

Weekly Newsletter March 7, 2019

Remember to "spring forward" one hour with your clocks this weekend for daylight savings time.

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In our prayers:

Ann Thober
Ann Townsend Lynch
Anne
Claire Grace
Dick Jordan
Donna Beckham
Eli Robinson
Jennifer Lang
Jewel West
Jim Meletiou
Joe Havens
Karyl Danford
Marci Moore
Pam Stenhouse
Ralph Alford
Ryan Givens
Shirley Fischer
Sid Druen
Susan
Tiana Bryant
Mr. Wang

A message from

John Bailey

As we enter the Lenten season we are called to take time for reflection. The scripture readings and music are intended to lead us through a journey of learning and self-examination. Just as Christ journeyed from childhood to the cross, we, too, are on a journey with our faith. The music chosen for Lent tends to be more serious and is meant to help lead us into that time of reflection.

All music is not the same: it has different purposes and sets different moods. Music for sporting events, rallies, Broadway musicals, parties—all fine in their own right—but not necessarily for each other. Some people feel the music during Lent can be a little somber or "dark" and, indeed, it can be. However, it is not meant to be sad; serious but not sad. In fact, it is meant to offer hope in the face of some of life's most serious journeys: illness; loss; death and ultimately eternal life through the one in whom we place our hope and trust, Jesus Christ. May we all slow down a little this Lent and listen more closely.

Peace,
John Bailey

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-8th Sunday school

10:30 Sunday: Holy Eucharist & Choir

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

We pray for the departed, especially **Joan Jester, Newell H. Grace Jr.**, Cass Arcuri's father & **Don Thober**, Elaine Carmen's friend. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Philip's, St. Stephen's and St. Titus' in Durham, NC.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Most Revd. Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu.

Military Prayer List:
Ryan Leinberger

Birthdays:

March 10

Gentry Willmore

March 12

Anne Stephens
Dillon Noble

March 15

Paul Greene
Kate Fleming

March 16

Meghan Wally

Anniversaries:

March 15

Lawrence & Beth Kokajko

Jean Cunningham, Colleen Hager, Marcy Reid

Flower Guild: Jean Bonnyman

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jerry Landry, Dave Pylipow

Acolytes:

Emmeline Myers, Grace Myers,
Mati Notte, Phoebe Notte

Ushers: Clarence Fox, Chris Sanders

Lectors: Richard Colven, Dave Pylipow

Vestryperson: Gordon Jacobs

Volunteer Sign up Genius

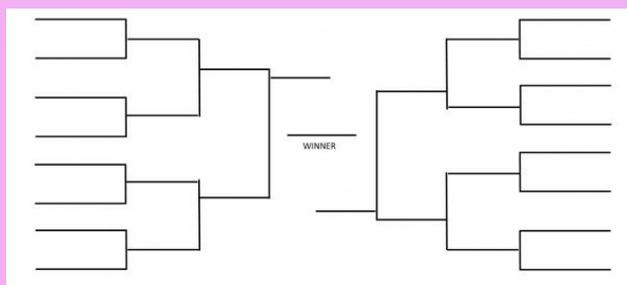
We always need volunteers for reading, greeting and Eucharistic Ministers. Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer for the church services.

Sermons

Did you miss out on the Ash Wednesday service or another Sunday service? We'll feel free to stop by the website and hear all of Rev. Carmen's sermons! [Click here](#) for the sermons webpage. This page is updated weekly.

Hymn Madness

Sacred music is deeply personal, and everyone has a favorite hymn. Will yours make it all the way to the finals? While the season of Lent is a time of penitence, fasting, reflection, and deepening one's relationship with God, there's no rule against having some faithful fun and a little friendly competition, too. And along the way, we will have the opportunity to increase our knowledge of the rich hymnody of our Christian faith!



The First Sunday in Lent (March 10): [Submit](#) up to three favorite hymns per person on Sunday morning at church or by emailing hymnmadness@gmail.com by midnight on March 10. The top 16 will then be seeded into the Hymn Madness Bracket, which will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for all to see!

Second Sunday in Lent (March 17): The Sacred Sixteen, Part 1. Come to church and cast a ballot for which hymns on the left side of our Hymn Madness bracket will

advance to the quarterfinals.

Third Sunday in Lent (March 24): The Sacred Sixteen, Part 2. Come to church and submit your vote for the four match-ups on the right side of our Hymn Madness bracket.

Fourth Sunday in Lent (March 31): The Exalted Eight. Come to church and help narrow the field in the Quarterfinal Round of the Hymn Madness bracket.

Fifth Sunday in Lent (April 7): The Faithful Four. Come to church and make your picks for the dueling melodies in the Semifinal Round of the Hymn Madness bracket.

Palm Sunday (April 14): The Devout Duo. Come to church and vote for your favorite of the final two hymns in the Championship Round of the Hymn Madness bracket!

Rules: [Hymn submissions](#) can come from any hymnal, not just the Hymnal 1982. Beginning on March 17, all voting must be done in person on Sunday mornings. One ballot per person per week. No cheating-God is watching. All participants must be willing to have fun and remember that we're a church and it's just a game.

The Winning Hymn will be announced on Easter Sunday, April 21 and will be incorporated into a future sermon by the Rector!

