



The Albanac

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Salome ~ St. Alban's Church Cat

Salome Celebrates One Year at St. Alban's



St. Alban's celebrated one year with our church cat, Salome, on August 3. Salome received her name when she arrived last year on the Feast Day of Mary, Joanna and Salome, the myrrh-bearing women who anointed Jesus' body after crucifixion.

Our Salome loves a different smelly substance — she celebrated her one-year anniversary with us with a week of special tuna fish meals and extra petting. Wilma Mitchell has designated Salome our

“meet and greet” cat — Salome does seem to relish Sunday mornings when the church is bustling.

The highlights of Salome's year have included the St. Francis day celebration, getting a special blessing from the Bishop, and receiving a custom-built two-story house made just for her.



Annual Blessing of the Backpacks



On August 7, Rev. Elisabeth gave the annual Backpack Blessing to teachers and students who are returning to school this fall. Pictured L/R: Macy and Stacy Weaver, Buck Cooper, Henry, Sam, Rev. Elisabeth, Alison, Mason, Andrew and Fore

“God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you. In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring – of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

“God our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all. Be with us as we ride the bus, be with us as we walk, be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

“For us grown-ups going back to school, with-us God, be with them too. Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow. God our friend who’s full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Prayer from Illustrated Ministry)

Joint Meeting of the ECW and Altar Guild



On Saturday, August 20, the Episcopal Church Women and members of the Altar Guild met in Sessions' Parish Hall to discuss various items related to future church agendas. Approximately 20 people attended the two-hour meeting that ended with a delicious 'light lunch' prepared by the women of the church.



Susan Price, ECW President



Beth Guynes, Altar Guild Director

In Memory

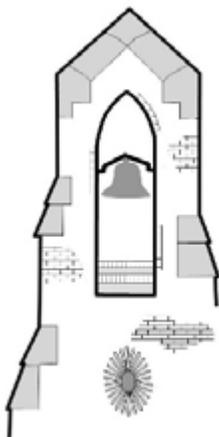


Sherry Biedenharn Horan

March 11, 1936 — August 17, 2022

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting

Capital Campaign Update



Due to the overwhelming generosity of our members and friends, the Capital Campaign has reached 82% our \$50,000 goal as of August 31. This is a commendable achievement and we thank everyone who has contributed.

We are making our “Sprint to the End” in September for the final \$9,000 to reach our goal, when combined with unrestricted funds, we will be able to retire the balance of our building loan by the due date of October 2022.

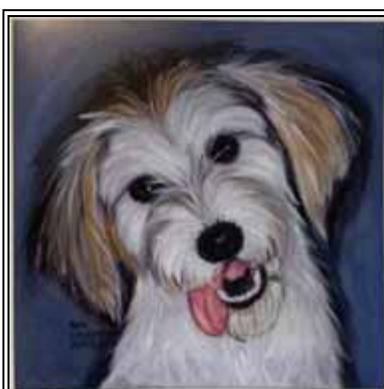
We are also sponsoring a fund-raising raffle for the Capital Campaign. Tickets are \$20.00 each. An anonymous donor has agreed to match all ticket sales to double the donation amount for every ticket sold. The drawing will be October 9.



- A framed original painting titled “Temptation” by Ann Biedenarn Jones that depicts an “elegant white cat and whimsical pet goldfish.” The painting belonged to her mother, Betty Biedenarn.
- A portrait of YOUR PET painted by Ann Biedenarn Jones. A sample portrait of Betty Biedenarn’s dog, “Sugar,” is on display.
- Your choice of a beautiful hand turned wooden bowl/cup by Richard Price



“Temptation” by Anne Biedenarn Jones & Handmade bowls/cups by Richard Price

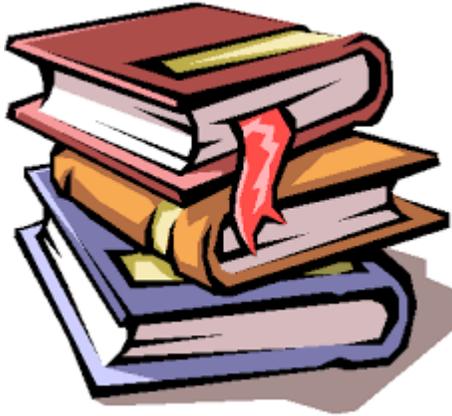


“Sugar” (pet painting example) by Anne Biedenarn Jones

We hope you will give this prayerful consideration and join us in this final debt free *Sprint to the End!*

The Finance Committee

From the Senior Warden



Little Free Church Library

Readers Wanted! Book lovers invited! Everybody welcome!

St. Alban's now is the home of a little free library for everyone to enjoy. It's very simple. The books are found in the hallway between the nave and the parish house on the window wall. They have been donated by parishioners. Our hope is that you will find something to read there and take it home with you. If you want to keep it you may do so. If you want to bring it back, you may do that too. If you find more than one, you can take a handful. There are no dates due, no cards to fill out, and no fines. Then look at home and find some books that you would like to donate and bring those. They can go on the shelves in the hallway for others to look at and share. It costs nothing, is fun for everyone, and gives us more to do on hot days, vacations, hospital visits, waiting rooms, and on and on. We have cooking, crafts, children's books, fiction, nonfiction and other selections. Let's keep it going together.

