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A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Being Intentional

RECTOR'S COLUMN

The Rev. Walter Sherman

When our consultant for the next step of our strategic planning was here at the beginning of May and joined us to preach that Sunday, he made an important comment about the prayer triads which we hope to have up and running very, very shortly (if not already by the time that you read this). He reminded us that this part of the process is a discernment exercise: trying to understand the direction that God will be leading our parish for the next decade or so. Part of the reason that there are ten sessions for this part of the journey is because it's a process and because this isn't a democracy-- we're not gathering just once or twice to decide where *we* want St. Alban's to go. We're gathering multiple times over a period of time so that we can get to know two other people whom we may not know and to let the Spirit move and speak within these groups. Discernment is not a quick and easy process, usually. It takes time to listen closely and intently and even (sometimes) to differentiate among the several messages we may hear. In this rapid-paced culture where we're used to being served fast food in 12 minutes or having a grocery store open a new line when there's more than 4 people waiting, taking time to listen and discern is a rather novel idea.

From some I've also heard that you remember when the parish did this 8-9 years ago and you wonder why you should do it yet again. I would answer that the parish is really quite, quite different than it was so many years ago. Look around and you'll have to agree! And St. Alban's is in a much different situation than a decade ago. Just think (if

you were here to remember) what was St. Alban's a decade ago: We had attendance of over 120 on a Sunday; we had a Sunday School with many children and a functioning youth group; we had a choir of 15 people; we had one of the larger food pantries in the city, which also distributed food to *other* food pantries. If you/we/I want St. Alban's to be around in another decade, then we have to be intentional about who we are and who we will become. Otherwise we're doing the same ole' thing and expecting different results. (That's one definition of stupidity.) The discernment done then has nothing to do with where the Spirits calls us now.

If you've made the decision not to participate in these triads, then I ask you please to pray daily (or often throughout the day) the prayer that the Life Together Committee has written: *O God, who has led us through the light of your Holy Spirit: Guide us by that same Spirit to discern your will for us, that everything we do may begin with your inspiration and continue with your assistance, that your light may lead us into the light of wisdom. Lift us into your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* (This prayer was printed on the business card mailed to you with the letter asking your participation in the triads. We hoped you would put it in your purse or wallet to pray regularly. More are available on the Information Table in the narthex of the church; we'll mail some to you if you request them!) Pray the prayer, and then pray for guidance and discernment for those who are participating in the triads. Your decision not to participate in a triad (for whatever reason) doesn't mean that you have also decided not to participate in this process altogether. By no means

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Strategic Planning

Members of St. Alban's should have received in the mail a letter about the next step of our strategic planning process (One Thousand Minutes of Prayer for One Hundred Days), asking you participate in prayer triads over the Summer and through the end of September. If you did not receive such a letter and wish for us to send one on to you, please call the parish office. Also included with that invitation was a card with a prayer which our Life Together Strategic Planning Committee is asking everyone to pray regularly. (If you need more copies, they are available on the Information Table in the narthex of the church, or by calling the parish office, 546-8037:

O God, who has led us through the light of your Holy Spirit: Guide us by that same Spirit to discern your will for us, that everything we do may begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, that your light may lead us into the light of wisdom. Lift us into your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We will be using this prayer of the at every Eucharist through September following the post-Communion prayer.

Bishop Cate

Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick, will be at St. Alban's to celebrate St. Alban's feast day, Sunday, June 21. Between services Bishop Waynick will be the speaker at the adult forum (Unplugged, at 9:30) and will also join us for the potluck following the 10:30 service on the parish lawn (weather permitting, of course!).

Mary Tobey

Our parish secretary, Mary Tobey, will be having hip replacement surgery in early June and will be absent from the office for two periods of four weeks each, separated by a two-week time when she will be in the office part-time. In her absence, Joe Hocking (he's the Joe of The Joes who has the white beard) will be filling in from 9AM - 1 PM, so if you call and get an unfamiliar male voice, it would be Joe who will be trying with all his might to fill Mary's shoes and to answer all your questions. Mary hopes to be able to return to work full-time by September 1.

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do I believe or hope that it means that, at all! You can still actively participate by your prayers and by your listening. But remember—this is DISCERNMENT, not just looking around to see what we *might* do or what we *might* start or what we *already have* the possibilities for. Be open in your prayers to some crazy ideas or some possibilities that it seems we have no preparation or people for. God chooses unlikely people (Moses, Isaiah, Jonah, Mary, Paul) and unlikely possibilities (an ark, a burning bush, a stable with a manger) through which to enter our lives. Pray.

