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Annual Stewardship Campaign: Walk in Love



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give: not reluctantly or under compulsion: for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

To our St. Alban's family,

This year, our annual Stewardship Campaign will begin October 1 and run through November 1. St. Alban's depends on your donations of time and talent, as well as money, to operate successfully.

Please read all the information you will be receiving regarding stewardship in the coming weeks. It will explain all the ways your donations of time, talent, and treasure are needed and used here at St. Alban's. Then you will have the knowledge to decide about giving of your time, talent, and treasure. When the campaign is over, our leaders will have the needed information to prepare the annual budget and volunteers for the service schedules.

Thanks to you all.



Judy Morrissey & Beth Guynes
The Stewardship Committee

Children's Sunday School

Thanks to Carolyn Gent for coordinating children's Sunday school. After a pause during the pandemic, children's Sunday school is back at 10:00 AM with a focus on learning the important stories of our faith. All children ages 4+ are invited to Sunday school every Sunday. For those with younger children, the nursery, staffed by two SafeChurch trained nursery workers, is available every Sunday during the 11:00 AM service.



Samantha Mahloch leads a fun activity about the parting of the Red Sea.



In 1883, The Episcopal Women’s Auxiliary instituted the United Offering to promote gratitude and to support innovative mission projects, such as sending female missionaries to serve as nurses and teachers. The United Offering eventually became known as the United Thank Offering (UTO), and now includes members of all ages and genders. UTO’s focus is still on promoting gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs in the United States and around the globe.

Being grateful requires simply noticing something good in your life and responding with thanks. Because learning to be grateful requires practice, UTO provides us with the opportunity to begin or deepen a gratitude practice. Drop by the Parish Hall and pick up a Blue Box, and each time you have something to be thankful for, drop a coin in the box as a way of showing your gratitude.

This is the final round of a three-year UTO grant focus on areas of ministry based on Matthew 25:31-46. The 2025 grant focus is water, based on Jesus’ words, “I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink.” The grants are designed to fund projects that increase water awareness and address water issues, water needs of unhoused people, and health issues related to water quality.

We challenge you to notice all of the good things happening, or simply start and end the day with a prayer of thankfulness. We will have an ingathering for UTO on Sunday, November 10.

Ann Tompkins
UTO Chair

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
+ *ECW Country Market*

SUNDAY NOV 10TH 12-2 PM
Benefiting Lifting Lives Family Shelter

TICKETS AVAILABLE 3 WAYS:

CALL the church office at
601-636-6687

ORDER ONLINE at
stalbansbovina.org

VENMO + comment with your
name to have tickets held at event



**\$15 per plate includes fried catfish, hushpuppies,
corn on the cob, slaw, dessert & drink.**

We're gearing up for Dinner on the Grounds and the ECW Country Market on Nov. 10 and need lots of volunteers! Watch your email for a volunteer & donation sign up, or talk to Penny Freund, who is coordinating Dinner on the Grounds this year. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- Grab some flyers and post them around town
- Share information about Dinner on the Grounds through social media
- Volunteer to help with set-up on Saturday, Nov. 9
- Volunteer on the day of the event: we need people to help with parking, frying fish, plate assembly, taking tickets, and cleaning up
- Donate any of the following: flowers & pumpkins to decorate the church; vegetable oil for frying; brownies for dessert (more information included in the sign up)
- Contribute homemade goodies and handcrafted items to the ECW market. Let ECW know what you are bringing on the sign up at the church. Casserole pans and stickers to label casseroles are available as well.

Elisabeth's Epistle

The Privilege of Stewardship

It's stewardship season, and I've been thinking about the gift and privilege of stewardship. You may think stewardship is just about money and budgets. And that's certainly a piece of it. But if you think that stewardship is only about paying the church's monthly bills (which just like your household bills have increased substantially the past few years), you're mistaken.

Stewardship is also about recognizing that all we have been given is a gift from God. Our financial resources? A gift. Our health? A gift. Our talents and skills and sense of meaning and purpose? A gift. The relationships that make life worth living? A gift. Our very lives? A gift. And how do we respond to receiving a gift? We give thanks. Stewardship is our response, our thanksgiving, for all the gifts we have been given. We promise God that we will steward our gifts responsibly and for the benefit of God's people.

We have also been given the gift of this church, St. Alban's. It is a gift that has been tended for over 167 years by faithful Christians committed to sharing God's love with the community. It is a gift that comes with the responsibility to steward it for the benefit of future generations. St. Alban's is here today because of members who gave of their time, talent, and treasure, often sacrificially, so that we might have a beautiful place to gather, to worship, and to restore our souls for God's service. Continuing this mission and ensuring that St. Alban's will be around in another 50 years requires ALL of us.

I consider it a deep privilege to express my commitment to St. Alban's through my family's time, talent, and treasure. We have been given the gift of being part of the St. Alban's community, and so each year we look at our family budget and try to increase the percentage that we give back to the church. This is a spiritual practice for us—a way of acknowledging that all that we have comes from God, and that God calls us to steward what we are given for the benefit of the world.

*Sallie Mae invites pets & their people to
St. Alban's Bovina*



**FOR THE
BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 • 8:30 & 11 AM
AT THE OUTDOOR CHAPEL**

WITH BISCUITS FOR PETS & PEOPLE BETWEEN SERVICES

Donations Needed!

At the blessing of the pets, we will collect donations for PAWS Rescue, an all-volunteer, no-kill nonprofit pet rescue group. You can bring donations to the church any time before Oct. 6, or that morning when you come to church. PAWS is particularly in need of the following:

- Purina cat chow (blue bag)
- Dog and cat treats
- Friskies wet cat food
- Tidy Cats clumping litter

In Memory of



Walker Stout Biedenharn
February 25, 1991 ~
September 1, 2024

John Charles Segrest, Jr.
July 3, 1950 ~
September 18, 2024

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

For those sick or in need:

Allan & Joan	Dan	Kathy G.	Norma
Allen K.	David	Kelley	Pat
Anita	Ed	Kelsey	Preston
Arthur	Eva	Kristin	Richard
Becky	Fran	Lawson N.	Ricky
The Biedenharn Family	Harold	Leigh Ann	Ron
Bill	Jackson	Martha	Sarah
Billie	James	Mary Lou	Shay & Mike
Caroline	Jane	Melissa	Steve
Cecil	Jimmy	Mike D.	
Clarence & Betty	Kathy B.	Mike & Nancy	

For the departed: Walker Biedenharn, Karoline Beauchamp Finch, Howard Hennessey, Leesha Faulkner, and John Segrest.

Liturgical Schedule

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
Rite I - 8:30 AM				
Lay Worship Leader	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner
Lector	Ann Tompkins	Nancy Montague	Sharon Cummins	Nancy Montague
Healing Minister	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins
Rite II - 11:00 AM				
Lay Worship Leader	Harvey Smith	Richard Price	Carolyn Burton	Betsy Selby
Greeters/ Ushers	Judy Gavin	Dawn Rickard	Penny Freund	Judy Gavin
Lector	Dawn Rickard	Susan Price	Penny Freund	Harvey Smith
Prayers of the People	David Pruet	Harvey Smith	Buck Cooper	Dawn Rickard
Chalice Bearer	Penny Freund	Susan Price	Dawn Rickard	Carolyn Burton
A/V System	Jim Drake	Jim Drake	Buck Cooper	Harvey Smith
Acolyte				
Healing Minister	David Pruet	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby	Penny Freund
Vestry Person of the Day	Harvey Smith	Judy Morrissey	Carolyn Burton	Judy Gavin
Altar Guild	Judy Morrissey	Samantha	Buck Cooper	Cassandra Price
	Harvey Smith	Mahloch	Beth Sojourner	Betty Rushing
	Mary Ann	Ann Tompkins		

Wednesday Service

Healing Service will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 2, followed by supper.