



# The Albanac

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**January 2013**

## Christmas Luncheon and Ornament Exchange

The month of December was a busy one as church members and clergy ushered in the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The first joyous celebration was held December 8 as the ECW gathered at Main Street Café for the annual Christmas Luncheon and Ornament Exchange. A wonderful time was had by all.



Pictured back row left to right: Ann Jones, Margie Scott, Becky Drake, Sherry Horan, Mickey Barlow, Ann Tompkins, Susan Price, Sharon Hanks, Betsy Selby, Josie Williams, Mary Ann Wright and Cassandra Price. Second row seated: Mary Carleton, Billie Abraham, Ruth Green, Betty Biedenharn, Judy Morrissey and Eleanor Price. Front row: Beth Guynes, Kerri Williams, Colby Hopkins and Lisa Langford.

## The Christmas Party and Living Nativity

On Saturday, December 15, church members gathered in the Parish Hall to revive the traditional Christmas Party, a highly anticipated event in past years. Cookies were baked as the children enjoyed various activities.

Rodney Ham, posing as Santa Claus, presented Reverend Billie Abraham and Reverend Deacon Josie Williams with Christmas presents. Following the party, those who were participating in the Living Nativity assumed their positions on the grounds and watched as approximately 40 cars drove by to view the manger scene.





# The Living Nativity



## ✠ Billie's Corner



As we approach a new year together as a church family, I am reflecting on the past year. I am reviewing my 2012 date book that is overflowing with appointments, activities and events that involve the community of St. Alban's and the community of St. Mary's. Your names fill in spaces provided for appointments. The margins around each page are scribbled with your names and reminders of things "to-do." We did a lot last year and we did it together.

The church buildings that house our communities are beautiful structures. St. Alban's Church looks like a tiny gothic church in an English village and St. Mary's Church has been described as "an ornament to the diocese." The churches provide us with a place to worship God and a place to call our home.

**BUT, we are the church!** The church is the living body of Christ. Our worship is one aspect of our life together. Our outreach and inreach ministries are who we are—our care and concern for each other and for those we encounter are who we are. We are our hospitality and our evangelism. We are the flesh and bones of our faith in God—we are disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today.

I am reminded of a song that the *Jubilee Singers* have performed at St. Alban's and St. Mary's. I wish I could make the words in this letter come alive with the power of the voices of the *Jubilee Singers*, the best I can do is share the words. I get tears in my eyes and goose-bumps up and down my body every time I hear them sing out:



*I need you and you need me.  
We are all a part of God's body.  
Stand with me, be with me.  
We are all a part of God's body.  
It is his will, that every need be supplied.  
You are important to me, I need you to survive.  
I pray for you, you pray for me.  
I love you, I need you to survive.*

We need each other to survive. God created us to live in relationship with God and with each other. May the coming year be the continuation of growth in love and respect for God and for each other. May our life together make the lyrics of the song come to life.

In peace  
Billie+

## A Christmas Baptism



**William Douglas Upchurch**, son of Keith and Jill Upchurch was baptized by the Very Reverend Billie Abraham on December 23.

## New Stained Glass Window



**Dodie Pritchard (left)** and **Barbara Ramsay** stand before the new stained glass window donated by Barbara in memory of her husband, Dr. Charles H. Ramsay and daughter, Bebe Ramsay. The dedication of the window will take place on Mother's Day, May 12, 2013.

## † Josie's Journal

### From A Diaconal Lens

Starting the first week of Advent and ending week four of Advent, parishioners were showered with cards. One hundred and sixty-five cards were mailed to fifteen recipients.