-Walter+

Evening Eucharist

St. Alban's will begin a once-a-month evening Eucharist on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning June 3 (and on July 1 and August 5 and September 2) at 6:30. This will be a short, said service using alternative liturgies from other provinces of the Episcopal Church.

After this introductory time, we'll evaluate whether to continue this additional service or not.

Jan Oller



Ordinations to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate will be Saturday, June 21 at the Cathedral on the Circle, at 10:30.

Jan Oller, who often attends here and whose husband Scott is a member and attends the 8:00 service, is among those who will be ordained a transitional deacon.

Outreach News

- by Jeff Cichy

As of today (May 17th) we have collected 7 bags of hygiene supplies for the Dayspring Center as well as over \$300. These items will be delivered to the center during the first week of June. Thank you to all who have helped us put Christ's message into action.

We still have \$800 in the general Outreach account. Is there a food ministry in the greater Indianapolis area that you would like us to donate to? See Jeff Cichy with any suggestions.

Please see the July issue of The Showing for our next spotlight on a St Alban's volunteer.

Book Club

The June selection is:

"The Faith Club". The book discussion will take place on Sunday June 7th at noon in the library.

Church Office Hours

The summer hours of the parish office are Monday – Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

Stewardship

Dear St. Albanites,

In the coming months we are going to publish some parishioners' thoughts on stewardship and what it means to each individual. Your committee voted –3 to 1—that I would be first.

I believed that I had been involved in every stewardship campaign with all the different slants that you could think of. It all boils down to the 3 "T's" - Time, Talent and Treasure. What else is there... Then along about 2000 I read a pamphlet by The Rev. Dr. John Westerhoff entitled "Grateful and Generous Hearts" that brought stewardship into focus for me. Rev. Westerhoff writes, "Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe—that is after we give our love, loyalty, trust and obedience to God."

I believe that our church home must be run as a business in the sense that we are in the business of saving lives by uniting people with God. All businesses have expenses and to be successful we must provide the service to show a PROPHET. This is a constant drain on all three "Ts". God tells us exactly what our financial commitment should be and will give us the strength to provide the other two. God is more interested in our availability than our ability. Let us all pray together to strengthen our commitments and ask ourselves, "If not me—who?"

Prayerfully submitted,
Howard Patterson
Stewardship Committee

Committee members:
Garnet Finn
Deana McGivern
Beth Nellist
Howard Patterson

We need photos!

At the end of the year, Jeff Cichy will be creating a digital photo collage of pictures from St Alban's taken throughout the year. He invites all parishioners to take pictures at any church function (Outreach events, services, parish dinners etc) and forward the photos to him. Also feel free to take pictures of your families and send those to Jeff. His email is cichy0612@yahoo.com

Adult summer education

Our adult Summer education program is a continuation of the DVD series that we used during Lent and which received so many positive comments amongst those who saw 5 of the 12 segments, so we'll be continuing to show this every other Tuesday night beginning at 6:30, starting June 4 (and June 18, July 2, 16, 30, and August 13, 20). The series is a lecture presentation by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan about the historical Jesus interspersed with art relevant to the topic; some presentations are filmed on location in Israel. Borg and Crossan are among the pre-eminent Catholic scholars who also participated in The Jesus Seminar. These two have collaborated on several books lately having to do with the early Church and the historical Jesus. There will be study sheets available for each of the sessions which will assist you in understanding some of the terms used and which will give some background to the session; these will be available on the Information Table beginning in June.

Freetown Village

Freetown Village (FV) Summer Camp resumes at St. Alban's the first week of June and runs through the end of July. FV is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public about African American lives and



culture in Indiana through living history performances, the collection and preservation of artifacts, exhibits and allied programs. FV already uses our facilities during the year as a rehearsal space for their children's choir on Tuesday evenings, and Summer Camp is a five-day day camp that incorporates African American culture and history, art, etiquette, performance art, history, projects, and speakers, as well as programs by the Algebra Projects, visits from the Public Library, and work with the Chess Club of Indianapolis. Every Friday the campers present a performance at 4 PM to which the public is invited.

Vacations

We are now entering the summer season and therefore the vacation season. As you travel around the state, country, or world and visit other churches – please bring back to St Alban's any ideas that you see at other parishes that could be of interest to our church. You can discuss those ideas with Walter, McCoy, or any other vestry member.

