

# ST ALBAN'S WINDOW



St. Alban's Episcopal Church Newsletter

June/July 2017

Dear Friends!

Easter is over! It seems just a short while ago we may have been saying or thinking that about Christmas and, as in that case, Easter is never over. We are an Easter people. Whatever may happen in our lives, whatever struggles we may have, in whatever pleasurable activities we may engage, we do so because we live in the Light and Joy of Easter. Not even death can overwhelm us now. Jesus has conquered death.

This certainly shines a new light on things.

Writer Brian Andreas, who publishes his drawings accompanied by short thoughts, the other day came up with something I found quite intriguing. He said, "These are little packets of light & you need to plant them early in the year & remember to mark where they were because lots of times they look like weeds in the beginning & it's not until later that you see how beautiful they are."

I like that – little packets of light planted here and there. Sometimes we get tired and discouraged. We know what our daily routine looks like and we sort of "put one foot in front of the other". Things are done, but the "zip", the pleasure in life seems curiously absent.

Coming across a random packet of light, to have it pop up from nowhere, like seeds long forgotten, can give us such delight and incredible energy that our lives are turned around. On the other hand, having seeds – light – supplies – stored at designated points along the way one knows one is taking can be reassuring and encouraging as well. I have a good friend who hiked the entire Appalachian Trail over the course of many months one year. She was by herself, but she got to know many of the others who were hiking, whether they too were taking the entire journey or just doing a part of it.

Anne would post pictures, just about every day, or whenever she had

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*- Father Bob*



The Episcopal Church of St. Alban

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Vicar: The Rev.  
Robert Morrison

Bishop's Advisory  
Committee – *Term  
expiration date  
noted like this*  
(‘19)

Charles  
Mouradian, Senior  
Warden (‘19)  
Karla Swiger,  
Junior Warden  
(‘19)  
Victoria Harkins,  
Clerk (‘19)  
Susan Greenup  
(‘18)  
Katherine Harkins  
(‘18)  
Alan Sanderson  
(‘19)  
James Howard  
(‘20)  
Melissa Saylor  
(‘20)  
Larry Thurber (‘20)  
Maggie Lang,  
Treasurer

Diocesan  
Convention  
Delegates:  
Susan Greenup  
Victoria Harkins  
Karla Swiger

Alternates:  
Charles  
Mouradian  
Dolores  
Mouradian

St. Alban's  
Window Editor: Jill  
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signal for her phone, so her friends could keep track of her progress and discover if she was running short of particular supplies. Then they would arrange to make a drop for her, often taking time out actually to meet her and give her the gifts in person. She knew, her friends knew, within a few miles and twenty-four hours, where she'd be, and they coordinated so that the packets of light, the encouragement, those things which were necessary, were there at anticipated moments.

Our packets of light may be like that also. Rendezvous may be prearranged, promises made and fulfilled, and life enhanced, either for us or by us. Whether we know it or not, God may be present, somewhat like Jesus joining the travelers from Jerusalem to Emmaus, walking with us both in times of encouragement and discouragement. Just as Jesus wasn't recognized initially on the road, so it may be for us. Sometimes we don't even recognize those packets of light which occur along our pilgrimage in life. Their discovery may seem to be quite normal or expected moments. We may think little of them, picking them up or walking past them with barely a thought, yet they **DO** become part of our lives, sometimes even important parts of our lives. It may only be on later reflection that we notice that God – perhaps in the form of another pilgrim, perhaps someone quite unknown – has been there ahead of us, making sure that we'll find the support we need at the right moment. If you will, we might call these "Little Easters", little signs of the resurrection, little Flowers planted along our way to draw us closer to the mind and will of God.

As we enter the Christian Church's longest season, Pentecost, during summer's hoped-for warmth and refreshment, I pray that each of us may find packets of light to remind us of the power of God to transform what we may have taken as dull, boring, without much that is encouraging. May the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of our own resurrection remain in the forefront of our minds, kindled by those signs left for us. And may we remember also to leave such signs for those who walk with us or come after us, that all may know the power of God's Love and Joy.

Jesus lives that we might have life and have it abundantly!  
In Jesus love,

Bob

Robert P. Morrison



## St. Alban's Church Picnic Sunday June 25

Watch the bulletin boards  
for more information and  
sign up sheets





Part of our Holy Week observances, the Seder Dinner was both educational and enjoyable for all who attended. Thanks again to all who assisted in so many different ways both for the dinner and throughout the whole week.





