



The Albanac

July 2012

This Is Our Ministry ... Our School!

In 1989 the Executive Committee (what is now the Vestry) of St. Alban's took ownership and leadership of what is now our flagship ministry – The St. Alban's Pre-School. For over twenty years our preschool has been known throughout the surrounding area for excellence in early childhood education. The new building created a physical space to match the high quality of the program and staff. As any development person can tell you there are three primary factors to be addressed in building and maintaining a strong program-based organization. In order they are personnel, program and property. St. Alban's has exceptional credentials in all three of these areas! There is no better preschool director to be found than our own Teresa Ercan. Teresa leads this ministry but it is OUR MINISTRY and WE need to be in the front of the line in promoting it beyond these walls.

You will shortly be receiving a packet in the mail that will contain a letter from me, a large postcard for the pre-school, and some business cards to stick in your wallet / purse. We all need to help spread the good news and refer to our school for a tour so they can see for themselves this incredible opportunity. We are invested in this ministry because we believe that enrollment in our preschool will enhance the lives of the children and their families. A choice for St. Alban's Pre-School is a choice for excellence in Early Childhood Education AND life formation.

Please use these resources to refer young families to St. Alban's Pre-School. Stick the large photo postcards in your beach bag for when you go to the pool. Stick the business cards in your purse / wallet for when you are out and about. And then, please pick up one of the larger publicity flyers with convenient tear offs to hang at Shop Rite, the library, community centers, or anywhere else that you frequent. We are especially interested in breaking new ground of awareness in Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff.

The ministry of education is our primary focus in our preschool. And it is also true that the success of the preschool is one vital part of our overall parish financial health. The building and expansion program undertaken in the mid-90s represented a leap of faith and an investment in our common life. This facility enables us to do things that were impossible before the careful planning that has led us to be the stewards of this marvelous and expansive facility. Not only does it house the preschool and all our parish programs but we are able to provide a home to another faith community and various organizations both sacred and secular and we are a resource for our local public school system as well. We are continually seeking new ways to fulfill the dream that this facility be a center of life in the FLOW area. We have dedicated a large portion of our physical plant to the ministry of the preschool. Taking part in ensuring the success of the ministry is part of our ministry.

Kathryn+



MARK INDEPENDENCE DAY AT CHURCH ON JULY 1st

Wear red, white and blue to church this Sunday! We will process the flag, sing patriotic hymns, and wear the country colors on this Sunday closest to July 4th. If you would like to carry the flag or process as part of an honor guard please meet in the narthex / entrance of the church at 8:50am to join the procession.

Uniforms are welcome and encouraged!



Mission Trip Takes to the Hills!

On Sunday, July 15th during our 9am service (which will also celebrate Sacred Sounds Music Camp 2012) we will commission and send out the 6 youth and 2 adults who will be participating in our Mission Trip from July 15 – 21st. Leigh Beck, Bryce Dugan, Julia Hansen, Julia Miles, Christian Nazare and Olivia Nazare will be spending the week working at two ministry

sites in the far western part of our diocese. The chaperones will be Meaghan McCallum and Reverend Kathryn King.

While staying in the Beisler Lodge at Crossroads Outdoor Retreat Center the group will travel to a ministry site each day. The two sites were chosen to fulfill the kinds of projects in which the youth determined they would like to serve. Their list included: direct work with children, some construction and/or painting, and work with a food program of some sort. They also wanted the opportunity to meet people who are involved in offering the programs to learn how the programs work. So, here is what we'll be doing ...

Haven of Hope for Kids: Haven of Hope is a not-for-profit organization of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hope, NJ. The program owns and operates two cottages, each with two bedrooms, where families with children with life-limiting illnesses are given a week of refreshment, nurture and care out in the countryside of western New Jersey. We will spend one day on the site doing the 'turn-around' care for the cottages in-between guests and completing a work / service project of painting and maintenance to the cottages. Our second day on this site will be with the families. We will offer a family memory project of making a photo quilt with each family, provide additional games and craft time for the children and respite time for the adults, and at the end of our day we will host a multi-family cookout.

