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BLESSING OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



On March 23 after church, we blessed our new Little Free Library

The Little Free Library Dedicated in Loving Memory of Margie Scott



On Sunday, March 23, we blessed and dedicated our new Little Free Library in memory of Margie Scott. Margie grew up at St. Alban's and raised her family here, contributing to the church in numerous ways before her death in 2023. She was a voracious reader all her life, and recounted picking up library books at the church in her childhood. The Little Free Library is a way for us to honor Margie and remember her love of books. Thank you to Beth & Terry Guynes for installing the library!



WELCOMING DEACON TAMI ROESSLER



The Rev. Deacon Tami Roessler will be serving at St. Alban's on the second Sunday of each month. She will be serving at other Episcopal churches in Warren County on other Sundays.

Greetings!! I am very excited and delighted to be part of the Church community at St. Alban's. I moved to Vicksburg almost two years ago from Ticonderoga NY. While living in New York, I studied at the Diocese of Albany Deacon Formation Program and was ordained on Trinity Sunday 2023 at the Cathedral in Albany. I was originally baptized Methodist on Palm Sunday at age nine. After marrying my husband Rick in 1987, we started to attend the local Episcopal Church in my hometown, and I was later confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1989.

As a former military wife, I have been blessed to see many different faith traditions and ways of worshipping the Lord. It is the richness of that diversity in worship and mission that I enjoy sharing with others. My two great passions in ministry are pastoral care and bible study. I began working in pastoral care while living in the greater Washington DC area in 2008. I find it a very humbling experience to care for those who are shut in or sick. I also enjoy bible studies and enjoy unlocking biblical truths with other Christian believers.

My previous work experiences were as a licensed practical nurse and a social worker. My work concentrations were in geriatrics and mental health.

My family includes my husband Rick, my daughter Allyson and her husband Wayne who live in Monroe, LA, and our daughter Meg who lives locally. We also have a very senior cat Kimchi and our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Owen, who both keep us on our toes, and bring a lot of love to our home.

I thank you for your warm welcome to your Church community and look forward to working with you on your many projects and programs.

Blessings to you all,
Tami Roessler

Blessing Macy Weaver

On Sunday, March 9, we offered a blessing for Macy Weaver, daughter of Stacy and Mark Weaver, as she prepares to leave for the Peace Corps. Macy graduated from Millsaps College last May and will be going to Costa Rica for two years where, after her orientation, she will be working in elementary education teaching English. Congratulations and safe travels, Macy!



Lenten Soup Suppers



During Wednesday evenings in Lent, we have been gathering around a soup supper to talk about sin, repentance, and grace. Pictured is David Pruett talking about the Hebrew words for “sin” and what those words mean in Judaism. Thank you to all the volunteers who are providing soup and bread, including Peyton Bryan, Judy Gavin, Ann Tompkins, Judy Morrissey, Tommy Skinner, Susan Price, Nancy Montague, Harvey Smith, Cassandra Price, and Carolyn Burton. It’s not too late to join us--our final two sessions are April 2 and April 9.

Snapshots from the Past Month



Fore & Sallie at Sunday School



Jim Drake works on the sound system



Signs of spring all around!

Elisabeth's Epistle



On March 21-22, the second annual Small Church Conference was held at Grace Episcopal Church in Canton. As part of the organizing team, I was thrilled at our turn out—over 60 leaders from over 25 congregations around the state participated. A wide range of churches were represented, from those like St. Alban's that have a full-time rector to much smaller churches who might only have a supply priest once a month. Senior Warden Sharon Hanks and Vestry Member Harvey Smith participated in the conference, as well as Carolyn Gent Burton, who officiated morning prayer and helped lead a workshop on stewardship of volunteers. If you'd like to get a taste of what we were talking about at the conference, check out our new Small Church Collaborative website at sccms.org.

My take-aways from the conference included the following: 1) our small churches have immense talent sitting in the pews, from our lay worship leaders and musicians, to the volunteers who lead Sunday school and organize outreach; 2) the small church of the future (and in many ways the present) is going to be lay-led and clergy-supported; 3) our liturgical tradition has many beautiful options for services, including morning prayer, that can be led by lay leaders; and 4) we're all going to need to get comfortable with innovation and change as we move into the future, but it's all going to be alright as long as we remember that God is with us.

HOLY WEEK 2025

All services at St. Alban's except those in red



4/13 PALM SUNDAY

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM at St. Alban's
Remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem with a palm procession before each service

WEDNESDAY, 4/16, 6:00 PM

Tenebrae Service at St. Alban's
A service of light and shadows reflecting on the Passion with Psalms & Readings

4/17 MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6:00 PM

Family-friendly dinner & service remembering the great commandment at St. Alban's



4/18 GOOD FRIDAY, 12:00 PM

A quiet, reflective service with Passion reading at St. Alban's

4/18, GOOD FRIDAY, 5:00 PM

Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's, 900 First North St.
Travel the via dolorosa with our Lord

4/19 SATURDAY, 7:30 PM

The Great Vigil of Easter at Christ Church, 1115 Main St.
Light the new fire, hear the story of salvation, ring the Easter bells at the first service of Easter!

4/20 EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. ALBAN'S

8:30 AM Outdoor Service with Holy Baptism (weather permitting)
10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Flowering the Cross
11:00 AM Festive Service in the Church



All Services at 5930 Warriors Trail, Bovina, unless otherwise noted



Prayers of the People

For those sick or in need:

Allan & Joan	David & Melissa	Keith	Richard S.
Anita	Ed	Mary Lou	Ricky
Bubby	Erin	Newell	Selinda
Butch	Jackson	Mike & Nancy	Sophia
Charlie & Sue	James	Norma	Sue
Clarence	Jay	Pat	Terry
Dan G.	Jerry	Randy	
Dan H.	Kathy	Richard P.	

For the departed: John Hoffman, Kathleen Potts, Harold Blue, and Marilyn Brooks.

Liturgical Schedule

	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27
Rite I - 8:30 AM		PALM SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY	
Lay Worship Leader	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins
Lector	Nancy Montague	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Beth Sojourner
Healing Minister	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner
Rite II - 11:00 AM				
Lay Worship Leader	Betsy Selby	Richard Price	Harvey Smith	Dawn Rickard
Greeters/ Ushers	Betty Rushing	Dawn Rickard	Penny Freund	Bobby Barlow
Lector	Penny Freund	Susan Price	Kristi Hall	Betsy Selby
Prayers of the People	Harvey Smith	Sharon Hanks	Buck Cooper	Sharon Hanks
Chalice Bearer	Dawn Rickard	Tami Roessler	Carolyn Burton	Betsy Selby
A/V System	Harvey Smith	Jim Drake	Jim Drake	Harvey Smith
Acolyte				
Healing Minister	Harvey Smith	Carolyn Burton	Dawn Rickard	Penny Freund
Vestry Person of the Day	Sharon Hanks	Harvey Smith	Nancy Montague	Bobby Barlow
Altar Guild	Nancy Montague	Tommy Skinner	Mary Ann Wright	Ann Tompkins
	Sharon Hanks	Susan Price	Harvey Smith	Samantha Mahloch
	Barbara Frey	Samantha Mahloch	Judy Morrissey	Buck Cooper

Wednesday Healing Service

We will not have a healing service in April due to Lent. Join us every Wednesday evening through April 9 for our Lenten series.