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Second Sundays at St. Alban's

A New Schedule for Worship, The Old Practice of Hospitality

Pot Luck Breakfast, 9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.

“Invite A Friend” Sunday

*Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,
praising God and having the goodwill of all people.
And day by day, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

Acts, 2:46 & 47a

The above quote from Holy Scripture is from the Books of Acts. It provides a glimpse of daily life in the early church. The first Christians were filled with enthusiasm for the gospel message that defined them as a growing community of people who loved and worshiped God as they loved and cared for each other.

The community of St. Alban's Church reflects the early church. We come together for worship, we share the feast of the Eucharist, we care for each other and we welcome others into our community.

As a means to continue to live into the values expressed in Holy Scripture, a revised schedule for our Sunday worship will be tried for one year. Beginning on **The Second Sunday** in August, we will start the day with a pot luck breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist will begin at 10:00 a.m. The second Sunday of every month will provide the opportunity for our community to come together to share a meal, to visit with each other and to worship as one.

The Second Sunday of each month is also designated as “Invite a Friend” Sunday. The single most effective means of evangelism is a personal invitation to share our worship experience. The response to “I want to know more about the Episcopal Church” is “Come worship with us at the Holy Eucharist.”

St. Alban's Hosts AmeriCorps for Ice Cream Social

On July 24, St. Alban's Church, hosted an ice-cream social for AmeriCorps workers who are resident on the campus of All Saints Episcopal School. Susan and Richard Price, occupy the rectory at All Saints where Richard is director of operations.



AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18 to 24. AmeriCorps' mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct team-based national and community service.

All who join AmeriCorps 'sign on' for an intensive ten-month commitment. Members receive a living allowance for ten months of service and other benefits such as housing, meals, medical benefits and a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award upon successfully completing the program.



†Billie's Corner

Holy Places, Summer Places

*Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee?*

*If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make my the grave my bed, you are there also.*

*If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

*Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand holds me fast.*

Have you ever known a place where you felt moved, unexpectedly inspired, or profoundly comforted? Have you reacted spiritually to a particular location? During the summer months I have been to many holy places and found myself responding with a wide range of emotions.

I began the summer in Grayton Beach, Florida, at the house that my family and I have rented for years. How quickly we settled into a vacation mindset! The house offered a place to rest, a place to share meals, a place to catch up, and a place to watch the sunset each evening. The location provided a view of the Gulf and the distant sound of the breaking waves. The bike paths are as much our pleasure as the beach. It is the destination point of my family's annual pilgrimage. We are rooted to the familiarity. God's presence was everywhere, from our temporary dwelling place, to the sandy terrain, to the time we shared together. Grayton Beach is one of my holy places where I experience the sense of home away from home.

I returned from one holy place to arrive at another—Saint Alban's Church that was the home for Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS was housed in a holy place on sacred ground. Our church was filled with the energy of the Holy Spirit manifested through the adult volunteers and the children. The energy was contagious! You couldn't avoid it! What happened in four brief evenings was the formation of a community. We prayed, ate, sang, created, played and performed. We remembered a holy place as we visited Bethlehem by way of the story of Jesus' nativity. I felt the joy of my summer childhood memories mingling with the makings of memories for the children that participated in VBS.

My next stop in my summer adventures was Gray Center as I completed the second year of a congregational development course of study. Gray Center is a place where I go to find my center. I can easily get caught up in the business of church and

lose sight of God. My never ending “to do” list gets all my attention. Gray Center provides a centering place. I return there over and over. Sometimes I am attending a diocesan function and sometimes I am attending to the needs of my soul. I always find God accessible when I return to the comfort of the Gray Center setting.

Camp Bratton Green was my next feat. In the famous words of Yogi Berra, “It is *deja vu* all over again.” I slipped right back into a camp mode of action! I loved summer camp as a child and I love summer camp as an old lady! Camp Bratton Green is sacred ground. It provides safe freedom for children to explore, play, make friends and encounter God. When I say encounter God, I mean precisely that. Bishop Gray led the children in a dialogue with God. At Bishop Gray’s coaching, during the Eucharist celebration in the outside chapel area, the children yelled up to God, “Thank you God for camp!” And the voice of God was heard from across the lake, “You’re welcome!” The dialogue continued as the children conversed with God and God conversed in return. Camp Bratton Green is a holy place where God is as near as across the lake and closer to us than we are to ourselves.

