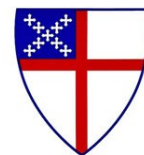


ST ALBAN'S WINDOW



St. Alban's Episcopal Church Newsletter

October /November 2019

Hello, Friends,

We haven't published a newsletter in some time but, with the help of our new Secretary, Audrey, several things which had not been used or usable for a while are now being brought back. For one thing, our office email address has been brought back to life! Should you need to get information to Audrey, you may call her during office hours at the church – 541-967-7051 - or send an email to office@stalbans1.comcastbiz.net The website albanyoregonepiscopal.church is also now up to date.

Process of Selecting a New Bishop for Oregon

I'd like to give you some information about what's happening in the Diocese just now. As you may have heard, Bishop Michael Hanley has announced that he plans to retire in January of 2021 when our new bishop is ordained and consecrated, so we have begun the process to search for a new bishop for Oregon. What I'd like to share with you just now is who a bishop is and what a bishop does. The Book of Common Prayer (pg. 510) has a helpful description in the pages of the liturgies for the ordination of Bishop's, priests and deacons.

Preface to the Ordination Rites The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy Catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with 12 bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the

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Robert Morrison

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preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

Notice that throughout, there is a strong description of vocation, the call of God, to the individual. This isn't a case of someone being pushy and calling out "Me! Me! Me!"

Priests are being invited to consider whether God may be calling them to be a bishop, and are expected to spend time in prayer and meditation for personal discernment. Often they consult those closest to them, advisors, spiritual directors, family, friends, to ask for their opinion. If a Call is discerned, then that individual fills out a form, answering questions submitted by the Diocese of Oregon to all those making application. The Search Committee will consider each submission to discern whom they may think would be both a good bishop and a good bishop for the Diocese of Oregon.

We are at that time when people across the country may be considered if they have a call to serve in Oregon. The information about this and a link to the Profile of the Diocese is available at the Diocese website—diocese-oregon.org. Scroll to the bottom and you will see the link to The 11th Bishop of Oregon Search and Transition Website OR....is available at oregonbishopsearch.org.

I ask that you keep those considering offering themselves as candidates, the Search and the Transition Committees, and the People of the Diocese in your prayers at this important time in our life as one Community of the Faithful.

In Jesus' Love,

Bob

Robert P. Morrison

A Prayer for the Search Process

Dearest Lord God, please grant that all involved in the process of calling the 11th Bishop of Oregon be guided by the Holy Spirit in properly discerning who God wants to lead us in the Way of Love in Western Oregon's Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.



Annual St Francis Pet Blessings held Sun., Oct. 6th. See more photos on our website. Special Services > St Francis Day.



STEWARDSHIP is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God.



Annual Stewardship campaign...In the coming weeks members of St. Albans will be speaking about our annual Time & Talent opportunities and asking all to consider their annual pledges for the upcoming 2020 year.

Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity. The members of your BAC hope that at this time of year you consider how St. Albans resonates in your daily life.

SAINT ALBAN'S "HOLIDAY HOUSE" BAZAAR NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Join in the fun and enjoy the fellowship. Plans for St. Alban's ECW holiday craft bazaar and soup luncheon are in full swing. Many helping hands are needed to make this annual fundraising event successful.

"How can I help?", you may ask. Volunteer sign-up lists are posted in the Parish Hall. Stop by and sign up!

A few areas needing your special touch - set up and decorate the Parish Hall, take down afterward, distribute flyers and yard signs, and prepare and serve the soup luncheon.

We welcome new items to fill gift baskets. These may include Fall and Christmas home décor, raffle items, hand-crafted items, healthy potted plants, and, of course, baked goodies. (We always need more pie). Donated items can be dropped off at church.

We will hold "**Prep Parties**" every Tuesday and Thursday in October from 10:00 -11:30 am. Bring a project or work on a planned project at these meetings.

Remember that our money goes not only toward Inreach (i.e. kitchen supplies, fellowship, Christmas Inreach, clergy discretionary fund), but also Outreach into our community. Please help us to raise funds toward these important efforts!

Questions? Contact bazaar co-chairs, Pam (541) 905-4591 and Barb (503) 661-1170

October/ November Events

Oct. 18:
Men's Night
Out

Oct. 22:
BAC meeting

Nov. 1:
All Saints'
Day; Healing
Service and
Holy
Eucharist 9:30
am

Nov. 2:
ECW Holiday
Bazaar

Nov. 3: All
Saints'
Sunday
AND
Daylight
Savings Time
Ends 2:00
am

Nov. 27:
Thanksgiving
Eve service



TIME CHANGE The annual backward movement of time happens at 2:00 am on the night of Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd November. Remember to reset your clocks Saturday evening before bed. That way you'll be refreshed for our celebration of All Saints' Sunday!

THANKSGIVING

We will celebrate the Feast of Thanksgiving with our ecumenical sisters and brothers on Wednesday evening the 27th November. The service will be at Faith Lutheran Church, on the corner of Queen and Elm, at 7:00 p.m. Participating will be Faith and Good Shepherd Lutheran, First Christian, First United Methodist and St. Alban's Episcopal





Celebrations in our Church Family

October



November

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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3 Elnora Harcombe
6 Dorothy Lund
6 Terry Alexander
13 Paul Harcombe
15 Alison Nordyke
20 Dean True
22 Steffany Ritchie
28 Kathleen Elliott
29 Art Stevens

4 Peggy and Don Ciapusci
10 Pam and Doug Reiner
29 Barbara and Dean Butts

11 Emily Reiner
20 Lee Sims
25 Kim Jackson
29 Ron True

25 Doranna and Robert Morris

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.



Oct 6th, 2019 Pet Blessing

Men's Night Out - Our every-now-and-then get together is next scheduled for **Wednesday Oct. 18th** at the Calapooia Brewery starting at 5:30pm. The St Albans Men's Group is open to all men of the congregation....that's right, if you are male, you are a member of the St Albans Men's Group! Come join us for some conversation and fellowship.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday the 3rd November we will remember by name those members of our families whom we see no more and who rest, rejoicing, with God. There is a sign-up list on the display cases of Alban's Alcove in the Parish Hall. If you haven't already listed those whom you wish remembered, please add them by the morning of Wednesday 30th October.

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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

Weekly Church Services:

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

Church office hours: Fr. Bob is usually in M - F from 9 - noon.

Audrey's office hours are:
Mondays and Fridays from 9-noon and
Wednesdays from 1-4

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