



The Albanac

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St. Alban's Celebrates Independence Day

“Farm to Feast” at St. Alban’s

On Sunday, July 3rd, the St. Alban’s Community gathered to celebrate Independence Day, a day to wear patriotic colors and celebrate our nation’s 246th birthday. The event was held on church grounds where children engaged in playing various games including a water slide. David May, junior warden, and his son, Briggs, were chefs for the day as they grilled hamburgers & hot dogs for the crowd. Church members provided side-dishes and desserts. Taylor Yowell and Marbury Jacobs, owners of the *Garden Farmacy*, returned with a display of fruits and vegetables for sale. Everyone enjoyed picnicking under the shade of the ‘old oak tree’, the site where St. Alban’s gatherings have taken place for almost a century.





St. Alban's community enjoying food & fellowship











Baby Shower for Jordan & Genevieve Rushing



On Sunday, July 17th the ECW hosted a baby shower for Jordan & Genevieve as they await the birth of their son, James Andrew, who is due to arrive in August. The shower was held in the Parish Hall where everyone enjoyed a beautiful reception featuring gifts for the baby and a table laden with desserts and finger sandwiches.

During the church service, Rev. Elisabeth gave a special prayer and a blessing for Jordan & Genevieve as they await the birth of their son: “O Lord and giver of life, receive our prayer for Genevieve and Jordan, and for the child they have conceived, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things, may rejoice in your loving providence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.”

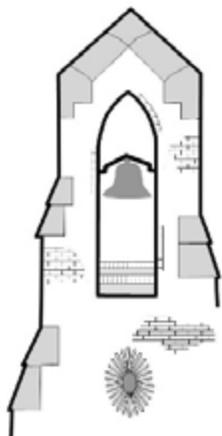
“The blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham, the blessing of the Son, born of Mary, the blessing of the Spirit, who broods over us as a mother over her children be with you now and forever. *Amen.*”





Beautiful reception honoring Jordan & Genevieve





Capital Campaign

Sprint to the End

During the late summer of 2018, St. Alban's Church undertook a Capital Campaign to finance the improvements and repairs needed to keep the building sound and fully functional. *Sessions Hall*, the old Sunday school building, was in desperate need of repairs and improvements to accommodate current and future congregations. The successful renovation features—a spacious new kitchen, a welcoming lobby, a new bathroom and the new *William (Billy) & Carolyn Kitchens Memorial* classrooms—all of which support our mission of hospitality and growing disciples of Jesus.

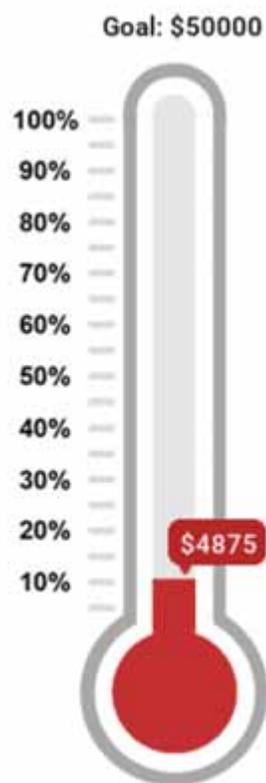
Due to the overwhelming generosity of our members and friends, the Capital Campaign has exceeded everyone's expectations. In less than four years, our loan has been reduced to \$65,000. This is a commendable achievement and we thank everyone who has contributed.

We are making a final push to retire the balance of our loan by the due date of October 2022. The goal we have set is \$50,000, and when combined with unrestricted funds, will pay off the remaining balance.

There are many ways to give:

- ✓ Checks noting that it is for the "Capital Campaign."
- ✓ Click on the church website, stalbandsbovina.org, select on the "Donate Online" button and choose "Capital Campaign" from the list of options
- ✓ Credit or debit card, bank transfers and even gifts of stock and securities
- ✓ Pledges payable next year, if you prefer to make your gift in 2023

We hope you will give this prayerful consideration and join us in this final debt free *Sprint to the End!*



Date: August 1st

The Finance Committee

Capital Campaign Fund-Raising Raffle

We are sponsoring a fund-raising raffle this summer to raise money for the Capital Campaign. Three prizes will be raffled, all of which are available to view in the parish hall:

- A framed original painting, titled “Temptation,” by Ann Biedenharn Jones that depicts an “elegant white cat and whimsical pet goldfish.” The painting belonged to her mother, Betty Biedenharn.
- A portrait of YOUR pet painted by Ann Biedenharn Jones. A sample portrait of Betty Biedenharn’s dog, “Sugar,” is on display.
- Your choice of a beautiful hand turned wooden bowl/cup by Richard Price made from fallen trees on St. Alban’s grounds.

Tickets are \$20.00 each. An anonymous donor has agreed to match all ticket sales to double the donation amount for every ticket sold. This is a great opportunity to get a wonderful art object for your home as well as to contribute to the Capital Campaign.



