

March 2015



ST. ALBAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

servicing God by servicing others

Dear people of St. Alban's,

Here we are in Lent! From the early history of the church, Lent was a time when people who were alienated from God or had become alienated from the Christian community would engage in practices of repentance so that they could be reconciled and integrated again into the life of the church. Lent became the time when people prepared for baptism, which would occur on Easter. Indeed, Lent remains, even for us, a time for reconciliation with God and with each other.



The scripture readings that we will be hearing throughout Lent this year proclaim God's efforts to bring about reconciliation with humankind through a series of covenants. From the covenant with Noah after the flood, to the covenants with Abraham and with Moses, then Jeremiah's prophecy of a covenant written on our hearts, we will arrive at the covenant enacted through Jesus Christ during Holy Week.

God desires reconciliation with you and longs for your reconciliation with others among whom you live and work. What might a step into reconciliation mean for you? St. Alban's offers several resources to help you find your way during this Lenten season. Besides time for prayerful reflection and communion during worship on Sunday mornings, two opportunities for learning together are occurring on Wednesdays. At 11 in the morning, we will be employing Biblical stories of journeys to enable each of us to reflect on how Jesus may be helping us find our way "home." In the evening, after the 6pm potluck, we will develop practical skills to support peacemaking in relationships of any kind. For those who desire a personal sacramental experience, I commend the rite for reconciliation of a penitent offered in our Book of Common Prayer. I would be honored to guide any of you through that rite. What experience of reconciliation might God be preparing for you this Lent?

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Blessings,
Paula+



Glen Burnie Reading Camp

How Camp Will Work

We are looking forward to holding our first one week summer reading camp, **Glen Burnie Reading Camp, at our church, July 27 – 31, 2015**. The camp will be one of four reading camps held at different churches in the Diocese of Maryland.

Our camp will have 25 campers in grades 3 – 5 who need help with their reading skills. These campers will be students from local elementary schools. We will rent a school bus to provide round-trip transportation from their school to our church each day. Campers will attend our reading camp at no cost to their families.

Camp days will consist of reading lessons in the morning, and arts and crafts and field trips in the afternoon. Camp will begin at 8:30 am and end at 4:00 pm. We will provide breakfast, lunch, and 2 snacks for the children each day. At the end of the week, each camper will be given a backpack full of books to encourage him or her to continue reading throughout the rest of the summer.

Campers will be divided into 5 classes of 5 students per class. Every morning, each class will rotate through a series of 30 - 40 minute learning sessions: phonics, sight reading, strategies and comprehension, pleasure reading, and writing. Sessions will be taught by professional educators, with aids to assist.

Each year the reading camps in our diocese have a theme for the camps. Last year's theme was superheroes, and lessons were planned around the theme.

We will be given the opportunity to share ideas and materials from the other camps, saving us resources. To provide some of the camp funding, Maija Denson will be having a Quarter Auction fundraiser on Monday, May 4th so please put that date on your calendar.

Also, we have applied for a grant to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church to provide some of the funds for our camp. Out of 50 grant applications submitted, St. Alban's has been chosen as 1 of the 16 finalists! We are in the process of being interviewed this month and are very hopeful that we might be chosen to receive a funding grant.

Naturally, for a reading camp, we will need lots of books for 25 campers. Sandy Murphy has started us off beautifully with a donation of 40 brand new books from the public library where she works as a librarian. We will use half of our Lenten Box offering to buy more books. Once a camp theme is selected, we will develop a list of books needed, for any interested parishioners. We will need a number of volunteers to hold our reading camp. We are looking for volunteers,

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not only from our church, but from other local churches. So far, our volunteers from St. Alban's are: Maija Denson, camp director; Louise Izat, Mary Wilcox, Betsy Kramer, Mary Moran, Joan Rumenap, JoAnn Cherrico, Barbara Phillips, Sandy Murphy, Peg Davidson, and Kevin Gish. In addition, we have been blessed with volunteers from the community: Michelle Day, retired reading teacher and daughter-in-law to Sylvia and Paul Day; Stacy Swingle, reading teacher and colleague of Maija Denson's; and Libbie Holt, friend of Rev. Paula's.

We are off to a great start, but we need more volunteers! We need volunteer professional educators to teach the sessions, and aids to assist the teachers. We need volunteers to prepare food for the campers, to set up classrooms, to walk campers to the classrooms, to read stories to campers, to lead campers in arts and crafts, and to chaperone campers on field trips. We need men to help who would serve as good role models and we need teens to volunteer as youth counselors! Check out our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for information about our camp and a list of volunteer positions. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about it, please contact Maija Denson, Louise Izat, or Mary Wilcox.





Lenten Thank Offering: Gifts of Hope through Learning

Boxes from Episcopal Relief and Development are available at church for you to take home. As you add coins day by day, giving thanks for God's goodness, you will be creating a gift of hope through learning for children near and far.

In economically struggling communities around the world, young children often lack stimulation. Half of your Lenten offering will support early learning programs through Episcopal Relief and Development that help kids develop their language, social and motor skills as well as provide nutritious snacks and education about healthy eating. Closer to home, half will buy books for the children in our Glen Burnie Reading Camp to take home as an encouraging reward when they complete the program.



Are you receiving the weekly Trumpet Call emails? We send out a brief weekly update each Thursday to let you know what's going on at St. Albans. If you are not currently on the email list please let us know so we can add you! You can do this two ways:

- Call the church office at 410-766-1455 and talk to Char, or leave a voicemail with your name and email address. Be sure to let us know in the voicemail that you wish to be added to the Trumpet Call emails.
- Fill out an updated contact information bring pink slip located in the back of the church. You can drop this in the offering plate or leave it on Char's desk in the church office.

