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Children's Chapel

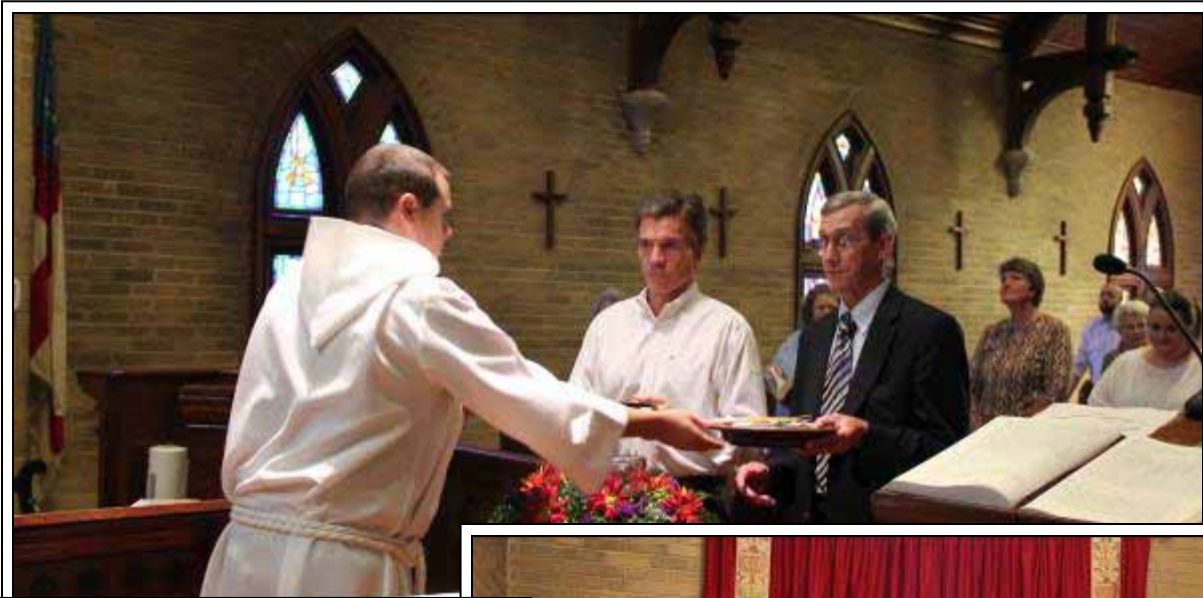
Children's Chapel at St. Alban's is now a reality for the children as they learn and grow in their faith. Children's Chapel not only provides Bible study but also creative instructions regarding the customs and terminology of the Episcopal Church. As the children join with their families in the 'big church', the Children's Chapel will provide a deeper understanding of God, Faith and Church.





Treasure Ingathering & Stewardship Luncheon

This year's stewardship program was a great success! Our program ended with the *Fall Ingathering Sunday* where we enjoyed a beautiful service and shared a delicious luncheon in the Parish House. You have generously shared your Time, Talent and Treasure in support of St. Alban's and our missions.



