



# The Albanac

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**December 2019**



*St. Alban's Celebrates The Feast of All Saints*

William (Billy) & Carolyn Kitchens Memorial  
“Sower of the Seed” Classrooms Dedication  
Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Who Sowed the Seed of Christian Faith, Knowledge, Hope, and Love  
for Generations of Children at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church*

*Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to  
make offerings for your service and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now  
and bless us as we set apart these classrooms to your praise and glory and in memory of  
Billy and Carolyn Kitchens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Beth Guynes, Senior Warden; Stacy & Mark Weaver, co-Junior Wardens;  
Rev. Canon Brian Ponder & Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs



**KITCHENS FAMILY GATHERS FOR DEDICATION**

Caroline Kitchens, Drew Kitchens, Caroline Turpin, Carolyn Kitchens Alford, Allen Kitchens, Don Kitchens, Olive Kitchens, Sherry Kitchens Aull, Joe Aull, Griffin Ballard, Sarah Ballard, Whit Turpin & Leahbeth Turpin

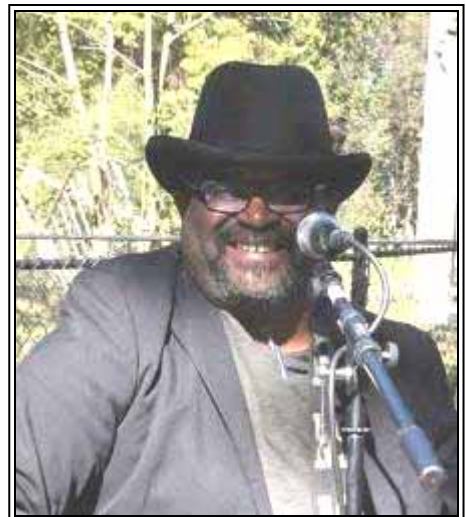


Carolyn Kitchens Alford, Allen Kitchens, Don Kitchens & Sherry Kitchens Aull

## Dinner on the Grounds—A Huge Success!



Dinner on the Grounds, November 3, was a huge success. The weather was perfect and the grounds were alive with all kinds of entertainment. Many enjoyed the Silent Art Auction, which raised over \$2,000 for *Lifting Lives Ministries*, in the Parish House while others shopped at the ECW Country Market – known for their many culinary delights to carry home. The highlight of the day was the picnic featuring smoked chicken, baked beans and homemade slaw. People dined while enjoying the music of Ralph Miller, guitarist extraordinaire. Sally & Michael Southall have received rounds of kudos for organizing this year’s event. But as in years past, it couldn’t have happened without dozens of volunteers. Thanks to everyone who contributed!





## Children of all Ages Enjoy Horseback Rides



**The Carleton Family** and **Rainbow Farms** partnered together to provide a treat for St. Alban's parishioners of all ages on November 17. Waiting out on the front lawn after church that day were two horses, a miniature horse, and a miniature donkey. In between taking rides, the children learned about feeding and caring for horses. Leigh Ann Nosser, the owner of Rainbow Farms, also gave us a demonstration of their therapeutic riding program which assists people with disabilities.

Rainbow Farms is a nonprofit organization and relies on volunteers and donations to be able to provide services to people with physical and cognitive disabilities. Please ask at the church for a full list of their needs, but among other things on their wish list are: scholarships for special needs riders, gift certificates to Farmer's Co-op/ Tractor Supply/ Home Depot/ McCoy's for feed and supplies, a golf cart or ATV type vehicle, and hay and grain for the horses. Please consider supporting this wonderful community organization in your giving!









## Elisabeth's Epistle



Happy new year! The beginning of Advent marks the beginning of the church's new liturgical year. So this December 1, when we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, we also start Year A of our church calendar. And, as it happens, the readings for Advent 1 are always rather apocalyptic; that is, they focus not on the coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas, but on Jesus' second coming. So we hear things like: Be ready! Be prepared! The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour! This can be quite startling for those of us giddily humming along to Christmas carols.

What do we make of this message from Jesus to keep alert? What do we do with the strangeness of John the Baptist out there in the wilderness telling us to prepare the way? Is it only the Christ child we wait for, or are we also waiting for Christ's coming again in glory, as we say in the Nicene Creed? I keep a Christmas card in my office with a quote by Meister Eckhart that reads, "We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born." The world aches for news of our savior. Advent is a holy time of preparation and longing. It is a time when it is OK to be out of sync with the world around us, a time when our preparation may involve making room for feelings of grief and loss. After all, we wait not just for a baby, but for the return of our incarnate God who is making all things new. You are welcome at St. Alban's this season, whether you wait in joy, or in grief, in hope, or in expectation.

## Josie's Journal



I have been teaching sixth grade writing and science since September 27. I will finish this assignment on December 20.

On December 1 & 15, I will be conducting services from the Reserved Sacrament at St. Christopher's Church of the Ascension in Jackson.

We are still moving into our new home and sorting through things to be donated or discarded. My biggest challenge is my book collection. I am going through it to downsize a multitude that has taken me 39 years to collect. If you would like some books, please let me know. You can call or text me with titles you would like, and if I have it: IT IS YOURS. You are welcome to come out to the end of daylight and peruse the collection at your convenience.

I am still attending Tuesday night Bible Study. We are studying Revelation and you are encouraged to come or to get a copy of the text and read on your own. Wednesday nights are my refueling night at healing service.

Christ's Peace  
Josie



## ECW Luncheon & Ornament Exchange

All ladies are cordially invited to attend the annual ECW Luncheon and Ornament Exchange at Main Street Market Cafe, 902 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, on Saturday, December 7, at 11:00. The cost of the luncheon is \$18, which includes tax and gratuity. We will also be accepting dues for the next year in the amount of \$18, which includes our Meals on Wheels contribution. Checks can be made out to ECW.

If you want to participate in the ornament exchange (a St. Alban's ECW tradition), please bring a wrapped ornament. This is a fun event and a great time to get acquainted with those we don't see every week. We hope to see you there!

Please let Sharon Hanks, (601) 529-6315, know if you plan to attend.

Sharon Hanks  
ECW President



## Walking the Mourner's Path - A Grief Support Program

### *"Transforming Grief into Joyful Living"*

Mourning the loss of a loved one is a journey that no one wants to travel, but it's a path we all will take at some point. Starting in January, St. Albans will offer an eight-week support group to help people along this journey. Participants will have the opportunity to share their loved one and the pain brought from their loss. "Shared joy is double joy. Shared sorrow is half sorrow."

Christ is with us as we mourn, and tools are available to help along this path. Learning about these tools and how to use them allows the mourner to move forward, while honoring and carrying the loved one always.

Please contact Betsy Selby, (601) 218-4916 or Stacy Weaver, (704) 460-8041, if you are interested in joining the group or if you would just like more information. This program will be open to all, so please share this information with anyone who may benefit from it.

Stacy Weaver

# INQUIRERS' CLASS

FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS A DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**December 1: The Book of Common Prayer**

**December 8: The Sacraments: Baptism &  
Eucharist**

**December 15: The Liturgical Calendar**

**December 22: Church Structure &  
Governance**

*Classes meet from 9:30-10:30 am in the  
adult Sunday School room.*

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2019

Sunday, Dec. 1: Advent wreath making

Between & after services (bring greenery and clippers)

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 pm: Youth Group

Youth prepare & serve dinner at Lifting Lives Ministries

Sunday, Dec. 15: Intergenerational Service Project

Stay after church for lunch & making gift bags for sick and homebound community members

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5 pm: Longest Night Service

For all those who are grieving or in pain this Christmas season

Sunday, Dec. 22, 11 am: Christmas Pageant

No rehearsal, no stress pageant! Arrive by 10:30 to pick a costume & participate

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 6 pm & 10 pm: Christmas Services

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

*(Isaiah 40:3)*

## December Birthdays

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Harvey Smith, Jr.       | 26 John Bonar           |
| 4 Ella Ann Selby          | 28 Sara Margaret Porter |
| 11 Clarissa Walker Horner | Dominick McCarthy       |
| 12 Joan Leese             | 29 Buddy Hanks          |
| 22 Jennifer Normand       | Ann Jones               |

