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Pentecost Sunday Drive-Through

Pentecost Drive-Through Celebration

The Episcopal churches of Warren County celebrated Pentecost together with a drive-through event in the Holy Trinity parking lot on the evening of May 31. St. Alban's own Lance Stewart played guitar with Lee Abraham, while clergy provided blessings, and treat bags were handed out. Participants received red velvet cupcakes, bubbles, and a booklet of Pentecost prayers and reflections on the Holy Spirit. Despite distancing precautions, a festive, Spirit-filled mood permeated the evening!





Church Reopens for “Hybrid” Worship



After having online only worship for twelve weeks, St. Alban’s reopened for what we’re calling “hybrid” worship on June 7, Trinity Sunday. Hybrid worship gives everyone the choice of joining in-person or virtually depending on their comfort level.

We started by offering three in-person worship services each Sunday, but now have scaled back to two: Rite I at 8:30 am and Rite II at 9:45 am. We have implemented several virus mitigation strategies, including physical distancing, mask wearing, limiting services to 20 people, having each service in a different space, and using disposable bulletins instead of prayer books. We are also taking a deliberate break from offering music through July while we figure out how to safely offer music in the fall.

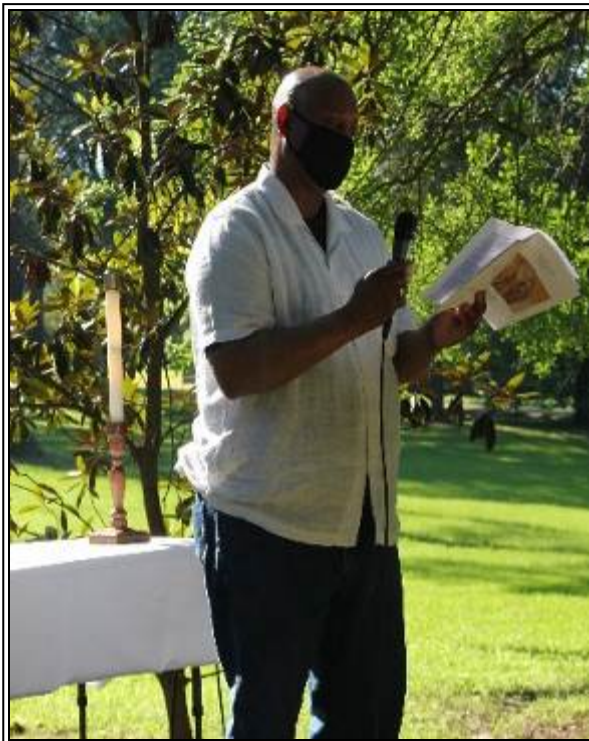
In order to meet the needs of those who are continuing to stay home, we are continuing to livestream the Sunday 9:45 am service on the church’s Facebook page.

Over the past month, we have made significant improvements to the sound and picture quality thanks to a newly assembled “tech team.” We are also training people to operate the livestreaming camera so that we can continue to offer services virtually on Sunday and on Wednesday evening.

As with everything related to this virus, we can expect that we will need to continue to adapt our worship schedule as we move forward. Thank you to everyone for your flexibility while we adjust to new ways of being the church!



Hybrid Services Held in Outdoor Chapel





PEACENIK

By Dawn Rickard

The 1960's were a tumultuous time, just as our current days are. They differed from today, of course, but in the sense that they tested us as a nation, they were very similar. I grew up mostly in that decade and because I was a little girl, I didn't know or understand a lot of the underlying turmoil that was defining the fears many adults must have experienced. There was war, racial tension, tension between the young adults and older adults.

Much of the music of the 1960's and early 1970's expressed a longing for peace and a greater love for our fellow humans. The music is how I gauged much of life and I loved the message of the "Flower Children" as they were called. They differed from the "hippies" because their message was about peace and they didn't use drugs. They didn't believe in putting unnatural substances in their bodies. What attracted me to the Flower Children was their desire to make the world a place of peace.

