1:30pm. Please consider helping this month, as we hope to continue our successful participation in this important outreach mission. Be reassured that all appropriate safety protocols are followed. Contact emerichm@gmail.com to join St. Alban's team or for additional information.



Children & Youth News

Children's News

Although there are no in person children and youth events planned right now, we are hoping to be able to gather in person in the upcoming weeks.

Please REGISTER for Sunday School at this [link!](#)

Youth News

ADULT VOLUNTEERS – Would you be interested in **preparing/providing a meal** for our youth? Chaperoning an event or retreat? If so, please contact [Courtney!](#)

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

Episcopal Student Fellowship Meals Needed

The Spring Semester at Davidson will begin on January 20th. As such, we need volunteers to sign up to provide the Sunday evening dinners for Episcopal Student Fellowship for the new semester. You may sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/7oA0F49ACA92AA5FDo-sunday>. If you have any questions, you may be in touch with Elaine Carmann (caldwellnlady2618@gmail.com).





Moms Connect

Moms Connect is a group of women from St. Alban's Church and/or Preschool who are seeking connection in different phases of motherhood. We meet regularly for fun, reflection, mutual support, and prayer—you are invited! The next gathering of Moms Connect will be on Thursday, **January 20 at 7:00 p.m.** We are planning to meet outdoors around a firepit if the weather cooperates. If not, we will meet on Zoom. Please be in touch with Cate Buckner (cate.buckner@gmail.com) and Jennifer Loher (jan99002@hotmail.com) to RSVP and get the address or Zoom link.

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 Tuesday - Thursday.

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