



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church **October 26, 2018**

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Savannah Benton; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycocock; Laura Guest; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; Pat; James Powers; Edward Leon Graham; Patsy; Jim Pair; Erin Middleton; Shawn Corcoran; The Walker Family; Courtney Hay; Sally Howard; Steve Landcomer; Donna Hubbard; Family & Friends of Ed Almand

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 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Readings for Next Week:

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Pat's Message

Dearly Beloved,

Please, Please be part of these two special Sundays!

On [November 4th](#), we will celebrate All Saint's Sunday. Please remember to send the names of those whom have died that you wish for us to pray for by [October 31](#). In honoring our beloved family and friends who have passed away, we also celebrate the living by baptizing two young members. If you would like to be baptized, please notify me ASAP. And remember, [NOVEMBER 3rd](#) is the end of Daylight Saving Times. Set your clocks BACK an hour.

On [November 4th](#), the liturgy will begin with the service for Baptism. After the readings and the sermon, the Candidates for Baptism will come forward...or I should say backward. We will all turn around and face the baptismal font that is on the left as you enter the sanctuary. The font is placed inside the door, so that when we enter, we remember our baptism and we may use the water to cross ourselves throughout the year.

Please make RESERVATIONS NOW for our Fall Gathering to present our selves and our pledge for financial support of 2019. Please consider increasing your pledge as we have a big year coming up. In 2019, you will hire a called priest to come to Monroe and continue to mutually grow in God's Kingdom. We now have more children and youth present that need to be taught about Jesus. We will look at new ways to show our love and abundance to the community and the world.

As a celebration following worship on [November 11](#), the parish will enjoy a, delicious catered lunch and great fellowship with each other. There is no cost and we want everyone to come and share our bounty. Also, please remember that [November 11th](#) is the last day to return your filled [Christmas Boxes](#).

If you would like to help decorate a table or two on [November 11th](#), please let Shirley know.

Thanksgiving comes a little early this year. [December 2nd](#) is Advent 1. I truly love the Sundays that prepare us for the birth of the Christ Child.

Sam Knight has been urging different members of the choir to prepare special music for Advent and Christmas (or he may just play the ring tone on his phone!) We would love to have the children present a program on [Sunday, December 23](#), at our regular service. Please let Sam or myself know if you have an interest to help, to sing, to dance?

On [November 9th](#) at 3:30 PM, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, will be preaching at this year's Diocesan Council. This Eucharist will coincide with the Diocese of Atlanta's Annual Council Meeting being held at Holy Innocent's campus off the Riverside Drive exit in Atlanta. If you would like to attend, please notify me or Mallory as we have arranged for the van to carpool to the service. Following the service we could go to a local restaurant and enjoy dinner.

What great occasions we have to look forward to! Each time we join together to worship, to sing, and to play we are spiritually enriched.

I would like to thank Riley Tucker for hosting the choir at her home [last Sunday evening](#). We shared Potluck and following dinner moved outside to the fire pit to enjoy the warmth and s'mores. I am truly grateful for the commitment of our CHOIR to our worship.

As we approach Advent, we need lay readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and of course, Acolytes. Please consider being a participant in one of these roles.

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Bishop's Blurb

Activity

From jail, John hoped his work would continue. His work was to reach people religion left behind. Through his cell bars he asked his friends, "Is Jesus the Messiah, or should I keep waiting?" Pay

attention to how Jesus answered the question: "Tell John the blind receive sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, good news is brought to the poor." Jesus could've given any answer but he pointed to activity.

What is leadership anyway? Some think leadership is a special sauce: equal parts charisma, smarts and training. Jesus and John knew better: Leadership is activity, available to all. All.

Jesus and John were lay people. Neither had any formal authority. Neither was a bishop, priest or deacon. But, both knew the good news. Both did the good news.

You know the good news. Nothing more is necessary. Really! Now, do gospel activity.

"Celebrations"

Happy Anniversary!

October 26 - Victoria & Taylor McDaniel

"Announcements"



Our Stewardship season is underway. 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 catered Gratitude Celebration Luncheon following the worship service. **Please call for your luncheon reservation now - 770-267-2893.**

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



Please bring canned goods to the church to decorate the altar for Thanksgiving before **Friday, November 16th**. Please place the goods in the Chapel. We will take the food to FISH following the **November 18th** worship service. **Thank you!**

2018 Diocese Acolyte Festival has been cancelled due to a lack of Acolyte registration.

Remembering All Saints - If you have a loved one or a special person who passed away within the last year and would like to have him/her remembered on All Saints' Sunday, **November 4th**, please put his/her name(s) on the list provided in the Narthex.

Vestry Meeting - The next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday afternoon, [November 6](#), at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room and is open to anyone who would like to attend and observe. If you would like to address the Vestry, please contact Libby Martin, Stan Brassie, or Rev. Pat.

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.



Please return all filled
Christmas Child Shoeboxes
by [Sunday, November 11](#).

New Church Directory - This is the last call for pictures for our church directory. Please send your picture to saintalbanmonroe@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.



Daylight Savings Time ends [Sunday, November 4](#), at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed [Saturday](#) night.



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



FALL FESTIVAL 2018





Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is held 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](#)