“Sugar” (pet painting example)
by Anne Biedenharn Jones

“Temptation” by Anne Biedenharn Jones
and Handmade bowls/cups by Richard Price

One Cup

During the Covid crisis when our church was finally returning to the celebration of the Eucharist, I posed a question to Rev. Elisabeth regarding the wine. I described the small, individual cups we had used in the Lutheran Church. They were just the right size for a sip of the wine, after having received the bread. I thought they could be a possible solution for enabling us to return to both parts of the Eucharist without risk of the further spread of Covid.

Rev. Elisabeth kindly explained to me that the Episcopal Church considers it very important to use only one cup. Her explanation made it clear and I finally understood why our church uses a single chalice. Her explanation not only helped me understand why we don't go to individual cups, but also told me even more about Episcopalians than I had already come to understand.

As Jesus met with the disciples for what would become known as the Last Supper, He shared with them the bread and the wine. What an honor to now be sharing that One Cup with Christ, the disciples, and our church family. Because this church congregation IS a family—we are the family of Christ, along with all the other Christians in the world. I know from personal experience that this church is so generous about welcoming others, regardless of their church affiliation or other differences. It helps make our world so much smaller in the most positive way – by treating strangers as we would treat our cherished loved ones.

Both as a child and as an adult, I have known individuals from other denominations who have been quick to let me know that if I hadn't become a Christian the way they had, then I could not consider myself "saved." As a child, I wondered about that because I really believed I was a Christian and I sincerely thought that God loved me. As I got older and attended Bible studies at the Lutheran Church, I seriously doubted the seeds of insecurity that others had tried to plant in me. Finally, I realized that my faith is enough for me and that the only judgment that matters is God's.

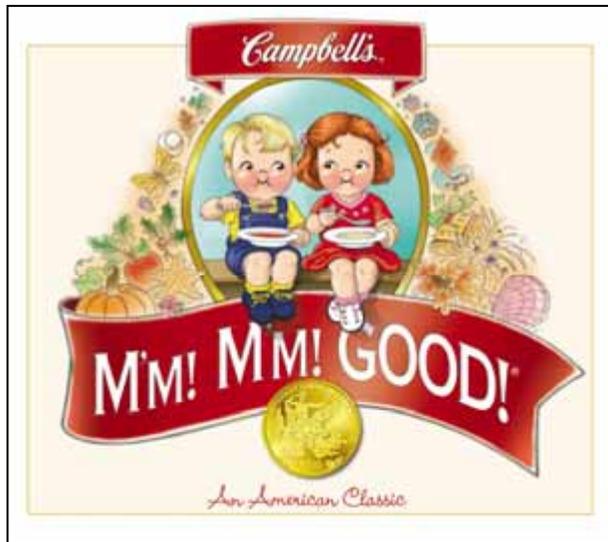
So now, all these years later, all the different churches I've attended, all the "friends" who tried to steer me toward the right faith, I can honestly say without any doubt that I have been saved. It happened so long ago, centuries before I was born. I know that my faith in the Lord is true and tangible. I can touch His word and this world He created, I can see him in the faces of people around me, and I can hear Him in the voices of Christians who share their faith and in the beautiful music of songs we sing of thankfulness and praise. I knew when I entered the doors of this beautiful church some five years ago, I had arrived home.

How appropriate that this wonderful house of God celebrates the Eucharist as Jesus did—with the One Bread and the One Cup. Now I understand. *Amen.*

Dawn Rickard



Whose Turn Is It?



Who remembers the cute little Campbell Soup kids who were first seen in 1904, but continued to entertain into the 50s and 60s on tv? They were the cartoon mascots of the Campbell Soup Company and represent the company even today. They would sing this catchy tune: Um good! Um good! That's what Campbell Soup is, M'm! M'm! GOOD!

I would say that this summer of 2022 has been an M'm! GOOD! summer at St. Alban's! We have had music, food, a very cool farmer's market, shared meals, shared stories with our quilts and art and finally a

cooling and splashy water slide providing us with plenty of laughter and fun. We have invited friends, family and neighbors to visit and play with us, and they came. We asked parishioners to be ambassadors of goodwill, and they were. We sought help with setups, cleanup, parking, serving, and welcoming, and you stepped right up and got the job done. What a wonderful summer it has been so far!

Now that we are taking a bit of a breather for a few weeks from some really intense activity (and heat!) and have time to enjoy the products of our gardens, sit outside in the evening on our porches and patios, and kick off our sandals at the beach, we can say well done.

But all our work isn't done. Some of our work goes on all the year around and needs our ongoing attention. Such as mowing the lawn. And cleaning the building every week. But some of the ongoing needs are more personal: visiting shut-ins, serving as ushers, singing in the choir, attending services and committing time and energy to accomplish these things. In this day of sound bites and mini-ads, quick flashes on screens and very busy schedules, intention and commitment to our church are required.

