



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church February 15, 2019

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Edwina Johnson (Cancer); Eddie Farmer; Don Lester (Cancer); Richard Owings Emmons (Open Heart Surgery); Mary Jane (Vision); Karen McGraw (Cancer) Wilmer L. & Willodean Smith; Jackie Rolison; George; Dean (Cancer) & his wife, Mary Ann; Family & Friends of Kevin Denton; Joel Raymond Malonga; Janet Morris (Cancer); Hoan Vu (Stroke) & His Family

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

Readings for Next Week:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42
I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

The refrigerator in our kitchen is covered with pictures and magnets collected over the years. It is chaotic, funny and very sentimental. I often put ideas or thoughts I want to remember where my eye contact meets the space. One of my favorites is "never put a period, where God puts a comma."

Some people put sticky notes on the bathroom mirror. We all have ways to remind ourselves. One saying on the refrigerator has moved with me for over 30 years.

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU,
NOTHING CAUSE YOU TO FEAR.

ALL THINGS PASS AWAY
GOD REMAINS EVER THE SAME.

PATIENCE GAINS EVERYTHING,
WHOEVER HAS GOD, NEED NOTHING ELSE.
GOD ALONE IS SUFFICIENT.

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

This centers me and calms my anxiety. Maybe it could help you too? On your refrigerator or bathroom mirror?

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Announcements from Pat

[Sunday, March 17](#), St. Parick's Day - Potluck and Limerick Celebration
Please bring your favorite Irish dish or your favorite green dish.

Do you like Limericks? They are meant to be funny, rude or silly. The Limerick has 5 lines. The first, second and fifth lines rhyme. The third and fourth lines rhyme. Children and adults all may participate. (If you want many more definitions, I suggest Google.)

Sometimes art work accompanies a Limerick...who knows. Use your imagination!

There once was a preacher named Pat,
Whose home had a dog and three cats.
While covered with fur
She would quickly demur
Well, at least our home has no Rats.

See what you can do. How about: There once was a church in Monroe,
or there Once was a church named St. Alban's?

Bishop's Blurb

Level

Standing on a "level" piece of ground, maybe Jesus thought about how God levels things. You remember, "...hills and mountains will be brought down and valleys will be brought up." God chooses to be a God that brings things to a level. So Jesus said, "the hungry will be filled and the defamed will be honored." Some are consoled by wealth now but ultimately the poor will be dinner guests at God's eternal lavish banquet. The point? The leveling love of God moves like a glacier but nevertheless is eradicating the crippling effects of excess and lack.

Luke 6:17-26

Youth News

To Parents and Grandparents of St. Alban's,

It had been my plan to begin [Sunday](#) school for children and teenagers on [Sunday](#) the 17th, however it seems that it is most convenient to begin the following week on the 24th. My plan is that I will lead children's [Sunday](#) school beginning at 9:30 before the service and have them brought in during the peace to join the congregation for the remainder of Eucharist. For Teens, I plan on having a separate time immediately following the service during coffee hour. Those of you who know children or teens who would

like to be involved in my programming are encouraged to invite them as I look forward to growing the Youth Community in our parish. Feel free to contact me with any questions at dwalk1459@gmail.com or 706-968-7346.

Dylan Walker
Youth Director

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 20 - Anna Grace McGarity
February 20 - Gabriella Reid

"Announcements"

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).

DIAPER DRIVE - The Outreach Committee in conjunction with F.I.S.H. is having a "Diaper Drive" to collect infant and adult diapers and wipes for F.I.S.H. recipients. Place the diapers on the table in the Parish Hall by Sunday, [March 3rd](#), and the Outreach Committee will deliver them. Thank you!

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! Buy your tickets [this Sunday](#) during coffee hour.

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

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

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.



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 Parish Calendars 2019

Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019