

The Beacon of St. Alban's

“Illuminating the Word of God in the World”

So many things have been going on at St. Albans over the past few months that have affected each of us in one way or another. Of course, the most important change is the absence of our Rector, Cindy. We have kept everyone updated on her condition via email and we've done a pretty good job. However, I do feel badly for those not having email. If you have an email and have not listed it with the office please do so, or if you would like to be contacted via phone please either drop a note in the alms basin on Sunday or give Lynne a call at the office and we will establish a phone tree. Cindy is currently in the hospital receiving plasmapheresis treatments which will be followed by a chemo treatment. If all goes well with the chemo she will have 1 treatment a week for 4 weeks. Thanks to Margie Bope and Nancyjane Bailey for getting the ball rolling to organize a Healing Service for Cindy at a time when Eric can bring her to church. It was originally scheduled for Feb. 28th but due to her treatments it had to be rescheduled. We will send an email out with the date as soon as it is scheduled. Because this will be an evening service we are offering rides to those not able to drive. Please keep both Cindy and Eric in your prayers. She continually asks me to relay how much she loves and misses everyone and looks forward to the day when she will be back with us.

**A Message from
St. Alban's
Sr. Warden**

We have been blessed and are very thankful to have Rev Janet Johnson fill in for Cindy during her absence. As many of you know Janet+ is with us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at which time we celebrate the Eucharist. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays our lay readers have done a tremendous job of conducting Morning Prayer. In order to ensure members of our youth group receive communion we have moved our Contemporary Service to the 2nd Sunday since they do many of the readings and usher at that service. As I stated there have been lots of "temporary adjustments". I cannot express my deep gratitude to Janet and all the lay readers for stepping in and doing whatever is necessary to provide our spiritual needs. St. Albans is a place where deep family love and support is always present.

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The waterproofing job is complete but there is still a lot to be done before we will once again have use of our classrooms and Youth Chapel. Electrical work needs to be scheduled for the sump pumps and all the rooms need to be thoroughly cleaned and painted then everything put back in it's place. This was a major project but the final result will be a better and safer environment for all. Thanks to all the workers who came out to do the prep work. We will be letting everyone know as work is scheduled to complete the job and hopefully we'll have lots of volunteers.

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On a personal note I want to thank all of you for your support since Cindy has been away. We need to continue doing God's work in all our activities, supporting each other and never lose sight of our calling as His children - to help those in need and love one another as He loves us.

*God bless and keep you,
Peg Davidson, Senior Warden*

Rev. Canon Slater Visits St. Alban's



Melinda McDaniels and Rev. Canon Slater



Rev. Canon Slater Talks with St. Albans



NancyJane Bailey and Rev. Canon Slater

Social Ministries

Outreach During the Lenten Season

LENTEN BOXES – Lenten boxes are in the back of the church. Please take one if you would like to make a Lenten offering to the Ark. The Ark is a daycare center for homeless children in Baltimore which is run by Episcopal Community Services. Lenten boxes will be collected right after Easter. Checks and cash are fine if you are not a saver of coins. We have been giving our Lenten box offerings to the Ark for many years. We love helping the children at the Ark.

EMMAUS CENTER – Fresh fruit Sunday is March 18th. We will be collecting tangerines and grapes. The Emmaus Center does not yet have a permit for cooking in their kitchen so we will continue to provide fresh fruit . By collecting fresh fruit every month, we are providing a healthy addition to the diet of the Emmaus Center guests. Thanks for all the fruit brought in last month. It was very much appreciated.

H.O.P.E. - We will be having a combined Lent/Easter collection for HOPE. HOPE helps such a wide variety of people in so many ways and in so many places. The Social Ministries Committee is considering how and what we might contribute to make the best impact with our resources. More information will be made available as plans are finalized. Thank you for the wonderful contribution of linens, towels, blankets, and comforters for HOPE during our Epiphany project. We were glad we had an SUV to transport the many items to HOPE! Quite a number of families will benefit from the generous contribution from St. Alban's parishioners.



Linens for H.O.P.E

WINTER RELIEF DINNER - We will be preparing a dinner for the Winter Relief Shelter at St. Christopher's on Thursday, March 8th. Susan Payne and Mary Moran have chosen to serve Beef Stew, have gotten a lot of volunteers to help, and are very well organized for the meal. Again this year, Alice Cook's Brownie Troop will be bringing brownies for dessert and entertaining the guests.

ERD – ERD Lenten Meditation Booklets are available in the back of the church. These booklets give you daily scripture passages and reflections by a different writer each day. It is a good way to focus on the spiritual during Lent. The introduction describes the season of Lent and reminds us that “It is also a time for us to prayerfully consider how we can heal a hurting world”.

