



# The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church February 8, 2019

## In Our Prayers

### Please pray for:

Edwina Johnson (Cancer); Eddie Farmer; Don Lester (Cancer); Richard Owings Emmons (Open Heart Surgery); Charles Henson; Mary Jane (Vision); Donna Hubbard; Karen McGraw (Cancer); 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:

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

### Readings for Next Week:

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
I Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

## Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

This warm day reminds me of April and May. One daffodil stands happily waving in the [sun](#). It has me thinking about the future. The future at St. Alban's is being mapped and studied by our leadership right now. It is so important to fill out the Holy Cow document so that we have as many members' input as possible. On [Sunday](#), we will have computers set up and paper copies of the document, if you prefer. Please come and fill it out if you haven't already.

We are focused not just on a priest, but on the personality and focus of the years ahead. Would you like to see St. Alban's be a center for music, for young people to gather and have fun in a safe environment, a place to come to several different kinds of worship, an art center, an outreach center, or an Episcopal School?

What kind of Adult Christian Education would you like? How about a daily lunch served out of our kitchen to draw people to get to know us. In one Parish I served, every year we had an Art Show with artwork from local artists. The artists would sell their work and a portion of their profits would go to Christian Outreach. It was a fun evening with lots of food and wine, socializing and folks buying art.

It is up to each of us to support our new venture. Please participate and encourage each other to do so.

Lovepat

## Bishop's Blurp

### Deep

"Leave the shallows and go to the deep," Jesus told his friends. The big fish are out there in the deep. This was a life teaching not just fishing. Out in the deep is abundance and wisdom and love and healing and peace. Some people don't catch these things because they simply refuse to go deep. Deep water is where the increase is. Deep water takes faith. Deep water is a risk. Focus of mind and heart are needed. The visibility in deep water is next to nothing. You've got to trust the words and directions of others who have passed through deep water to make it there. Jesus wants us to go deep to know his trustworthiness deeply.

Luke 5:1-11

## Looking Forward to Upcoming Events

**February 17** - Church Breakfast - 9:15 a.m.  
**March 5** - Shrove **Tuesday** Pancake Supper - 5:30 p.m.  
**March 6** - Ash **Wednesday** Worship Service - 6:00 p.m.  
**March 12** - Lenten Supper & Program - 6:00 p.m.  
**March 19** - Lenten Supper & Program - 6:00 p.m.  
**March 26** - Lenten Supper & Program - 6:00 p.m.  
**April 2** - Lenten Supper & Program - 6:00 p.m.  
**April 9** - Lenten Supper & Program - 6:00 p.m.

## "Celebrations"

### *Happy Birthday!*

February 9 - Roy Mallady

## "Announcements"

**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.

**This Sunday, February 10, computers will be available to use to do the survey. Also, printed copies will be available for you to fill out on Sunday.**

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

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**ALTAR GUILD** - There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on **Saturday, February 23**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall with lunch to follow. Everyone is urged to attend for discussion and input about where we have been and where we would like to see our organization go. Please notify Marian Sweeney about your plans to attend or not ([770-634-1130](tel:770-634-1130) or [sweenm22@yahoo.com](mailto:sweenm22@yahoo.com)).

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## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Please plan to join us on **Shrove Tuesday, March 5th**, for our Annual Pancake Supper, from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, 5 tickets for \$20.00. Children under 12 eat free! Invite your friends! Tickets available soon.

If you can possibly help with set-up, cooking or clean-up, please be here at 4:00 p.m.

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## **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** **Wednesday, March 6, 2019** **6:00 p.m.**

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## **LENTEN SUPPER & PROGRAM** **Tuesdays** **March 12 through April 9** **6:00 p.m.**

Join us every **Tuesday** evening during Lent for a soup and sandwich supper and a program. We will have a different special guest speaker every week:

- March 12** - Nancy Baxter (Spiritually Healthy Aging)
- March 19** - Sam Roberson, Esq., Atkinson Ferguson LLC  
(General Information Regarding Wills and Power of Attorney Documents)
- March 26** - Sarah Carson, Worked with the Alzheimer's Association for 13 years, Medical Social Worker  
(She will bring material about Dementia & Alzheimer's and will answer questions.)
- April 2** - Maury Adcock (Edward Jones -Preparing for Retirement)
- April 9** - Rev. Pat Merchant (Funeral Planning)

Please volunteer to help provide the Lenten Suppers by signing up on the sheet provided in the Narthex.

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**Tai Chi Classes**  
**Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Instructor - Bill Carter**  
**\$2.00 per Class**

## Community Mid-Week Lenten Worship and Lunch

This year's Mid-Week Lenten Worship and Lunch schedule is as follows:

**March 13th**- First Presbyterian Church  
**March 20th**- St. Anna's Catholic Church  
**March 27th**- First United Methodist Church  
**April 3rd**- The Praise Center  
**April 10th**- First Baptist Church

All services will begin at 12 noon with a complimentary lunch to follow. Please make plans to attend and support Monroe Area Ministerial Association which provides a multitude of benefits to F.I.S.H.



## 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.

## February & March Calendars 2019

## Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019