Soup Kitchen



Mooresville Soup Kitchen: Several volunteers are still needed for our soup kitchen team on **Friday, March 15th**. Please consider becoming involved in this important outreach mission. You can sign up on the form in the narthex, or contact emerichm@gmail.com. New volunteers are always welcome!

St. Alban's Preschool

Enrollment for the 19/20 school year is currently in progress. We have several two year old openings and two five-day four-year-old openings for 2019/2020.

The preschool also has one opening in the M-TH Fours and the M-W-F Threes class for the remainder of this school year. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please have them contact the preschool at (704)892-8955.



Greeters Needed

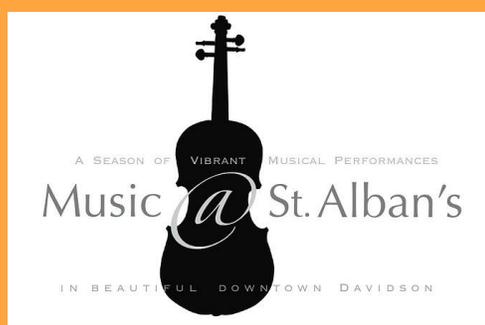
We are recruiting some friendly folks to serve as Greeters on Sunday mornings. Please consider getting involved in this important ministry of welcome and hospitality. We will be holding a meeting for all Greeters and those who are interested on

Sunday, March 31 following the 10:30am service. For more information, please contact Richard Colven at Richard@campwaggingtails.com.

Music @ St. Alban's

On Sunday March 17, 2019 at 3PM, Music at St. Alban's presents: The Baroque Arts Project . The internationally acclaimed baroque dancer Paige Whitley-Bauguess will

perform in a program of musicians period dance, "Characters of the Dance". Arrive early to enjoy the pre-concert young artists performance at 2:20pm. The concert will be followed by a "meet the artist" reception. Tickets are available at the door or at www.musicatstalbandsdavidson.org. \$20/general admission; \$15/seniors; \$10/students; children under 12/free. This project was made possible, in part, with funding from ASC and the N.C. Arts Council.



Rise Against Hunger

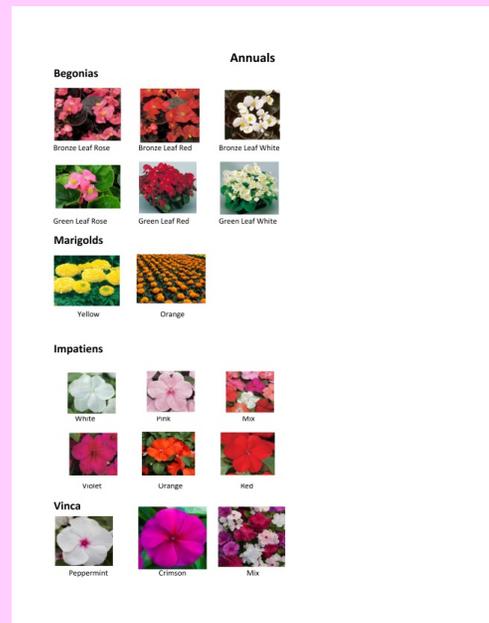


Rise Against Hunger inter-generational event is scheduled for **April 6, 2019, 3:00-5:00pm**. Again this year, St. Alban's Outreach Team and congregational members will be partnering with Gethsemane Baptist Church to pack over 10,000 meals for emergency use in areas devastated by hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and other disasters. Everyone who is interested in participating in St. Alban's Rise Against Hunger meal packing project, please register

at <http://events.stophungernow.org/StAlbans2019> As soon as our packing is complete, we will share a potluck dinner with our brothers and sisters in faith from Gethsemane.

SEEDS Annual Plant Sale

It is fun to think about spring planting when the gray days of winter seem endless. While vegetable gardeners ponder their tomatoes, others like to think about what flowers they will put in their planters or front yard. The SEEDS Community Garden Annual Plant Sale has lots of selections to choose from and is going on now until March 3. Pick up your healthy plants on April 13th at the Gardens. SEEDS is an outreach that touches so many people, your support is greatly appreciated! Click on the links for the [order form](#) and [brochure](#), or pick them up at church in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Jean Bonnyman 706-766-1384 or jsbonnyman@fastmail.com.



Room in the Inn



On Thursday, March 21, St. Alban's has committed to providing volunteers for Room In The Inn! This is an exciting opportunity for St. Alban's to reach out to those who are homeless in our area. Volunteers for various positions are needed, including set-up, meal preparation, and more. We will use the facilities of Davidson College Presbyterian Church's Congregational House at 218 Concord Rd. in Davidson. To participate, sign up in the Narthex, or contact Outreach Team Chair, Elaine

Costa Rica Pilgrimage



From April 22-29, 25 Episcopalians from throughout the Diocese of North Carolina will embark on a pilgrimage throughout Costa Rica to learn about our installations and projects, the Rt. Rev. Orlando Gomez's vision for the Diocese of Costa Rica and spending time in fellowship with our Costa Rican brothers and sisters. The trip cost is \$569 (without airfare) and there are 22 spots left. [Reserve your spot today!](#) For more information, contact Allie Norman, companion diocesan officer.

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. [Lisa Givens](#) 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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