St. Jame's Episcopal Church, Hackettstown: St. Jame's is a community center in Hackettstown. Each summer the church partners with United Way to offer the Summer Backpack for Children Program, a feeding program for families whose children receive reduced price or free lunch during the school year but are left without that vital resource in the summer months. St. James' started out feeding 30 families. They provide weekend food backpacks for 80 children in Hackettstown each week of the school year and over 125 in the summer months. We will be involved in helping with that ministry, meeting the adults and youth who make it run, and assisting with the packing and distribution of the backpacks.

St. James' Church is a historic site that sustained water and lightning damage to the bell tower. The bell tower was replaced, damaged, and replaced again! This summer the church is painting the sides of the church to match the new bell tower. They are doing all the work themselves and we are going to support them in some of that work. We will be scraping and painting alongside members of the St. James' parish and the Hispanic parish that worships in their church.



As a treat at the end of the week we will spend one day floating down the Delaware River reflecting on a week of service in Christ's name and further building the friendships and bonds forged over the week.

Please hold all the participants in your thoughts and prayers. You can offer your good wishes by signing the large paper banner at church. If you would like to make a financial donation toward the cost of some of the work supplies, craft supplies for Haven of Hope, gas money, or to help with general costs you may do that as well! The loose plate offering on July 15th will go for the Mission Trip. If you would like to make a donation before that please write "Mission Trip" in the memo so it gets to the right place.

Four St. Alban's Kids will Attend Crossroads Camp

Grace and Garrison Nazare, Caley Philhower and Nicholas King will all be attending our diocesan summer camp, Crossroads, for a week of fun and fellowship in Christian camping. Grace, Garrison and Caley are first time sleep-away campers while Nicholas is in his third year. They will be enrolled in the camp during the same time that the Mission Trippers will be staying at the camp as a base for their adventures. We are so proud of all the kids (and the parents!) who are taking the step of participation in Crossroads and we hope that in the years to come every child and youth of St. Alban's will attend camp and it will be a St. Alban's week!

Did you know that according to the youth and Family Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America the top reason given for an adult who is active in the faith is that when they were growing up they had a parent in their life who modeled the faith; second reason is that they had a caring relationship with a clergy person or other adult in the faith and third ... the third reason is that they attended a Christian summer camp. Think about it ... a week at camp is equal to YEARS and YEARS of regular youth group or church school lessons. LET'S GO TO CAMP!!!

MINISTRY FAIR

September 16th follow the 10AM service

The Vestry will be hosting a Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 16th during coffee hour. Each area of parish life will have a display table and providing information about the ministry, what is planned for the year, and how you can become involved. Other displays / opportunities will include:

- CD slide show of summer events including the Mission Trip, Sacred Sounds, picnics, ice cream social, etc.
- A table where you can view our new website and get signed up for a St. Alban's TWITTER account!
- Try playing our new hand chimes!
- Sign-up to be part of our Blood Drive on September 30th
- Sign your children up for the Mystery Bus Trip on September 26th
- Write a note to our college kids and service members to be included with parish care packages
- Get a calendar for the upcoming year

DO YOU USE CONSTANT CONTACT IN YOUR BUSINESS?

We are looking into a subscription to Constant Contact for church communications. We think it looks good and a very inexpensive (about \$10-12 per month) If you have used this program and have any information and insight you can share with us we would like to hear from you. You can email Kathryn at the parish office stalbansofl@optimum.net or speak with Kathryn or one of our wardens, Don, Cindy, or Ron and let us know what you think.

THIRD SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE OFFERING and DISCRETIONARY FUND DONATIONS

Each month the loose plate offering (non-envelope cash) money is designated for to go into the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund enables the rector to meet emergency and non-budgeted needs of which she becomes aware. Special envelopes are provided in your offering envelopes for this use. If you use an envelope it enables the gift to be tracked and included as an 'other' donation on your pledge record. Cash is not attributed. In the past few months the rector's discretionary fund has provided funds for prescription glasses, grocery cards, a pay-as-you-go cell phone, support for a family who is out of work and has medical issues, and a utilities bill. The Rector's Discretionary Fund is a fund of the parish and the only fund for which the rector is a signatory. The fund is audited annually but names of recipients are always confidential.

ON JULY 15th ONLY the loose plate / cash offering will be given to the **Mission Trip**. The donations that come in the designated envelopes will still be deposited into the Discretionary Fund.



Back by Popular Demand – NEW DATE*
3rd Annual Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30 PM

Manhunt 7:30 – 10 PM

Gather on the rectory deck for an old fashioned ice cream social. Ice cream and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite 'add-on' to share. This is for all ages and we will close with prayers at the new campfire ring.