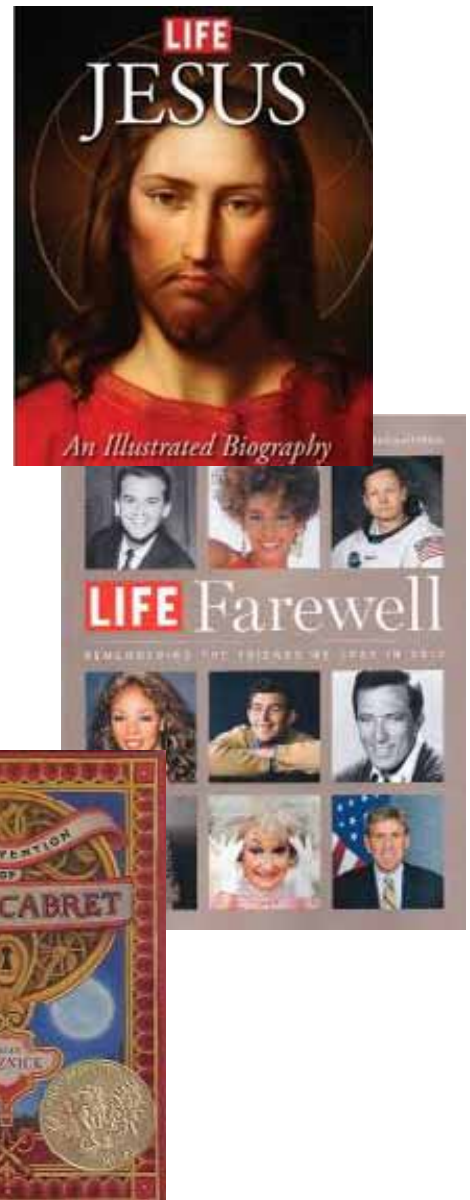
I am speechless (a first), by your eagerness to participate in this card ministry. I offer many thanks to my St. Alban's family for your participation.

Donations made to the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center during December:

- *The Invention of Hugh Cabret*, The Caldecott Award Winning Book by Brian Selznick
- *Life Farewell: Remembering the Friends We Lost in 2012*
- *Time Magazine: The Year in Review*
- *Life: Jesus: Who Do You Say That I Am?*
- Gift card donations were made to families at the Warren County Youth Court.

Thank you cards received from recipients are posted on the bulletin board.

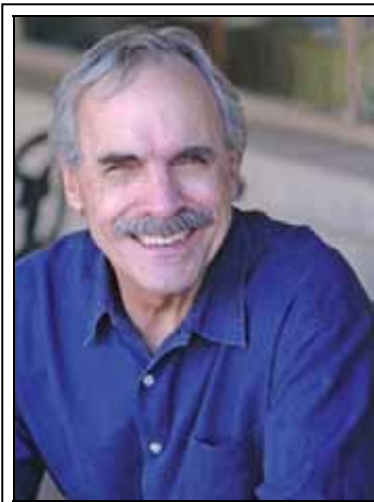
Peace  
Josie+



## January Schedule

**Sunday, January 6:** *The Feast of Epiphany*, children will present an Epiphany Pageant, 11:00 AM Eucharist

**Sunday, January 13:** *The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord*, Annual Parish Meeting  
PLEASE NOTE: ONE EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM. Annual Reports, Election of Junior Warden and Two Vestry Members, Pot Luck Luncheon



John Maxwell, Playwright

**Sunday, January 13:** Second Sunday at Saint Mary's Church, 4:00 PM  
Eucharist & John Maxwell's monologue portraying Saint John the Baptist,  
Refreshments following in the Parish Hall

**Monday, January 14, 21, 28:** Yoga, 6:00 PM  
Yoga with instructor Lee Wheelless in Parish Hall

**Tuesday, January 15 - Saturday, January 19:**  
Rev. Billie Abraham will

be in New York, visiting Amy & Scott Burr, her daughter & son-in-law

**Thursday, January 24, 31:** DOCC, 6:00 PM  
(Disciples of Christ in Community) Lower Level of All Saints' School Chapel