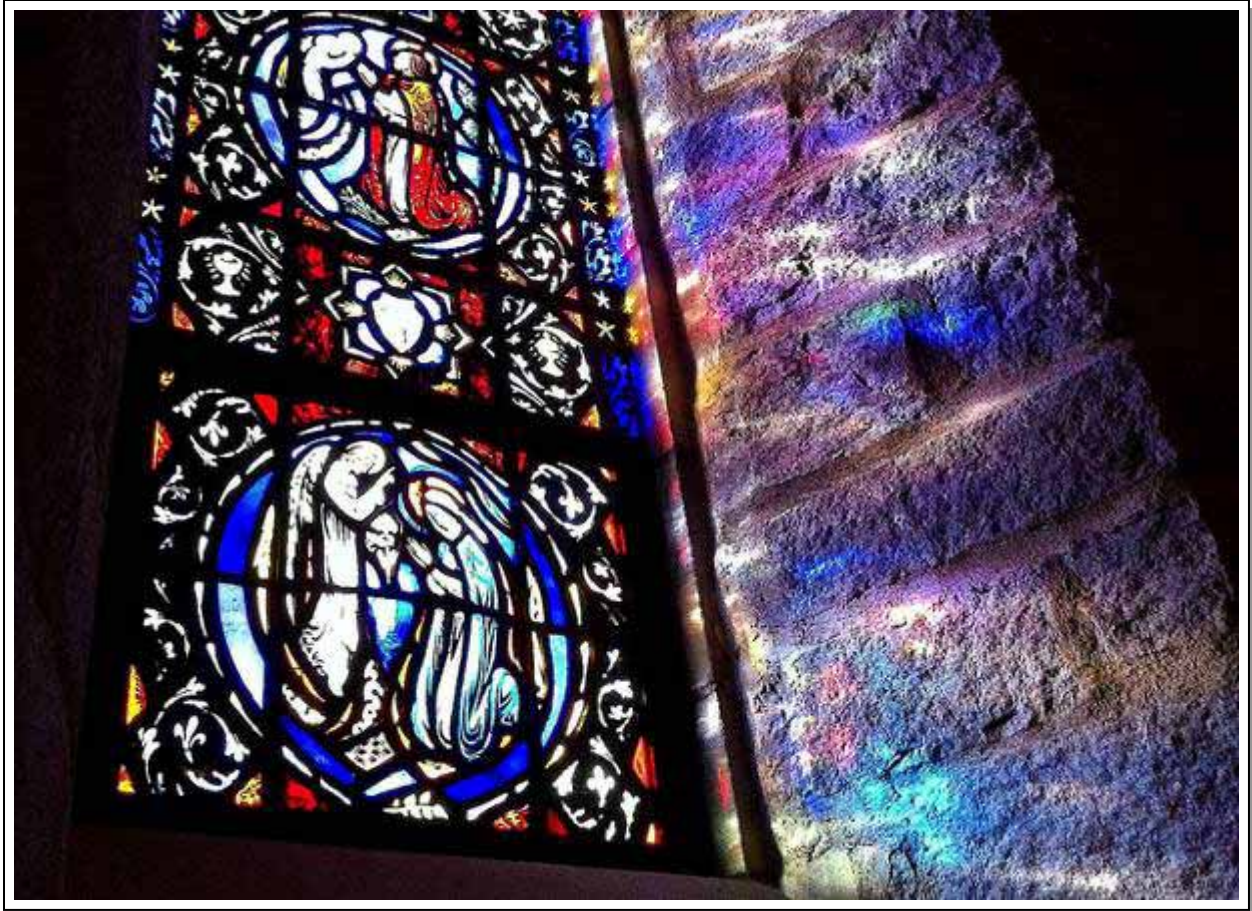
✠ Billie's Corner

We have entered the season of short days and long dark nights. It could be described as a dreamy time of year—a time when memories of a home place long ago can drift to the surface. Frequently memories can be tinged with a combination of joy, sadness and wishful thinking. I am certain we all have an image of a place called home—be it a family home or a place that offers the homelike qualities.

The Monastery of *Saint John the Evangelist* in Cambridge, Mass, is a home place for me. Although I was an adult in my fifties the first time I entered the monastery, I felt like I had arrived at home. Perhaps it was the quiet atmosphere that offered me holy hospitality and the feeling that I had entered a comfort zone. All I know is that I found a home place—or perhaps it found me.

Homes have familiar sounds and scents and so does the monastery. One step on the stairwell has a squeak, bells announce prayer time, chimes signal mealtime—the sound of silence is the constant undercurrent of the monastery. The faint scent of candle wax and incense permeates the entire monastery.

The sight of the multi-colored shafts of light that beam down from the stained glass windows fill the church with a glow that begs the question; “Could this have been



the way color looked in the beginning of creation?” The sheer simplicity of my room invites a sense of calm and order. I enter my room and it welcomes me home.

Of course, the monastery is home to the community of brothers who live there. The brothers offer a sense of stability. I always know when prayer gets lost in the daily demands of my life that the brothers are praying. I am swept up in their prayers, even when I am not literally sharing prayers with them in the monastery. I’ve heard it said that the prayers of monastics throughout the world are the axis on which our world spins. In other words, all of us are “praying always” by way of the prayers of those whose vocation is a life of prayer.

Home is always about meals. The food served in the rectory is part of the ritual of life in the monastery. The Superior always offers the blessing and then describes the menu. We eat in silence while one brother reads from a book. Somehow, despite the silence, meals are a communal experience in which we come to know one another.

The ultimate meal is the daily Eucharist. We encircle the altar as the priest offers us the Holy Meal—the Bread of Life and the



Cup of Salvation. The priest raises the bread and wine, saying; “Behold what you are.” And we answer; “May we become what we receive.”

May I depart my monastery home and return to my Saint Alban’s home having been nurtured into “beholding who I am” and “becoming what I received.”

In peace

Billie+

“We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessing”

Following the Thanksgiving Day worship service, members of St. Alban’s community and friends gathered in the Parish House to enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast. Approximately thirty people attended the annual event.



