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New Playground Equipment

The playground equipment is up and ready for children who are waiting to have some fun! It has already been tested by Peter, Josh and Jonah and passed inspection!



Kelsey Artman's Mission to El Salvador

It is next to impossible in only a few short sentences to explain, in a holistic manner, all of the experiences I encountered while in El Salvador. Throughout the trip, the wonders of what God had in store to teach me were constantly on my mind as well as thoughts of how I could ever explain the magnitude of my experience. The question even arose halfway into my trip, "What in the world am I doing here?"

The truth of the matter is the people of Las Casades had more of an effect on me than I on them. Many pages were colored with the kids of the village. Many sheets of construction paper were cut. Many a soccer ball kicked and ultimately the Lord's Grace and Mercy were expressed through the



completion of the water well that our group dug for the village.

Once the dedication of the water well began, I began to cry uncontrollably and realized what God was teaching me. He wanted me to realize how grateful I should be for all I take for granted. How grateful I am for my family, friends and the St. Alban community is an understatement.

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU for all of your support. I hope you will all be able to join me and view the slideshow of my trip during an upcoming Sunday service.

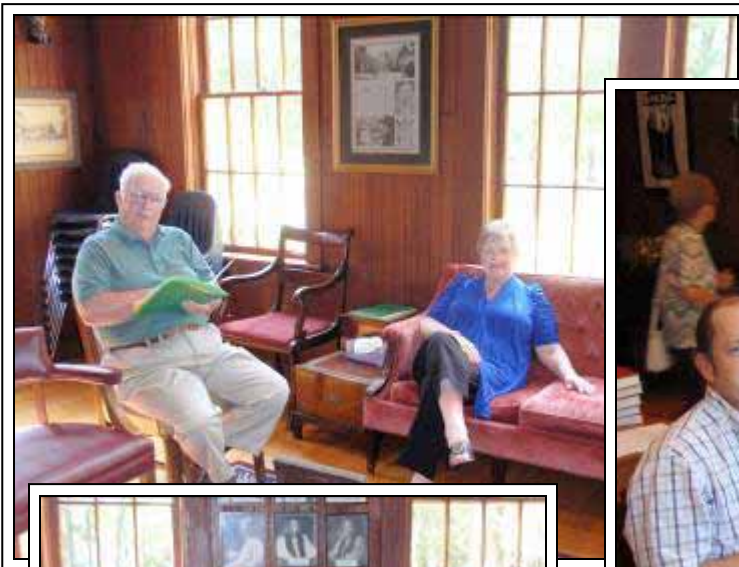
In Peace, Kelsey

Inquirers Class

Inquirers Class began on Sunday, June 23, and will continue through August 18. While an Inquirers Class is usually associated with people seeking information about joining the Episcopal Church, the class has enhanced with the participation of long time Episcopalians and those who recently have joined the Episcopal Church.

If praying shapes our believing, getting to know *The Book of Common Prayer* offers insight into the beliefs of the Episcopal Church. Episcopalians are a *Prayer Book* people. Inquirers class is taking a good look at *The Book of Common Prayer*.

The class probes the following questions? What does it mean to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition? What is unique about St. Alban's Church? What does Baptism and Confirmation mean? What is the Holy Eucharist? What

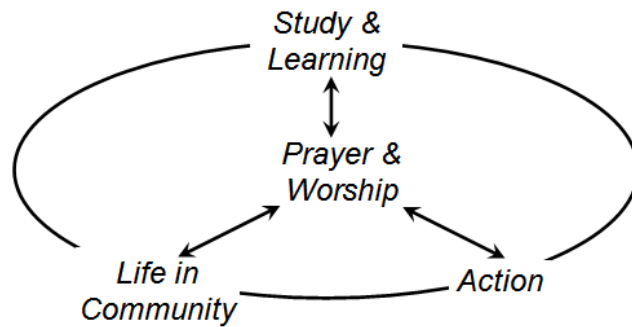


is common about the Book of Common Prayer? What does it mean to be Received or Reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church?

In August, a special field trip will be arranged to visit Episcopal Churches in the Jackson area so that we can experience how various architectural styles influence the atmosphere of the church.

