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Pentecost ~ Come Holy Spirit, Come

The Dove Kite Symbolizing the Holy Spirit

On Sunday, June 5th, St. Alban's Church celebrated *The Feast of Pentecost* with regularly scheduled morning services followed by a late afternoon cookout. During the 11 o'clock processional, the Dove Kite took flight when Andrew slowly streamed the kite down the aisle with great expertise. The kite features a dove symbolizing the "Presence of God." Following the service, Taylor and Fore enjoyed learning to fly the kite.

The Dove Kite was a gift to the church from Rev. Billie Abraham after she became rector of St. Alban's in 2008. When asked about the history of the kite she recalled, "I first saw the Dove Kite around 2001 when I attended the *Feast Days of Pentecost* at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The vision of the Dove gliding through the air sent chill bumps up and down my spine. I knew I wanted to make sure my future church community would be exposed to the same thrill." Billie ordered the kite after she entered seminary and used it in the chapel. The kite is now in its permanent home at St. Alban's and loved by all.



The Dove represents the Holy Spirit that descended "like a dove" and hovered over Jesus when He was baptized. Symbol of peace.



June 5th—Feast of Pentecost Celebration

On June 5th, church members, family and friends gathered late afternoon on the grounds of St. Alban's Church to celebrate the *Feast of Pentecost*, a liturgical day that falls on the 7th Sunday after Easter. Pentecost commemorates two Biblical events—the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Birth of the Church.

Episcopal Churches in Warren County were invited to join in the celebrations. Highlights of the event were: The Garden Farmacy exhibiting fruits and vegetables for sale; kite-making for children led by Jennifer Normand; tours of St. Alban's historic church and cemetery; hamburger picnic with Chef David May at the grill; a sing-a-long led by Lance Stewart and lastly the lighting of the bonfire. The weather was perfect for the gathering and a good time was had by all.





Fire represents the Holy Spirit that filled the Apostles with enthusiasm, replacing their fear with the courage to go forth and share Christ's story





Church members & guests enjoy visiting and picnicking on historic church grounds





Taylor Yowell & Marbury Jacobs, owners of the *Garden Farmacy*, a chemical-free farm in Bolton, display their flowers, fruits & plants for sale



Jennifer & children making Pentecost kites



June 19th – The Feast of St. Alban's

*Who was Alban?**"I am called Alban and I worship and adore the true and living God"*

St. Alban & Amphibalus depicted in St. Alban's stained-glass windows in memory of Dr. Charles Kolb and his wife Bertha

On Sunday, June 19th a large crowd attended St. Alban's 10:00 AM Eucharist that centered around the history of St. Alban's Church. Everyone was fascinated by Rev. Elisabeth's homily that told the captivating story of Alban, Britain's first Christian martyr.

As the story goes, during the 3rd century, Alban, a Roman soldier, lived in the Romano-British city of Verulamium. He gave shelter in his home to Amphibalus, a Christian priest who was fleeing from religious persecution. Alban was so inspired by Amphibalus' faith and piety that he converted to Christianity.

When Roman authorities located Amphibalus' hiding place, Alban devised a plan so that he would be arrested instead of Amphibaus. They exchanged clothing, allowing

the priest to escape. Alban was arrested and went before the Roman magistrate to receive his punishment. When he repeatedly refused to renounce his new-found faith, the magistrate ordered him to be beheaded. Amphibalus suffered the same fate.

Before being beheaded Alban, stood strong as he chose death rather than to deny God. Hence the quote, "I am called Alban and I worship and adore the true and living God."

St. Alban ~ the Patron Saint of Converts & Persecution Victims

June 19th Events Celebrating the Feast of St. Alban's
Arts & Crafts Exhibit



The community of St. Alban's enjoyed an arts exhibit in the Parish Hall that featured paintings as well as items made by local artisans



Beautiful display of wooden bowls and wooden objects made by Richard Price. Many were crafted from trees cut on the grounds of St. Alban's.