I am in the midst of my final summer excursion. I am experiencing the sense of contentment and satisfaction at the opportunities to be with my family. I have just returned from three days with my grandson, Jack, who was in his element at the Atlanta Braves baseball games and at the Six Flags over Georgia Water Park. I was in my element being with him!

Now I am visiting my oldest daughter, Jeanne, and her husband, Ross, in New Orleans. Yesterday was Ross’s birthday and tomorrow is Jeanne’s “White Coat” ceremony at LSU Medical School. I am in the holy place called family!

I will return to my home place, Saint Alban’s Church, where God’s love makes the church a wide place of grace.

The truth of the matter is that we all dwell in God’s grace at all times and in all places! God meets us in all the places in our lives.

Where can we go then from your Spirit ??? There is no place apart from your Spirit !!!

In peace
Billie+

† Deacon Josie's Corner

All Christians are called through the Baptismal Covenant to live out *diakonia* through what they do and how they live their daily life in the world.

Have you noticed the names of the saints on the Episcopal calendar? As a part of my prayer life I try to read about the saint of the day each day. On Wednesday nights starting in June, I have been sharing a meditation on the saint of the day during the Healing Service and Eucharist.

In June we celebrated Evelyn Underhill (pronounced Eve-Lynn) it is important to remember that mystical life is not open only to a saintly few, but to anyone who cares to nurture it and weave it into everyday experience. Alban, the first English martyr whom we are named for, is depicted with a sword and a fountain, which are his symbols, in our own stained glass window. Peter and Paul are almost exact mirror opposites in every facet of their lives except their love and devotion to Christ.

July brought the celebrations of many saints that were memorable in their own way. John Huss, whose last name means goose was teased when he was burned at the stake which is where the expression 'having one's goose cooked' comes from. Conrad Weiser served as negotiator and translator for the Iroquois nation.



Harriet Tubman

He was one of sixteen siblings he and wife Anna had fourteen children of their own. Elizabeth Cady Stanton deleted the word "obey" from her marriage vows. Amelia Bloomer designed baggy underpants to be worn under long skirts and dresses to combat the filth left by horses in the streets. Sojourner Truth spoke only Dutch until she was nine and learned English. Harriet Tubman served as a spy for the Union Army during the Civil War. William Reed Huntington attended thirteen General Conventions between 1870 and 1909 as a delegate. He is the author of the Collect for Fridays found in the BCP on page 99.

These are tidbits about people just like you and me. I have enjoyed sharing them with you and look forward to our journey of continued sharing.

Peace
Josie+



Amelia Bloomer



William Reed Huntington

Around the Parish

Update on Jim Butler

Jim Butler had heart surgery at Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee, on Tuesday, July 26. Joyce's report was all positive, her voice was elated! Jim has been moved from ICU to a Step-Down Unit. Jim has already gotten up for a post surgery walk and his breathing capacity has far exceeded expectations.

Please continue to keep Jim, Joyce and Jim's attending medical staff in your prayers.

Joyce's cell: 423-297-2522
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John Kolb

John Kolb, brother to Charles Kolb and brother-in-law to Bertha Kolb, died July 29th, after suffering a massive stroke. John leaves his wife, Ruth and five children. John and his family are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Vicksburg.

Bertha remembers happy times when John, Charles and the Kolb men folk harmonized Christmas carols. Bertha has requested our prayers.

John Stout

John Howell Stout, a St. Alban's neighbor and dear friend died of organ failure on July 21st. He would have been 70 on August 1. Johnny leaves behind his high school sweetheart and wife of 50 years, Betty, three daughters and five grandchildren. Betty and Johnny remained hopeful to the end that an organ transplant would be available at Ochsner's Clinic. They are members of Bovina Baptist Church.

Johnny worked hand-in-hand with Frank Skinner, Dan Carleton and Jim Drake as the senior technician at the Waterways Experiment Station. Frank Skinner was a pallbearer and Bobby Barlow was an honorary pallbearer.

*O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you this day our brothers, John.
We thank you for giving John to his family and friends,
to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.
Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,
so in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until,
by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Summer Vacation Schedule

Sundays

In an attempt to slow down and rest during the summer months, Sunday School and Tuesday Bible Study will take a vacation! We will resume our weekly events in the fall after Labor Day.

