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Joe

Joey

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Karyl Danford

Laura Parker

Margaret Long

Marsha Brodsky

Mel King

Michele

Pam Stenhouse

Sam

Sherrill Holland

Sid Druen

Sophia Schatz

Sue

### A message from Rector Carmen

It's an exciting week for your new Rector! After more than a month of long-distance living, my family officially joins me in Davidson this weekend. Matt and Chris are very excited to get here in time for Oktoberfest on Saturday and the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday. I hope we will see many of you there.

Another reason I'm excited is because this is the week my family and I are making our very first pledge to St. Alban's. Matt and I are going to sit down, look at our family budget, figure out a sensible amount...and then double it. We have not always approached family finances this way, and I admit it feels a bit risky, but we believe so deeply in the ministry of St. Alban's and the potential that this church has to increase our outreach ministries. Sometimes being faithful requires generosity beyond what feels safe and sensible. The truth is, we feel so blessed to be here, and we want to offer our gratitude for God's blessings in a significant way. I invite each of you to join us in stretching beyond what feels sensible as you consider your pledge for 2019.

Our theme for Annual Giving this year comes from John's Gospel, Chapter 15. Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." I've done some research about vines, and along the way I learned something fascinating. Grapevines crave sunlight, because the sun provides photosynthesis for the leaves, and that is how sugar is made to sweeten the grapes. So when left to their own devices in the wild, the vine will grow vertically toward the sun, trying to reach it. The vine grower knows, however, that to maximize sun exposure, the vine must be trained to grow horizontally. Then the branches can reach outward rather than just upward, and the sun can reach a whole canopy of leaves rather than just the leaves at the very top. In order to connect to the source of light and abundant life above, the branches must reach up first, and then out toward each other.

It's true for us too, isn't it? Like the sunshine on

Susan Hughes  
William

We pray for the departed,  
especially for **Ann Morrison  
Boileau & Jim Knight**,  
Lewis Barber'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.  
Mark's, St. Timothy's &  
Wilson La Iglesia De La  
Guadalupana in Wilson, NC.

In our **Anglican Cycle of  
Prayer** we pray for The  
Episcopal Church & The Most  
Revd. Michael  
Curry, Presiding Bishop of  
TEC.

**Military Prayer List:**  
Ryan Leinberger

**Birthdays:**

**October 7**

Terry Daughtery  
Jenny Myers

**October 9**

David Stewart  
Jack Bolton

**October 10**

Rachel Wacker  
Max Orroth

**October 11**

Lawrence Kokajko  
Joanna Clausen

**Anniversaries**

**October 11**

Richard Terry & Ann Todd

the grape leaves, God is the source of light and abundant life for each of us. But in order to access God most fully, we, the branches, can't simply reach up to access God. We also need to reach our arms OUT toward others if we want to bear fruit. Together, if we stretch beyond our comfort zones, St. Alban's will be able to increase our outreach and keep bearing fruit.

Faithfully,  
Carmen

**10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS**

**Altar Guild:**

Susan Beaumont, Alice Mietz

**Flower Guild:** Jean Bonnyman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sandi Wiles

David Pylipow

**Acolytes:**

Amelia Amadio, Henry Harp, Molly Harp

**Lectors:** Mary Hulen, Beth Whitaker

**Ushers:** Steve Alfaro, Jon Davis

**Vestryperson:** Gordon Jacobs

**This Week's Service Times**

**9:15 T/Th:**

Morning Prayer

**8:00 Sunday:** Holy Eucharist

**9:00 Sunday:** Adult Forum

**10:15 Sunday:** NO Sunday school

**10:30 Sunday:** Blessing of the Animals

**Volunteer Sign Up Genius Link**

We always need volunteers for reading,  
greeting and Eucharistic Ministers.

Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer for the  
church services.

**Clergy Discretionary Fund**

Sunday's loose plate offering will benefit the  
Clergy Discretionary Fund.

## Oktoberfest



**This Saturday** is our annual Oktoberfest event. Music, beer, food, bounce houses, hay ride, games, lederhosen, and more!

