



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church January 18, 2019

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycock; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; Jim Pair; Richard Owings Emmons; Jackie Reddick; Charles Henson; Mary Jane; Bob Lindsey; Donna Hubbard; Karen McGraw; Jo Ann Powers; Wilmer L. & Willodean Smith

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:

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
I Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Readings for Next Week:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
I Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

Sunday...**this SUNDAY** IS THE ONCE A YEAR PARISH MEETING...PLEASE COME!
Yes, this is important. Why? We gather to review our ministries of the past year, report on our finances and look to the future. This year we will get a report from the Search Committee, meet the members of the Search Committee and the Vestry. We truly thank those retiring members who have served on the Vestry for three years.

Please make plans to be present. The more each of us is invested in the life and work of this congregation the more we will grow in our mutual respect and love for each other. This is necessary for us to be Jesus People.

The Vestry meets monthly to direct the business of the church, to keep the building and property working, to monitor the finances and to prayerfully consider the spiritual life of this congregation.

The choir meets every [Sunday](#) morning at 9 and practices the music for the day's worship and for future Sundays. St. Alban's is very blessed to have Sam Knight as our Organist and Music Director. He does a great job in selecting the special music and hymns for our worship services. In addition to his musical talents, Sam is a retired Episcopal Priest and served the Diocese of Michigan in Detroit.

Worship without music would be an absence of heart. It is music that passes through us and connects us with the Spirit of God. Melodies and words we know so well transport us to memories and insights. I am so grateful for Sam and our devoted choir.

The Altar Guild prepares the church for every service. They set up for communion, prepare the candles, care for the vestments and clean the linens. They work in teams and rotate the months they are to serve. When the Church Calendar changes, they change to colors for the seasons. This is a very hands-on and important ministry. I am deeply grateful for everyone on the Altar Guild, especially since the retirement of Carolyn Pickeral. Carolyn was the Chair of the Altar Guild for 13 years. The new chair is Marian Sweeney and Sue Meredith assisting.

We always need more participation. These ministries are a great way to build a stronger community and make new friends at St. Alban's. Why not join in?

I will see you on [Sunday](#) as we celebrate our life together.

Lovepat

Bishop's Blurb

January 18, 2019

Because of Dr. King...

"Some choose to be the forgetful community rather than the Beloved community. The forgetful community argues that if we keep a blind eye and choose mass amnesia, then in some distant future, that we have not worked for and do not deserve, all the brutality and blood of our past will simply evaporate, leaving a more polite narrative. They would rather expunge our history than process it. Spiritually like this is the equivalent of erasing Jesus' betrayal, beating and bloody death in favor of a sanitized Easter story. They would make Jesus a hologram holy man without nail holes.

But it's precisely His nail holes that give His command to forgive and to love enemy, rather than to shame enemy or be indifferent to enemy all of its persuasive power.

God is a genius! This is what it means to be the Beloved Community. Here is a word for oppressor and oppressed alike. Each week in our churches we come together to remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. All of it! We do this so we can hear and know and trust that pain and guilt and shame don't have to have the last word. That though we may be culpable, there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus. Though we have colluded with systems of oppression, "...where the Spirit is, now there is liberty." Whether victim or oppressor. This is the opportunity of [tonight](#). That remembering the past and then remembering God's ability to make gold out of garbage, we press on. So, enveloped in the durable beloved-ness that flows first from God and then from person to person The Beloved Community takes some risks together. We pledge to look and see together. And we pledge to allow what has been un-discussable now be discussed. This, the prophet Isaiah says, is the righteousness that God calls us to."

From Bishop Wright's sermon on Beloved Community

Looking Forward to Upcoming Events

January 20th, St. Alban's Annual Meeting for 2018

"Celebrations"

Happy Birthday!

January 22 - Vida Broach

"Announcements"



A N N U A L PARISH

Meeting

St. Alban's Annual Meeting for 2018 is [this Sunday, January 20th](#), immediately following the worship service. We will have a potluck lunch, then the short meeting. The financial report for 2018 and reports from all the Vestry members will be presented. We will also elect two new members to the 2019 Vestry.

The two people nominated by the current Vestry to serve a three year term (Libby Martin and Marty Atkinson are completing their terms) are Riley Tucker and Chick Krautler.