Save the date:  
Saturday July 1  
at 2 pm

Installation of  
Rev. Melodie

Kimball at St. Martin's, 257  
E Milton St, Lebanon, OR  
97355

541-451-1159

Ecumenical Mid-  
Valley Communion/  
Picnic, August 13 at  
Monteith Park. Many  
area churches will  
participate.



Coming  
in August:  
Parking  
Lot Trunk  
Sale



don't throw away those sale-worthy  
items you no longer want.....save  
them for the trunk sale!!!

On the Feast of Pentecost, June 4th, it is an unwritten tradition for  
members of the congregation and clergy to wear red





# Celebrations in our Church Family



## June

## July

### ***Birthdays***

### ***Anniversaries***

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1 Sandy Palmer  
7 Frances Gunderman  
11 Amy Isted  
11 Marilyn Stevens  
19 Evy Rich  
22 Pam Reiner  
22 Scott True  
24 Mitzi Kenyon

11 Kim and Julie Jackson  
16 Patty and Mike Nordyke  
18 Frances and William Gunderman  
21 Arlene and Mark McNabb  
26 Marilyn and Jack Stevens

4 Jacob Miller  
7 Ann Olsen  
9 Gail Wilson  
11 Jack Stevens  
16 Libby Harris  
16 Lloyd Transue  
17 Patrick Eastman  
19 Felicity Alexander  
19 William Gunderman  
20 Katherine Harkins  
21 Dean Butts  
24 Emerly Young  
24 Mark McNabb  
28 Charles Mouradian  
31 Sharon Reid

6 Donna and Michael Alexander  
7 Becky and Brandon Young  
11 Emily and Brian Mehl  
21 Katherine and Gary Harkins

*If your family's important events have not been listed or need updating, please contact the church office and let us know so they can be added to future newsletters. See back page for contact information.*

Save paper and postage, help the environment, AND get *St. Alban's Window* in full color! let Carolyn in the office know if you would like to be added to the newsletter email list. Also consider signing up for the weekly prayer list email, which includes announcements and updates.

**Have news or information you would like to contribute to the newsletter?** Contact Carolyn (office contact info on back page) or call Jill Van Buren at 541-981-9973

### ***June/July Events***

Thursdays:  
Discussion Group  
6:30 pm

June 2: Healing Service and Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am, followed by Lunch Bunch at Loafer's Station

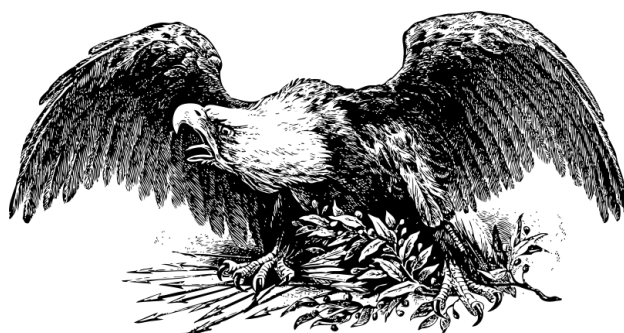
June 18: Father's Day

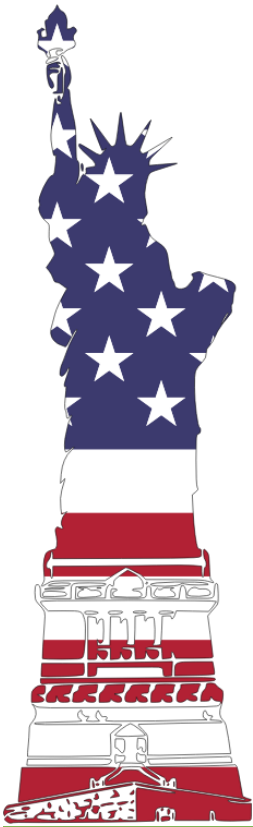
June 22: Feast of St. Alban

June 25: Church Picnic

July 4: Independence Day

July 7: Healing Service and Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am, followed by Lunch Bunch  
July 14: Newsletter Deadline





**Please contact the church office when:**

A member of your family is in the hospital

You hear of the death of a church member

Your group, class or committee schedules a new meeting

Your contact information has changed

You would like a ride to and from church

You would like more information about the church

You know of someone who is interested in our church

You would like Holy Communion brought to your home

We can be of help to you in any other way

[www.albanyoregonepiscopal.church](http://www.albanyoregonepiscopal.church)

**Weekly Church Services:**

9:30 am Church services and Sunday school  
Coffee and conversation following services

**Church office hours:**

Monday Tuesday Friday, 9 am to noon

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