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Independence Day Celebration

Sunday July 1st was an exciting day for all who attended St. Alban's Jazz Eucharist. The service celebrated the 4th of July and was filled with patriotism as the congregation sang together, prayed together and celebrated the Holy Eucharist together.

Howard Jones Jazz, a popular jazz ensemble, provided the music for the Eucharist. To the audience's delight, the famed group performed both sacred and patriotic numbers. The processional hymn, *When The Saints Go Marching In*, set the mood for the service to follow. The dedication of two Episcopal Church flags and two American flags were featured in the celebrations. One set was placed in the nave while the other was hung outside the main entrance to the church.

Flag bearers for the Episcopal Church flags were Clarissa and Genevieve Walker. Jennifer Tompkins and Mahlon Tompkins were flag bearers for the American flags. Maylon, Jennifer's nephew and



Ann Tompkins grandson, wore his Boy Scout uniform for the event. Theo William, U. S. Veteran who served in Afghanistan, marched in the processional in his “dress blues” and later led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The selection of familiar hymns and patriotic music lifted the spirits of the congregation and made everyone *Proud to be an American*. It was indeed a service to be remembered.

Jim and Sherry Horan Celebrate 51 Years (June 4, 1961 - 2012)



July Outreach

The outreach collection for July will be school supplies for Bovina Elementary School. Look for the collection box in the parish hall. Supplies needed are paper towels, Kleenex, Elmer's Glue, hand sanitizer, crayons, construction paper, #2 pencils, wide-ruled notebook paper and folders with pockets.

Gone to Print!

Becky Drake and Kenon Ruska are happy to announce that their new book, *Lift High the Cross: The History of St. Alban's Episcopal Church*, has gone to print and will be dedicated on Saturday, October 27th at the *Fall Founders' Festival*. The book was written as a gift to St. Alban's Episcopal Church with all proceeds going to benefit the church.

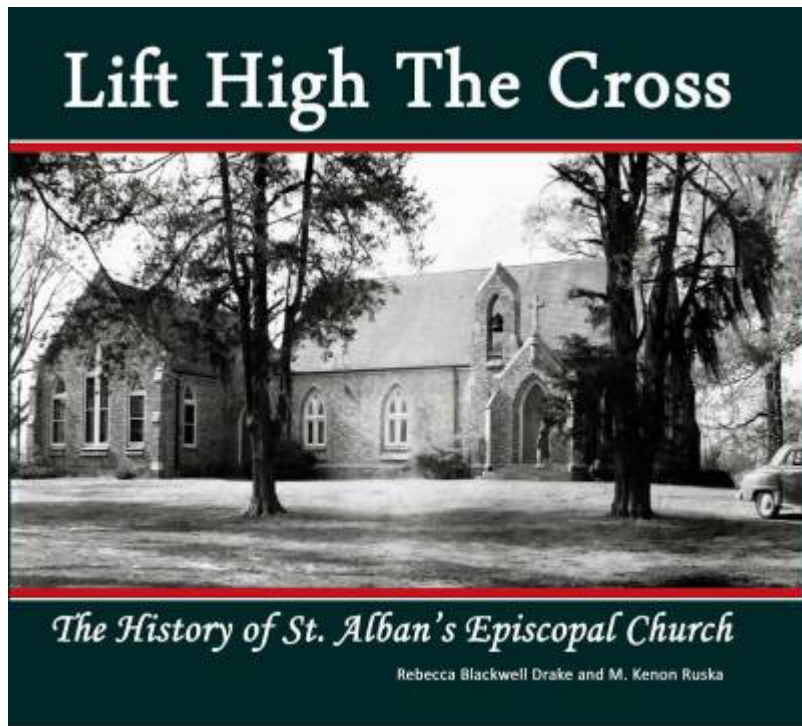
The book is a 230-page hardback with a glossy cover and features thirty chapters, each bearing a hymn title. The chapters detail the history of St. Alban's beginning in 1857 and continuing to present.

The dedication ceremony will feature: Barney McCann, pianist extraordinaire, playing *A Celebration of Hymns*; The Jubilee Singers with Dr. Bobby Cooper, conductor, performing *Soon and Very Soon, We're Going to See the King*; Ed Shelnut, Mary Ruth Jones and James Anderson, professional readers, each reading a chapter from the book; and St. Alban's Choir leading the singing.