Healing a hurting world is what we are trying to do at St. Alban's when the Sunday School collects for Nets for Life, or each time we prepare a meal for those experiencing homelessness, or bring in fruit or linens, or contribute toward educating a child, whether in Glen Burnie, Baltimore, or Buen Pastor in the Dominican Republic. Healing a hurting world is what our church is called to do in Lent and every season of the church year.

Overcoming Me to Beat the Big C

By NancyJane Bailey

I am attempting a huge project that will (I hope) change my life. I am training with Team in Training so I will be able to ride 100 miles June 3rd at America's Most Beautiful Ride at Lake Tahoe. Team in Training trains regular people (like me) to undertake endurance athletic events as fund raising projects for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). This is a very effective strategy. Since 1988, over 500,000 people have raised over 1 billion dollars (that's billion with a "b") which the LLS uses for cancer research. This research has resulted in drugs that dramatically increase survival rates. Ten years ago, the 5 year survival rate for chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) was under 50 percent. It is now 95%, due to a drug developed by a researcher funded by LLS.

I need to raise \$5,000 to fund the ride. All of the money will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Should I raise more than \$5,000, 100% of that will go straight to LLS. All contributions are 100% tax deductible.

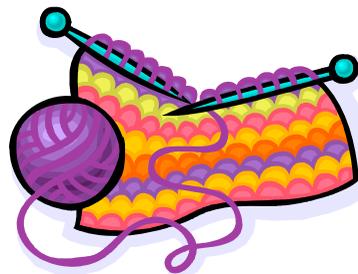
Will I be able to do this? If I am able to comply 100% with the training plan, I have no doubt that I will physically be able to rise to the challenge. I am worried though, because my job is becoming ever more demanding. I need to decide if I am willing to drop this challenge in order to work enough overtime to do all my assigned tasks. (If I seem especially grouchy these days, you know why.) This is also why I am cutting back (temporarily) on my involvement in church. Some of my training rides are scheduled on Sunday morning (and cover the time of both services). I will be selling chocolate after the 10:30 service (and perhaps between services) to fund the ride. I have milk chocolate almond bars and dark chocolate bars filled with raspberry. Each bar is \$2. If you would like to contribute money directly for the ride, you can visit my fundraising website at pages.teamintraining.org/md/ambbr12/overcomingMe or send a check made out to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society to me at 6508 Buskin Lane, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Prayer Shawl Ministry

By Louise Izat

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, March 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. We are continuing for awhile to make lap robes for Wounded Warriors in memory of Melinda McDaniel's grandson, PFC Kenneth McDaniel. Thanks to those who have made lap robes this past month.

For our March meeting we will be trying something different, a group project of making a granny square throw. Each member will crochet a simple square or squares to make a throw. Those of us who are knitters only will be taught to crochet! Please join us.



Thank You Joe Rumenap

By Louise Izat

Thanks to Joe Rumenap for his faithful service in collecting aluminum cans for re-cycling for so many years. His ministry has steadily provided funds to our church for many worthwhile things.

Joe was encouraging our parishioners to re-cycle aluminum long before St. Alban's began an environmental ministry. In addition to helping the environment, Joe's re-cycling has steadily contributed in \$100, \$200, and \$300 increments, to raising thousands of dollars over the years.

At times, various groups in the church have benefited, and in the past couple of years, Joe's collection was given to roof fundraising. However, for many years, Joe's aluminum re-cycling contributed to funding many social ministries outreach projects, e.g. buying movie tickets for children at Eastern Point Children's Shelter, educating Aids orphans in Africa through Episcopal Relief and Development, buying mosquito nets through ERD's Nets for Life project, providing scholarships for children at El Colegio Buen Pastor. And, these are just the few projects that we can remember!

Joe will be retiring from aluminum re-cycling on April 1st. He is looking for someone to take over so his ministry can continue. The Social Ministries Committee thanks you, Joe, for the huge contribution you have made to St. Alban's outreach through this important ministry. We think, if given the opportunity, the many children, who have been helped by the funds from your ministry, would thank you, too.



