



# The Albanac

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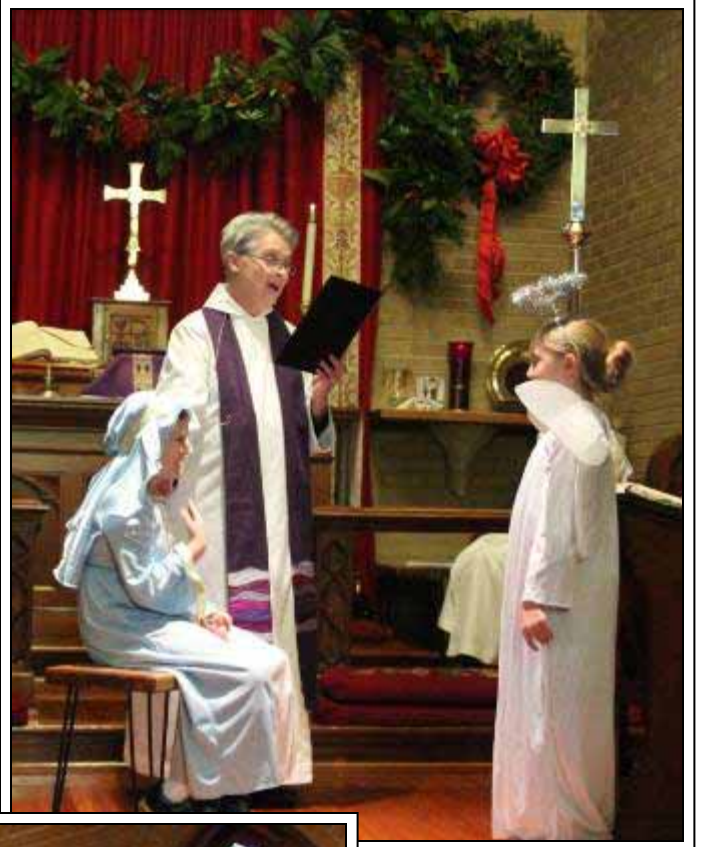
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## Christmas At St. Alban's



# Children's Christmas Pageant





# Greening of the Church





# ECW Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange





## † Billie's Corner



The Church invited us to wait and to anticipate the coming of Jesus during the four weeks of Advent. To slow down and realize that we share with Mary the miracle of God gestating within ourselves. Mary is called *The Holy Theotokas*---the God Bearer. And we too are God bearers. The Incarnation happens over and over when we behold God within ourselves and within others.

Such an awesome event as the birthing of God into our humanity deserves far more than one day of recognition, so the Church gives us twelve days to savor Christmas. Now the Church is inviting us to stretch the wonder of Christmas from one glorious day into twelve glorious days. Twelve days to savor the marvel of the birth of God into our humanity. Twelve days to go deeper than the tinsel and wrappings of a holiday to the source of all holy days---to allow the birthing of God to transform us every day.

This year, let's give the *Twelve Days of Christmas* our attention. Let's hear what the twelve days have to say to us. Perhaps this year we will not pack up the miracle of Christmas when we pack up the decorations of Christmas. Perhaps this year we will experience the birthing of God into our lives every day.

In Peace

Billie†



## † Josie's Journal

### *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

My sister was going to pack some of her Christmas decorations away for next year, just leaving the tree up until New Year's Day. I shared with her that Christmas had only just begun and that I would come and help her pack up on January 13. Now that Advent is over I am living into the fullness of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*.

I am reading *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* by Paul Wesley Chilcote. It is a book of prayers and hymns for Advent and the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. The lyrics to the hymns are by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), brother of John Wesley who founded Methodism.

Each reading includes a biblical text, a hymn selection, a brief meditation and a prayer for the day. The lyrics from Wesley's poems are new to me. I am enjoying my quest into this study.

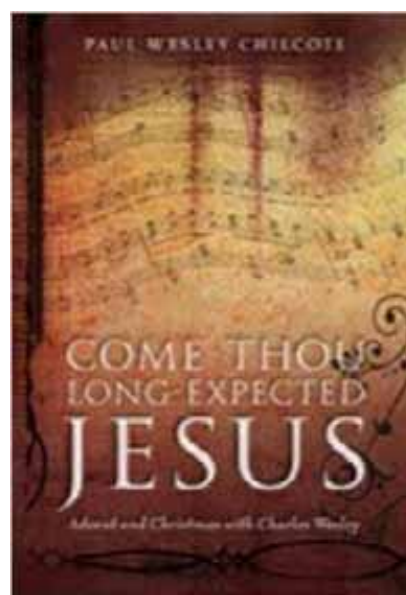
My second reading venture is Frederick Buechner's daily quotes. Buechner is an American writer and theologian. The collected quotes are from some of his books. Reading the quotes give me the opportunity to put first things first as I organize my day and prepare for the unknown.

Lastly, let me share with you my visit Sunday afternoon with Jim and Sherry Horan. Theo and I took them communion and had a rich visit, coming away awed. Jim showed us his rock collection from the Big Black River, Australia, Sweden, Germany, Brazil, Texas and Colorado. He recalled the trips where he collected the rocks and brought them back to add to his collection. Just listening to him was inspiring. Now, on the other hand Sherry has a collection of magnificent Christmas bulbs that Macy's would love to have. They are all handmade by Sherry over the years. They are intricate and delicate. I can only imagine the hours of hard work that she put into designing and making them.

Theo and I wish all of you a very happy New Year.

In Peace,

Josie+



## Schedule of Events

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
 Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM  
 Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM  
 Children's Chapel during the 11:00 AM Eucharist

#### Tuesday

Crafter's Gathering, Home of Penny Freund, 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM  
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM  
 Choir Practice following the Healing Service & Eucharist

#### Thursday

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

### January

**Wednesday, January 7**—Advent Quiet Day, *Come In, Be Still, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Sunday, January 11**—Annual Parish Meeting, ONE Eucharist, 10:00 AM, Potluck Luncheon following the Eucharist, Parish House

**Sunday, January 11**—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton*, 4:00 PM. *Choral Evensong* presented by the Choir of St. Philip's Church. Reception to follow

**Sunday, January 18**—Worship Service to be announced, either 8:30 & 11:00 AM Morning Prayer led by Deacon Josie Williams, or 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist, celebrated by a supply priest.

### February

**Wednesday, February 4**—Quiet Day, *Come In, Be Still, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Friday, February 6 – Sunday, February 8**—Annual Diocesan Council, Jackson Convention Center

**Sunday, February 8**—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton*

**Wednesday, February 18**—Ash Wednesday

### March

**Friday, March 13 – Sunday, March 15**—Parish Weekend, Big House, Gray Conference Center, Canton

## January Birthdays

3 Lynda Hubbard	20 Austin Sumrall
4 Richard Selby	26 Anna Selby
8 Mary Carleton	27 Betsy Selby
12 Hannah Huntley	29 Heaven Leigh Merritt
16 Joy Brabston	Susan Price
16 Sadie Williamson	30 David McLaughlin
17 Sergio Panelo	31 Robert Ulmer
19 Kenon Ruska	

## January Anniversaries

27 Bo & Kristen Gayle	27 Stanley & Deborah Lee
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## Prayers for the People

### For those Sick or in Need:

Petesy Smith	Sherry Barton	Eleanor Price
Alice Pronger	Cheryl Lloyd	Lucas Guynes
Jackson Monti	Laura	Kristin
Barbara Ramsay	Parker Ramsay	Jim & Sherry Horan
Linda & Jim Dooley	Mikelle Young	Sid & Janet Champion
Brian Robinson	Pam Warnock	Tim Goodson
Joyce Butler	Barbara Hampton	Keegan James Concannon
Ronnie McGowan	Rev. John Stone Jenkins	Calvin Fields
Lawrence Fields	The Tryman Family	Billy Graves
Richard Stone	Mary Branciere	Carolyn Ellis Stanton
Margie Scott	Albert Hossley	Bertha Kolb

## Liturgical Schedule – Sundays in January

	January 4 <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	January 11 <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	January 18 <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	January 25 <i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
<b>First Reading</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 84	Psalm 29	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalm 62: 6-14
<b>Second Reading</b>	Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20
		10:00 AM Eucharist Annual Parish Meeting	TBA Morning Prayer led by Deacon Josie or the Eucharist celebrated by a supply priest	
<b>Lay Worship Leader</b>				
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner			Harvey Smith
11:00 a.m.	Theo Williams	Richard Price		Ann Tompkins
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Beth Guynes	Susan Price		
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Beth Guynes	Susan Price		Koury Collins
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Deacon Josie	Marci Turner & Children		Marci Turner & Children
<b>Lector</b>	Beth Guynes	Mary Carleton		Ed Shelnut
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Harvey Smith	Sharon Hanks		
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	Joan & Rymn Parsons	Richard & Kristin Selby		Linda Gerache Jenni Sciro
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Allan Leese Richard Massey	Dan Carleton Lance Stewart	Allan Leese Ann Jones	Joey Gerache Jay Sciro
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		Susan Price		Ed Shelnut
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Bonnie Pruett Margo Massey Butch Mitchell	Potluck Lunch	Betsy Selby Ann Jones	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	No Children's Chapel	Jennifer Normand	Betty Rushing	Kerri Williams
<b>Wednesday Healing</b>	January 7 Tommy Skinner	January 14 Theo Williams	January 21 Ann Tompkins	January 28 Harvey Smith