



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church November 9, 2018

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Savannah Benton; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycocock; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; James Powers; Edward Leon Graham; Patsy; Jim Pair; The Walker Family; Courtney Hay; Steve Landcomer; Donna Hubbard; Family & Friends of Ed Almand; Rachel; Rhonda & Eric; Family & Friends of Alice Mary Simmons; Gail Hammond

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:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Readings for Next Week:

I Samuel 1:4-20
Canticle: The Song of Hannah (I Samuel 2:1-10)
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

Bishop's Blurb

Unchanged

The results are in, mostly. Some won, some lost. Some are elated, some feel deflated. You and I are still members of the American family. You and I are still neighbors. We make our way forward in

these politically-charged and divided times by finding the gaps in neighborliness and standing in them-by locating the breaches in our common life and repairing them. Election results can't bring the kingdom of God to earth. There is difference making, good work to do for the followers of Jesus all around. What persists, what is unchanged is Jesus' invitation to love and serve.

"Celebrations"

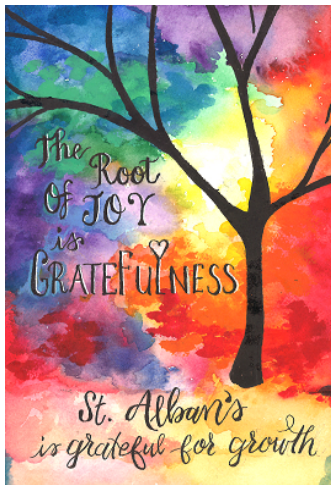
Happy Birthday!

November 11 - Victoria McDaniel

November 15 - Mary Herren

November 16 - Sydney Reid

"Announcements"



Stewardship

Our Stewardship Drive concludes [this Sunday, November 11](#). We will enjoy a Gratitude Celebration Luncheon following the worship service and we will bring forth our cards to be blessed as we prepare for a great 2019.

The pledge cards were mailed to everyone last week. If you did not receive a card, pledge cards are available on the round table in the Narthex.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity!



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!**

112th Annual Council's Holy Eucharist

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, will be guest preacher and speaker at the 112th Annual Diocese of Atlanta Council.

His Holy Eucharist sermon will be available via livestream at <https://connecting.episcopalatlanta.org/holy-eucharist-bishop-curry-live-stream-2018/> (just click the link); or <http://bit.ly/holyeucharist> and on the [Diocese of Atlanta's Facebook page](#) on [Friday, November 9](#) at 4:00 p.m. EST.



Please return all filled
Christmas Child Shoeboxes
by **Sunday, November 11.**

Altar Guild Meeting - The Altar Guild will meet [this Wednesday, November 14](#), at 1:00 p.m. at St. Alban's. We will be discussing Advent and [Christmas](#) with Pat and also the future of the Altar Guild. Lunch will be served.

Attention - Rev. Pat will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving, November 19th - 26th. The Rev. Claiborne Jones will be our guest priest on [Sunday, November 25](#).

The church office will be closed [Thursday, November 22](#), and [Friday, November 23](#), for [Thanksgiving](#).

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

St. Alban's is about to embark on an important journey. Over the next several months we will be transitioning to new clergy. Reverend Pat Merchant has announced her intent to retire. We wish her and Lou all the best in their retirement. We're grateful for all they have done for St. Alban's.

I'm pleased to announce the beginning of our search process. It's a time when all of us-together-will chart the future course for St. Alban's.

Your search committee includes:

Libby Martin
Mary Ann Lindsey
Roy Mallady
Carole Bond
Shawn Corcoran

and me, Chick Krautler, as the chair.

This is not a small undertaking; nor a short-term effort. Nor is it an effort that your search committee can accomplish on its own. We'll need input from every person in the congregation. Each of you will be asked to complete an on-line survey (paper copies will be available) and we'll have face-to-face meetings throughout the process to examine our aspirations for St Alban's.

On behalf of your search committee, we look forward to your support and prayers as we move through this very important process.

Sincerely,

Chick Krautler



St. Alban's [Christmas Party](#)
[Saturday, December 15, 2018](#)
6:00 p.m.
McDaniel-Tichenor House
319 McDaniel Street

Monroe, GA 30655

Please join us for our Annual **Christmas** Party. Meat, mixers, and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a festive side dish or dessert. Also, please sign the attendance sheet provided on the round table in the Narthex. *Childcare will be provided at the church.*

Directions: From the church, turn left on N. Broad St./GA-11; Turn right onto McDaniel Street.

VESTRY ELECTION 2019

At the end of 2018, two Vestry members, Marty Atkinson and Libby Martin, will rotate off the Vestry. We are asking for nominations of people to fill these two positions.

Qualifications are as follows:

- 1) Confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish.
- 2) Not less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3) Regular attendant upon the services in the year preceding election.
- 4) Known by the treasurer to have made and maintained a stated financial commitment for church support in the year preceding election.

Please submit your nominations in writing to one of the Vestry members or to the church office. Nomination forms are available on the round table in the Narthex. Please return forms by **January 1, 2019**. The election will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting in January.



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 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.

November & December Calendars 2018

Lay Liturgical Schedule Fourth Quarter 2018