



# The Albanac

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**October 2019**



*Old River Youth Convocation*  
*St. James Church, Port Gibson*

## Youth Visit with Bishop Seage

The St. Alban's youth participated in the Old River Youth Convocation on Sunday, September 8, engaging in a question and answer session with Bishop Seage followed by dinner hosted by St. James, Port Gibson. The youth had excellent questions for the bishop about his background, how he was elected bishop, his favorite sports teams, where he has found God, and how the church is responding to various current events. A big thanks to Richard and Susan Price and Betsy Selby for accompanying our kids down to Port Gibson!





## Lost and Found Sheep

On Sunday, September 15, we heard the parable of the lost sheep and asked questions like: Are sheep really responsible for getting lost? Would you even notice if one sheep went missing in a herd of 100? What kind of shepherd leaves 99 sheep in the wilderness to go looking for one lost sheep? Who on earth throws a party over a sheep?

We talked about Amy-Jill Levine's interpretation of this parable, that it is about how we count, and how we notice who's missing from our communities. Then, after church, everyone was invited for lunch and crafts in the parish hall, where we made sheep out of cardboard, clothespins, and yarn. We were reminded by Psalms 23 and 100 that *God* is our Good Shepherd and "we are his people and the sheep of his pasture."



## ECW Field Trip Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

By Sharon Hanks

The ECW (Susan Price, Butch Mitchell, and Sharon Hanks) along with Richard Price, and Tommy and Frank Skinner, traveled to Indianola to enjoy the *Indian Bayou Arts and Eats Festival*. After enjoying the festival in the shaded area, we toured the *B.B. King Museum*, which was extremely interesting!

We then enjoyed a delicious meal at The Crown Restaurant. We have to credit the picture at the festival to Evelyn, who owns The Crown and is a great ambassador for Indianola. We met her at the festival, then at the museum, and she even called her daughter at the restaurant to alert her that we were coming, at which time our table was waiting for us.

It was a fun day. I just wish more could have joined us. Hopefully, next time!





Bridal Shower Honoring Clarissa Walker  
Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>



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## THE WAY OF LOVE

### *Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

During October and November, you're invited to journey with St. Alban's as we explore The Way of Love, a set of seven spiritual practices to guide us on the road of discipleship. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has invited all Episcopalians to reflect on these spiritual practices and how they might help each of us in building a "rule of life." Although a "rule of life" has long been associated with monastic communities, at its core it is simply a way of identifying the patterns and rhythms that help us faithfully follow Christ, whatever our household structure or vocation may be. We'll be looking at each of the seven practices of The Way of Love, with the goal of figuring out individually how to incorporate them into our lives in sustainable ways that help us grow in faith.

What are the seven spiritual practices in The Way of Love?



- **Turn:** Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus
- **Learn:** Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings
- **Pray:** Dwell intentionally with God daily
- **Worship:** Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and dwell with God
- **Bless:** Share faith and unselfishly give and serve
- **Go:** Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus
- **Rest:** Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

How will we explore *The Way of Love* the next two months at St. Alban's? Sermons over the next two months will feature the practices of *The Way of Love*. Look in the Parish Hall for written materials about The Way of Love to help guide your own reflections on how you incorporate these practices into your own life.

Join the St. Alban's *Way of Love* Facebook group. Starting September 29, we'll have a closed (meaning not open to the public, only to invited members) Facebook group for anyone interested in sharing resources and reflections on what these spiritual practices mean to you. You're invited to join St. Alban's on *The Way of Love!*

## Coming Fall Events

### Blessing of the Animals

October 6<sup>th</sup>, Outdoor Chapel—11:00 AM

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

On Sunday October 6th St. Alban's, everyone is invited to attend with their wonderful pets, great and small, our annual service of the *Blessing of the Animals*. The Rev. Canon Paul Stephens celebrating the Eucharist and blessing the pets.

The *Blessing of the Animals* is a treasured moment in the liturgical year, when we bring our pets to be blessed and affirm the richness of our connection with creatures outside our own species. It is a worship setting which reminds us of the responsibilities that we have in caring for these critters.

You are invited to bring donations for *Paws Rescue of Vicksburg*. Paws Rescue particularly needs good quality dry dog food, clumping only Tidy Cat litter, and dog and cat treats.





## Dinner on the Grounds & E CW Country Market

Sunday, November 3, Noon—2:00 PM

In keeping with the long-standing tradition of Dinner on the Grounds and ECW Country Market, St. Alban's is actively planning for our 2019 event to be bigger than ever! In order to accomplish this, we need your help. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet in the parish hall, and we would love for it to fill up quickly.

Sunday will kick-off with the blessing of our new building at 10:45 AM. From there, we will process into the church for the 11:00 AM service. Dinner on the grounds and ECW Country Market, as well as the silent art auction, will be in full swing by noon. Live music will be provided by Ralph Miller, with plenty of fun to be had by all!



