This month I would like to shine the spotlight on our two organists Judith Palmer and Pat Stath. These two fantastic women have been sharing the music responsibilities for over a year now. I can’t begin to say how much I appreciate them and all that they are doing to help out during this time of transition. I’m not sure if you are aware but without a priest the job of choosing music for the services falls to the senior warden. Well most of you know that I love music but I certainly don’t have a talent for picking hymns. Judith and Pat have been able to help me out with this tremendously throughout the year. In fact without them we may not have even had music at our 10:15 a.m. service. Keep in mind all the knowledge of our services and hard work that it must take to select the appropriate music every week. I personally believe that they are doing an amazing job. Please help me in saying a big thank you to both of them when you see them at church.

“\textit{My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music}” Psalm 57:7

Cindy Spice
Senior Warden

\textbf{STEWARDSHIP}

We slipped a little in October with only $8900 in donations which is more than $1,100 under budget. Please review your records and see if you are behind on your pledge. It does not look like we will manage to meet our budget this year but try and catch up if at all possible according to your end of the year financial situation. We have seen the last of our lawn care bills until next spring. We pay about $600 twice a year to have our lawn taken care of so we don't have to lug lawn mowers to and from the church every week and spend a couple of hours doing that. Thank you for your donations and know that some of it is used to keep our church presentable.

We would like to thank Elaine Fazzaro for herding all of us cats so that our services are staffed each week including both services as well as
coordinating our worship service. It is a daunting task and we thank Elaine for doing the work. As we start coming up on the end of the year we want to thank all of our supply priests that have helped us celebrate the Eucharist. They are Father Dick Kallenberg, Father David Evans, Father Steve Giovangelo and Mother Terri Bays. Thank you all for your ministry to us.

Mark your calendars now for our annual Youth group play and dinner on Sunday December 22 at 6:00 p.m. This year's play is called "It's A Cool Life" which is set in a 50's type diner and filled with fun characters that will prove to be inspirational as well as hilarious. Come and join us for a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs and of course some wonderful desserts. The teens have decided that this year the funds will all go to the general fund. Tickets go on sale Sunday, December 1st, and will be sold every Sunday up to and including the day of the show. We will sell after the 8:00 services and before and after the 10:15 services. Prices are $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for ages 5-10, with 4 and under free. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way please contact Cindy Spice (260-348-7061).

**Town Hall Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for Saturday December 21st for our town hall meeting to talk about the collaboration with Grace Episcopal Church. The meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. and Mother Terri Bays will be here to help us facilitate the conversation. Our hope will be to discuss the many different aspects of how the collaboration will work. Remember that we will only be sharing the cost and time of our priest. If you are unable to come to this meeting and would like some questions brought up and answered then write them down and give it to Jordan or myself. We will make every effort to get these answered and back to you after the meeting. My hope is to have our entire congregation involved with this process.

Thank you for all of your support during this time of transition.

Cindy Spice
Senior Warden

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Monthly Activities

**Wednesday Bible Group** meets on Wednesdays mornings at 10:30 for a study of the next Sunday’s Bible readings. We set aside time for prayers and at 12:00 noon. Please consider joining us for this wonderful time of sharing and learning.

*Daughters of the King* will meet at 10:00 a.m. on December 17.

**The Heart and Hands** group meets at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays December 6, 13, 20, 27.

**The Lunch Bunch** will go to *Angel’s Café* at 6522 E. State Blvd. on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at 12 Noon. Please look for the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex to sign up and indicate if you wish to carpool or will go directly. Please join us!

HEARTS AND HANDS THANK YOU!

“Ask, and it shall be given unto you . . . .”

Do you believe that? Heart & Hands Ministry does!

We let you know about our need for sewing supplies and/or funds to purchase them. Your generous responses have kept our fingers busier than ever. Special thanks to: Elaine Fazzaro, Pat Stath, Sue Diver, John Lorenzen, and Todd Townsend for their contributions.

A heartfelt Thank You to all who remembered our projects in prayer and who held up the recipients—at-risk babies in Parkview Regional’s NICU—for God’s blessing.

Our work would mean little without your help. Thank you, most of all, for taking part in the Outreach of St. Alban’s.

With Love,

Heart & Hands
As early as the late 1940s, the leadership of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne had considered the possibility of missionary expansion. The Rev. George B. Wood, who became Trinity's rector in 1947, was surprised that a city the size of Fort Wayne had only a single Episcopal church. After constructing a major new educational wing addition to the downtown church in 1956, Trinity's vestry began to turn its attention to founding a mission as other churches in the diocese were doing at that time. In 1960, the vestry purchased a tract of seven and a half acres at the corner of St. Joe and Flutter roads. Wood and the vestry had determined that this first parochial mission would be located in the northeastern section of the city where new residential growth was expected. In September 1961, the Rev. John B. Hills, the Director of Christian Education at Trinity, accepted the call to become the new vicar of the mission, which was named St. Alban’s.