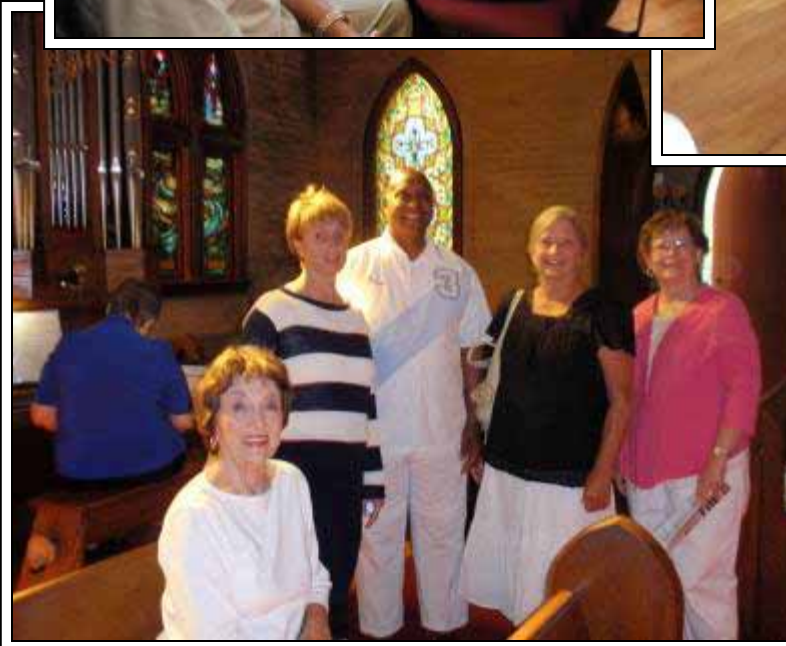
Whether you are new to Saint Alban's Church or a lifelong Episcopalian, come join in the discussions!

✝ Billie's Corner



The above diagram is the perfect visual image of ministry in the Episcopal Church. Our life of ministry begins and ends with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and Prayer. It is from the experience of worship and prayer that we are sent forth into the world. At the end of every Eucharist, Rev. Deacon Josie calls out to us: *“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”* Having been fortified with God’s grace and sustained with God’s love, we are set in motion to love and serve those nearest to us and beyond.







How does our Saint Alban's community live a life of ministry? Since ministry begins with prayer and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, let's take a look at Saint Alban's Church on Sunday morning. The word liturgy means the work of the people. Our people are doing sacred work on Sunday morning—from those worshipping in pews to those serving on the altar, from those attending Sunday School to those visiting after church, from those cleaning the kitchen to those preparing the altar,

from those counting the offertory money to those playing on the swing set—Sunday worship at Saint Alban's Church is the center piece of our lives together. Every Sunday, our community comes together as congregation, choir, ushers, oblation bearers, lectors, acolytes, gospel book bearers, chalice bearers, including a deacon and a priest. We pray together the liturgy. We share the common table and feast of the *Bread of Life* and the *Cup of Salvation*.

Then we depart from the church grounds to continue our ministry in the world—from recycling paper and plastic to teaching a workshop about gardening, from alerting our prayer chain to preparing food for shut-ins, from building a play ground for our children to visiting our shut-ins, from attending to the needs of our families to gathering supplies for Bovina Elementary School.

Ministry is an everyday way of life for the community of Saint Alban's Church.