## December Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3 John & Anita Bonar      | 23 Allen & Linda Kitchens        |
| 14 Jerry & Kay McWilliams | 29 Rudolph & Allison Price Nieto |
| 16 Jimmy & Ann Jones      | David & Mary Ann Wright          |

## Prayers for the People

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|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Andy Katzenmeyer          | Clarence Lentz      | Jim Farrell        |
| Ann & Jimmy Jones         | Cynthia Strawn      | Joan Leese         |
| Barbara Ramsay            | Cutler Lynn         | Laurie Reece       |
| Bertha Kolb               | Dalton Glatt        | Linda & Jim Dooley |
| Betty Biedenharn          | Dan & Mary Carleton | Newell Graham      |
| Blair Harris              | David Wright        | Nita Tassin        |
| Bob & Sue Schyberg        | Diane Bailey        | Norma Jones        |
| Bobbie Carlisle           | Dianne Carlton      | Rachel Sullivan    |
| Brabston Cook             | Eugene Quarles      | Rachelle Ferris    |
| Brandi Tony               | Gilda Faye Miller   | Ron White          |
| Carolyn Sullins           | Glenda Ferguson     | Sarah Rickard      |
| Charlie Brantley & Family | Herb Jones          | Scott              |
| Christine Nelson          | Irv Jones           | Sheila Rosser      |
| Charlie Lutz              | Jackson Monti       | Steve Webster      |
|                           | Jeff Colin          |                    |

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

## Schedule of Events for December

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (601) 636-6687

#### Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Christian Education, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

#### Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

#### Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

#### Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

**Sunday December 1**—*First Sunday of Advent*—Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00, Rev. Brian Ponder, Celebrant, Patsy Simpson, organist. Advent wreath making between services

**Saturday December 7**—*ECW Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange*, Main Street Market, 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, December 8**—*Second Sunday of Advent*—Morning Prayer, 8:30, Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Officiant; Holy Eucharist, Rev. Beth Palmer, 11:00 a.m.

Youth Group prepare and serve dinner at *Lifting Lives Ministries*, 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 15**—*Third Sunday of Advent*—Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs. Intergeneration Activity, Noon

**Saturday, December 21**—*Longest Night Service* for those who are grieving, 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 22**—*Fourth Sunday of Advent*—Christmas Pageant, 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 24**—Holy Eucharist, Rev. Paul Stephens, 6:00 p.m., Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, Rev. Deacon Malphurs, 10:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 25**—No Christmas Day Service

**Sunday, December 29**—*First Sunday after Christmas*

**Saturday, January 18**—Ordination of Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, St. Andrew's Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, January 12**—Bishop Seage Visitation



## Liturgical Schedule

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22 <b>Christmas Pageant</b>	December 29
<b>8:30 Service</b>					
<b>LWL</b>	Theo Williams	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner
<b>OT Lector</b>	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
<b>11:00 Service</b>					
<b>MC</b>	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes
<b>LWL</b>	David Pruett	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams
<b>OT Lector</b>	Buck Cooper	Beth Guynes	Gloria Hall	Ed Shelnut	Sharon Hanks
<b>Psalm Lector</b>			Peter Williams		
<b>Epistle Lector</b>			Henry Cooper		
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Jennifer Normand Peter Williams	Dawn Rickard	Beth Guynes Sam Hall	Koury Collins	
<b>Wooden Cross</b>			Harris Southall		
<b>Gospel Book Bearer</b>	Deacon Josie	Ann Tompkins	Gabby Rushing	Harvey Smith	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Deacon Josie	Buck Cooper	
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Dawn Rickard David Normand	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Josh & Jonah Artman	Andy Hall Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Dale Gibson
<b>Oblation Bearer</b>	Ann Tompkins Wilma Mitchell	Harvey Smith Sharon Hanks	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Standing Communion</b>	Deacon Elisabeth Deacon Josie	Deacon Elisabeth Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Betsy Selby Ann Tompkins	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cassandra Price Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Cassandra Price	Betsy Selby	Tommy Skinner	<b>Potluck Goodies</b>	Ann Tompkins
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks
<b>Healing Service</b>	<b>December 4</b> Theo Williams	<b>December 11</b> Tommy Skinner	<b>December 18</b> David Pruett	<b>December 25</b> No Healing Service	