*Moved from July 24th to August 6th.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN that you would like to sing this summer?

PLEASE fill out a form and place it in the basket at the back of the church or e-mail the church office: stalbansofl@optimum.net

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Carol Guzzo and Linda Nazare

Preschool

Teacher Appreciation week was held the week of May 21st and was very much appreciated. See thank you's on bulletin board. Last day of pre-school was Thursday, June 21st. Graduation was held on 14th and was very well attended and successful. A simple reception followed. Great feedback from parents on the school and teachers especially Miss Cathy and Teresa.

Sunday School

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- First meeting for the new Education Committee will be held this summer. Please let Linda Nazare or Carol Guzzo know if you are interested in being a member.
 - End of year ice cream party held Sunday June 3rd. Kathryn recognized the children that were there and gave out certificates and a special FROG gift from Kathryn. Thank you to all the teachers and helpers this year!
 - The main classroom has been moved for grades 1-5 to the red room downstairs to make it more accessible and convenient for getting to and from Sunday School and Church.
 - Updated Education Bulletin Board by elevator with current lessons. Please take a look.

Youth Group

- Relay for Life Team June 8th.
- Mission Trip planned for this summer.

WORSHIP AND PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Serving on the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild works quietly behind the scenes to prepare the altar for services: Sundays, mid-week services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and holiday services. Serving on the Altar Guild is very rewarding and is considered a loving labor to God and to St. Alban's. The Altar Guild has a special role as the Rector's liturgical partner in making the worship life of the parish run smoothly. New members, both men and women, are always welcome to experience the spirituality and devotion of the Altar Guild.

Guidelines

There are currently four teams with two members who serve every four weeks. Volunteers help with holiday flowers, and as needed. Members wash and iron altar linens each week. All silver vessels are polished for holidays and special occasions.

Altar Guild Responsibilities for Sundays:

The altar is set up on Saturday afternoon, after David the Prophet Church has left. Set up includes: Locating and marking the readings and placing the cloth hangings on the ambo, listing the hymns on the wooden boards, and arranging the altar with the vessels and linens for communion. The credence tables are set with the elements for communion.

Sunday morning: Arrive 20 minutes before the 10:00 a.m. service to reset the elements and vessels at the altar.

Sunday-after service: Take down the altar, remove the flowers and give to those who sponsored them or to someone who is ill in the parish-wash all the sacramental containers. Put away altar materials in the cupboard in the sacristy.

Holidays and Special Occasions will be coordinated by the ministry Co-Directors, Louise Gilliard and Diane Van Dyke.



Please join us for our Celebrating Sacred Sounds Concert

**Thursday, July 12 at 7pm
St. Alban's Episcopal Church**



An evening of choral, hand chimes and percussion selections in celebration of the week-long music camp. The program will showcase all that the campers have learned and experienced. A reception will follow the performance.

*A second concert will be offered on Friday, July 13 at 10am for special guests who will join us from local senior centers and our own preschool day camp. Please pass the word to anyone who is unable to attend the main concert on Thursday evening.



On Sunday, June 17th, the women of St. Alban's treated the Dads to a Father's Day barbeque at the Rectory.

The Next Confirmation Class begins in September New Candidates to be Enrolled on September 9th

We are preparing to enroll our next class of Confirmands. Anyone entering 7th grade or above in September of 2012 is eligible to enroll in our next *Journey to Confirmation* which will culminate in May of 2014. That seems very far away but it is just two school years away which is the length of the program we offer and what is required by the Diocese. The group will meet monthly and individuals will also meet monthly with their sponsors. The program includes exploration of our personal faith life and the faith tradition of the Episcopal Church. The group will also participate in outreach / service projects, and fellowship activities. The monthly meeting time will be determined by the group and their parents in September.

If you are interested in being part of the next *Journey to Confirmation* please contact the parish office. We will enroll candidates at our Welcome Back celebration day on September 9th at the 10AM service. Candidates will attend with their parents.

Please contact Kathryn if you are interested.

On June 3rd, Kathryn honored this year's David Hegg Award recipients: Joan and Bob Mulroony and Stephen Mathai who is pictured next to Kathryn. Joan and Bob Mulroony were unable to attend the service.