On February 4, 1962, the church held its first service in temporary quarters at the Bojrab Club House, 5258 Lahmeyer Road. There were 35 families present: 114 individuals of whom 58 were children. The clubhouse remained the church's home until May 5, 1963.

Ground breaking for St. Alban’s Church, located at 8840 St. Joe Road, took place on November 7, 1962. The contemporary-designed church would have a nave that seated 170. The building was completed in May 1963 at a cost of $114,672, and the congregation held its first service on May 5. The cornerstone laying ceremony on the finished church took place on May 10. A time capsule was placed in a copper box that contained a number of mementos, including a stone from the original St. Alban’s Church in England.

By 1964, the congregation had doubled in size with eighteen confirmands that year. In the spring the church built a vicarage at a cost of $25,000. Later, Hills married, resigned and moved to Michigan. As a mission of Trinity, the first six clergy at St. Alban’s were all hired by Trinity's rector, which irritated the mission's congregation. In 1969, Trinity changed its bylaws to assure that the congregation
of St, Alban's would have at least one representative on the vestry, and that person would serve a three-year term.

With the congregation continuing to grow, a group of worshipers circulated a petition for enlarging the church school in February 1970. After the petition was signed by sixty-two families, the vicar's committee agreed to form an expansion fund and purchased two mobile trailers for five hundred dollars each to serve as extra classrooms. On February 7, 1971, Bishop Klein consecrated St. Alban's to signify the end of its indebtedness. Wood announced that the mortgages on both the church and the vicarage were paid. The church had tripled in size by this time and now numbered 112 families.

If you would like to see some of our archival images or know more about our history, visit our website at: https://saintalbanfw.org/

Worship Commission
Advent is upon us, and we prepare for the coming of our savior. It seems appropriate somehow that this Advent we have completed the scripture readings for the C year in the Revised Common Lectionary and we are back to year A. As we continue to work out our collaboration with our brothers and sisters at Grace and search for a new permanent rector, we have come round again to a new beginning. We are always in need of additional people willing to serve in various capacities at the altar, to assist the Altar Guild with preparation for services, and particularly singers so we can reconstitute a choir.

While we will have just one Christmas service this year – on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. – the important thing is that we will have one. The common worship of Our Lord is the reason for our being. God enters into our lives by becoming one of us. Come, Let Us Adore Him!
SPECIAL SERVICES:

Christmas Eve Holy Communion and Pageant -
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eucharist will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24.
At this service our children will share with us the good tidings of great joy, the news of
the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild members will clean and prepare the sanctuary for Christmas on
Saturday, December 21 at 10:00 am. We will decorate and hang the greens for
Christmas after the 10:15 a.m. service December 22. Many hands are needed
Please join us as we work together to prepare for the joyous Christmas season

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education has gone digital on their products. If you want to
continue saving these for Shambaugh Elementary School like we have been
doing, you will have to do it individually on your own phone. You can go on their
website and learn how to sign up. You may want to switch to another school that
your children go to or have gone to in the past. I just have a plain cell phone that
doesn’t have all the bells and whistles! The box we had at the church for people
to put their saved box tops in has been removed. We thank all of you who
participated in the past. Anita Grams, Past Coordinator
Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

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At the regular meeting of the Vestry on November 19

It was noted that:

a) the Youth group play will be on 12/22.
b) that the Trial run date is 1/12/2020, Mother Terri supply service time TBD

The deadline for the January issue of The Cross and the Sword is Tuesday, December 19
December Birthdays

4  Sonja Primeau
7  Gary Pink
10 Norm Grams
11 Jane Spice
18 Jo McMahan
23 Laura Michael
27 Larry Shaw

and Anniversary
21 Ed & Mary Brooks

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.

Paul Barker  Ray Brandes  Claire Irvine
Dick Camp  Marilyn Crewe  Vicki Irvine
Marilyn Crewe  Sue Dirrim  Mary Lansford
Sue Dirrim  Denise Frede  Rick Spice
Denise Frede  Tammy Gillig  Les Stath
Tammy Gillig  Claire Irvine  Betty Wiseheart

For those unable to worship with us: John Diver, Frances Krauskopf, LuAnn Kleinschmidt, Tom Kurtz.
ST. ALBAN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Wednesday
10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Vestry
Cindy Spice         Senior Warden
Jordan Trendelman   Junior Warden
Norm Grams          Property
Tammy Gillig        Fellowship
Elaine Fazzaro      Worship
Jordan Trendelman   Membership
David Birchfield    Stewardship
Marilyn Rafter      Financial
Megan Spice-Frede   Christian Formation
Judy Wall           Care Connection
Christina Connelly  Communication Director

Church Staff
Office Administrator Debbie Grosjean
Organist(s)         Judith Palmer & Pat Stath

Office Hours
9:00 - 1:00
Monday through Friday

Office phone 485-8022