Somehow, even in those times, I found solace in my faith. Even though I was a child, I often talked to God, either in my writings or when I had time alone to speak to Him aloud. My two older brothers would sometimes tease me and call me a "Peacenik" because I got upset when they argued or fought with one another. I never understood, though, why people can't just get along with one another.

I have always loved the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin with Me." Naively, I wanted to believe I could somehow be a catalyst for peace. Perhaps I could help spread the message of Jesus. That desire within me has never diminished. It seems to grow stronger, in fact, and more urgent.

Lately with reports of violence and racial tensions even amid the global pandemic, another old song came out of nowhere and started playing in my heart. It seems so relevant today, just as it did back then. Jackie DeShannon sang several songs of love for each other, but this one is so honest about what we really need. "What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of." It's a simple, yet appropriate tune.

I still believe we can be, in fact are, catalysts for peace and the face of Jesus for people of the world who are hurting or struggling. As stated previously, this Church, this Body of Christ, is the Godliest group of people I've ever known. The people of St. Alban's have amazed me in the overall sense of mercy and hospitality that this church exemplified.

It seems that I've come full circle since those feelings of my childhood. Perhaps I've finally become that "Flower Child" I always wanted to be and joined the group that truly can be a catalyst for peace among mankind.

Josie's Journal

Attitudes Are Contagious. Is yours worth catching?



I had this quote on my bulletin board in my ninth-grade classroom. I wanted to model for my students the positive behavior that would make learning enjoyable. I used the “magic words” please and thank you and waited until they were added before responding .

I believed that being polite can encourage politeness. It is important to treat each other as Jesus treated the poor, lonely, and destitute. Of course I could not mention God in the classroom but I could model Christ like behavior.

Recently, I substituted for a sixth-grade class whose teacher was on maternity leave. The students asked, “why don’t you make us say grace before we eat breakfast or lunch?” I replied that “Do what you do at home before meals.”

I explained to them that they were about to become junior high students and would have more responsibilities. When the noise level was too loud, I stopped teaching. They learned to control the noise level without me trying to talk over them to tell them to be quiet.

When we went to the cafeteria, I instructed them to say “Good Morning” and “may I have this please (for the item they wanted) ?” and “thank you” once they had received the item. The staff said “You must be a sub because this class has not said please or thank you since school started. I wanted to encourage them to act as I knew they could. I expected them to be respectful and they were.

Jesus has set the example for us and all we have to do is follow. We can disagree without being disagreeable. We can correct each other with love. If love is not present nothing is going to happen.

Peace,

Josie

Rev. Elisabeth's Epistle

As I celebrate one year among you, I can't help but think about what a year it's been! When we first gathered for worship together on July 7, 2019, I used the image of a road trip in my sermon, and, trying to be humorous, talked about the fact that we might experience some bumps along the way as we started this brand new road trip of our ministry together. Little did I know that we were in for a major off-road adventure in the form of a global pandemic!

There have been no maps for where we have needed to go, no guidebooks, no travelers who have been there before and can give us advice. We, like everyone else, have been charting a new way as we figure out what it means to be church when so many of the ways we normally gather are off-limits. I will be the first to admit I have felt lost at times. I have missed the well-known road of worshiping all together in our church with singing and hugs and food for everyone.

But reading back over my sermon from a year ago, before I had any idea about the detour to come, I realized how much holds up as we chart this new course together. A year ago, as we started our adventure together, I asserted that Jesus would meet us wherever we were going-- indeed that Scripture reassures us that Jesus is always going ahead of us. And this has in fact been my experience: even as we have had to worship in new ways, Jesus has met us there. Wherever two or three are gathered, online or at the outdoor chapel, in a Zoom meeting room or on Facebook, Jesus has been there.