Five-hundred first edition copies will be offered for sale following the dedication and blessing.

Becky and Kenon would like to thank church members for their help in producing the book: Reverend Billie Abraham, rector, for the inspiration to write the book; Jim Drake for graphic design and editing; Eleanor Price for numerous old photographs including the postcard featured on the cover; Sharon Hanks, Cassandra Price and Eleanor Price for proofreading; Harvey Smith for providing the will of Matilda Townsend and helping to research cemetery records; and Jerry McWilliams for artwork.

Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there.



† Billie's Corner

*"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
Mark 10:14*

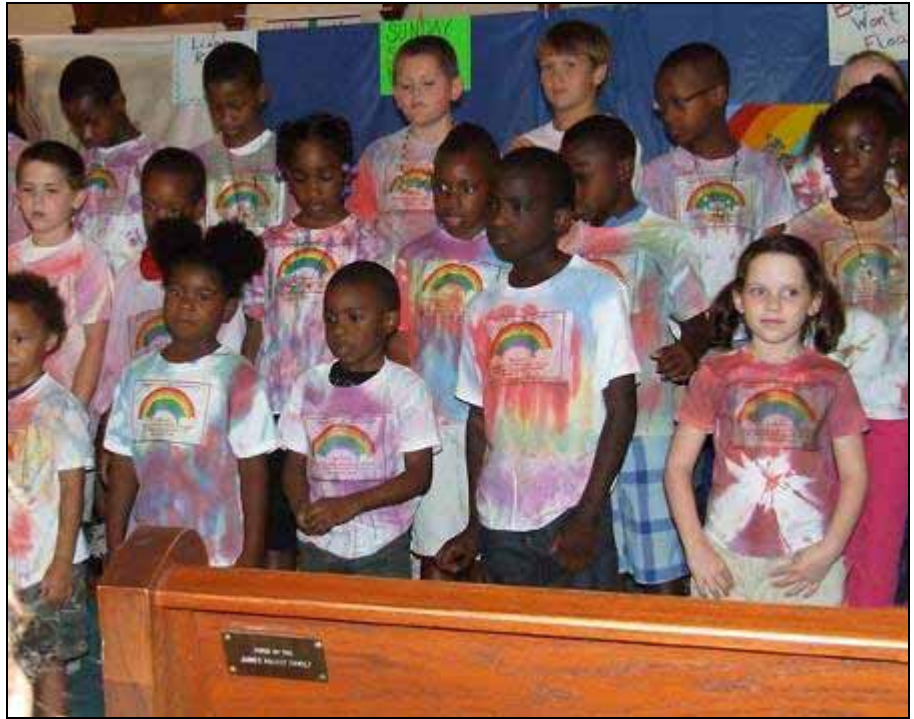
Vacation Bible School is all about letting the little children come to church, come to Scripture and, ultimately come to experience the abundant love of God. Bovina United Methodist Church was overflowing with children and adults during the week of Vacation Bible School as youth from the local community and members of St. Paul Church, Bovina Methodist Church and St. Alban's Church came together to pray, play and share fellowship. The spirit of hospitality permeated the church.



Skit Depicting Daniel Praying in the Lion's Den

Vacation Bible School was held at Bovina United Methodist Church this past week and was a huge success. Forty-three children from three local churches, Bovina Methodist, St. Alban's and St. Paul Church, participated. The lessons were written by Carol Farrar and crafts as well as the songs were designed to coincide with the lessons.

The sounds of holy chaos filled the evenings that revolved around the theme of *God Keeps His Promises*. Each evening opened with prayer and a skit that introduced the bible story to be studied; *Noah and the Ark*, *Daniel and the Lion's Den*, and *David and Goliath*. Songs, crafts and Bible study were on the agenda each night. This was old fashioned Bible School at its best! Next year VCB will be held at St. Paul Church.



What happened during the four days of Bible School was community formation. We arrived as three individual churches and we departed as one community. Each evening included shared table fellowship, prayer and Holy Scripture. Some children were bashful, some were outgoing — all were welcomed. The adults not only supervised the activities - they participated as well.

