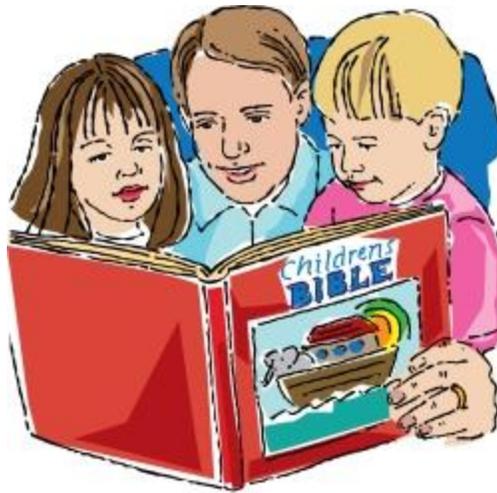


The Cross & the Sword

The monthly newsletter of Saint Alban's Parish
Family

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Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

The Canaanite woman said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." Matthew 15: 27, 28



In Matthew's Gospel we find the wonderful and challenging story of the Canaanite

woman with great faith. Her faith is great for many reasons. It is great because she will not be derailed from her quest. It is great because she is guided by a deep love for another. It is great because she without hesitation calls Jesus Lord and is willing to humble herself before Him. Finally, it is great because she is willing to take any nourishment she can get from her master, Jesus.

As summer ends and a new school year begins we quickly shift gears from wondering where the summer went, to trying to do too much in the Fall. There always seems to be an excitement this time of year. New opportunities loom on our horizons. The weather is also wonderful this time of year. The air becomes crisp and cool, the trees explode with color, the sound of High School bands, and of course the joy of football. If you are like me you take time to take stock of where you are in life. Perhaps try something new to broaden your horizons. If you are

also like me you find that your schedule quickly flies out of control. I often become overwhelmed at this time of year trying to do way more than any mortal can. Through our over programming we miss the gifts. Sometimes we neglect the things that really feed us.

The Canaanite woman was willing to take any nourishment she could from God. She knew her needs and was driven by a deep love and desperation. "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith!" During this wonderful time of year it is appropriate to reflect on this passage. For in this busy and wonderful time of year let us not forget our faith life, our deep love for others, our willingness to be humble before God, and our deep desire for any nourishment God can give us. For a great faith life is not something we fit into our lives. It is rather the realization of a deeper need. Our faith is a gift to us and a wonderful journey to keep first and foremost in our lives.

This year looks to be an incredible year. Sunday School, choir, youth

group, as well as other activities are coming up. Most importantly we continue with our OIW (Open, Invite, Welcome) initiative. Our website has been updated. We will be using our logo on many different items to increase our awareness in the community. Don't forget to take

some of our church information cards to give to friends and seekers. We also look to increase our fellowship opportunities with each other and to invite new people. So get excited about this fall and invite a friend to church!



Monthly Activities



Wednesday Bible group formerly known as “Friends in Faith” meets on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. The study is always grounded in the Bible. We begin with Morning Prayer. Anyone can join at any time and it is very easy to jump in to any of our studies. **Holy Eucharist will follow at noon.**

A **Men's Bible Study**, which looks at the lessons for the following Sunday, meets at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturdays.**



The Men's Night Out will meet on Thursday September 7, at 6:30 p.m.. The group will dine at Tucanos Brazilian Grill in Jefferson Pointe.

Daughters of the King gather at **9:30 a.m.** on **Tuesday, September 19.**



Study and Fellowship Group meets at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21** at the home of Jack Rademaker. For more information please contact Julie Zieder.

USHERS MEETING - September 10 at 9:15 A.M.

Responsibilities of the ushers include greeting, handing out service leaflets, putting up the flags, ringing the bell, taking up the offering, and tidying up the pews after the service. New



ushers are always welcome. All ushers are asked to attend this annual meeting.



THE LUNCH BUNCH will be going to the **Quiet Corner Tea & Coffee Room** northeast of Churubusco on Tuesday, September 19th. Lunch is scheduled for 12:30 PM. If you would like a ride, the carpool will leave at 11:30 AM from the church. A flyer is located on the bulletin board in the narthex for you to sign up and indicate your preference. It is a nice, relaxed setting in the woods. Please come and enjoy with us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th.

All youth in grades kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome to attend class each week.