Community Quilt Exhibit



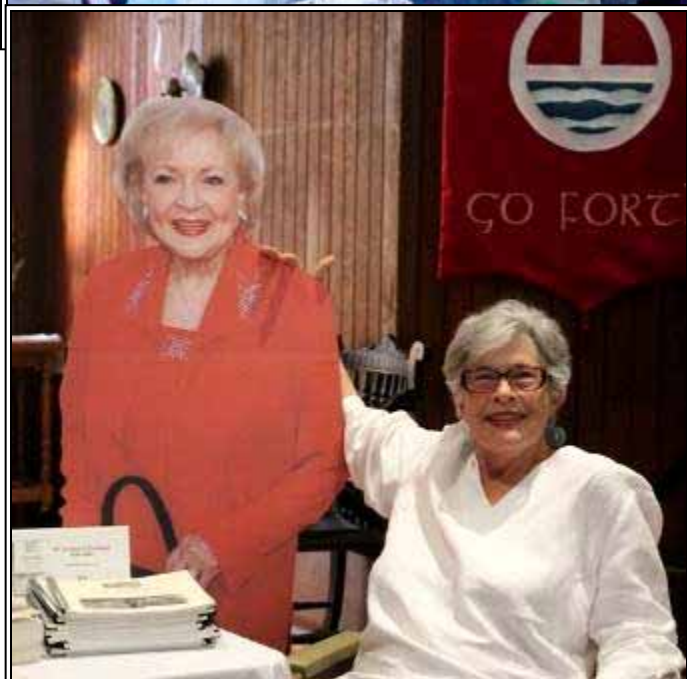
The quilts displayed in the church nave were awesome!
Everyone enjoyed the exhibit as they shared their techniques and stories.





Candid Camera

Attractions included: BBQ dinner on the grounds catered by Judy Morrissey's son Shawn and his wife Vickie; music by Munson & Brothers; crafting bird feeders led by Jennifer Normand; and the Garden Farmacy's display of fruits, plants and vegetables for sale. Special guests attending the event were Betty White and Queen Elizabeth! A wonderful day was enjoyed by all and everyone looks forward to celebrating the Feast of St. Alban's again next year.





What's Happening in St. Alban's Landscape?

The answer to the question is A Great Deal! The bird sanctuary is a project to reclaim and renew the area established years ago as a memorial to Harry "Bubber" Weissinger, a longtime church member and bird lover.

The sanctuary is located beyond the boxwood hedge that is south of the picnic area. It was designed and built by James Price along with Lisa Weissinger, daughter of "Bubber." The sanctuary featured a sidewalk in the shape of a cross and a water feature that included a birdbath with trickling water.

The renewal project involved removing tree branches along with vines, common honeysuckle and a multitude of other dead plant materials. Plants that were found to already exist include coral honeysuckle, ferns, holly, pawpaw and more. Additional plants were added because they provide food and shelter: loquat, sasanquas, camellias, beautyberry and kerria. The plantings are still a work in progress. An existing patch of Snowdrop bulbs that were already established were dug up and replanted around the perimeter of the existing cross sidewalk.

Birdhouses have been built and donated as has a rustic trellis specifically to support the coral honeysuckle. Recently a memorial bench for Bryan Brabston was added to the sanctuary.

Tommy Skinner headed up this project and is not finished yet. Many thanks to Tommy for his many hours of service and commitment. The following have pitched in with muscle, building skills, and various donations: Jeff, Josh, Jake and Jonah Artman, Richard and Susan Price, Beth Sojourner, Sharon Hanks and Harvey Smith.



Susan Price

Rev. Elisabeth's Epistle

Will Our Children Have Faith?

Will Our Children Have Faith? is the title of a seminal work on Christian formation by the Rev. Dr. John H. Westerhoff, who died earlier this year. Through several editions of this work, Rev. Westerhoff described a model for faith development like the rings of a tree, with belief deepening through experience, affiliation, and reflection. His model has been expanded upon and critiqued over the years, but I bring it up because it was on my mind this month as I participated with the SOS (Service Over Self) program through Crawford United Methodist Church. One of Rev. Westerhoff's lasting contributions to Christian education is the idea that our children's faith is formed less through an hour of Sunday school each week than it is through lived experience.

I know this has been true in my life. My experiences doing service and living in intentional Christian community have been critical to my faith formation. That was why I was excited, even in the middle of a brutal heat wave, to spend a week working with teenagers from across our state to improve the living conditions of our neighbors here in Vicksburg. My group spent the week working on a house to make it more accessible for a gentleman who had had a series of strokes. My son Henry's group spent the week working at the children's shelter, and other groups did everything from roofing, to installing wheelchair ramps, to painting and plumbing.

In the process, here's what I learned about teenagers today: 1) They complained much less about the heat (and any number of other things) than I did. 2) Forget any stereotypes you might have about how they are always on their phones—the youth I spent the week with recognized the downsides of technology and prioritized face-to-face conversation and experiences. 3) They are incredibly ecumenical. Many of these kids consider several different churches to be “home.” They may go to the Methodist church on Sunday, attend a nondenominational youth group, and also feel connected to their grandparents' Baptist church. I found them to be a good reminder that our goal needs to continue to be to work together as what Presiding Bishop Curry calls “the Jesus Movement,” rather than succumbing to denominational division. 4) They take seriously the call to love our neighbor as ourselves and find in it the deepest expression of their faith.

I hope next year more of our youth and some of our adults as well will consider getting involved with SOS. I believe that this kind of service is the key to a deepening faith for us all.



FARM TO FEAST @ ST. ALBAN'S

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 5-7 PM

Celebrating Independence Day

Join us on the church grounds for:

- Free cookout dinner & desserts
- Farmer's Market featuring produce from The Garden Farmacy
- Water slide for kids of all ages
- Yard games, fun & fellowship

July Birthdays

1 William Aspinall III	9 Suzanne Artman	24 Allen Kitchens
2 Judah Nieto	10 Joel Langford	Richard Massey
3 Rudy Nieto	13 Lauren Guynes	25 Rebecca Drake
John Segrest	Andy Hall	28 Lynn Gerhardt
Charles Selby	14 Gene Warren	29 Easy Biedenharn
4 Kristi Hall	18 Elisabeth Malphurs	Jackson Monti
John Frey	22 Dalton Thames	Andrew Cooper
5 Harris Southall	23 Ron White	30 Carroll Sojourner

July Anniversaries

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

Prayers for the People



Alan	David	Jonathan & Family	Norma
Allan & Joan	Freda	Kay	Pete & Family
Ann & Jimmy	Fritz	Keegan	Preston
Ben	Gary	Kelley	Ria
Bill & Karen	Jackie	Larry	Richard
Carroll	Jackson	Leah	Ruth
Charlene	James	Leigh Ann	Sarah
Charlie & Family	Jenkins & Family	Lucas	Steve
Cora Lee	Joe & Katharine	Maurice & Family	Tallmadge
Cynthia	Joel & Colby	Nick, Lacey & Family	Turner Family
Dan & Mary	John	Nita	Wayne
Danny			

For the Departed: Jack Buchanan, Lynn Biggs Jenkins and Kathi Hanlon

Server Schedule

Date	Time	Lay Worship Leader	Lector	Ushers	Chalice	A/V System
Sunday						
7/3/2022	8:30 AM	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Betsy Selby	Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Dawn Rickard	Lance Stewart	Jim Drake
Wednesday						
7/6/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				
Sunday						
7/10/2022	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Dawn Rickard	Ed Shelnut	The Halls	Ed Shelnut	Harvey Smith
Wednesday						
7/13/2022	6:00 PM	Harvey Smith				
Sunday						
7/17/2022	8:30 AM	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Harvey Smith	Carolyn Gent	Dawn Rickard The Rushings	Barnie Gavin	Buck Cooper
Wednesday						
7/20/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				
Sunday						
7/24/2022	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Richard Price	Susan Price	The Coopers	Susan Price	Harvey Smith
Wednesday						
7/27/2022	6:00 PM	Harvey Smith				
Sunday						
7/31/2022	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Clarissa Horner	Sharon Hanks	The Artmans	Harvey Smith	Jim Drake



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