In peace

Billie+



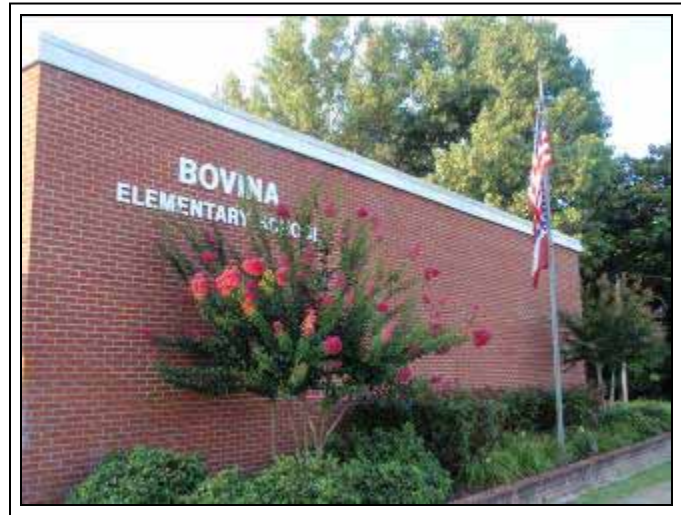
Back to School Supplies

For the past several years, Saint Alban's Church has donated school supplies to the Bovina Elementary school as one of our outreach ministries.

Betsy Selby has contacted the principal, Miki Ginn, and lead teacher, Stephanie Leist, and established the following needs for school supplies:

For students

- boxes of 24 count crayons
- boxes of washable markers
- 8 oz. bottles of glue
- packages of #2 pencils
- packages of wide-rule, loose-leaf notebook paper
- quart size Ziploc bags
- folders with prongs and pockets
- packages of construction paper



For teachers

- sheet protectors (to use in binders)
- card stock
- electric pencil sharpeners
- new or slightly used books for 3rd and 4th grade students

A red wagon will be in the parish hall where you can put your gifts to the school. Cash donations are also welcome and can be given to Betsy Selby, Josie Williams or Tommy Skinner to purchase any of the above items or to stock the school uniform closet.

Josie's Journal

Summer vacation has come to an end. School starts on August 5 and I start a new term as mentor at the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center. The students housed in detention range in age from thirteen to seventeen. I am responsible for developing and presenting positive materials to them. Materials that will help them become productive employed citizens with job skills. Planned activities include job application and resume skills, study, and coping skills. Also, improving reading and writing skills is one of my targets. Students who are good readers have a better chance of success in their endeavors.

One of the projects that I am trying to bring to fruition is a "lasagna garden". The garden will involve English, math and science. Students will write about the garden, keep a journal of its growth and participate in its planting. This will be a *hands-on* activity with students planting, watering, tending and charting the progress and growth as well as picking the produce that grows in the garden. Hopefully, some of the produce will end up on their tables at a meal.



My work as a *guardian ad litem* for the Warren County Youth Court starts on August 6. I am responsible for making a recommendation in the case involved. My recommendation is to be what is in the best interest of the child. I have conducted home visits and interviews with all the parties involved and now must present those results to the court in the form of a recommendation.

St. Alban's weekly inserts are delivered to the Warren County Jail the next Monday or Tuesday for the population housed there. Reading material without staples is welcomed so our inserts are recycled for a good cause.

I have contacted the nutrition department of the Vicksburg Warren Schools to see how St. Alban's can provide lunch money for students in need. I will keep you posted on the details as they become available.

In peace

Josie+

August Schedule

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:30 AM

Inquirers Class, 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Twelve Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon

Sunday, August 4

Back to School Blessing, 11:00 AM

Special prayer for teachers and students

Tuesday, August 6

Cursillo Welcome Home celebration, 6:00 PM

Parish Hall

Saturday, August 10

St. Mary's, Bolton, planning meeting, 10:00 AM

Mellon Lake House

Sunday, August 11

Second Sunday at St. Mary's, 4:00 PM

Celebration of the Eucharist for the Feast Day of St. Mary.