To do all this plus have fun activities to share it takes our time, our talent, and healthy stewardship to keep it all going. It also takes a really good, well- thought-out plan and people to pursue the goals thus set. We are those people. These are our goals. We will accomplish much if we work together and consider these our gifts and not burdens. Please consider your part prayerfully.

*Penny Freund
Senior Warden*

Rev. Elisabeth's Epistle

**Before it was the Good Book,
it was a really good story...**

*Join St. Alban's
for an adventure
in Biblical
storytelling.*

"Story, as it turns out, was crucial to our evolution—more so than opposable thumbs. Opposable thumbs let us hang on; story told us what to hang on to." —Lisa Cron
"Great stories happen to those who can tell them." —Ira Glass

The best class I took during my three years of seminary, hands down, was a class in which there were no textbooks, no lectures, and no papers. Instead, there were about 16 of us and the Gospel of Mark, and over the course of a semester, we learned the Gospel by heart and presented it, start to finish, in a performance for the community.

Why was this class so amazing? The power of story. I came to know the Gospel in a whole new way—as a living, breathing story with the power to transform lives. As Mark's words settled into my bones, as I lived with them, recited them, dreamed about them for four months, they came alive for me in ways I had never before experienced. I understood new things about the people, the events, and the trajectory of the Gospel, and how they related to my own life.

This fall, you are invited to experience the transformative power of story. We are going to be diving deep into Jesus' parables in the Gospel of Luke. But we're not just going to read and discuss them. We're going to learn to tell them as the stories they are. This will be our focus in Sunday school, starting August 7 at 10:00 AM. We will learn about the Bible as an oral/aural tradition and how this book that we are used to reading was really meant to be spoken and heard. We'll also learn how to tell the stories in the Bible, honing our storytelling skills and discovering new things about ourselves and Jesus' parables as we go. Sunday school is open to all ages—please consider joining us.

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY, AUG. 7

During the 8:30 and 11:00 AM
services, with pancake
breakfast in between



Before it was the Good Book, it was a really good story...



*Join St. Alban's
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- Seeking people ages 12 & up with a desire to go deeper into Jesus' parables as told in the Gospel of Luke
- Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM starting August 7

Come find out what happens when we let Jesus' stories change us!

August Birthdays

1 Reagan Lauritzen Beth Sojourner	22 Mason Selby
4 Woody Hanks	23 Carter Guynes Edward Shelnut
6 David Normand	Natalie "Blair" Harris
7 Mary Michael Southall	26 Bobby Barlow Cynthia Strawn
17 Jake Artman Josh Artman	27 Terry Guynes James Price
19 David Wright	28 David May
21 Norma Jones	

August Anniversaries

20 Herb & Mary Ruth Jones	21 Alan & Joan Leese
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Prayers for the People



Allan & Joan	David S.	Kay	Preston
Ann & Jimmy	David W.	Kelley	Ria
Ben	Freda	Larry	Richard
Bill & Karen	Fritz	Leah	Ruth
Charlene	Jackie	Leigh Ann	Sarah
Charles	Jackson	Lucas	Steve
Charlie & Family	James	Maurice & Family	Tallmadge
Cynthia	Joe & Katharine	Nick, Lacey & Family	The Miller Family
Dan & Mary	Joel & Colby	Nita	Turner Family
Danny	John Hollis	Norma	Wayne
	Jonathan & Family	Pete & Family	

For the Departed: *Mary Moffett, Gary Jones, Mark Chaney, Patricia Ware, Esther Banks, Maggie Sabol, Charles Weeks, Rip Hoxie, Sr., and Paul Eugene Sapoch, Jr.*

Server Schedule

Date	Time	Lay Worship Leader	Lector	Ushers	Chalice	A/V System
Wednesday 8/3/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				
Sunday 8/7/2022	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Harvey Smith Dawn Rickard	Sharon Cummins Ed Shelnut	Jim Price The Halls	Ed Shelnut	Buck Cooper
Wednesday 8/10/2022	6:00 PM	Harvey Smith				
Sunday 8/14/2022	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Ann Tompkins Clarissa Horner	Tommy Skinner Barnie Gavin	Jim Price The Artmans	Barnie Gavin	Jim Drake
Wednesday 8/17/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				
Sunday 8/21/2022	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Tommy Skinner Richard Price	Beth Sojourner Susan Price	Jim Price The Coopers	Susan Price	Harvey Smith
Wednesday 8/24/2022	6:00 PM	Harvey Smith				
Sunday 8/28/2022	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Ann Tompkins Harvey Smith	Sharon Cummins Betsy Selby	Jim Price Barnie Gavin The Rushings	Betsy Selby	Jim Drake
Wednesday 8/31/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				



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