Book Fair Coming on St. Francis Day

One more way to give to the capital campaign!

During the month of October, buy a book in October from Lorelei Books on Washington Street. The bookstore has offered to collaborate with St. Alban's to help raise funds for the capital campaign throughout the month of October. Lorelei Books invites you to buy from their inventory or special order the books of your choice. Just let the bookstore know that you are from St. Alban's. At the end of the month the bookstore will tally the grand total of all purchases we have made and donate 10% back to the church. A donor has also pledged to match that 10% as well. So, 20% of all the book sales will come back to help with the reduction of the church's debt. Also, on Sunday October 9 the bookstore will work with me to set up a book sale in the parish house so during the St. Francis Day celebration and dedication you can buy books of all kinds in time for Christmas giving, birthdays, and personal enjoyment. Giftwrapping will be available too. The same 20% of all those sales will also be donated to the capital fund debt reduction. If you would like a special order to be picked up on that day, you can call or text me and I will get the orders placed. Special orders can be made anytime for pick up at the store or delivery to the church for pickup. Credit or debit cards may be used on that day as well as in the store.

Rev. Elisabeth's Epistle

What is heresy?

Is it anything that conflicts with your beliefs? I've heard some people accuse Episcopalians of heresy because we ordain women or practice infant baptism. Is this a proper use of the word heresy?

Or maybe you think heresy is an obsolete term? Is it something you studied in history class, something that belongs to the time of the early church councils and the Inquisition? Is it irrelevant in our time, when people can believe a variety of things and still be included under the "umbrella" of Christian beliefs?

We're going to take a closer look at the idea of heresy, and the related idea of orthodoxy, during Bibles & More this fall. Like good Episcopalians, we are seeking to find the middle path. We're going to explore when the idea of heresy is useful, that is, when it might point us to something fundamental about our faith, something essential to our understanding of God and salvation. We're also going to discuss how heresy pops up in our modern day context, and not necessarily in the most obvious places. And we're going to talk about what heresy is NOT, or what reasonable Christians can disagree about.

This group is for you if:

- You are looking to deepen your understanding of Christian history and theology.
- You want great discussion with minimal preparation (there will be no required reading or homework in between groups).
- You sometimes shake your head and wonder how we got parts of the Nicene Creed.
- You are curious about an Episcopal/ Anglican understanding of orthodoxy.

Come join Bibles & More starting Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 PM
in the Parish Hall, or over Zoom.

St. Alban's
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 9 8:30 & 11 AM
AT THE OUTDOOR CHAPEL



St. Alban's will celebrate the *Feast of St. Francis* on Sunday, October 9 with services at the Outdoor Chapel at 8:30 and 11:00 am. You are invited to bring pets of all kinds for a blessing as part of our services. We will also dedicate the *Frank Skinner Pet Memorial Garden*.

Put Date on Your Calendar
Dinner on the Grounds
October 23th

September Birthdays

2 Dale Gibson	14 Linda K. Walker
Richard Stone	16 Judy Morrissey
4 Thomas L. Skinner	19 A. W. (Del) Price
5 Riley Kitchens	21 Lance Stewart
7 Josie Williams	24 Jerry McWilliams
8 Richard Price	28 Genevieve Rushing

September Anniversaries

4 Bobby & Mickey Barlow	24 Andy & Kristi Hall
25 John Thomas & Amanda Monti	

Prayers for the People

Allan & Joan	Freda	Kelley S.	Norma
Ann & Jimmy	Fritz	Larry	Pete & Family
Bill & Karen	Jackie	Leah	Ria
Charlene	Jackson	Leigh Ann	Richard
Clarence	James	Libby	Ruth
Charlie & Family	Joe & Katharine	Lucas	Sarah
Cynthia	Joel & Colby	Madelyn & Greyson	Steve
Dan & Mary	John Hollis	Maurice & Family	Susanne
Danny	Jonathan & Family	Mike	Tallmadge
David S.	Kay	Nick, Lacey & Family	Turner Family
David W.	Kelly M.	Nita	

For the Departed: *Ethel Pickens, Sherry Horan*

Server Schedule

Date	Time	Lay Worship Leader	Lector	Ushers	Chalice	Vestry Member	A/V System
Sunday							
9/4/22	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Jim Price			
	11:00 AM	Richard Price	Sharon Hanks	The Coopers	Susan Price		Harvey Smith
Wednesday							
9/7/22	6:00 PM	Harvey Smith					
Sunday							
9/11/22	8:30 AM	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Jim Price			
	11:00 AM	Dawn Rickard	Barnie Gavin	The Halls	Barnie Gavin	Carolyn Gent	Buck Cooper
Wednesday							
9/14/22	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner					
Sunday							
9/18/22	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Jim Price			
	11:00 AM	Harvey Smith	Lance Stewart	The Artmans	Lance Stewart	Jeff Artman	Jim Drake
Wednesday							
9/21/22	6:00 PM	Harvey Smith					
Sunday							
9/25/22	8:30 AM	Ann Tompkins	Sharon Cummins	Jim Price			
	11:00 AM	Clarissa Horner	Buck Cooper	Barnie Gavin	Dawn Rickard	Clarissa Horner	Harvey Smith
				The Rushings			
Wednesday							
9/28/22	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner					



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