Also recognized were all those who have previously received this award.



The Sunday School teachers and students were also celebrated on June 3rd. Each received a special gift from Kathryn.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Get out your calendars and note the following:

SEPTEMBER

- ❖ Launch of our new website!
- ❖ Sunday, 9th: Kick-off Sunday, Begin 8 & 10 AM services, Sunday School registration and gathering, Confirmation enrollment

- ❖ Sunday, 16th: Ministry Fair
- ❖ Wednesday, 26th: Mystery Bus Trip
- ❖ Friday, 28th: Parents' Night Out
- ❖ Sunday, 30th: Blood Drive

OCTOBER

- ❖ Sunday, 7th: Blessing of the Animals
- ❖ 14th: Guest Preacher, Jim James, Director of Center for Food Action, Mahwah

MYSTERY BUS TRIP – SEPTEMBER 26th MARK YOUR CALENDARS



For years in my early ministry I ran Mystery Bus Adventures for elementary aged kids on weekdays when schools were closed. Barbara Harriman and I are bringing the tradition to St. Alban's. Here's some info to whet your curiosity ...

On September 26th schools are closed. Children in 1st grade and up will meet in the church parking lot in the morning and board a bus for this day long adventure. During the course of the day they will open clues and decipher puzzles to unfold the next stop on our adventure. Volunteer parents and teens will lead groups of 6 -8 children. Parents will be given the full itinerary in advance but it must not be shared with the kids! The cost will likely be between \$20 and 40 for the whole trip depending on how many seats on the bus we fill. Children will be welcome to bring friends so pass the word. Details will follow over the summer but save the date now!!!



The Return of Parent's Night Out!! Mark your calendars now for September 28, October 26 and November 30 Kindergarten and up; 6:30 – 9pm

Kathryn will host PNO in the Youth Center and needs ONE ADDITIONAL ADULT to volunteer each night. The evening will include simple supper,

hanging out and games in the Youth Center, and finishing up with a movie. Kids from kindergarten and up are welcome!

Details and themes for each night will follow. So mark your calendar and stayed tuned!

BLOOD DRIVE

September 30th

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, September 30th right here at St. Alban's. You can come to church to receive and share the gift of life! Please mark your calendar, sign-up at Kick-Off Sunday or at the Outreach table at the Ministry Fair, and we'll provide the juice and cookie when you're done!

JULY MILESTONES

Birthdays: 1st Glen McCallum, Hannah Zadoyko, Grace Nazare, 2nd Lauren Goff, 9th Susan Marie Lister, 10th Katie McCusker, 11th Kelly Hoffman, 15th Wally May, 16th Bruce E. Gilliard, Kathy Miles, 17th Louise Block, Ron Potash, 19th Brooke Dugan, 20th Samantha Rubow, 21st Bob Mulroony, 26th Keith Potash, Donna Lange, Kristin Murphy Jaskolka, 28th John Lister, 29th Ken Beck, Tyler Mingalone
Anniversaries: 3rd Wally & Sandy Weiss, 17th Ed and Donna Lange, 22nd Loyal and Lauren Goff



- Cindy and Dave Ludwig for hosting the June Vestry meeting – with families
- For everyone who has been working on the Youth Center to get it done
- Don, Linda and Paula for organizing Relay for Life and all those who participated in the walk and participated in all the fundraising
- The ladies of St. Alban's for a yummy Father's Day barbeque
- Lou and the Choir for a great year of music
- The Altar Guild for all the extra work for the many Baptisms
- All those who contribute to the Rector's Discretionary Fund

Thanks to all the saints of St. Alban's who give so generously of their time, talent and treasure.

BIBLE READINGS



Sunday, July 1

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, July 8

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 15

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 22

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 29

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Prayers of the People – July

Our thanksgivings and intercessions:

We continue to pray for all who are affected by war, hunger and other calamities and ask for God's grace upon those who work for peace and restoration.

We give thanks for all the blessings of life. We pray for our companions in Paterson.

We pray for those who are unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those who are ill: especially: Brenden, Brian, Maria, Gustav, Ryan, Allie, Cathy, Lind, Ruth, Patti, Doug, Patricia, Dennis, Rosemary



We pray for those who have died, especially Michael Zadoyko. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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“Welcoming All To Share God’s Love”