Sunday school classes will be held in 2 classrooms divided by age groups. Kindergarten-4th grade will be held in the Atrium and 5th-8th grade will be held in the classroom across from the office next to the youth group room. The first Sunday of each month, chapel will be held in lieu of classroom time. All Sunday school students will attend chapel. Chapel is located in the Atrium.

Those attending class should meet in the Narthex each Sunday by 10:10am and youth will proceed in with the beginning procession of the service, return to the Narthax, and then continue on to Sunday school.

Teachers for Sunday school will be as follows:

Kindergarten - 4th grades: Christina Connelly, Melissa Townsend, and Janine Steinbrunner 5th - 8th grades: John Lorenza, Erin Layden, and Vicki Irvine
Chapel: John Lorenzen.

If there are any question, please text or call Janine Steinbrunner at 797-7598.



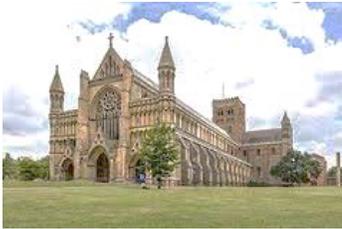
YOUTH GROUP will begin on September 10 and be held every 2nd Sunday after church at noon with lunch provided, and every 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The group is open to all youth between 6 and 12 grades. We are very excited about our upcoming events and are looking forward to welcoming several new faces this year. If you have any questions about our group or any activities that we have planned please see Cindy Spice or Father Dan.

RESPONSE TO TENSIONS IN THE WORLD AND IN OUR COUNTRY... As we are all well aware, there has been an increased level of tension and conflict in our country and around the world. As Christians we are called to stand up for peace and love in the midst of cruelty and hatred. Jesus of course went to the cross so that our sinful nature could be transformed. Here at Saint Alban's keep an eye out for some special prayer services and adult forums on these troubling subjects. We are also looking to invite others in the community that have different world views to come to Saint Alban's and share their thoughts in a Christian atmosphere.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS meet on Saturday, September 23, at 10:00 a.m. for fall cleaning. All members of the guild are asked to be present. New members are always welcome.



LONDON PILGRIMAGE BEGINS... Recently the church applied for and received a grant from the Center for Congregations for the youth group to embark on a pilgrimage to London. The pilgrimage has four destinations in and around London which are sacred to our faith as Episcopalians / Anglicans: They are: the original Saint Alban's, Westminster Abbey, London Tower, and Canterbury Cathedral. Throughout the year the youth will invite everyone to join



with them in the process of learning about our Faith Heritage in England. **Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 in the evening I will lead a forum for anyone titled, "Our Christian Roots in England."** Further, there will be a few dinner / movie nights for the whole congregation and anyone interested. The movies will be popular movies about British History. Finally, we

hope to have a few special services celebrating our English Christian worship heritage. Money for the trip will all come from the grant and those youth and adult chaperones going on the trip. If you would like to financially help out the youth group in this great endeavor, then please see the information about the Yankee Candle fundraiser in this newsletter and the bulletins.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR LONDON

We are partnering with **Yankee Candle Fundraising** to help our youth fund their pilgrimage to London next summer. Yankee Candle is the world's #1 candle brand, and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances and décor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that **40% of every sale goes to us!** Yankee Candle Fundraising offers two ways to shop- catalog and online. And we are asking you to help us achieve our goal. Yankee Candle products are perfect for anniversaries, hostess gifts, housewarmings, birthdays, the Christmas holiday and many more occasions.

Catalog Shopping will be available after the 8:00 a.m. and before and after the 10:15 a.m. services every Sunday in September. We will have catalogs for you to see to help you choose the items that you need. All orders will be delivered by the first week in November.

Online Shopping is available at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. **You would just enter our group number 999970675** in the start shopping box. Then shop for catalog items and online exclusives. All online orders are subject to shipping charges and shipped directly to your house 2-4 weeks from the date of your order. Online shipping is available until December 31st. Perfect for all your holiday stocking stuffers.

If you have any questions about this fundraiser or our pilgrimage to London don't hesitate to talk with Father Dan or Cindy Spice. Thank you for all you do for our youth here at Saint Alban's.



*"This new commandment I give you, LOVE ONE ANOTHER. As I have loved you, you must love each other, by this all will know that you are my disciples."
John 13; 34-35.*

The above verse tells of Jesus' command to love one another, yes but part of that is to CARE for one another. If there are sick, infirmed, confused or lonely among us, then we must follow that command. This is what being part of a community is about. Oh sure it's having lunch together, coffee hour and in some cases vacationing together, enjoying the fellowship that is offered in so many ways. But in doing all these things do we remember

those who cannot participate. Do we make every effort to include them one way or another?