Joe Rumenap and his aluminum cans

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew, Chapter 11:28-30

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Potluck Lenten Suppers begin on March 7th at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Don't forget to bring in fresh Tangerines and Grapes for the EMMAUS Center on February 18th!</p>				1	2 7:30 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 pm—Alanon 7:30 pm—Alateen	3 10:00 am—Basement Clean-up
4 8:00 am—Holy Eucharist 10:30 am—Holy Eucharist	5 7:30 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous	6 10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 pm—Food Addiction Anonymous	7 6:00 pm—Lenten Supper 6:30 pm—Bell Choir 7:30 pm—Voice Choir	8 Winter Relief Dinner at St. Christopher's	9 7:30 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 pm—Alanon 7:30 pm—Alateen	10
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News & Happenings



February

Kate Hunt.....	2/1
Susan Glantz.....	2/5
Alice Cook.....	2/5
Amelia Gish.....	2/8
Bonnie Taylor.....	2/15
Dorothy Johnson.....	2/16
Brenda Gish.....	2/16
Bob Lambert.....	2/19
Robert Laning.....	2/20
Irene Lipin.....	2/29
Nancy Smith Westerberg.....	2/29

March

Renee Weaver.....	3/4
Rich Bumgarner.....	3/9
Stephen Maceiko.....	3/14
Alfred Lipin.....	3/16
George Smith.....	3/17
Margaret Hodor.....	3/18
Sharon Amrhein.....	3/20
Mark Cook.....	3/20
Cynthia Johns.....	3/21

Evan McFarland is performing in Footloose at Old Mill High School the weekends of **March 23-25 and 30, 31 and 1 April**. The school is located at 600 Patriot Lane in Millersville. It would be great to see church friends there!

This space for rent! Want to alert the congregation to an outside activity they may enjoy? Any one you would like to recognize for an achievement or send out a thanks to? Send your note to TheBeacon@broadstripe.net and best of all...the rent is free!

The Church Office is updating the list of wedding anniversaries for parishioners. **Please email the church secretary at stal-bans.church@verizon.net with your anniversary month and day and the number of years you have been married for the year 2012.** Please also update your birthday as well if you would like. You may also write it down and leave it in the church office.

Deadline for April issue of the Beacon is March 24th. Send your submissions to TheBeacon@broadstripe.net, place them in the church office.

St. Alban's continues to search for a music director. If you know of anyone who may be interested in a part time musical position, please have the individual contact the Church for more information about this great opportunity.

A special thank you to **St. Alban's Youth Group and Alice Cook's Brownie Troop** for their support of this year's Pancake Supper. Over 150 guests were served pancakes and donations totaled over \$450. Thank you for generous support!

Thanks to everyone who helped to prepare the basement for waterproofing. From moving furniture, equipment and taking down pictures and chalkboards. The waterproofing has now been completed, but there is still much work that will need to be done. We are looking for volunteers to help with the clean-up from all the work. We need help cleaning floors, walls and furniture from all the dust. Later we'll need help putting the basement back in order. If you can provide any help please contact Judy Smith or Peg Davidson.

Anniversaries



February 27

Richard and Ann Marshall

SNOW POLICY: In case of inclement weather, there will be decision made by 7:00 am about church services. The church answering machine will reflect that decision. *Please note the church office follows the Anne Arundel County Public School system to determine closure during the week.*

The Beacon has a new email address:
TheBeacon@broadstripe.net

Easter Commemoration

Our tradition is to remember our departed loved ones at Easter time. Names will be commemorated on Easter Day at the Holy Eucharist service.

Cut off date for submitting names is **Palm Sunday, April 1st.**

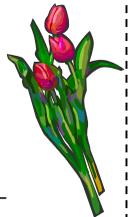
If you wish to purchase or make a donation to the flower fund for decorating the church with **Easter Lilies** the cost is **\$12.50**. If you wish to purchase tulips, we are limiting the total number of tulips purchased to 50 due to space constraints in the church windows. Cost of a **6-bloomed tulip** is **\$9.00**.

We appreciate your donation.

Please place this form in an offering plate or mail it to St. Alban's, 105 1st Ave SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.



Checks are payable to: *St. Alban's Church*
With a notation in the memo section: *Easter flowers*



Number of Lilies: _____ **cash:** _____ **check:** _____

Number of Tulips (limit 2): _____ **cash:** _____ **check:** _____

Submitted by: _____

Name(s) of Departed Loved Ones (please print):

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Prayer Shawl Ministry Request Card

Name of recipient: _____

Name of person making request: _____

telephone number or email address: _____

Why would you like this person to receive a shawl? _____

Does this person have fiber or pet fur allergies? Yes _____ No _____

Color suggestions? _____

Any additional information: _____

Calendar of Services for Lent and Easter

March 7, 14 and 28—Potluck Lenten Suppers, 6:00 pm

April 1—Palm Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 am, HC Services

April 5—Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm Stripping of the Altar

April 6—Good Friday, 7:00 pm, HC Service

April 8—Easter, 8:00 and 10:30 am, HC Services

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday Worship Services

8:00 am - Holy Communion, Rite I (no music)

10:30 am - Holy Communion, Rite II (with music)

10:30 am - Sunday School, K-12 and Nursery



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