



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church **October 12, 2018**

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Savannah Benton; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycocock; Laura Guest; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Ralph Ammerman; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; Eilijah; Pat; James Powers; Edward Leon Graham; Patsy; Jim Pair; Erin Middleton; Shawn Corcoran; The Walker Family; Courtney Hay

Please pray for our Vestry and Clergy:

Marty Atkinson; Libby Martin; Marvin Gray; Judy Terry; Stan Brassie; Bob Emmons; Nicole Richards; and Rev. Pat Merchant



St. Alban's Intercessory Prayer

Group - Every **Tuesday** morning at 11:00 a.m. you are invited to come and pray for the needs of our church, our people, our community and nation.

If you would like for us to pray for someone or something special, please fill out a prayer card, which is found on back of the pews. You can place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Bible Readings

Readings for This Week:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Readings for Next Week:

Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

In May, we put up a hummingbird feeder. Soon we had a guest. Since then this little bird lived with us eating liquid sugar like a horse. Sometimes two cups of sugar a week. It is small but fierce. I

read that it has to eat 33 times its weight everyday. Sometime in the last few weeks our guest left without saying "Good Bye".

Now we have new indoor guests. The stink bug looks a little like a turtle. It looks like a slow moving bug until it flies away from you. The cats believe the new guest has come for their entertainment. I have no idea what they eat. We usually invite them to continue their journey outside our home.

The medium size orange and black butterfly (Gulf Fritillary) is still here on the lantana bush. The creatures of nature let us see the changing of seasons.

I am humbled by their beauty and diversity. Grateful for their presence.

Lovepat

Bishop's Blurb

Foolishness

What we call power some call foolishness. Jesus' cross points back to the particular crucifixion of a particular man, and simultaneously points us forward through our pain, doubt and death into life. It's a paradox. An intense movie with a twist ending. None fully comprehend it, but it's true.

Putting ourselves at God's disposal for God's preferred future gives life to us and the world. That's why we're still talking about Jesus. God brings life out of death.

Just think about how frustrated death must be. Jesus' cross is God's flashing neon advertisement for power to reconcile, heal, restore, endure, forgive, release and transform.

God chooses the foolish things, the despised things, the weak things, the low things to confound the wise. Why? So any boasting we might do could exclusively be about God. So we would be protected from pride and arrogance and certain of the source of life (1 Corinthians 1:18-31).

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"Celebrations"

Happy Anniversary!

October 26 - Victoria & Taylor McDaniel

Happy Birthday!

October 13 - Gail Hammond
October 14 - Valerie Richards
October 24 - Pat Broach

"Announcements"

The Monroe Fall Festival is [this Saturday, October 13th](#), from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will be cooking and giving away hotdogs in the church parking lot



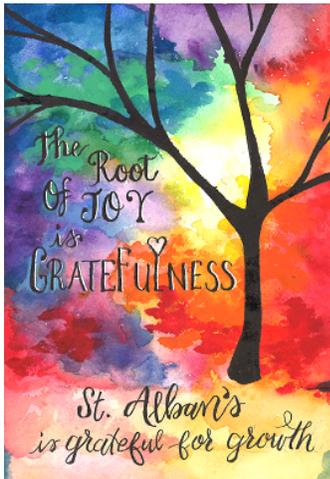
during the festival. We will also provide the annual hayride for all in attendance.

Cathedral Book Store at St. Alban's

Nora Robillard, from the Cathedral Book Store, will be here at St. Alban's [this Sunday, October 14th](#). She is bringing various books (including children's books), jewelry, holiday decorations, music, devotionals, and gift items for purchase. The items will be on sale after the worship service in the parish hall.

When Nora comes [this Sunday](#), Nora will need help bringing in her boxes and unpacking them. At the conclusion of her visit after church, she will need help packing her car to take what she doesn't sell home. Please help if you can.

The Cathedral Book Store is an independent book store that serves our Diocese. This visit is a rare chance to have them come to us on a [Sunday](#) morning. Please come and support them.



Our Stewardship season is underway. Letters were mailed this week to let you know what is happening. We will have a special speaker this and every [Sunday](#) during the campaign to share his/her witness of stewardship and love of Jesus.

On Sunday, November 11, St. Alban's will have a Gratitude Celebration Luncheon following the worship service. Roy and Mary Jane have made a very generous donation to cover expenses for this celebration. Many thanks to the Mallady's!

Riley Tucker drew the beautiful art work that is on our stewardship material. Riley's talent is truly a gift!

Church Breakfast

We have truly enjoyed the breakfasts which have been prepared for us in the past few months. Hopefully, enjoying breakfast together will continue on a monthly basis. If you are interested in preparing the breakfast one [Sunday](#), please sign the sheet provided in the Narthex.

We are once again participating in Operation [Christmas](#) Child, a project that provides shoeboxes filled with everyday items to needy children around the world.



As we enter this [Thanksgiving](#) season, what better way to express our thanks for the many blessings God has given us than to pass on some blessings to a child in need? For very little money and time, we can help a child by filling a shoebox with those things that we tend to take for granted.

Shoeboxes and lists of items needed are available in the Parish Hall. Please return all filled boxes by [Sunday, November 11th](#).

New Church Directory - If your picture is not in the directory and you would like for it to be or if you are new to St. Alban's, please send your picture to Shirley at saintalbansmonroe@windstream.net. You can also stop by the church office and drop off a picture or Shirley can take your picture with her phone. The directory will be printed hopefully within the next few weeks.

Vacation Notice - Shirley will be on vacation next week from [October 15th](#) through [October 19th](#). She will be back in the church office on [October 22nd](#).

Centering Prayer Workshop - Contemplative Outreach of Atlanta will offer an "Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop", hosted by Saint Anna's Catholic Church at 1401 Alcovy Street, Monroe, on Saturday, [October 20th](#), from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$35. A box lunch is \$10. You may register online under "Upcoming Programs" at <https://www.contemplativeoutreachatlanta.com/>. The series will introduce participants to the four simple steps of *Centering Prayer* and provide opportunities to practice the discipline in daily life. For more information, contact Tom Miller at [678-773-8656](tel:678-773-8656) or [770-267-6021](tel:770-267-6021) or centeringprayerstannasmonroega@gmail.com or Maggie Winfrey at [404-717-6815](tel:404-717-6815) or coatlantageorgia@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer is a simple method of prayer, rooted in ancient Christian tradition...."not so much the absence of thoughts as the detachment from them. It is the opening of mind and heart, body and emotions-the whole body-to God...beyond words, thoughts, and emotions."...Thomas Keating

Diocesan Acolyte Festival

The Diocese of Atlanta with support from the MEG Chapter of the Vergers' Guild will have an Acolyte Festival on [October 27th](#) at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. This event will include fun and engaging workshops and Acolyte Olympics: team building activities for acolytes of all ages. To register, go to www.episcopalatlanta.org; click the "Connecting News & Events" tab; scroll down to the Diocesan Acolyte Festival; click the registration tab.



Tai Chi Classes
Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.
Instructor - Bill Carter
\$2.00 per Class



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is every **Tuesday** afternoon at **1:30 p.m.** Please join Rev. Pat and an enthusiastic ladies group as the scripture is discussed using many references from the CEB Women's Bible.

October & November Parish Calendars 2018

Lay Liturgical Schedule Fourth Quarter 2018