Entry is free and food and beverages will be available for purchase. All are welcome and encouraged to bring others outside of our church community!!! The [webpage](#) will be updated as events are added.

It takes a village to pull off this event! Please consider signing up to volunteer, even if only for an hour! We encourage high school youth to sign up to volunteer too. This can count towards your service hours at school. Please sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer.

# Welcome John Bailey

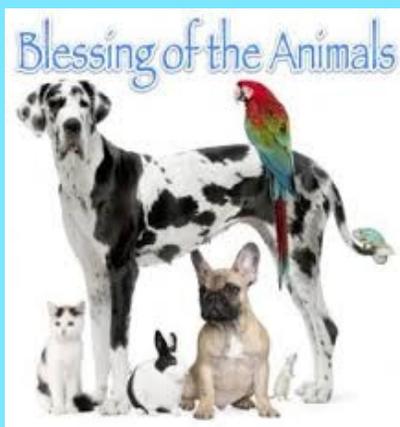
I am thrilled to share that John Bailey has joined the staff as our new Organist/Choirmaster! John is an incredibly gifted musician and a deeply faithful servant leader who will be a great blessing to St. Alban's and to our Choir. Thanks to Alison Boughrum, Phyllis Grayson, and Dave Pylipow who served on the search committee, and to James Wally who helped with the search process also. Read more about John below, and be sure to greet him on October 14, which will be his first Sunday playing at St. Alban's. Welcome, John!

Faithfully,  
Carmen

John's bio and picture are located [HERE](#) on the website.



## Blessing of the Animals



Plan to bring your furry, feathered, slimy, or scaly beast (suitably restrained) to the annual **Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 7**, when we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi! A child's favorite stuffed animal or a photo of your pet can also be blessed. Come to the 10:30 service, which (weather permitting) will be outside-so please bring chairs or something else to sit on. We'll have treats and water for the pets (and people, too).

In the event of rain, the service **WILL TAKE PLACE** in the Nave, but you can still bring your pets! We ask that in addition to bringing yourselves and your pets,

you also **bring some pet food for pets whose people are in need**. This will be our "Red Wagon Sunday" collection for this month, and all donations will go to the Food Pantry at the Ada Jenkins Center.

This year we will honor pets who have died in the past in the past year with a Necrology, so please send their names to [Jessica Ewell](#) by Wednesday, October 3.

## Annual Giving Campaign

Our 2019 Annual Giving season is off to a strong start! We began on Sunday, and as of Monday, we had already received 12 pledges committing \$38,660 toward our goals of 200 pledges and \$570,000. As you consider your pledge, think about why St. Alban's is special to you. Is it the liturgy, our outreach in the community, the music, or the fellowship? There are so many ways St. Alban's is bearing fruit, and you are invited to be a part of it. Make your 2019 pledge [here](#).



## Deacon Rebecca Love Offering

During Deacon Rebecca's final few weeks at Saint Alban's, we will be collecting a Love

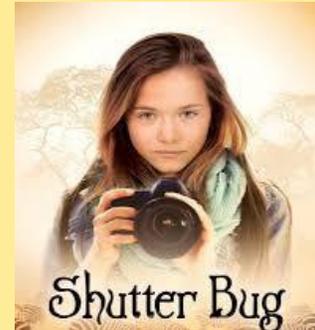


Offering to thank her for her commitment to Saint Alban's and to wish her well in her future deacon endeavors! Checks written directly to Deacon Rebecca Yarbrough will be considered gifts and will not go through the Saint Alban's accounting system. Contributions made to Saint Alban's with "Deacon Rebecca Love Offering" in the memo line are tax deductible for the contributor and will be taxable to Deacon Rebecca. Please join us in thanking Deacon

Rebecca! Contributions can be delivered to the church office or placed in the weekly collection plate. The Love Offering will be presented to Deacon Rebecca at her last service on October 28th.