Land Offer

Many of you were aware that the Vestry was offered (for free) a three-acre plot of land just east of the church on East 46th Street. After several weeks of prayer and deliberation, the Vestry voted not to accept the offered land because of a perceived liability to us and because the Vestry did not see how the property would further our mission in any way. Almost the entire piece of land was located on a flood plain, so building something would have been very difficult; and though the land would have been tax free to the church we still would have had \$100+ in additional insurance to pay annually. If you have further questions, please speak to one of the Vestry members.

Contemplative prayer

Don't forget the contemplative prayer group that meets at St Alban's on Monday nights for an hour, beginning at 7 PM. You'll usually find them in the narthex, but sometimes (if things are a little hectic or noisy), you'll find them in the church or the chapel or downstairs in the education rooms. They spend about 25 minutes listening to readings and another 25 minutes in silent prayer.

Baptismal Dates 2009

Sunday, November 1, 2009 All Saint's Day

The Bishop's Visitation Dates (also appropriate times for baptisms) is June 21st and we usually make a Summer date available according to the wishes of the baptisands/families.

Updates

Parishioners' updates:

Mark Wyatt's tumor was excised biopsied and was found to contain cancer cells. He is undergoing further testing. Jack Rickert was hospitalized for several days following an episode of hallucinations; he is now in rehab. Peggy Inslow was hospitalized also and is now in rehab at American Village on 54th Street. Cheryl Scott did a long course of antibiotics in the hospital and is now recuperating at home. Cecelia Loney had several outpatient surgeries and is up and about. Jeanne Atkins is awaiting a surgery date to excise the tumor which has recurred in her brain.

St. Alban's needs your help

Hello Everyone,

In the past few years, we have had many new visitors at the church. While we are a very welcoming church, we have not done a good job of getting visitors to sign the registry book. In the past, we have had greeter at the front door, greeting visitors. This is an area that we would like to restart up as we begin the process of growing the church

Many of you may say, that is what we have ushers for. But the ushers are very busy welcoming people into the sanctuary and passing out the service bulletin. Their attention is distracted from the front door. To help us meet and welcome our visitors quickly, we are looking for some volunteers that would be willing to be near the front doors of the church and welcome them.

Part of the greeter's task would be to get the visitor to sign the registry, explain where everything is like the sanctuary and restrooms. Also, to find out if the person would like someone to sit with them to explain how the service goes and match them up with someone.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider volunteering for this important task. As we try to grow the church over the next several years, this position will be a very important part of our growth. If you would like to volunteer or would like to ask more questions, please call McCoy Wagers at 317-292-1459 or see him at church.

Thank you very much,

McCoy Wagers
Senior Warden and Evangelism Chairman

Parish kitchen

You may not notice, but our kitchen now is a fully stocked and complete to serve 70 people with mugs, plates, salad plates, knives, spoons and forks and salad forks. We hosted a conference for the Center for Congregations and from their usage fee we were able to stock everything for the conference.

Diocesan newspaper

If you are not receiving the Diocesan newspaper, *Tidings* (which comes with the national paper, *Episcopal Life*) and you would like to, please contact the church office (546-8037) so that we can have you added to that mailing list. The paper is free to all parishioners.

Fundraising committee

Hello Everyone,

The fundraising committee is getting ready for its next big fundraiser. The next fundraiser that is planned is an auction. We have been very successful in the past with our auctions and we are hoping for the same this year. We have not set the date yet, but we want to get everyone thinking about it. We are looking at sometime this fall, maybe October or November.

The items that are the most popular are art work, furniture, antiques, jewelry, electronics, trips, tickets to theaters, and rare items. The list is endless. We just ask that the items be in good condition and clean. If you have questions, please contact McCoy Wagers or Beth Nellist.

Thank you

McCoy Wagers
Senior warden/ Fundraising Chairman

Our Parish Life Together

During the Prayers of the People we pray for family and friends who are in crisis. Our continuing prayers are asked for those who are living with debilitating illness of body, mind or spirit and their caregivers; those suffering from addictions and their families; and those seeking employment. Please also hold in your thoughts and prayers those in our immediate family who are in nursing homes or are home bound.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Sarah Wyatt
- 6 Chris Wyatt
- 8 Bobby Moorhead
- 11 Anita Rose
- 12 Jeff Cichy
Jan & Scott Oller
- 19 Gordon Wolisi
- 20 Ed & Prue
Krause
- 21 Prue Krause
- 26 Lorraine Coufal
Ordination
Anniversary

