



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church **November 2, 2018**

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Savannah Benton; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycok; Laura Guest; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; 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; 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:

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

Readings for Next Week:

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

Pat's Message

Dearly Beloved,

The weather seemed to reflect the **November 1** date, raining and dark. It is in stark contrast to the bright, long days of summer and early fall. It gives permission, even encouragement to go inside and read a good book with a cup of tea.

On [Sunday](#), we will celebrate All Saints' [Sunday](#), including Baptism. It is important to remember our responsibility for those who are young that we bring into our faith community. All Saints' reminds me of the people I love and the people who brought me to Jesus and the Christian Faith. It is a time we remember the past and look forward to the future.

I was in college when my mother called me to come home to attend a funeral. I remember driving through the rolling hills of Virginia with her. We arrived at a small church and soon were seated together in that intimate space. The opening hymn was familiar.. "For all the Saints, who from their labor rest." I immediately knew the tune and looked for the words. Several verses in, I happened to look at my mother and to my surprise she was crying. My mother rarely cried in front of her children. She reached into her purse and took out Kleenex to dry her eyes. We never talked about it going home. That vulnerable moment allowed me to see my mother's humanity and to love her more.

Please come on [Sunday](#) and let us together celebrate our common legacy and welcome the new saints of God into the wide arms of the fellowship of believers.

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Bishop's Blurb

Move!

God is faithful, so we respond in faith. God plays the tune, we choose to dance. Jesus said that with faith you can move a tree.

Faith is not only how we move; faith is how we move things. What have you moved by faith? Faith moved Sarah to a new city. Faith moved David to confront his giant. Faith moved Noah to build a yacht in the desert. Faith should move money from our accounts to those of others.

Faith is how we practice and proclaim that God is ultimate. God being ultimate, then everything else is subordinate! Everything. Everything can be moved by faith. Some use faith only as a private lucky rabbit's foot. That's too bad; faith is so much more!

Exercise your faith. Try to move something: an institution, a family, a heart. Do this and truly learn to pray: Lord, increase my faith.

This For Faith originally appeared on [October 4, 2013](#)

"Celebrations"

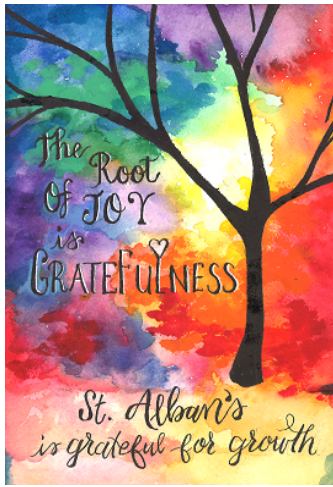
Happy Birthday!

**November 6 - Shawn Corcoran
November 6 - Jennifer Hammond**

"Announcements"

Stewardship

This [Sunday](#), Roy Mallady will speak during the service and share his witness of stewardship and love of Jesus. Next week you will receive a letter from Roy and an intention of your support card in the mail. On [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.

If not already, please call for your luncheon reservation to the office as soon as possible. 770-267-2893



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!**

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.

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.

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.**



Daylight Savings Time ends **this 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



Waiting for the Hayride!

Hotdogs for all!



Face Painting!



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