



# The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church February 1, 2019

## In Our Prayers

### Please pray for:

Edwina Johnson (Cancer); Eddie Farmer (Cancer); Don Lester (Cancer); Richard Owings Emmons (Open Heart Surgery); Charles Henson; Mary Jane (Vision); Donna Hubbard; Karen McGraw (Cancer); Jo Ann Powers (Surgery); Wilmer L. & Willodean Smith; Jackie Rolison; George; Dean (Cancer) & his wife, Mary Ann; Family & Friends of Kevin Denton

### Please pray for our Vestry and Clergy:

Marvin Gray; Stan Brassie; Bob Emmons; Nicole Richards; Chick Krautler; Riley Tucker; June Reid; 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:

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
I Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

### Readings for Next Week:

Isaiah 6:1-13  
Psalm 138  
I Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

## Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

Recently, I have considered becoming a hermit. I would have to be a hermit with a telephone, which defeats the meaning of hermit. Too much chaos for me; the Super Bowl Mania, no snow in Ga- Votex freeze in the north, shut down worries, and the usual daily onslaught of people in media talking too loud.

At home, I enjoy our three cats, dogs and plants and flowers. I bought some bulbs in December which I have been growing in the dishes with rocks and shells, and they are all blossoming-with a beautiful smell. Making soup, stew and bread fill the house with warmth and smells.

In the passage from Corinthians 12, we are told about being different parts of the body. Together we are all one body. The ear hears, the nose smells, and the our feet walk.

We need more. Especially, we need the joy of younger people. I am thrilled to tell you that Dylan Walker has been hired to be employed part time as our Children and Youth Minister. He will work up to 20 hours a week. In February, he will be getting to know the children and youth who are here. Dylan and I will meet weekly to plan for [SundaySchool](#) and other church events. Please introduce yourself and get to know each other.

### **MOST IMPORTANT: PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE THE HOLY COW SURVEY!**

Remember this is a critical part of our search process for a new rector-it will assist us in providing a picture of the parish's needs and ideas for a new rector.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StAlbansMonroe>

Lovepat

## **Bishop's Blurb**

### **Today**

First, they were amazed at Jesus' "gracious words." A few verses later, they wanted to "hurl him over a cliff." What happened? Jesus started off preaching, but he got-to-meddling! Here's what he said:  
1) The message and messengers of God are only welcome when they tell us what we already believe.  
2) God does not honor the geographical, ethnic and religious boundaries create (The God of Israel blessed a woman from Lebanon and a soldier from Syria).  
3) God will not be an instrument of nationalism or claims to exceptionalism by any group. Funny, saying those same things **today** will still get you in trouble. [Luke 4:21-30](#)

## **Looking Forward to Upcoming Events**

**March 5 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 5:30 p.m.**

**March 6 - Ash Wednesday Worship Service - 6:00 p.m.**

## **"Celebrations"**

***Happy Birthday!***

February 9 - Roy Mallady

## **"Announcements"**

### **ST. ALBAN'S HAS A NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR!**

Hi, my name is Dylan Walker and I'm coming to St. Alban's to begin working as the new Youth Director. I'm originally from Clarkesville, Georgia, and recently moved to Athens from Johnson City, Tennessee, where I was a student at East Tennessee State University. Currently, I am attending Athens Technical College studying welding technology. I truly love working with kids and have spent much of my time throughout high-school working within youth

programs in the Diocese of Atlanta, as well as counseling at Camp Mikell. I greatly look forward to cultivating a youth environment and youth programs here at St. Alban's. It is my hopes to create a space within the parish where kids can enjoy their time coming to church while learning about the Bible and Christian faith.

**Holy Cow Survey (CAT)** - Everyone should have received information about the survey, assessing the needs for our new priest search. If you did not receive the link in an email, the website is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StAlbansMonroe>

Just click on the above website link and do the survey. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete.

If you do not wish to do the survey on a computer, printed copies are available on the round table in the Narthex or in the church office.

**We would appreciate all responses by February 8.**

Questions? - Contact Chick Krautler, [404-376-5503](tel:404-376-5503) or [krautler2442gmail.com](mailto:krautler2442gmail.com).



**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 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 Parish Calendars 2019](#)**

**[Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019](#)**