As your Care Connection chairman, it is my not my obligation but my pleasure to visit and make every attempt to keep everyone included in the community. I would love for others to join me in this challenge that Jesus has given us, you and me, Love one another and care for all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please call me if you can help me in anyway. Sending cards, refreshments when visiting (thanks to Tammy we are good for a while), cards, phone calls, if you've missed seeing someone "call them".

Please note that there are pictures and addresses of homebound parishioners on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have a picture of someone who is of this status and you'd like to share please contact me. I would love to meet with a group and have a planning session to organize visits.
Marilyn McClure, 492-1724.

God Bless St Alban's ,
FHS, Marilyn

MUSIC



ADULT CHOIR Rehearsals Begin September 6

Please prayerfully consider joining us as we begin a new season at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6. Everyone welcome!

JUNIOR CHOIR Rehearsals Begin September 3

Students in grade 2 and up are welcome to join the new junior choir, which will rehearse in the choir room every Sunday, beginning September 3, from approximately 11:30 to noon. Plan now to add these rehearsals to your calendar.

Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

Operating income July	\$13,002.15	Operating income for 2017	\$89,446.57
Operating expense July	13,929.46	Operating expense for 2017	\$94,778.64
		Transfer for 2017	130.00
Net loss for July	(\$ 927.31)	Net loss for 2017	(\$ 5,202.07)

Vestry Highlights

At the meeting of the Vestry on August 15:

It was moved :

to use the \$2200 grant money from the Diocese and the Heim memorial money to purchase and mount a cross on the peak of the church bldg. and to purchase and mount an episcopal shield and letters.

It was noted:

that the website is being cleaned up and renewed.
Father Dan is planning a Funeral Preparation class in October.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Larry Hade
4 Ashley Kenworthy
5 Andrew Stath
10 Sam Naunas
10 Jaelyn Pontius
11 Dana White
14 Cheryl Parker
17 Abbie Gillig



18 Savannah Jones
19 Carolyn Townsend
19 Paul Wiseheart
22 Audrey McLimans
24 Mary Brooks
26 Lydia Layden
29 Cindy Spice
30 Dick Ritchie

and Anniversaries

6 Jordan Trendelman and Christina Connelly
10 Chris & Melissa Renner
10 Rick & Jane Spice
13 Glen & Carolyn Grate
13 Tom & Libby Taylor
17 Jacob & Tiffany Bruner
24 Phillip & Joyce Mayer
26 John & Julie Naunas
26 Stefan & Leslie Peters
28 Gary & Laura Michael



*If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed,
please notify Debbie at 485-8022, so that we may add your date to our records.*

Peggy Brandes
Bonnie Camp
Christina Connelly
John Diver
Rachel Diver
Dick Donnelly
Denise Frede
Tammy Gillig
Glen Grate
Shirley Johnson



Don Mefford
Carol Newell
Larry Shaw
Cindy Spice
Rick Spice
Wesley Stath-Tracy
Bill & Carolyn Townsend
Jim Trueblood
Paul Wiseheart

OUTREACH



As most of you know, Saint Alban's receives money from the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. This is the easiest fundraiser that we have and the money goes into our Camp Fund. If you need help signing up for this rewards program please contact the office. As of August 1, 2017 we have received \$191.88.

Food Bank



In July we served 25 families, 80 individuals and 1200 Meals.

Deadline for the October newsletter is Thursday, September 21.

Remember our web site
web site: <http://www.saintalbanfw.org>
Twitter : @StAlbanFW & @DanLayden
Like us on Facebook

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday School (Sept-May)

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 noon Holy Eucharist

Vestry

Cindy Spice	Senior Warden
John Lorenzen	Junior Warden
Marilyn McClure	Care Connection
Dave Krockner	Property
Mary Ann Krockner	Fellowship
Pat Stath	Worship
Josh Miller	Finance
Jordan Trendelman	Membership
George Shamp	Stewardship
Phil Mayer	Outreach
Elaine Fazzaro	Christian Formation

Christina Connelly Communication Director

Church Staff

Rector	The Rev. Daniel K. Layden
Office Administrator	Debbie Grosjean
Organist	Michelle Kyrrou

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9:00 - 1:00

Monday through Friday

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