** denotes an anniversary*

Our Prayer List

Members of Our Parish Community

**Dottie Soule, Jack Rickert, Ann White, Janice Croomes,
Lena Thompson, Joshua Heise, Jeanne Atkins,
Cheryl Scott, Mark Wyatt, Mary Tobey**

and Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Chris Wyatt and Lucas Cavazos

Friends and Family of Our Parish Community

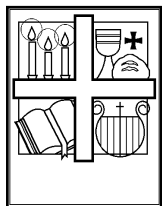
Stephania Kihm, granddaughter of Marty Roman
 Karl Samples, son-in-law of Edith Campbell
 Mike McConnell, grandson of Howard and Eddie Patterson;
 Antonio Zapato, student of Pam Easterday
 Pam Easterday friend of Mary Boggs
 Rose Boyles, sister of Pam Easterday
 Karen Wright, sister-in-law of Garnet Finn
 David Ayala, client of Prue Krause
 Gabriel, grandson of Pam and Norm Morford
 Jane Stigleman, mother of Roger and Cecelia Dickinson
 Karen and Richard Watson, parents of Allison Watson
 Donna Sims, sister of Jim Bandy
 Ruth Sprenger, aunt of Susan Cooper
 Jeff Potts; friend of Embree Tinkel
 Kevin, brother of Jeff Cichy
 Tyrone, brother of Harold Moore
 Bob and Judy Kingston, friends of Jeanne Atkins
 Esther Green, aunt of James Kozloski
 Bud Pitzer, son-in-law of Ellie Guthrie
 Lindsay, friend of Bernadette Boehmer
 Dan Weaver, friend of Jim Long;
 ohn Cushing, friend of Tanice Woodson.



June 2009



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
7	9am Choir Rehearsal (last day of choir) 9:15am Adult Ed 10:30am Church School 12Noon Book Club 7pm AA	8 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 6pm CODA meeting 7pm Contemplative Prayer Group	9 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 6:30pm Vestry 7pm 12-Step Workshop	10 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp	11 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 7pm AA	12 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 8pm AA	13 9am-12noon Al-Anon Wine Tasting Party at Mark and Sue Wyatt's	
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21	<i>St. Alban's Day</i> Bishop's Visit 9:15am Adult Education St. Alban's Day Picnic 5pm Craine House Dinner 7pm AA	22 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 6pm CODA meeting 7pm Contemplative Prayer Group	23 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 6pm-7pm Freetown Singers 7pm 12-Step Workshop	24 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp	25 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 7pm AA	26 6:30am-6pm Freetown Village Day Camp 8pm AA	27 International Dinner	
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Lay Ministry Schedule

JUNE 2009

Sundays	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
ACOLYTES	8:00 P. Krause	H. Patterson	E. Stotts	R. Vaughan
CRUCIFERS	10:30 J. Long	M. Wagers	K. Sullivan	J. Bandy
TORCHES	10:30			
LECTORS	10:30 T. Klos L. Lohman	J. Trendell B. Nellist	H. Patterson E. Patterson	G. Celimele J. Kozloski
CHALICE BEARERS	10:30 J. Trendell R. Vaughan	J. Trendell B. Nellist	H. Patterson E. Patterson	J. Kozloski M. Wagers
USHERS & GREETER	8:00 E. Stotts	P. Krause	P. Krause	E. Stotts
	10:30 H. Patterson E. Patterson	M. Scott M. Carter	R. Edwards S. Edwards	K. Sullivan B. Boehmer
OFFERING MANAGERS	8:00 P. Krause J. Long	E. Stotts B. Nellist	P. Krause B. Nellist	E. Stotts R. Lewis
	10:30			
COUNTERS	J. Mellor R. Stutzman	B. Nellist M. Wyatt	L. Northrup B. Nellist	J. Bandy R. Lewis
ALTAR GUILD	R. Vaughan G. Ladd	R. Vaughan G. Ladd	R. Vaughan G. Ladd	R. Vaughan G. Ladd
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	J. Harmon J. Hocking	B. Boehmer S. Cooper	Ben Cash Barb. Cash	S. Edwards R. Edwards
AFTER 10:30 SERVICE				
CHURCH SCH. AST.				

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation please find a substitute.

Please note that there will be no Church School during the summer months



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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(without music)
9:15 a.m. Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(with music)
10:30 a.m. Church School
Childcare Available

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