Second Sundays Schedule, “Bring a Friend”

Pot Luck Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall
Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m., one service only.

Wednesdays

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness, 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 Men's Work Force, 10:00 a.m.
 Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 6:00 a.m.

August Events

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 a.m.

Fall Festival planning meeting in the Parish Hall
 Kenon Ruska, chairperson

Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 p.m.

St. Alban's & St. Mary's Community Dining
 Gibbs Grocery, Learned

Sunday, August 14

Second Sunday at St. Alban's, “Bring a Friend”

Pot luck breakfast in the parish hall, 9:00 a.m.
 Reflections on England, Clarissa Walker, in parish hall 9:30 a.m.
 Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m., one service only.

Sunday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.

Second Sunday at St. Mary's, Bolton

Holy Eucharist & Ava Maria performance
 Ann McDonald, soprano and Don Messer, piano
 For more information visit www.stmarysbolton.org



August Birthdays

1	Terri Ulmer	21	Kate Abraham
4	Woody Hanks	23	Carter Guynes
6	David Nomand	24	Julia Lee
15	Greg Williamson	26	Bobby Barlow
17	Jake Artman		Tracye Hogan
	Josh Artman	27	Jean Ethridge
	Bill Curtis		Terry Guynes
18	Beth Williamson		James Price
19	Bo Gayle	28	Max Rangel
	David Wright		

August Anniversaries

3	Stacey & Russell Sumrall	21	Terri & Robert Ulmer
12	Joan & Allan Leese	27	Joy & Bryan Brabston, Jr.

Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Eva Nicholson	John Wheelless	Bobbie Abraham
Jim Butler	Tim Davis	Sarah Kelly
Joyce Butler	Ruthie Gray	Bryan Brabston
Christian Hampton	Sam & Sherry Scott	Sharlotte Valentine
John Jenkins	Carol Bowden	John Meritt
Mike Ray	Jay	Mary Kavanaugh
Ray Ugilini	Elizabeth Joyner	John Williams
Frances Marble	Kay & Jerry McWilliams	Johnny Bottom
Jean Roberts	Lauren Stamm	Louis Field
Ed & Bessie Norwood	Ashleigh Ford	Charles & Lou Housholder
Lorrayne Cox	Pat Pierce	Jan Robinson
Walker Biedenharn	Allen Teeter	Frances & George Hammack
Tommie Walker	Faith, Bridget & Mike Wildschuetz	

Pray for men and women of the Armed Forces, especially:

Christoph Martin	Cynthia Horan	Billie Hubbard
Dawn Wandembergh	Carlos Wandembergh	

Liturgical Schedule

Sundays in August

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Only	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Exodus 3:1-15
Psalms	Psalms 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b	Psalms 133	Psalms 124	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Second Reading	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-21
Gospel	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15: (10- 20), 21-28	Matthew 16:13-20	Matthew 16:21-28
Eucharistic Minister 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Ann Tompkins Richard Price	Eucharist 10 a.m. Betsy Selby	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith Richard Price
Master of Ceremonies	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes
Acolytes				
Crucifer	Susan Price	Michael Rangel	Rachel Sullivan	Mignon McDaniel
Gospel Bearer	Beth Guynes	Josh Sullivan	Shay Sullivan	Joshua McDaniel
Lector	Susan Price	Bobby Sullivan	Ed Shelnut	Beth Guynes
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Linda Walker	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks
Oblation Bearers	Michael Guynes Jana Guynes	Becki Rangel Max Rangel	Jennifer Normand David Normand	Becky Drake Jim Drake
Ushers & Greeters	Jim Drake Bobby Barlow	John Scott Ann Jones	Bobby Sullivan Josh Sullivan	Charlie Brantley Kevin McDaniel
Altar Guild	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks	Mary Ann Wright Lisa Langford	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams
Eucharistic Minister	Richard Price Deacon Josie	Betsy Selby Deacon Josie	Ed Shelnut Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Richard Price
Coffee Host	Margie Scott Sherry Horan	(oversee breakfast) Sandra Melsheimer Becki Rangel	Lisa Langford Ruth Green	Terry Brantley Billie Abraham
Wednesday Healing	August 10 Ann Tompkins	August 17 Betsy Selby	August 24 Tommy Skinner	August 31 Harvey Smith