## NEW Shutterbug Group

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Well we need you on our team! St. Alban's has lots of events and we would like to create a group that is responsible for just taking photos during the events. We have created [a sign up genius](#) for you to sign up for which events you are able to attend and take photos. All photos can be emailed to [Lisa Givens](#) or you can contact Lisa and use her dropbox account. Please consider this important ministry.



## Soup Kitchen

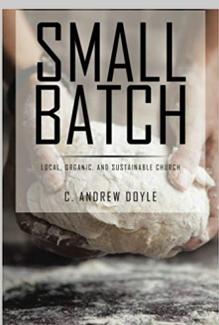
Volunteers from St. Alban's are needed for **Friday, October 19th**. Please check your availability and consider joining our soup kitchen team. You can sign up on the form in the narthex, or contact [emerichm@gmail.com](mailto:emerichm@gmail.com). New volunteers are always welcome!

## LKN Habitat Build

There are only a few weeks left on Akisha's home build. The walls have been painted. The floors have been laid and the trim and hardware has been installed. By the end of this build, a dozen LKN local churches will have had a hand in putting God's love into action for Akisha and her daughters. Thank you St. Alban's and other local area churches.



## Book Club Meeting



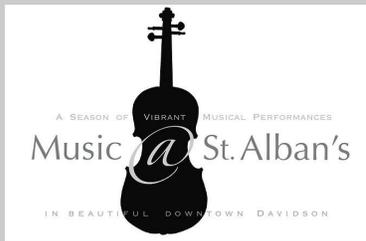
Bishop C. Andrew Doyle of Texas's book Small Batch is the next read for our Book Club. It's a wonderful look at missional opportunities in which the Episcopal Church is engaging, and has lots of ideas about how the church can connect with the world, sharing the Good News AND finding Christ in unexpected places (try laundromats and coffee bars!). The book is available on [Amazon](#). The next meeting will be **November 11th** after the 10:30 service.

# Greenery Sale

Believe it or not, the church's Annual Greenery Sale is underway! The wreaths and garland are handcrafted by the same company that supplies greenery to the Biltmore House. Each year our shipment is full, fragrant and fresh! All proceeds benefit the Ministry of Fun. Order forms are available in the church front office and Narthex or you may click [HERE](#) to print an order form at home. Orders and payment must be received by Saturday, November 10th.



## Music @ St. Alban's



Music @ St. Alban's presents Chamber Music For All, an ensemble comprised of principal players from the Charlotte Symphony, exploring chamber music for 2 violins and harp at **3pm, Sunday, October 21**. Arrive early to enjoy the pre-concert young artists performance at 2:30pm. The concert will be followed by a "meet the artist" reception. Tickets are available at the door

[\$20/general admission; \$15/seniors; \$10/students; children under 12/free] or at [www.musicatstalbansdavidson.org](http://www.musicatstalbansdavidson.org).

## St. Alban's Preschool

This week our preschoolers participated in drama with Ms. Marie. Ms. Marie took us on a magical visit to the jungle where we pretended to be various animals. She also brought to life the story of "Caps for Sale" where our preschoolers pretended to be the sneaky monkeys that would take Ms. Marie's caps whenever she "fell asleep". A great time was had by all.

Our Bible story for the week was "Jesus Uses A Boy's Lunch". In this story we learned that Jesus can do a lot with a little. We learned that Jesus was able to use one little boy with five small loaves of bread and two small fish to feed an enormous crowd. The children loved this story and loved pretending to feed all their friends from a little bit!

Friday is the **last day to drop off diapers** for those impacted by Hurricane Florence. Drop off bins are located in the preschool.

The preschool is also **looking for donations of gently used bath towels**. They can be stained as long as they are clean and can be dropped off outside the preschool office. Are you looking for a preschool for your three year old child? We still have an opening in our three-year-old program. If you know of a family looking for a preschool program, please have them contact us. Our teachers have a great deal of experience and provide a loving, play-based, Christian environment and the class size is small. You can visit our website [www.saintalbanspreschool.org](http://www.saintalbanspreschool.org) or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/saintalbanspreschool> for more information.



**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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