

Weekly Newsletter

September 10, 2020



A Message from

Rev. Kevin

A question that has been on my mind a lot in recent days is, “how does the Church continue to be the Church in this moment in our history?” For nearly six months now, we have been unable to gather for worship in our church building. This has been a challenging reality for those of us for whom “going to church” has always been an integral part of our lives. It has even become a source of tension among “church-going” folks, with some insisting that indoor, in-person worship should continue, regardless of the status of the pandemic. There is also a growing fear among many church leaders that the already declining numbers in church attendance will become exponentially worse because of this extended time of not going to church. The angst is understandable. Even as we have found new ways to do worship and keep ourselves connected,

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Who is celebrating this upcoming week?

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for these people.

SIGN UP TO SERVE

Our servers this week.

Sunday School Launch

Calling all our little Fishers! All our Fishers of People - Let all our children become fishers of people and spread the Good News! This year we

will be fishing at home to catch all of the knowledge and love of Christ to share with others.

We begin this year in a very different fashion and will make our Sunday School lessons available in age level packets similar to our VBS packets. These were distributed in a Mini Fishing Car Parade last week. If you were unable to make the car parade and did not receive one, please let **Courtney** know. We do still have them available and we can coordinate a time for you to pick them up!

These packets contain lessons for the month of September to be enjoyed at your leisure anytime during the month. Videos will still be posted on our YouTube page and on the 4th Sunday of the month we will have a Zoom call to visit and have a short lesson and song. If you want a packet(s) for your child(ren), it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to complete the online **registration!** We need up to date information on all ages, even if you are not getting a packet!

Let's go fishing and catch some Good News and love of Christ to share with others! Join us to gather your fishing packets! Any questions, please email **Courtney** and she will be happy to help. Thank you for your support of our Youth and Children programming!



RSVP for Outdoor Worship!

The Diocese of North Carolina recently began permitted outdoor worship in limited numbers. We are excited to share our plans for outdoor worship in September at St. Alban's.

We are holding in-person Holy Eucharist on Wednesday evenings and Sundays at 8:00 a.m. **Sign up for a Eucharist service [HERE](#).** Space is limited, so please start by signing up for only one service in September. If there are still available spaces on the day of the service, feel free to sign up and attend.

Additionally, we are having a special weekly service called "Wiggle Worship" geared toward families with young kids! This service will meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 10. **Sign up for**

Wiggle Worship [HERE](#).

In the event of inclement weather, the service may need to be cancelled. Attendance at any of these services requires adherence to all of the following Diocesan guidelines:

- Prior to attending, screen yourself and everyone in your household for possible COVID-19 symptoms.
- Everyone over the age of two should wear a mask.
- Keep at least six feet of physical distance from anyone not in your household.
- Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on, and your own Book of Common Prayer if you have one.
- We will not be able to provide entrance to the building for restrooms except in emergencies. Whenever possible, take care of bathroom needs prior to coming.
- Each attendee must be signed up in advance to ensure we stay within the attendance limits of 25 people per gathering and to allow for contact tracing if necessary.

We will continue to offer an online service of Morning Prayer with a full sermon and music at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays on our [Facebook page](#).

FEED NC volunteers

St. Alban's volunteers are needed at FeedNC on Friday, September 18th. The cook team will prepare "to go" meals for the guests and also for delivery to home bound families. All possible protocols for sanitation and safety are followed. If you are available to help this month, please contact emerichm@gmail.com. To learn of additional opportunities to contribute, you can check the website at feednc.org. St. Alban's support of this outreach mission is very much appreciated!



Moms Connect

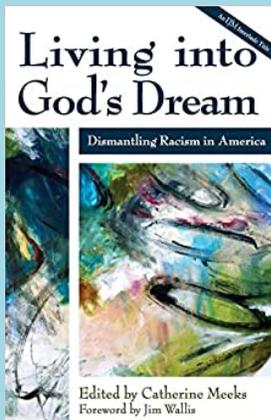
Please join us for our next St Alban's "Moms Connect" gathering outdoors/in person on **Sept. 17** (sponsored by St Alban's Episcopal Church).

We will meet at the Church over by the Community Garden. If there is rain in the forecast, Alexis Doherty will touch base and the meeting will be moved to Zoom. Please bring your own chairs & place them 6 feet apart.

This group is for women seeking connection in different phases of motherhood. Our hope is to form a community of moms who gather regularly for fun, reflection, mutual support, and prayer. We meet monthly at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. To RSVP & please email [Alexis Doherty](mailto:Alexis.Doherty).

Zoom Bible Study

We are offering an online Bible Study each week on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. This Bible Study will be led by the clergy and will focus on studying the lectionary passages for the upcoming Sunday. Please reach out to Jessica Ewell at parishadmin@saintalbansdavidson.org to let us know you'd like to participate, and a Zoom link will be provided.