An undercurrent of unity was the connecting force throughout Vacation Bible School. By way of God's abundant love, we manifested the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Ephesians:

*“There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all in all.”
Ephesians 4:4-6*

In peace
Billie+

† Josie's Journal

Keeping It Short & Simple (Kiss)

Why are things more complicated than they need to be? My sister is fifty-four, a nurse and non driver, and is learning to use her computer to pay bills on line. In May, she purchased bundled service for her land line, cell phone, cable, and internet. When we called the previous carriers to cancel her service for June, the cable service could not be disconnected. Due to a clerical error, the social security number listed on the account was not hers. Similarly, she would have to go in person to the local telephone company office to cancel her service. Is this complicated or what? Long story short — on June 25 we finally had her service disconnected by going to the local provider's office and producing her social security card and ID.

On Thursday, June 21st, I took a prescription to the pharmacy to have it filled. The clerk took my prescription and informed me that the medicine would have to be ordered, and I could pick it up the next day. When, I went to the pharmacy on Saturday afternoon the prescription was not ready. My prescription was not logged into the computer and the paper copy could not be located. The pharmacist told me that it would be ready on Sunday. When I returned on Sunday after church and it was not ready, but, could I come back on Monday? I called on Monday and my prescription had been located; however the medicine was not in stock. The pharmacist called around Vicksburg and found another druggist who had the medicine. Then, I had to go the pharmacy and retrieve the prescription to take to the second druggist who filled the prescription. Finally —four days, two pharmacies and three clerks later — I had my prescription.

It only took seven days for God to create the world!!!!!!

This incident brings to mind a wonderful thought from the first night of Vacation Bible School. The theme is *God Keeps His Promises*. This was a perfect way to end a hectic day. Singing the song with the preschoolers *Never Give Up* was exactly what I needed to bring me back to my senses after all the chaos.

How easy is it to remember that God is in control and He always keeps His promises.

In Peace,

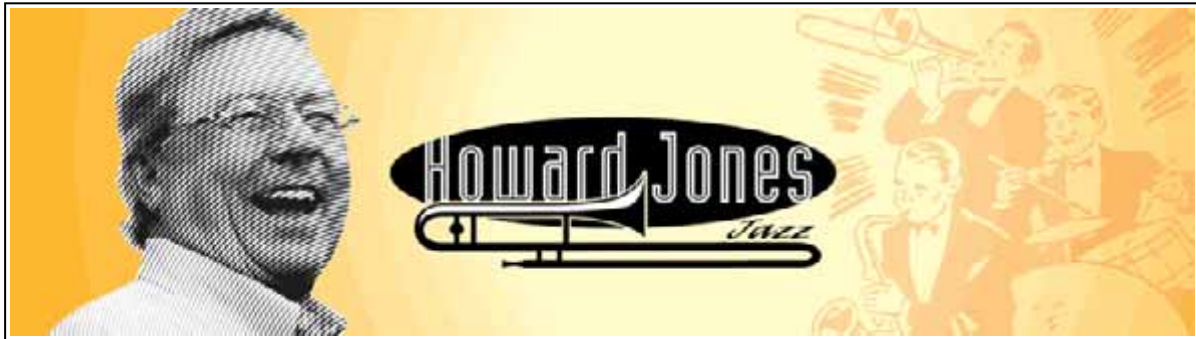
Josie



July Events

Summer Vacation Schedule — No Sunday School

No Sunday School during the summer months — July, July & August



Sunday, July 1 — Independence Day Celebration, 11:00 a.m.