**Sunday, January 27:** Evening Prayer, Saint Mary's Church, Bolton, 4:00 PM



Lee Wheelless, Yogi Instructor



## January Birthdays

3 Lynda Hubbard	20 Austin Sumrall
4 Richard Selby	26 Karen A. McCraw
8 Mary Carleton	Anna Selby
12 Hannah Huntley	27 Betsy Selby
16 Joy Brabston	29 Heaven Leigh Merritt
Sadie Williamson	Susan Price
17 Sergio Panelo	31 Robert Ulmer
19 Kenon Ruska	

## January Anniversaries

27 Stanley & Deborah Lee	27 Bo & Kristen Gayle
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## Prayers

### For those Sick or in Need:

Lance Lafan	Bob Crawford	Fredrick Hunter
Walker Biedenharn	Jay	Jimmy Cheatham
Joe Bonelli	John Williams	Harold Lee
Marsha Hammer	Jessie Ross	Amber Ross
Debbie Gorney	Jan & Bobby Robinson	Wanda Walker
Jean Roberts	Madison, Tim & Sandy Raines	Layla Gray
Marjorie Stevenson	Jessica Howell	Elizabeth Hopkins
Tim Hubbard	Jim Dantin	Elliot Bexley
Kathryn Chaneu	Edell Mixon	Malcolm Maxey
Bill Brunson	Buz Pickens	Courtney Carrington Rushing
Jewel & Glen Miller	Sharon Givins	Ada Hubbard
Mary Jane Holman	Puddin Milano	Rick Floyd
Elizabeth Cliett	Tom Biedenharn	Missionaries in Mali Africa
Tim Davis	Patrick Johnson	Fran Ross
Joan Leese	Beth Rawls	Brandon Marshall
Laura	Mollory Cessna	Bobby Godwin
Karen Magee	Kristi Kitchens	Weesie Biedenharn
Everette Bexley	Camile Bexley	Denny & Norma Allman
Jerry Mahloch	Ed & Bessie Norwood	Ashleigh Ford

### Men and women of the Armed Forces:

Cynthia Horan	Christoph Martin	Billie Hubbard
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## Liturgical Schedule Sundays in January

	<b>January 6, 2013</b> <i>The Epiphany</i>	<b>January 13, 2013</b> <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>January 20, 2013</b> <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>January 27, 2013</b> <i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
<b>Psalm</b>	Ephesians 3:1-12	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10	Psalm 19
<b>Second Reading</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
<b>Gospel</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 <b>Epiphany Pageant</b>	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 <b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21
<b>Lay Worship Leader</b>				
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Harvey Smith	<b>10.00 AM Eucharist</b>	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby	Richard Price	Harvey Smith
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins	Susan Price	Beth Guynes
<b>Acolytes</b>				
<b>Crucifer</b>	Beth Guynes	Koury Collins	Susan Price	Beth Guynes
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Genevieve & Sunny, Heather	Kerri & Peter Williams		
<b>Lector</b>	Kelsey Artman	Ed Shelnut	Bertha Kolb	Sharon Hanks
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Beth Guynes	Deacon Josie Williams	Sharon Hanks	Deacon Josie Williams
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	Artman Family	Linda Gerache Jenni Sciro	Clarissa Walker Wil Horner	Becky Drake Jim Drake
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Jim Drake Bobby Barlow	Jay Sciro Joey Gerache	Theo Williams Jim Drake	Bobby Barlow Charlie Brantley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks	Mary Ann Wright Lisa Langford
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		Ed Shelnut	Susan Price	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Margie Scott Sherry Horan	<b>Annual Parish Pot Luck</b>	Lisa Langford Ruth Green	Terry Brantley Charlie Brantley
<b>Wednesday Healing</b>	<b>January 9, 2013</b> Harvey Smith	<b>January 16, 2013</b> Tommy Skinner	<b>January 23, 2013</b> Ann Tompkins	<b>January 30, 2013</b> Harvey Smith