Last year, I also talked about how to *be the church*, we would have to work together, how it would take all of us. I am even more convinced of that now than ever. In order to stay connected to each other, and in order to serve the world in Christ's name, it takes every single one of us. And while I am proud and humbled to be your priest, what makes my heart sing is when I hear about all the ways you are busy being the church in the world. Because ultimately, our church is not a building. Our church is each of us, living out our baptismal covenant. So buckle up and let's get ready for the next leg of our journey together!

July Birthdays

1 William Aspinall III	12 Harrison Savant	25 Kelsey Artman Hankins
2 Judah Nieto	13 Lauren Guynes	Rebecca Drake
3 Rudy Nieto	Andy Hall	Sunny Faith Duett
John Segrest	14 Betty Biedenharn	28 Lynn Gerhardt
Charles Selby	Gene Warren	29 Easy Biedenharn
4 Kristi Hall	17 Jack Savant	Jackson Monti
Bill Hubbard	18 Elisabeth Malphurs	Andrew Cooper
John Frey	20 Alicia Arseneau	Dexter Russell
5 Harris Southall	22 Dalton Thames	30 Carroll Sojourner
6 Allen Kitchens, Jr.	23 Ron White	31 Remy Lauritzen
7 Dodi Pritchard	Tripp Curtis	Rous Lauritzen
9 Suzanne Artman	24 Allen Kitchens	
10 Joel Langford	Richard Massey	

July Anniversaries

5 James & Rebecca Drake	10 Richard & Margo Massey	26 John & Ann Tompkins
9 Theo & Josie Williams	13 Jeff & Suzanne Artman	

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

Ann & Jimmy Jones	Dan & Mary Carleton	Linda McCool
Anna Fuller	David Wright	Mark Herrington
Ava Ahner	Diane Bailey	Nancy Whitten
Barb Davis	Earline Dantin	Nita Tassin
Barbara Ramsay	Eugene Quarles	Norma Jones
Beau Tucker	Evan Reese	Patty Encinas
Bertha Kolb	Glenda Ferguson	Peggy Bowie
Betty Biedenharn	Jackie Pyles	Peter Meyers
Bobbie Carlisle	Jackson Monti	Rachelle Ferris
Brandi Tony	Jeff Colvin	Sara Wilkerson
Cathy	Jennifer Harper	Sarah Rickard
Charley Chesnutt	Jim Dantin	Scott
Charlie Brantley & Family	Jimmy Bingham	Sheila Rosser
Charlie Lutz	Jimmy P.	Steve Webster
Cooper Jamison	Joan Leese	Wilma Mitchell
Cynthia Strawn	Laurie Jones	
Dalton Glatt	Lee Davis Thames	

For the Departed: Valorie Kennedy, George "Don" Whittenberg, Tre'vion Gray, Carl Black, Evan Hixson, Norbert Ayeebo

COVID-19 Schedule

Please call the office if you need help with Zoom

Monday — Friday

Morning Prayer, 8:00 a.m.

Livestreamed on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansBovina/>

Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I, Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Nave, 9:45 a.m., Livestreamed on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansBovina/>

*Please RSVP for services here: <https://reopen.church/r/hpRZD960>

Sunday School is taking a break for the summer.

Tuesday

Bibles & More, Starting “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” on July 7.

Social time starts at 6:00 p.m. Group from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (on Zoom).

Wednesday

Spiritual 12 Steps Group, 7:30-8:30 a.m. (on Zoom).

Holy Eucharist Rite II with Prayers for Healing, 6:00 pm. Livestreamed

on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansBovina/>

Thursday

Ultreya, 12:00-1:00 p.m. (on Zoom).

Server Schedule

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
8:30 a.m. Service				
LWL	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith
Readers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers/Greeters	Penny Freund	Tommy Skinner	Dawn Rickard	Penny Freund
9:45 a.m. Service				
LWL	Harvey Smith	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Theo Williams
Readers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers/Greeters	Wanda Warren	Dale Gibson	Richard Price	Michael Southall
Wednesday Service	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner