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Mother's Day at St. Alban's
"Children are a Gift from God"

Families Celebrate Mother's Day



(L-R) Mary John Johnson, Easy Biedenbarn, Ben Porter, Tripp & Olivia Curtis, Ann Jones, Liz Porter, Betsy Selby & Betty Biedenbarn, center



James, Peggy & David May



Theo, Peter, Josie & Kerri Williams



Beth Guynes & Margie Scott



Jordan & Genevieve Rushing, Linda & Clarissa Walker



Mary Michael, Sally, Harris & Michael Southall



Gloria, Andy, Sam & Kristi Hall



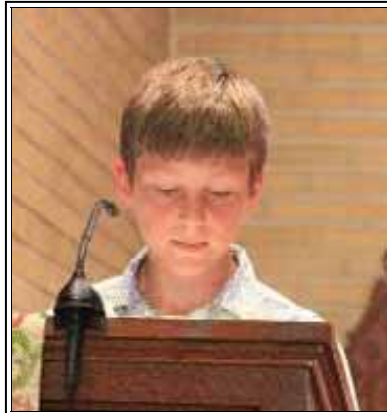
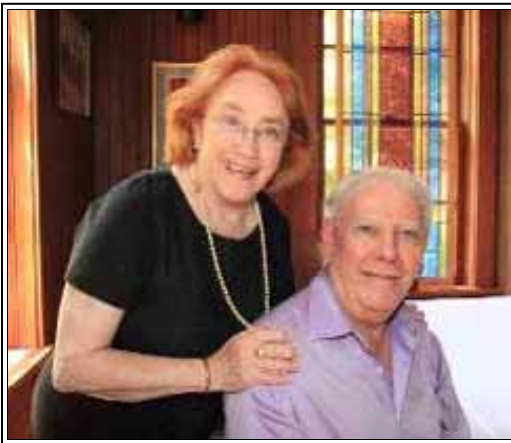
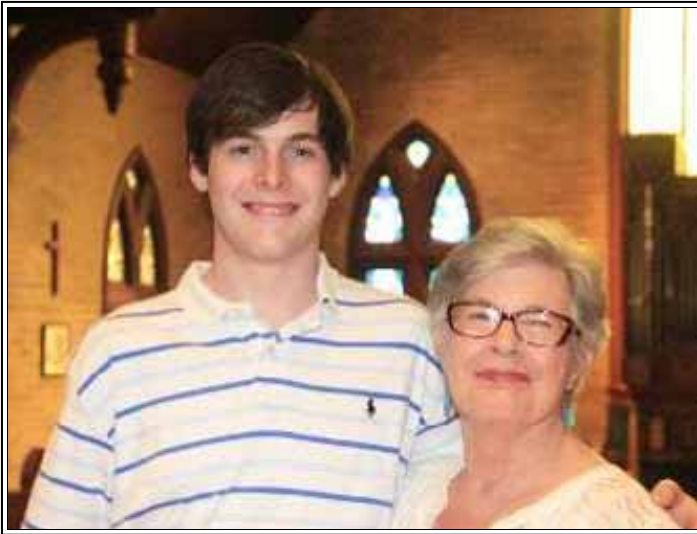
Lance & Margaret Stewart



Madelyn, Suzanne & Darryl Jackson, Judy Morrissey & Jay Jackson



Margarette Swett, Lynn & Lindsey Gerhardt



Pentecost: Come Holy Spirit and Touch the World with Your Love



Children Enjoy Summer Fun



Mary Michael & Harris Southall



Navy Hales



Mary Michael Southall



Julian Tolliver & Alison Rushing



Mason Selby



Sarah Jane Selby



Biggs May



Navy Hales & Alison Rushing



Callie Russell, Briggs & David May

† Billie's Corner



Recently I watched the 1981 movie *On Golden Pond* starring Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda. The story centered around the complicated dynamics of family relationships—three generations gathered together at their summer cottage located on Golden Pond.

I was 34 years old the first time I watched the movie—about the same age of the adult daughter played by Jane Fonda. I viewed the film through the eyes of a young adult but was blind to the inevitability of the aging process. This year as I watched the film again, I was closer to the age of the parents whose roles were played by Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda. Like me, they were mature in years so I watched the story through the lens of someone who had aged enough to recognize the finite quality of life.

At the heart of the movie was the longtime troubled relationship between father and daughter who were constantly at odds with each other. As the story unfolds, the personality of each character is revealed and, by the end of the film, the viewer recognizes the quirky disposition of each family member.

In a compelling scene, a conversation takes place between mother and daughter as the daughter pours out her pentup anger toward her father. With the wisdom of years, the mother suggests that **now** would be the time for reconciliation—now, before it was too late.

Begrudgingly, the father and daughter approach each other and engage in conversation—each listening to the other. The encounter required a great deal of humility but slowly a sense of ‘ease’ replaced the long held hostility. They embrace before leaving Golden Pond to return to their distant homes – one on the east coast and the other on the west coast. No words were necessary; their self-conscious embrace expressed their newfound relationship.

The core theme of the movie was forgiveness and reconciliation. When is the right time to forgive and to reconcile? From my 71-year-old perspective, now is the time—now before it is too late.

In Peace,
Billie+

† Josie's Journal



Update for Church Missions and Activities

- What do tabs on beverage cans and plastic tops from drink bottles have in common? They are both used in recycling for the benefit of disadvantaged youth at **St. Jude's Ranch**. Greeting cards are also recycled. **Collection boxes** will be placed on the table near the kitchen. Please bring these items for recycling. It's for a good cause.
- **The Backpack Ministry** is over for the year and will resume when school starts in August. I am waiting for the school supply lists to be published so that we can buy in bulk at Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Office Depot, and Amazon, depending on who has the best prices for the items. Student planners for elementary and junior high students have been ordered. This year's planner features a picture of St. Alban's Church on the cover. The planners are scheduled to arrive July 30, 2018.
- Meanwhile, I am attending the Tuesday night ***Bible and More Study Group***. We are currently on Chapter 11 of "The Great Easter Feast." We will finish this study in June and are looking for a book or DVD for our next topic of study. If you have suggestions on a book or DVD for study come to Tuesday night study—or call/e-mail me your idea. If you do not want to come on Tuesday night, you can participate in a book study and read your book at home. You do not have to attend every session. The group welcomes new participants to study with us.
- This summer, I will be participating in **Vacation Bible School, June 11-15**, with Crawford Street UMC, Hawkins UMC, and First Presbyterian churches.
- "Hidden Figures" is one of the books I will be reading this summer.
- I have been offered a half-day, yearlong job to teach fifth and sixth grade students at the Alternative School located on the first floor of Warren Central Junior High School. I will keep you updated.

Have a Restful, Reading Summer,

Josie

The Journey Continues



The past year has been full of adventure and surprises. I had no idea how much I would come to love the St. Alban's community when I accepted Bishop Seage's offering for a ministry study year. Any discerning observer could have noted my dueling ignorance and interest, but despite my uncertainty and lack of experience, you taught me (and often needed to remind me) about the liturgical dance, intentional hospitality, and deeply rooted devotion to community. Your love and kindness opened the way for me to continue discerning vocational ministry. I'm not sure whether the internal transformation and affirmation I experienced were evident to all of you, but by the end of the year, I trusted whole-heartedly that I am called to the priesthood.

This spring I began preparing for seminary and the surprises continued. Having planned to attend Sewanee, I thought it important to give myself the gift of choice and therefore decided to, at least, visit The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. As you've probably heard, my heart was captured and my spirit expanded among that community. When I arrived, I parked at the Bailey Center (my dog's name) on Liberty Street (my hometown). My sister was with me and after sharing a laugh we wondered aloud what other "sign" I might possibly need, but confirmations just kept on coming! The most beautiful gift was offered after we learned that my nephew had been hospitalized and the seminary generously offered to fly my sister home so that she could be with her son. They didn't know her and had nothing to gain from her, but they poured out God's loving and gracious spirit and showered her in prayer. This is a community deeply rooted in authentic love and expansive grace; it is most certainly a community in which I want to grow and be formed for ministry!

What I intended to be a extraneous trip, God used to powerfully remind me that this calling has nothing to do with my plans, but is at all times and in all ways a response to his presence in my life. God's presence was clear and unhindered to me in Austin.

As I continue readying myself for this transition, I am consistently reminded of God's great love and goodness. As nervous as I am about leaving my family and quitting my job, I am comforted again and again by the fact that this call has been my companion for 22 years. Despite my efforts to satisfy it with alternative vocations like teaching and counseling, God has steadily reissued the invitation, and although there have been many obstacles like hurricanes and cancer hindering my response, my spirit has ached to honor the call. I deeply trust that whatever needs arise, God will provide and continue to make a way.

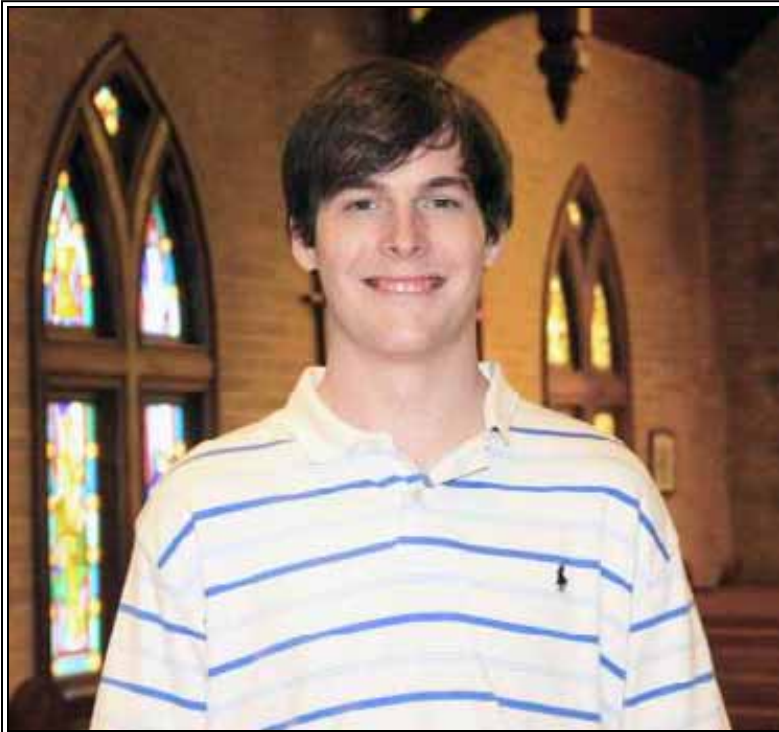
The sixteen-year-old Baptist girl who first sensed God's call never imagined that she would be migrating to Austin in preparation for the priesthood, but as a woman who experiences God's love in wildly unexpected and beautifully transformative ways, I am so very grateful for this journey and continue to be surprised by the abounding joy and grace.

Thanks be to God!

Jenny Newman

The Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, encourages its students to create a page where friends and supporters can follow their journeys. If you want to follow Jenny's seminary journey, you can keep up with prayer requests and support her at this link: <http://www.youcaring.com/journeywithjenny>

Benjamin Porter USM Top Media Production Student



Benjamin Porter enjoyed spending Mother's Day at St. Alban's with three generations of family.

During the past year, Ben had the unique opportunity of working as an intern with the popular HGTV show *Home Town*, filmed in Laurel. This summer, he will begin full-time employment there.

Benjamin is the son of Liz Curtis and David Porter, the grandson of Ann and Jimmy Jones, and the great-grandson of Betty Biedenbarn, long-time member of St. Alban's Church.

Congratulations to Benjamin and the Biedenbarn Family.

Benjamin Drew Porter, a native of Vicksburg, is graduating from the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Media Production. Recently, he received the "Top Media Production Student" award from the School of Mass Communication and Journalism. While at Southern, Ben was praised for developing projects and seeking job opportunities.



Ben receiving the Top Media Production Student Award



Peter Myers' Historic Home Engulfed by Fire

On May 1, while Peter was attending Bible Study at St. Alban's Church, his two-story home was engulfed by fire. The home was built in 1880 and noted for its beautiful setting on historic Cherry Street. Sadly, Peter's beloved dog died in the fire. Family members, church members and friends gathered to support Peter and to help salvage precious items from the ruins. Keep Peter in your prayers as he moves forward in life.



June Birthdays

1 Theo Williams	21 Ashleigh Ford Holliday
10 Josh McCarthy	Lawson Selby
12 Cassandra Price	22 Jimmy Jones
13 Kerri Williams	Mary Ruth Jones
14 Mike Beiser	24 Amanda Monti
16 Sally Southall	25 Deborah Lee
19 Megan Davis	26 Laura Cook
Sebastian Panelo	29 Heaven Leigh Merritt
Olivia Arseneau	

June Anniversaries

3 David & Anna Selby	15 Sergio & Eva Panelo
5 Chad & Robin Price Troups	17 Matthew & Lauren Guynes
9 James & Cassandra Price	Ross & Jeanne Abraham Lunz
13 Carroll & Beth Sojourner	21 Dan & Mary Carleton
14 Terry & Beth Guynes	

Prayers for the People

Allen & Nancy Teeter	Glenda Ervin	
AmeriCorps Youth	Glenda & Lee Ferguson	Lucas Guynes
Analiese Wasson Bryan	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Margarette Swett
Ann Hanks	Hollis Newman	Marsha Henley
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Jackson Monti	Martha Benson
Barbara Ramsay	Janice Herrington	Mary Ann Seage
Bertha Kolb	Jean Inman	Megan Cook Vincent
Betty Biedenharn	Jim Dantin	Millie Gasaway
Bradley Freeman	Jim Jones	Milton Richardson
Bryan Brabston	Jimmy & Mamie Bright	Norma Jones
Carol Green	Joan Leese	Parker Ramsay
Charlie Brantley Family	Kathy Anne Harrison	Peggy Lynn
Christine Nelson Family	Larry Sanders	Phillip Summerlin
Cynthia Strawn Family	Landrieu Townsend	Rachelle Ferris
Dalton Glatt	Laurie Concannon	Selby Parker & Family
Damion Hansford	Lee Tompkins	Shan Hudlow
Dan & Mary Carleton	Linda & Jim Dooley	Tompkins Family
Eugene Wall	Linda Washington	Selby Family
Evelyn Hunt	Liz Curtis & Family	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

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

Choir Practice, 10:00 AM

Christian Education, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

No Children's Chapel, June, July & August

Game Day at *Lifting Lives Family Shelter* is cancelled until September

Tuesday

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

Walking the Mourner's Path, Rectory, 6:00-7:30 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Quiet Day, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7 AM—7 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Sunday, June 3—Capital Campaign Kickoff, Building a Place to Gather and Grow

Sunday, June 10—Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bovina. Evening Prayer with a Bluegrass Pentecost Concert featuring Bill Ellison, Temperance Babcock & Jeff Perkins.

Monday, June 11–Friday, June 15—Vacation Bible School with Hawkins Street & Crawford Street United Methodist Churches and First Presbyterian, 9:00 AM–noon.

Sunday, June 17—Father's Day. ECW will host a Father's Day reception following the 11:00 AM Eucharist. The Finance Committee will meet to review the budget and make recommendations to the Vestry.

Sunday, June 24–Tuesday, July 10—Rev. Billie attending retreat at Society of St. John the Evangelist Monastery.



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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in June 2018

	June 3 Pentecost 2	June 10 Pentecost 3	June 17 Pentecost 4	June 24 Pentecost 5
	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF		FATHER'S DAY	
First Reading	1 Samuel 3:1-20	1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15	1 Samuel 15:34-26:13	1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
Psalm	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalm 138	Psalm 20	Psalm 9:9-20
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Gospel	Mark 2:23-3:6	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41
LWL	8:30 a.m. Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith
	11:00 a.m. Richard Price	Herb Jones	Betsy Selby	David Pruett
MC	Susan Price	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins
OT Lector	8:30 a.m. Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
	11:00 a.m. Ed Shelnut	Elisabeth Gent	Canada Stewart	Lance Stewart
Epistle Lector			Betsy Selby	
Psalm Leader			Peter Williams	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Koury Collins	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Kerri Williams
Crucifer (Wooden)			Peter Williams	
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Harvey Smith	Sharon Hanks	Elisabeth Gent
Oblation Bearers	Canada Stewart Margaret Stewart	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Harris Southall Mary Michael Southall	Betty Rushing Stacy Weaver
Ushers & Greeters	Lance Stewart Dale Gibson	Allan Leese Dale Gibson	Josh & Jonah Artman	Lance Stewart Dawn Rickard
Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie Ed Shelnut	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Deacon Josie Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie Theo Williams
Altar Guild	Cassandra Price Dawn Rickard	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price
Coffee Host	Capital Campaign Reception	Rev. Billie Betsy Selby	Father's Day Reception Provided by ECW	Stacy Weaver Ann Tompkins
Nursery Assistant	April	April	April	April
Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks John Bonar	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart
	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Healing Service	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner