



# The Albanac

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Pentecost Sunday—"Come Holy Spirit, Come!"

## Celebrating the Birthday of the Church



On Sunday, May 19, St. Alban's was filled with the Holy Spirit as celebrations took place throughout the day. Prior to the 11:00 AM Eucharist, children were in the nave practicing flying the "Dove Kite" that represents the presence of the Holy Spirit. Acolytes, Fore and Taylor, flew the kite during the processional and recessional hymns. The congregation was singing and smiling from the joy that was felt in their hearts. At the close of the service, the congregation gathered in the Parish Hall for the cutting of the birthday cake, reminding us of "Pentecost Day" so long ago when the "Holy Spirit" came down from heaven and ignited the preaching of the Gospel—a story of salvation that, in time, would reach the ends of the earth and into eternity.



## A Blessing for High School Graduates

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, during the Eucharist, Rev. Elisabeth honored Canada Stewart and Gloria Hall, with a bag of gifts and a special blessing, *The Path*, as they continue with their education. Both have been communicantes of St. Alban's since childhood. Canada graduated from St. Aloysius High School and will continue her education at Mississippi College in Clinton. Gloria graduated from Warren Central and will be entering MS Gulf Coast Community College in the fall.



### *The Path*

*“God bless the path on which you go. God bless the earth beneath your feet.  
God bless your destination. God be a smooth way before you, a guiding star  
above you, a keen eye behind you, this day, this night and forever.  
God be with you whatever you pass, Jesus be with you whatever  
you climb, Spirit be with you wherever you stay.  
God be with you at each stop and each sea at each lying down and each rising up  
in the trough of the waves, on the crest of the billows,  
Each step of the journey you take.”*

*Celtic Blessing*



Cake & punch reception held in the Parish Hall honoring the graduates



Gloria with mother, Kristi Hall



Canada with mother, Laura Barnett



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## Pentecost Cookout—“We are One in the Spirit”



The activities of Pentecost Sunday ended with a late afternoon cookout on the beautiful grounds of St. Alban’s Church. Joining in the celebration were members of ‘sister’ Episcopal Churches in Warren County. The evening was all about fun and fellowship. The men grilled hot dogs and hamburgers while the women tended to the tables laden with food—casseroles, salads, desserts, watermelon slices, hot dogs and hamburgers. The children enjoyed the cookout, especially playing on the water slide. The final touch of the birthday dinner was the cutting of the birthday cake while enjoying the fellowship shared with other members of other churches

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*“We are One in the Spirit, we are One in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored. They will know we are Christians by our love. We will work side by side with each other. We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand. And, together we’ll spread the News that God is in our land. Yes they will know that we are Christians by our love.”*

*Peter Scholte*





Church members enjoying good food and fellowship—“Bless Be the Tie that Binds, Our Hearts in Christian Love”







Andrew, Taylor, Fore and Gavin enjoying Pentecost birthday celebrations







***Pentecost Bonfire—“Tongues of Fire”***

Fire represents the Holy Spirit that gave the Apostles the courage (*Tongues of Fire*) to go forth and share Christ’s story to the ends of the earth



## Elisabeth's Epistle

### Where's Elisabeth?

Do you remember the *Where's Waldo?* books in which you have to search for a red-and-white clad man among crowds of people? These have kept me and my kids entertained on many a road trip. This summer, the question is going to be, "Where's Elisabeth?" I am taking some vacation time, but I will also be away from St. Alban's for a couple weeks on church business. Here's a week-by-week summary of where I will be:

- June 1–8, On vacation with my extended family
- Week of June 9, At the church
- June 15–22, On vacation to see friends
- June 23-27, Serving as an alternate delegate for our Diocese at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville, KY
- June 30-July 6, Directing the Elementary camp session at Camp Bratton Green

During my time away, here's what you can expect. Thanks to several supply priests, we will be able to offer at least one service of Holy Eucharist every Sunday. We will also have two Sundays on which we will just have one service at 10:00 AM: on June 23 to celebrate the Feast of St. Alban, and on June 30. Some of our supply priests have to travel quite a distance to reach us (one is coming from Hattiesburg!), so please extend a warm St. Alban's greeting to them and thank them.

We will be pausing several of our weekly groups for a summer sabbath. Adult and children's Sunday school will be on break. The Wednesday evening Healing Eucharist and Bibles & More will also be on break.

