



# The Albanac

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## Forty-Day Farewell to Alleluia



On February 23, *Farewell Sunday*, the children's Sunday school class created individual signs focused on the joyful word, *Alleluia*, meaning *Praise the Lord*. Since the somber season of Lent—a time of prayer, self-examination, almsgiving and fasting—is in direct contrast to being joyful, *Alleluia* is omitted from the Liturgy until Easter.

To the delight of the congregation, the children came forward during the Eucharist to show their handmade signs highlighting the word *Alleluia*. Rev. Elisabeth suggested they hide their signs behind the altar—not to be seen again until Easter day.

The congregation was all smiles as they watched the children scrambling to hide their signs. What could be a happier way to celebrate the meaning of *Farewell Sunday* than to see the children participating in the Eucharist? It was a reminder to everyone that children are not just the church of tomorrow. They are precious members of the church today.

# Mardi Gras Pancake Lunch February 16, 2020



Buck Cooper flipping pancakes



Cooks enjoying the new kitchen addition



Table laden with pancakes



Easy & Mary John testing the treats



Children enjoy making Mardi Gras masks and necklaces while the adults visit in the remodeled *Sessions Hall*





## Lent At St. Alban's



### **Lenten Arts Series**

**WEDNESDAYS MARCH 4-APRIL 1, 6:00 PM**

Join us each Wednesday for a healing Eucharist at 6:00 PM followed by a simple soup supper and performance

### **Lent-To-Go**

**PICK UP A BAG AT THE CHURCH!**

Pick up a bag filled with prayer starters to help you and your family focus on the meaning of Lent and prepare for Easter

### **Service**

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE & HEIFER FUNDRAISER**

Throughout Lent, bring canned food for the local food pantry and monetary donations for Heifer to church

### **Adult Formation**

**STUDYING THE ROOTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM**

Join the adult Sunday School class in taking a deeper look at the Gospel of John, the early church, and the legacy of anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism and what we can do about it today

### **Stations of the Cross**

**FRIDAYS AT 6:00 PM STARTING FEBRUARY 28TH**

A contemplative service every Friday during Lent

# Lenten Arts Series

## *Program*

**March 4**

*John Maxwell, Flower Child*  
*(inspired by the story of John the Baptist)*

**March 11**

*Clarissa Davis, Vocalist*  
*Accompanied by Dr. Mike Davis*

**March 18**

*Mississippi Boychoir*  
*Artistic Director Katherine Hoitt*

**March 25**

*Alumni Jubilee Singers with Cedric Smith*  
*Directed by Dr. Bobby Cooper*

**April 1**

*Vicksburg High School Madrigal Singers*  
*Directed by Angela Chapin*

Each evening will begin with Eucharist at 6:00 PM followed by a simple soup supper. Performances will begin at 7:00 PM.  
All events are free and open to the public.

## Elisabeth's Epistle



As we enter the season of Lent, you'll notice some changes in our worship. Less music and more space for silence. No flowers and a simpler altar. The reading of the ten commandments and our confession of sin at the beginning of the service. No "alleluia" in our music or prayer. These changes help to set apart these forty days as something distinct, a time of preparation, repentance, and reflection on Jesus' journey to the cross. Just as Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, we are called to undertake our own disciplines during this season, whether that be fasting from something or the addition of a discipline such as prayer, daily Scripture reading, or giving of our time or treasure.

Lent is also traditionally a time of repentance, and in addition to our general confession of sin during the Eucharist, you may consider making a private confession. The Episcopal Church has a lovely stance on private confession, best summed up in the well-known aphorism: "All may, none must, some should." Although I grew up in the Episcopal church, I was in seminary before I felt comfortable enough to seek out what you'll see listed in the Book of Common Prayer as "The Reconciliation of a Penitent" (p. 447). What I discovered was a beautiful practice offered by our church that speaks to our need from time to time to confess a specific sin and hear words of absolution and forgiveness proclaimed to us personally. While our general confession assures us of God's forgiveness, some of us benefit from a one-to-one conversation and assurance of pardon. Confession is an absolutely confidential act, and typically anything discussed during the rite is never brought up again. If you think you may want to make a private confession, please let me know.

All of this focus during Lent on repentance is the spring housekeeping we do to tend to our souls in preparation for Easter. Just as our organ is getting cleaned and tuned this season in order to sing a new song during Easter, God is calling each of us to a season of preparation and realignment to be what God created each of us to be. May we use this time to the glory of God, that we may enter Easter with joyful hearts.

