



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church **November 16, 2018**

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Savannah Benton; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycock; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; James Powers; Edward Leon Graham; Jim Pair; Courtney Hay; Steve Landcomer; Donna Hubbard; Rachel; Rhonda; Eric; Family & Friends of Alice Mary Simmons; Gail Hammond; Lisa; Richard Emmons; Mrs. Valentine; Ron

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:

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

Readings for Next Week:

II Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-19
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

So much and so many thanksgivings. Thank you for your pledges, thank you for attending lunch, and many thanks to all who helped make this happen. Thank you to Roy Mallady for your campaign

leadership, thank you to our speakers, and thank you to Shirley and Riley Tucker for providing the Art work and the materials we used during our Stewardship Program.

This Sunday, November 18, we will honor and thank Carolyn Pickeral for her 13 years as Chair of the Altar Guild. The work of the Altar Guild is to provide and prepare the church every week for our worship. This involves setting up for Eucharist, ordering the elements (wine and bread), linens and all our needs depending on the time of year. On **December 2**, you will observe our Advent Wreath with the four candles for each week till **Christmas**. The Altar Guild also prepares and assists at Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals.

I am deeply grateful for the work and commitment of the women who serve this ministry. On **Sunday** morning, I never worry about being sure the church is ready for worship. This is a gift to all of us!

Please join me **this Sunday** morning to honor Carolyn Pickeral and all the devoted women on the Altar Guild.

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St. Alban's Altar Guild Members: Marian Sweeney, Carol Bond, Mary Anne Lindsey, Vida Broach, Jody Emmons, Pam McGarity, Sue Meredith, Riley Tucker, Lynn Laird, Judy Terry, Marty Atlinson, Pat Krautler, Judy Sanders, Mary Jane Mallady, Nancy Manley, Sara Thomas, and Fay Brassie is our creator of floral arrangements.

Bishop's Blurb

Loving is Seeing

"...when we say 'we challenge the world to love,' we begin where God begins. "For God so loved the world." Which implies God sees the world-sees her needs, her wounds and her promise and then responds. In other places we read that Jesus "seeing" various individuals and groups "loved them." So, to challenge the world we're going to have to get our gaze right. Any challenging of the world that we do in Jesus' name has to be based on seeing through the eyes of love. They are not the nameless faceless poor or hungry, they are siblings and somebody's child. They are not the nameless, faceless, vile political opposition, they are brothers and sisters with fears and concerns about the present and the future."

An excerpt from Bishop Wright's address to Council of Friday November 9th.

Looking Forward to Upcoming Events: Advent and Christmas

On **Dec 2**, we will have the honor of investing Riley Tucker as a new Verger. We have several visiting vergers from the Diocese to join us for worship and to support Riley. (Stay tune for very interesting information regarding the verger's ministry in next week's newsletter)

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday evening, **December 15**.

On **December 23**, we will have a **Christmas** Pageant at the morning service. Please Let Shirley, Pat or Sam know if you would like to participate.

*Please let Pat know if you would like to participate in a Secret Santa/Friend during Advent this year.

"Celebrations"

Happy Birthday!

November 16 - Sydney Reid
November 20 - Chris Sherlock
November 22 - Louis Young
November 24 - Savannah Hammond

"Announcements"

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](#).

Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Thank you for the great response to the "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox campaign. The boxes will be taken on Monday, [November 19th](#). If you would like to fill up a regular or plastic shoebox to send, just bring it to church on [Sunday](#).

Canned Goods - The altar will be decorated this Saturday, November 17th. If you haven't brought your items in yet, please do so before [tomorrow morning](#).

Pledge Cards - Thank you to everyone who presented your pledge card for blessing [last Sunday!](#) If you have not turned in your pledge card, please try to do so as soon as possible. For those bringing it with you on [Sunday](#), just drop it in the collection plate during the service. You can also mail the card to the church or drop it by the church office on a weekday. Additional pledge cards are available in the Narthex on the round table, if needed. Thank you!



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 St. Alban's Women's Bible Study will not meet this upcoming **Tuesday**, Nov. 20th, due to the **Thanksgiving** holiday. Please join Pat and this enthusiastic ladies group the following week as the holy scripture is discussed using many references from the CEB Women's Bible.

November & December Calendars 2018

Lay Liturgical Schedule Fourth Quarter 2018