While I am away, our Senior Warden, Sharon Hanks, is the point person for any pastoral concerns, including illness or hospitalization. Her phone number will be published in the weekly email announcements. Please don't hesitate to reach out to her if anything comes up in your life for which you need support. She will be in touch with our Lay Eucharistic Visitors and a local priest as necessary. Our Junior Warden, Jeff Artman, is the point person for any building or property concerns. And, of course, Ann Tompkins will be in the church office most mornings to assist you with any routine matters. Thank you to everyone for keeping things running smoothly while I'm away! I'm looking forward to returning in July as we celebrate five years of ministry together!



## Salome Survives Snake Bite

Thanks to the quick acting of Ann Tompkins, the life of our precious church cat, Sallie Mae, was saved after suffering a venomous snake bite on church grounds. Ann found Sallie Mae near death and rushed her to the vet, praying she wasn't too late. It was God's Grace and the expertise of the veterinarian that she survived the critical period and we now have the assurance that she will make a full recovery. At present, she is still completing her treatments and will return to her *Church Home* sometime before the month of June.

Sallie Mae was thrown out on the grounds of the church as a tiny kitten and she meowed her way all way to the church where Rev. Elisabeth 'heard her cries' and adopted her as the "church cat." She has touched the lives of so many and we give thanks that her life was saved so she can continue her mission of love at St. Alban's Church.





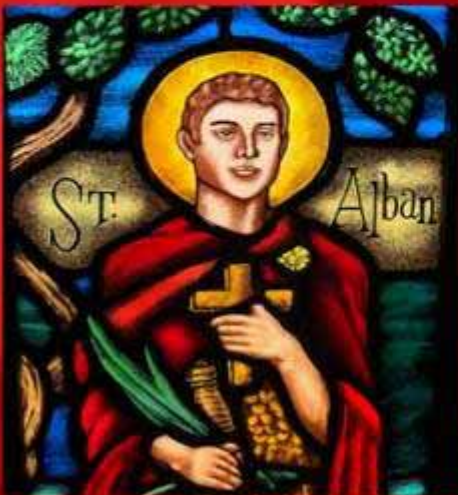
### June Schedule

- Sunday, June 2, Morning Prayer at 8:30; Holy Eucharist at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Beth Palmer
- Sunday, June 9, Holy Eucharist at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
- Sunday, June 16, Morning Prayer at 8:30; Holy Eucharist at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Jennifer Holder
- Wednesday, June 19, Church Office Closed
- Thursday, June 20, 6:00 PM, Vestry Meeting
- Sunday, June 23, **One Service at 10:00 AM**, *Feast of St. Alban* with the Rev. Hailey Allin, followed by a Potluck
- Sunday, June 30, **One Service at 10:00 AM**

### On Break for the Summer

- Wednesday Healing Eucharist (Wednesday)
- Bibles & More (Wednesday)
- Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School

# The Feast of St. Alban



**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

**ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM  
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW**

St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
5930 Warriors Trail, Bovina



## Prayers of the People

For all those sick or in need:

Allan & Joan	Ed	Lawson N.	Norma
Allen K.	Eunice	Leesha	Penny
Angie	Frances	Leigh Ann	Preston
Anita	Jackson	Libby	Ricky
Caroline	James	Lonnie	Ron
Cecil	Jane	Lucas	Rose
Charlene	Jeff	Mark	Shirley
Clarence	John	Mary Lou	Steve
David	Kathy	Mike D.	Sue
Davis	Kristin	Mike & Nancy	Theresa

For the departed: Beverly Biedenharn, Ken White, Fritz Rasmussen, Edwin L. "Buddy" Boren, Kresty Banck, and Charlotte Murdoch.

## Liturgical Schedule

### SUNDAY SERVICES

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
<b>Rite I</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>		
Lay Worship Leader	Ann Tompkins	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner		
Lector	Beth Sojourner	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins		
<b>Rite II</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>One Service 10:00 AM</b>	<b>One Service 10:00 AM</b>
Lay Worship Leader	Dawn Rickard	Harvey Smith	Richard Price	Harvey Smith	Carolyn Burton
Greeters/ Ushers	Betty Rushing	Bobby Barlow	Barnie Gavin	Barnie Gavin	Dawn Rickard
Lector	Sharon Hanks	Dawn Rickard	Susan Price	Barnie Gavin	Nancy Montague
Prayers of the People	Barnie Gavin	Sharon Hanks	Dawn Rickard	Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins
Chalice Bearer	Harvey Smith	Dawn Rickard	Susan Price	Barnie Gavin	Betsy Selby
A/V System	Harvey Smith	Buck Cooper	Jim Drake	Harvey Smith	Justin Burton

### WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**Healing Service on break for the summer**



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