Independence Day Celebration, Dedication of Flags, and Jazz Eucharist with Howard Jones Jazz featuring sacred and patriotic music

Wednesday, July 4 — No Healing Service

Saturday, July 7 — Knitting & More, 9:00 a.m. until noon

Handwork Outreach Ministry Group

Sunday, July 8 — St. Alban's Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Pot luck breakfast between services

Sunday, July 8 — Second Sunday's at Saint Mary's Church, 4:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, July 10 — Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 13 — Quiet Day, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gray Conference Center

Tuesday, July 17 — Budget Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19 — Road Trip to Brookhaven

View columbarium and grounds of the Church of the Redeemer and lunch at The Porch

July Birthdays

1	William Aspinall III	14	Betty Biedenbarn
2	Joshua Sullivan		Gene Warren
3	Rudy Nieto	16	Roy Bailey
	Beau Ramsay		Jill Upchurch
	Charles Selby	20	Bryan Brabston, Jr.
4	Bill Hubbard		Allen Kitchens, Jr.
7	Delores (Dodi) Pritchard	23	Tripp Curtis
9	Suzanne Artman	24	Allen Kitchens
	Kaylan Marie Sumrall	25	Kelsey Artman
10	Joel Langford		Becky Drake
12	Andrew Ulmer	28	Don Biedenbarn
13	Jane Batchelor		Ross Lunz
	Lauren Guynes	29	F. M. "Easy" Biedenbarn

July Anniversaries

5	Jim & Becky Drake	22	Michael & Judy Morrissey
9	Theo & Josie Williams	25	Clark & Clare Huntley
13	Jeff & Suzanne Artman	26	John & Ann Tompkins

Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Cathy Ingram	Tom Pharr	Fredrick Hunter
Debbie Fowler	Jay	Mary Kavanaugh
Joe Bonelli	John Williams	Lauren Stamm
Frances Marble	Jessie Ross	Puddin Milano
Johnny Bottom	Jan & Bobby Robinson	Mary Pipes
Jean Roberts	Layla Gray	Sharon Cloud
Matthew Jordon	Ailene Graves	Ed & Bessie Norwood
James Rumfelt	Jim Dantin	M. K. Smith
Joe Gerache	Walker Biedenbarn	George Hammack
Ann Ammons	Edell Mixon	Bill Mobley
The Gerache Family	Bill Brunson	Buz Pickens
Jewel Miller	Glen Miller	Ada Hubbard
Mary Jane Holman	Scott	Charles Floyd
Elizabeth Cliett	Tom Biedenbarn	Ashleigh Ford
Tim Davis	Harold Lee	Michael Morrissey
Rusty Henderson	Pete Phifer	John Boa
Joan Leese	Beth Rawls	Brandon Marshall
Parker Ramsey	Mollory Cessna	Bill McClesse
Amber Ross	Mr. Graves	The Graves family
Jack Williams	Raymond Henderson	Bobby Godwin
Faith, Bridget & Mike Wildschuetz		Missionaries in Mali Africa
	Betsy, Richard, Charles, Lawson, David & Anna Selby	

Pray for men and women of the Armed Forces, especially:

Cynthia Horan Christoph Martin Billie Hubbard Lt.. Jonathan Fanelli Ronald Duplessi

Liturgical Schedule Sundays in July

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm	Psalm 130	Psalm 48	Psalm 24	Psalm 89:20-37	Psalm 14
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel	Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	John 6:1-21
Eucharistic Minister		Morning Prayer Deacon Josie			
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Richard Price
11:00 a.m.	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby
Master of Ceremonies	Susan Price		Susan Price	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes
Acolytes					
Crucifer	Beth Guynes		Koury Collins	Michael Rangel	Beth Guynes
Torch Bearer					
Gospel Bearer	Susan Price		Kerri & Peter Williams	Betsy & Lawson Selby	Genevieve Walker
Lector	Bertha Kolb		Ed Shelnut	Sandra Melsheimer	Clarissa Walker
Prayers of the People	Beth Guynes		Sharon Hanks	Betsy Selby	Linda Walker
Oblation Bearers	Jennifer Normand Mahlon Tompkins		Susan Price Richard Price	Les Ferguson Becki Ferguson & children	Lisa Langford, Ann Jones
Ushers & Greeters	Theo Williams Charlie Brantley	John Scott Beth Guynes	Charlie Brantley Terry Brantley	Jeff Artman David Normand	Bobby Barlow Jim Drake
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Wright Lisa Langford	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks
Eucharistic Minister			Ed Shelnut		
Coffee Host	Sherry Horan Margie Scott	Breakfast between services	Charlie Brantley Terry Brantley	Betsy Selby Ann Jones	Lisa Langford Ruth Green
Wednesday Healing	No Healing Service	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby	