



# The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church February 28, 2019

## In Our Prayers

### Please pray for:

Edwina Johnson (Cancer); Eddie Farmer; Don Lester (Cancer); Karen McGraw (Cancer); Dean (Cancer) & his wife, Mary Ann; Joel Raymond Malonga; Janet Morris (Cancer); Hoan Vu (Stroke) & His Family; Christian (Depression/Anxiety); Ashley (Depression/Anxiety); Angela (Fracture in Back)

### 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:

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

### Readings for Next Week:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

## Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

Lou and I are off to see friends in San Francisco. Three of us became friends at Virginia Seminary in the early seventies. Over the years, we have remained in touch along with our spouses. There are few things as precious as the friends that we have over our lifetime. The conversation flows with trust and humor. I am really looking forward to being together.

I beg you to consider attending the Ash Wednesday Service on [March 6](#), at 6:00 PM. Only once a year, we come before God and recognize our lives as ending in death. We are reminded of the fragility of life and the shortness of time. We acknowledge our neediness of God and we claim the ways we fall short of Jesus' love and expectations of us.

Make a leap of faith into all the promises of our redemption!

Life up your hearts!

Lovepat

## Youth News

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!*

[March 3](#) - Charles Henson

[March 4](#) - Michael McGarity

[March 4](#) - Ron Mullis

[March 8](#) - John Robert Hammond

[March 9](#) - Sara Thomas

## "Announcements"

**Guest Priest** - We welcome The Rev. Christopher Starr as our guest priest [this Sunday](#), March 3. Rev. Pat is visiting San Francisco and will return on Ash [Wednesday, March 6](#).

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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 along with wipes for F.I.S.H. recipients. Place diapers, etc. on the table in the Parish Hall by Sunday, [March 3rd](#). The Outreach Committee will deliver them next week. Thank you!

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**Parish Workday**- The Building and Grounds Committee is planning workdays in order to spruce up our facilities as Easter approaches. Friday, [March 8th](#), and Saturday, [March 9th](#), have been

designated as the initial days to re-bed the shrubbery beds and plant Springtime color. A volunteer has graciously offered to operate his small tractor with a front end loader in order to spread the pecan shells we have been using for mulch. Please contact Marvin Gray to volunteer for a couple of hours on one or two days.

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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.

**March & April Parish Calendars 2019**

**Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019**