Charles (Chick) Krautler

Charles (Chick) Krautler, a lifelong Episcopalian, moved to the Georgia Club with his wife, Pat, in 2017. They transferred their letter to St. Alban's in 2018. A native of Maryland, the Krautlers raised their two children in Annapolis where they were active members of St. Margaret Episcopal Church. Chick served on the vestry and chaired a search committee. They relocated to Raleigh in 1994 and Atlanta in 2000. Chick was Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission. Pat was an elementary teacher and administrator. Both retired in 2011.

Riley Tucker

I am Riley Tucker. I have been a Walton County resident since 1972. I raised two sons, who married and blessed me with five grandchildren. I hold a Specialists Degree in Education Curriculum and Development as well as a Masters in Art Education K-12; UGA, Piedmont College and Middle Georgia College. I have served as a classroom teacher (kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, EIP, Focus and Art K-12) in the public school system here in Walton County for 32 years and retired in 2010. I was raised in the Methodist Church, then as a young wife I became a Baptist. Following my divorce, I visited several churches in Monroe, Social Circle and Madison. I finally attended St. Alban's with a friend in 2006 and 2007. I fell in love with the Episcopal Church and with the St. Alban's Parish. On [December 14, 2008](#), I was confirmed by Bishop Neil Alexander at the Cathedral of St. Phillip. I have previously served on the Vestry one full term. I currently am a member of the St. Alban's Choir and Altar Guild and serve as your Verger.

I would like to say how much I appreciate the friendships I have made while I have been here and look forward to helping this very special church move forward in any way I can.

Due to personal concerns, Judy Terry has recently resigned from the Vestry. She served loyally for 2 years, but has one year remaining. The Vestry asked, and June Reid accepted, to serve Judy's remaining one year term.

June Reid

June B. Reid is a Special Education teacher for students with intellectual disabilities at Loganville High School. Prior to becoming a teacher she was a Police Lieutenant for the Auburn University Police Department in Auburn, Al for 10 years. Her family is the most important thing in the world to her, she has two daughters, Sydney 17 and Gabriella 15. Her partner and she have been together for over 23 years. She was a state record holder in the shot put in high school and went on to college and competed for Auburn University as a shot put, discus, and javelin thrower on a full scholarship for athletics. She was a Girl Scout growing up and a Girl Scout leader for 10 years, she runs a special needs coffee shop at school, a special needs cheerleading squad, and is a sponsor for the Partnership for Success Club at Loganville High School. She is also the throwing coach for the track and field team. When she is not busy, she enjoys music, riding her motorcycle, and kickboxing. She was raised in the Episcopal Church in New York and baptized at the oldest Episcopal Church on Long Island, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, NY.

Special Vestry Committee Meeting - There will be a special meeting of the Vestry on **Tuesday, January 22**, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss committees.

SAVE OUR ADOLESCENTS FROM PROSTITUTION THE SOAP PROJECT

Saturday, January 26, 2019 - 9:30 am - 3:30 am
All Saints' Episcopal Church
634 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta's Commission on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) is a body of concerned lay and clergy representatives whose mission is to consolidate our efforts and provide resources and networking support to parishes who are working to end DMST.

DMST is a national problem; Atlanta is one of the top sex trafficking hubs in the United States. In Atlanta alone, the underground commercial sex economy is estimated to be worth approximately \$290 million a year, with traffickers making an average of \$33,000 per week.

On **Saturday, January 26, 2019** from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, the Commission invites you and representative from all 114 worshipping communities in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta to participate in SOAP UP Atlanta, an educational and interactive service event. We will learn from the founder of S.O.A.P., Theresa Flores, who will share her personal experience of being trafficked at age 15. We will prepare to distribute the soap we label (with the National Trafficking Hotline) to the hotels surrounding the Mercedes Benz stadium. We will do this work just before Super Bowl 2019 is hosted in Atlanta; sex trafficking is known to increase around such large events.

Please register to attend: <https://tinyurl.com/supersoap2018>

We are asking for 2 to 3 people from each congregation to participate.

Please choose from the following:

1. Parish to donate \$150 to help pay for soap and expenses.
2. Label soap and prepare educational folders.
3. Deliver soap and materials to hotels.
4. Participate in all of the above.

Donations Welcome - Please make donations payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, Memo: DMST Commission SOAP UP Atlanta; 2744 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. Donations may also be made online through the registration website.



Tai Chi Classes

Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.

Instructor - Bill Carter

\$2.00 per Class

**Please Note: There will be no class
on **Thursday, January 31.****



Women's Bible Study

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

January & February 2019 Calendars

Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019