Medley of Ave Maria, Elizabeth Buyan, soprano,

Don Messer, Accompanist

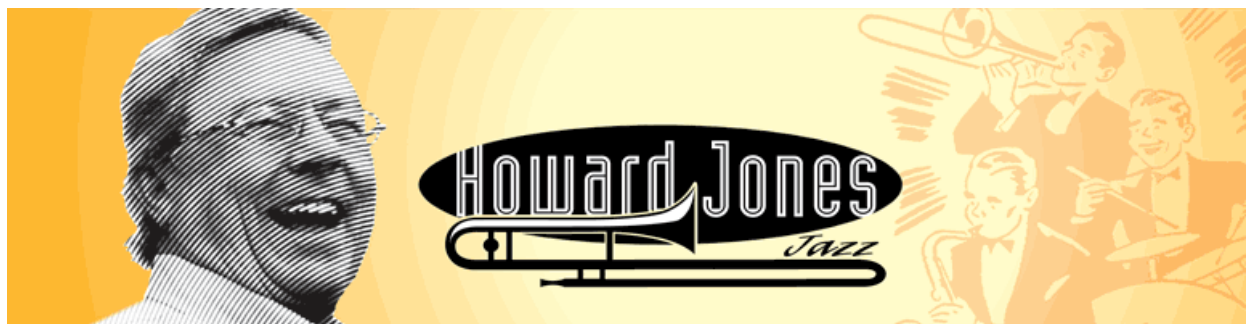
Saturday, August 17

Altar Guild Brass Polishing, Parish Hall, 8:30 AM

ECW Meeting, 9:00 AM (after brass polishing)

Sunday, August 18

Howard Jones Jazz Eucharist, 11:00 AM



August Birthdays

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| 1 | Beth Sojourner
Terri Ulmer | 21 | Kate Abraham |
| 4 | Woody Hanks | 23 | Carter Guynes
Edward Shelnut |
| 6 | David Normand | 24 | Julia Lee |
| 15 | Greg Williamson | 26 | Bobby Barlow
Tracye Hogan |
| 17 | Jake Artman
Josh Artman
Bill Curtis | 27 | Jean Ethridge
Terry Guynes
James Price |
| 18 | Beth Williamson | 28 | Max Rangel |
| 19 | Bo Gayle
David Wright | | |

August Anniversaries

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| 3 | Russell & Stacey Sumrall | 21 | Robert & Terri Ulmer |
| 21 | Allan & Joan Leese | 27 | Bryan & Joy Brabston, Jr. |

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

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| Kim Stribling | Stephanie Lloyd | Norma & Denny Allman |
| Laura | Jay | Johnny B. |
| Joe Johnston | Jessie Ross | Celeste |
| Kylie | Paul | Allen |
| Pat Brooks | Don & Kristie Kitchens | Samuel O'Neal |
| Jackson Monti | Charlie Melton | Lucas Guynes |
| Louise Rosser | Joan Marshall | Linda Washington |
| Alice Pronger | Sherry Horan | Kristi, Keith, Elliott, David |
| Katie Seage | Kristin & Jeff | Daria Nosser |
| Frankie Herrod | Stacy Douglass | Joan Bailey |
| Sherry Barton | Carolyn Mellon | Charlie Brantley |
| Becky Drake | | |

Men and women of the Armed Forces:

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| Christoph Martin | Billie Hubbard |
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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in August

	August 4, 2013 <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	August 11, 2013 <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	August 18, 2013 <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	August 25, 2013 <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
First Reading	Hosea 11:1-11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm	Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18	Psalm 71:1-6
Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17
	Blessing for School Children			
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith
11:00 a.m.	Betsy Selby	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins
Master of Ceremonies	Betsy Selby	Susan Price	Betsy Selby	Jennifer Normand
Acolytes				
Crucifer	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes	Penny Freund	Jennifer Normand
Gospel Bearer	Children	Josie Williams	Josie Williams	Ann Tompkins
Lector	Ed Shelnut	Susan Price	Mary Carleton	Bertha Kolb
Prayers of the People	Sharon Hanks	Josie Williams	Josie Williams	Beth Guynes
Oblation Bearers	Children	Linda Gerache, Caroline & Jenni Sciro	Janice Herrington & Terry Brantley	Janice Herrington, Terry Brantley
Ushers & Greeters	Artman & Williams family Children	Joey Gerache Jay Sciro	Allan Leese Dan Carleton	Charlie Brantley Jim Drake
Altar Guild	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott	Sherry Horan (Harvey) Sharon Hanks Penny Freund	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Shelnut			
Coffee Host	Margie Scott Beth Guynes	Penny Freund Susan Price	Betsy Selby Ann Jones	Charlie Brantley Terry Brantley
Wednesday Healing	August 7, 2013 Harvey Smith	August 14, 2013 Ann Tompkins	August 21, 2013 Tommy Skinner	August 28, 2013 Harvey Smith