This year we are serving smoked chicken, baked beans, St. Alban's coleslaw, a roll, and brownies for dessert. Tickets will be \$12 and can be picked up from Ann Tompkins. The more we can sell ahead of time, the better! New to dinner on the grounds this year, is a silent art auction with donations from local artists, including some of our own St. Alban's church family. There will also be a "children's corner" with fun activities and prizes for all ages.

We are very grateful to businesses in our community who are donating their time and money to help this year's event be more successful than ever! To guarantee this, we need everyone's participation. Please spread the word, sell tickets, and come to Dinner on the Grounds 2019!!!



## October Birthdays

3	Margaret Stewart	23	Mary Ann Wright
8	Allan Leese	24	Linda Dooley
9	Wanda Warren		Ann Tompkins
11	Canada Stewart	25	Peter Williams
15	Alison Rushing	28	James Drake
16	Anita Bonar	31	Wilma Mitchell
20	Michael Southall		

## October Anniversaries

6	David & Jennifer Normand	10	Joel & Colby Langford
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## Prayers for the People



Andy Katzenmeyer	Cutler Lynn	Natalie McMillian
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Dalton Glatt	Newell Graham
Barbara Ramsay	Dan & Mary Carleton	Nita Tassin
Bertha Kolb	Diane Bailey	Norma Jones
Betty Biedenbarn	Dianne Carlton	Paul Quarles
Bill Longfellow	Eugene Quarles	Rachelle Ferris
Blair Harris	Glenda Ferguson	Randy Wright
Bob & Sue Schyberg	Herb Jones	Rebecca Drake
Bobbie Carlisle	Irv Jones	Sarah Rickard
Brabston Cook	Jackson Monti	Scott
Brandi Tony	Jim Farrell	Sheila Rosser
Charlie Brantley & Family	Joan Leese	Steve Webster
Charlie Lutz	Laurie Reece	Selby Family
Cynthia Strawn	Linda & Jim Dooley	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

## Schedule of Events for October

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Church Office Hours

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

#### Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Christian Education, 10:00 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, October 6**—*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost* – Rev. Paul Stephens, Celebrant. *Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Animals*, 11:00 a.m., Lance Stewart, Guitarist. Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) gather at church for dinner and *St. Francis Day* activities

**Monday, October 7–Thursday, October 10**—Rev. Elisabeth attending Clergy Conference at Gray Center

**Saturday, October 12**—Vestry Retreat & Monthly Meeting

**Sunday, October 13**—*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost* –Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Officiant. Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m., Rev. Beth Palmer, Celebrant, Shirleen Gill

**Sunday, October 13**—Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 p.m., Evening Prayer, Rev. Hailey Allin, Officiant, featuring *Hinds Community College Choir Ensemble*

**Sunday, October 20**—*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*—Reserved Sacrament, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Presider, Patsy Simpson, Organist. *Youth Sunday*—All families invited to stay after church for lunch and board games

**Sunday, October 27**—*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost* –Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Presider, Penny Freund, Organist

**Sunday November 3**—*Feast of All Saints*, Building Dedication, and *Dinner on the Grounds*



## Liturgical Schedule

	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>October 20</b>	<b>October 27</b>	
	<i>Pentecost 17</i>	<i>Pentecost 18</i>	<i>Pentecost 19</i>	<i>Pentecost 20</i>	
	<b>BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 11:00 am</b>		<b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>		
<b>First Reading</b>	Jer. 22:13-16	Jer. 29:1, 4-7	Jer. 31:27-34	Joel 2:23-32	
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 148:7-14	Psalm 66:1-11	Psalm 119:97-104	Psalm 65	
<b>Second Reading</b>	Gal. 6:14-18	2 Tim. 2:8-15	2 Tim. 8:14-4:5	2 Tim. 4:6-8,16-18	
<b>Gospel</b>	Matt. 11:25-30	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14	
<b>LWL</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Tommy Skinner David Pruett	Theo Williams Richard Price	Harvey Smtih Betsy Selby	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins
<b>MC</b>		Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes
<b>OT Lector</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Penny Freund Sharon Hanks	Penny Freund John Gibson	Penny Freund Gloria Hall	Penny Freund Ed Shelnut
<b>Psalm</b>			Sam Hall		
<b>Epistle</b>			Henry Cooper		
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Beth Guynes	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand Sam Hall	Koury Collins	
<b>Wooden Cross</b>			Harris Southall		
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Deacon Josie	
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	N/A	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	N/A	N/A	
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Allan Leese Dawn Richard	Lance Stewart Ann Tompkins	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	
<b>Standing Communion Station</b>	N/A	Deacon Josie Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie Ed Shelnut	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri William Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Betty Rushing	Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand	Betsy Selby	
<b>Nursery</b>	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams	
	<b>October 2</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>October 23</b>	
<b>Healing Service</b>	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner (Evening Prayer)	Theo Williams	David Pruett	



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