Josie's Journal

**THE GIFT OF SIGHT**



St. Alban's parishioners have donated over thirty pairs of eyewear for the Lions Club "Recycle for Sight" program. The Lions Club coordinates the distribution of the eyewear to those in need. The gift of sight can be expensive and sometimes children and the elderly are not properly outfitted with eyewear that could vastly change their view of the world.

Please continue to bring any used or unwanted eyewear to the donation box in the Parish Hall. They will be distributed with the love that emanates from the community of St. Alban's.

Christ's Peace

Josie



## March Birthdays

1 Michael Guynes	11 Sherry Horan
Lisa Langford	18 Burke Torrey
7 Anita Collins	21 James William Toups
Herb Jones	24 Jeff Artman
8 Eleanor Chaire Monti	Olivia Curtis
Harlie Reece	25 Penny Freund
10 Chasity Dunaway	
MaryEllen Dunaway	

## Prayers for the People

### *For those Sick or in Need:*

Andy Katzenmeyer	Clarence Lentz	Lee Davis Thames
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Cynthia Strawn	Newell Graham
Ava Ahner	Dalton Glatt	Nita Tassin
Barbara Ramsay	Dan & Mary Carleton	Norma Jones
Bertha Kolb	David Wright	Peggy Bowie
Beth Sojourner	Diane Bailey	Peter Meyers
Betty Biedenham	Eugene Quarles	Rachelle Ferris
Bob Schyberg	Gilda Faye Miller	Sara Wilkerson
Bobbie Carlisle	Glenda Ferguson	Sarah Rickard
Brandi Tony	Jackson Monti	Scott
Charley Chesnutt	Jane Malphurs	Sheila Rosser
Charlie Brantley & Family	Jeff Colvin	Steve Webster
Charlie Lutz	Joan Leese	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

### *For the Departed:*

R.A. Logue, Mattie Wilson Douglass, Dianne Carlton

## Schedule of Events for February

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (601) 636-6687

#### Sunday

Eucharist, Rite I, 8:30 AM & Rite II, 11:00 AM

Christian Education, 9:30 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

#### Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

#### Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

#### Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

**Sunday, March 1**—*Hunger Banquet*. Holy Trinity, 5:30 pm. Join the youth group for an event raising awareness about hunger

**Sunday, March 15**—*Lenten Labyrinth Walk*. Learn about the practice of prayer in motion while walking the labyrinth, 12:00 pm

### *Holy Week 2020*

**Palm Sunday, April 5**—*Palm Sunday Procession* & Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Monday, April 6**—Stations of the Cross, 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 7**—Holy Eucharist, 12:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 8**—Healing Service with Eucharist, 6:00 PM

**Maundy Thursday, April 9**—*Agape Meal* with Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 10**—*Liturgy of the Crucifixion*, 6:00 PM

**Saturday, April 11**—*Great Vigil of Easter*, 6:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 12**—*Feast of the Resurrection*, Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Easter Reception following 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist,

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM

## Liturgical Schedule

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	
<b>LWL</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Tommy Skinner Theo Williams	Theo Williams Harvey Smith	David Pruett Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner Richard Price
<b>MC</b>		Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes
<b>OT Lector</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Bitsy Sloan Mary Ruth Jones	Bitsy Sloan John Gibson	Bitsy Sloan Gloria Hall	Bitsy Sloan Ed Shelnut	Bitsy Sloan Beth Guynes
<b>Epistle</b>			Blair Harris			
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Henry Cooper	Dawn Rickard	Jennifer Normand Sam Hall	Koury Collins	Susan Price Peter Williams	
<b>Wooden Cross</b>			Harris Southall			
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Sharon Hanks	Deacon Josie	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Deacon Josie	Wilma Mitchell	
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Buck Cooper Allan Leese	Dalton Thames Sara M. Porter	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Richard Price Susan Price	Dawn Rickard Dale Gibson	
<b>Standing Communion</b>	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie Theo Williams	Deacon Josie Richard Price	Deacon Josie Ed Shelnut	Deacon Josie Susan Price	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Tommy Skinner Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams Kerri Williams	Betsy Selby Jennifer Normand	Dawn Rickard Mary Ann Wright	Betty Rushing Ann Tompkins	
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	
	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>		
<b>Healing Service</b>	Theo Williams	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams		