



# The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church **February 21, 2019**

## In Our Prayers

### Please pray for:

Edwina Johnson (Cancer); Eddie Farmer; Don Lester (Cancer); 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:

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

### Readings for Next Week:

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
II Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-43a

## Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

New beginnings for St Alban's!

**Yesterday**, Dylan Walker, our Children's and Youth Director along with Riley Tucker, our Senior Warden (aka...verger, artist, choir member) emptied Room 102 and painted a section as a blackboard. Dylan will

lead the youth [Sunday](#) School in this room following worship service each week. Have any nice sofas or loveseats you would like to donate? Come and see...

We are setting a time for the Search Committee and Vestry to receive feedback from "The Holy Cow" analysis, the questionnaire you filled out in the last weeks. More to come from the Search Committee in the near future.

Mallory Sanders, along with the building and grounds committee, have installed a new sound system in the nave. They are fine tuning the speakers in order to improve the audio quality of the service. Let us know if you can hear better [this Sunday](#).

The Pancake Supper and Ash [Wednesday](#) Service are coming up soon. I hope you put them on your calendar to attend. The [Tuesday](#) Lenten Programs will follow.

Easter is very late this year, [April 21st](#), as I'm sure you are aware!

Much to be grateful for.

Lift up your hearts!

Lovepat

## Youth News

Sunday school for children and teenagers starts [this Sunday, February 24](#).

Children's [Sunday](#) school begins at 9:30 before the worship service. The children will be brought into the worship service during the Peace to join the congregation for the remainder of Eucharist.

The teens will meet immediately following the worship service during coffee hour.

Any questions, please contact Dylan Walker, Youth Director, at [706-968-7346](tel:706-968-7346) or [ordwalk1459@gmail.com](mailto:ordwalk1459@gmail.com).

## 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.

**March 12** - Lenten Supper & Program - 6:00 p.m.

**March 17** - St. Patrick's Day Potluck & Limerick Celebration - 11:00 a.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 26](#) - Chick Krautler

## "Announcements"

**ALTAR GUILD** - There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild [this Saturday, February 23](#), at 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall with lunch to follow. All guild members are urged to attend for discussion and input about where we have

been and where we would like to see this ministry proceed. Please notify Marian Sweeney about your plans to attend or not ([770-634-1130 orsweenm22@yahoo.com](mailto:orsweenm22@yahoo.com)).

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**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!

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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! Buy your tickets from Marvin Gray [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.

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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** - The Rev. Nancy Baker, Founder & Superior, Society of St. Anna the Prophet (an Episcopal religious order for women over 50). Nancy will speak on "Godly Aging."

**March 19** - Sam Roberson, Esq., Atkinson Ferguson LLC  
General Information Regarding Wills and Power of Attorney Documents.

**March 26** - Sara Carson, Medical Social Worker, member of the Alzheimer's Association. Sara will be speaking about Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

**April 2** - Maury Adcock, Edward Jones Investments. Maury will discuss how we can make our money last through retirement.

**April 9** - Rev. Pat Merchant - Pat will help you prepare your wishes for your funeral. Time will be provided for questions & reflections on dying and death.

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

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**Vestry Meeting** - The next Vestry Meeting is Monday afternoon, [March 11](#), at 5:30 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 Riley Tucker, Bob Emmons, or Rev. Pat.

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**St. Patrick's Day Potluck & Limerick Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Following the worship service on Sunday morning, [March 17th](#), we will have a potluck lunch and Limerick celebration. Please bring your favorite Irish dish or green dish. Please sign the sheet provided on the round table in the Narthex.

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. Sometimes artwork accompanies a Limerick. Use your imagination! See what you can do. Children and adults all may participate.

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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 Parish Calendars 2019**

**Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019**