Save the Date: Summer Reading Discussion

The St. Alban's community is invited to join together in a Summer Reading book about becoming anti-racist. While there are many excellent books on the subject, we have selected Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America, ed. Catherine Meeks, because it is written from a faith-based perspective and is a compilation of multiple voices, many of whom are Episcopalian. The book is available for purchase at churchpublishing.org. We plan to convene an online meeting on **Sunday, September 27** at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the book and mutually discern how God is calling St. Alban's to continue our efforts to build Beloved Community in our parish, as well as in our homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Please make note of this date and plan to join us. To RSVP for this conversation, please email Jessica at parishadmin@saintalbansdavidson.org by September 25.



Red Wagon

Please remember to continue your support of the Loaves and Fishes and FeedNC ministries. Items needed include non perishable food, cleaning and hygiene products, and pet supplies. Donations can be placed in the Red Wagon on the porch next to the circle driveway. All contributions are gratefully received.

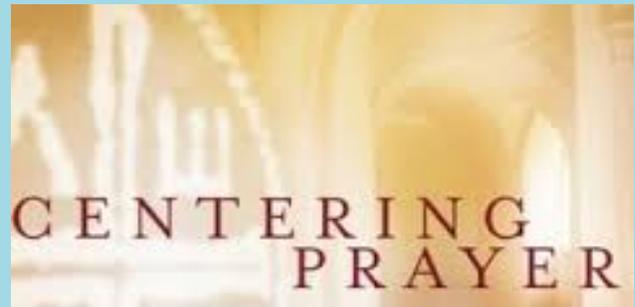
Morning Prayer & Centering Prayer

With Davidson students back in the fold (so to speak) we are making some minor adjustments to the Zoom Prayer schedule. Beginning this week we have started doing Morning Prayer (from the Book of Common Prayer) at 8:30 a.m. and Centering Prayer at 4:30 p.m. These are both offered Monday-Thursday and the link for both is the same:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9497600098>.

For more information about Centering Prayer you can go [HERE](#).

All are welcome to join us!



Children & Youth News

Hello St. Alban's Parents! We miss you and you are in our thoughts and prayers! Please be on the lookout for our weekly Family Update emails with announcements and additional resources.

For families of Middle and High School Youth, we are continuing our Youth Group Zoom meetings on Sundays at 7pm.

Middle and High Youth Group Zoom meeting information: Sundays 7pm.

Join Zoom Meeting [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 197 958 489

Password: 283540

ZOOM Meeting is cancelled for this Sunday.

If you have ideas, needs, concerns, questions, please don't hesitate to reach out by

emailing [Courtney](#). We miss you and look forward to hearing from and hopefully seeing you soon!



Financial Update

Saint Alban's Contributions During Social Distancing

If you would like to make a contribution and/or a pledge payment to Saint Alban's while services are online and the church office is closed, we have several ways this can be done:

1. You can utilize your bank's online bill pay (just like you would pay other vendors and bills). The mailing address for Saint Alban's (the payee) is 301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, NC 28036. If your bank asks for an account number, please use your last name.
2. Saint Alban's accepts contributions online as well. Please text **ALBANS** to **73256** to give via text or visit our online giving webpage at <https://abundant.co/saintalbansdavidson/give>
3. A check can be mailed to the church office at 301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, NC 28036.

If you are paying a 2019 pledge balance -

Please put "2019 General Fund" in the memo line of your check. If you are paying online, please select "2019 General Fund" from the drop down list of fund options.

Sunday Worship Service

We are continuing to broadcast Morning Prayer, Rite II via [Facebook Live](#) on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The live stream begins around 10:20 with an organ prelude.

When you tune in, please feel free to participate in the comment section with words of greeting, prayer requests, etc. The more active and engaged our [Facebook Live](#) sessions are, the more it will feel like we are worshipping together, even as we are separated by distance. After the



weekly live broadcast, the recordings are archived for viewing both on our [Facebook page](#) and on our [Youtube Channel](#).

A separate email will be sent out on Sunday morning with what you will need for this Sunday's worship.

Coffee Hour this Sunday

We are having so much fun at our online coffee hour on Sundays! Grab your mug and join us this coming Sunday at 11:30 a.m. We'll enjoy a brief time of fellowship--right from our homes--using Zoom, a video conference application which is free and easy to use. Come even for just a few minutes. We'd love to see your smiling faces! We'll keep the virtual narthex open until noon.

To join our Zoom coffee hour, please click [HERE](#). If you haven't used Zoom before, it will prompt you to download it or find it in the app store for your smart phone or tablet. If you attended last week, you can use the same info to access this week.

ONGOING EVENTS

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](#)