St. Alban's Snow Policy

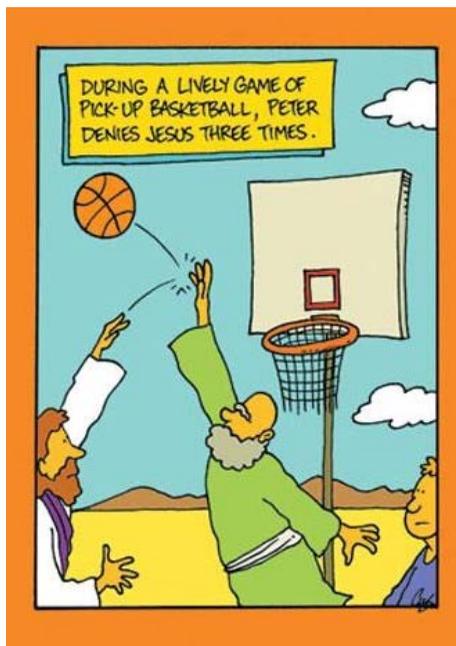


Will St. Alban's have Sunday worship services when there's extreme weather? Yes. Rain or shine, snow or sleet, the church will be opened, and God will be praised. Since I live nearby, I will walk over and prepare for worship. Each of you must decide for yourself whether it is safe for you to come, based on conditions where you live and consideration of your own capabilities. As we have done a few times in the past weeks, those who gather will take on whatever roles are needed to worship together. Wherever two or three are gathered, God

promises to be in the midst of us!

Events other than Sunday worship may be cancelled, if necessary. For meetings, fundraisers, and other gatherings, check our website, your email, or phone the church office to find out about cancellations.

Blessings,
Paula+



Please send your submissions for the April Beacon by March 20 to cedarpup@cablespeed.com or place them in the newsletter editor bin in the vestry room.

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	2	3	4 11:00 am Bible Study Noon Eucharist 6:00 pm Potluck 6:30 Lenten Program 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	5	6	7 5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner
8 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	9	10	11 11:00 am Bible Study Noon Eucharist 5:00 pm Pancake Supper 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	12	13	14
15 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	16	17 6:00 pm Social Ministries 7:30 pm Ladies Guild	18 11:00 am Bible Study Noon Eucharist 6:00 pm Potluck 6:30 Lenten Program 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	19	20	21
22 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	23	24	25 11:00 am Bible Study Noon Eucharist 6:00 pm Potluck 6:30 Lenten Program 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	26 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	27	28
29—Palm Sunday 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	30	31	Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday & Friday at 7:00 pm Al-Anon meets every Friday at 7:00 pm Eternal Quilters meets on the 2nd Thursday at 10:00 am		Food Addictions meets every Monday at 7:00 pm Purple Heart meets on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm Vintage Tin meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm	

Afternoon of Paint

Afternoon of Paint – Fun was had by all who participated in our first Afternoon of Paint. The church hall was filled with 39 budding painters who painted a sunny beach picture on one of the coldest days of the year! Thank you to all who participated either by painting, making goodies or donating. We raised \$460 that will go towards paying off the loan from our Endowment. People have already asked when we're going to do another, I'm hoping in warmer weather possibly outside in our parking lot. Happy painting everyone!



Tea Party

Come for afternoon tea, in the style of Downton Abbey, at St. Alban's Church, on Sunday **April 26th, from 2:00 until 4:00**. Tickets are \$15.00 and on sale until April 21st.

Seating is limited. Call church office at [410-766-1455](tel:410-766-1455) or Mary at [410-761-8723](tel:410-761-8723).



Tickets will be available from March 15 until April 21 from the church office or Barbara Phillips, Mary Moran or Sandy Heinecke.

Spaghetti Dinner



Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14th Time to take your family, friends and neighbors to a Spaghetti Dinner at St. Albans from 5-7pm. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards repaying our Endowment Fund Loan.

The menu is Spaghetti with or without meatballs (your choice), salad, Italian bread, assorted desserts and coffee, tea or punch. We'll have a 50/50 raffle, lots of food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Hungry for Pancakes?

Come Wednesday, March 11th between 5:00 and 7:00 pm for St. Alban's Pancake Supper (rescheduled from Shrove Tuesday)



SUMMER CAMP AT CLAGGETT

Just ask any of St. Alban's past campers: Claggett is **AMAZING!!!**

Because of the quality of our diocesan camp as an opportunity for fun and formation in a Christian community, St. Alban's will help with scholarships to make it possible for any of our kids to go.

High School Week	Grades 9-12	June 21-26
Youth 1 Camp	Grades 2-5	June 28-July 1
Youth 2 Camp	Grades 3-5	July 5-10
Middle School Week	Grades 6-8	July 12-17

Register online at <http://www.claggettcenter.org/camps.php>



Easter Flowers

St. Alban's Altar Guild would like to invite the congregation to help transform the sanctuary into a "garden of flowers" for Easter Sunday!

If you wish to purchase or make a donation to the flower fund for decorating the church, we have **3 flower choices** this year:

- Tulips (6 blooms): \$9.00 each
- Geraniums (8" pot): \$14.00 each
- Daffodils (8" pot): \$15.00 each

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
Last Sunday to order is ***March 15th***



Number of tulips: _____ **X \$9.00 =** _____
Number of geraniums: _____ **X \$14.00 =** _____
Number of daffodils: _____ **X \$15.00 =** _____

Submitted by: _____

Name(s) of departed loved one and family or friends who have been supportive throughout the year (please print):

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The Beacon of St. Alban's

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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)

Sunday School, K-8 and Nursery

Church Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-12 pm

Rector Rev. Dr. Paula Datsko Barker