December Schedule

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:30 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Twelve Steps to Spiritual Wholeness, 7:00 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent, Parish House, 10:00 AM

Make your Own Advent Wreath

Wednesday, December 4

Hinds Community College, Fine Arts Building Auditorium, Utica Branch, 12:30 PM

Annual Christmas Concert, featuring the HCC Choir and Jubilee Singers under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper

Saturday, December 7

St. Mary's, Bolton, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Annual St. Christmas Bazaar & Chicken Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, December 8

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

Galloway Methodist

Concordia Ensemble, *Seasons
& Holy Days*

Saturday, December 13

Altar Guild, Brass Polishing,
9:00 AM

Saturday, December 14

ECW Christmas Luncheon &
Ornament Exchange, Main
Street Café, 10:30 AM

Contact Susan Price (601) 831-3106 or Sharon Hanks (601) 529-6315



Galloway Methodist Concordia Ensemble

Sunday, December 15

Special guests at the 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist
 Mary (as the mother of Jesus) and her cousin, Elizabeth

Tuesday, December 17

Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18

Quiet Day, Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM
 Noonday Prayer, 12:00 Noon
 Evening Prayer, 4:00 PM
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 22

St. Alban's Christmas Celebration
 Potluck Christmas Goodies, Parish House, 10:00 AM
 No Adult Sunday School
 Children's Christmas Tableau during 11:00 AM Eucharist

Sunday, December 22

St. Mary's Christmas Eucharist
 Christmas Carols, 5:30 PM—Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24

St. Alban's Christmas Eve Carols & Eucharist
 Christmas Carols, 5:30 PM—Eucharist, 6:00 PM
 Christmas Carols, 10:30 PM—Eucharist, 11:00 PM

Sunday, January 5

Celebration of the *Feast of Epiphany*
 Children's Epiphany Pageant,
 11:00 AM

Sunday, January 12

Feast of the *Baptism of Christ*
 Annual Parish Meeting &
 Potluck Luncheon



2012 Epiphany Pageant

December Birthdays

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| 1 Harvey Smith, Jr. | 15 Jim Harper |
| 3 Ashley Abraham | 18 Kristen Gayle |
| 10 Patti Dunham | 22 Jennifer Normand |
| 11 Clarissa Walker | 26 John Bonar |
| 12 Pam McCoy Ethridge | 27 Linda Gerache |
| Rodney K. Ham | 28 Dominick McCarthy |
| Joan Leese | Sara Porter |
| 13 Michael Bailey | 29 Buddy Hanks |
| 15 Jim Butler | Ann Jones |

December Anniversaries

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| 3 John & Anita Bonar | 23 Allen & Linda Kitchens |
| 14 Bill. & Margarita Davis | 29 Rudolph & Allison Price Nieto |
| Jerry & Kay McWilliams | David & Mary Ann Wright |
| 16 Jimmy & Ann Jones | 31 Bobby & Rachel Sullivan |
| 20 Charlie & Terry Brantley | |

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

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| Anna | Carol Ann Greer | Richard Massey |
| Sherry Barton | Jay | Becky Drake |
| Jackson Monti | Lucas Guynes | David Pruett |
| Sherry Horan | Edel Mangum | Carol Langford |
| Terry & Charlie Brantley | Denise Gellespie | Joshua Hampton |
| Damien Hansford | Amanda Warren | Junette Tomlin |
| Margaret Lowry | Scott Phipps | Camille Doiron |
| Kevin Hicks | Kim Stribling | Ethan Claburn |

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in December

	December 1, 2013	December 8, 2013	December 15, 2013	December 22, 2013	December 29, 2013
	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>
First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm	Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-13	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7	Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7
Second Reading	Matthew 24:36-44	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25	John 1:1-18
Gospel	Psalm 122	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Psalm 146:4-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	Psalm 147
	Morning Prayer				
Lay Worship Leader					
8:30 a.m.	Josie Williams	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Josie Williams	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby
Master of Ceremonies		Betsy Selby	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand	Betsy Selby
Acolytes					
Crucifer	David Pruett	Penny Freund	Clarissa Walker	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes
Gospel Bearer		Caroline Siro Jenni Sciro	Deacon Josie	Jennifer Normand	Deacon Josie
Lector		Marci Turner	Sharon Hanks	Ed Shelnut	Penny Freund
Prayers of the People		Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers		Linda Gerache Jenni Sciro	Richard Massey Margo Massey	Janice Herrington Betty Rushing	Will Horner Clarissa Walker
Ushers & Greeters	Jeff Artman Kelsey Artman	Jay Sciro Allan Leese	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Easy Biedenham David Normand	Charlie Brantley Ann Jones
Children's Chapel	Marci Turner	Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins	Linda Walker	
Altar Guild	Sharon Hanks Terri Brantley	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott
Eucharistic Minister		Penny Freund	Theo Williams	Ed Shelnut	Penny Freund
Coffee Host	Betsy Selby Margie Scott	Need Volunteers	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret	Christmas Celebration	Charlie Brantley Terry Brantley
Wednesday Healing	December 4, 2013	December 11, 2013	December 18, 2013	December 25, 2013	January 1, 2014
	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith