



# The Albanac

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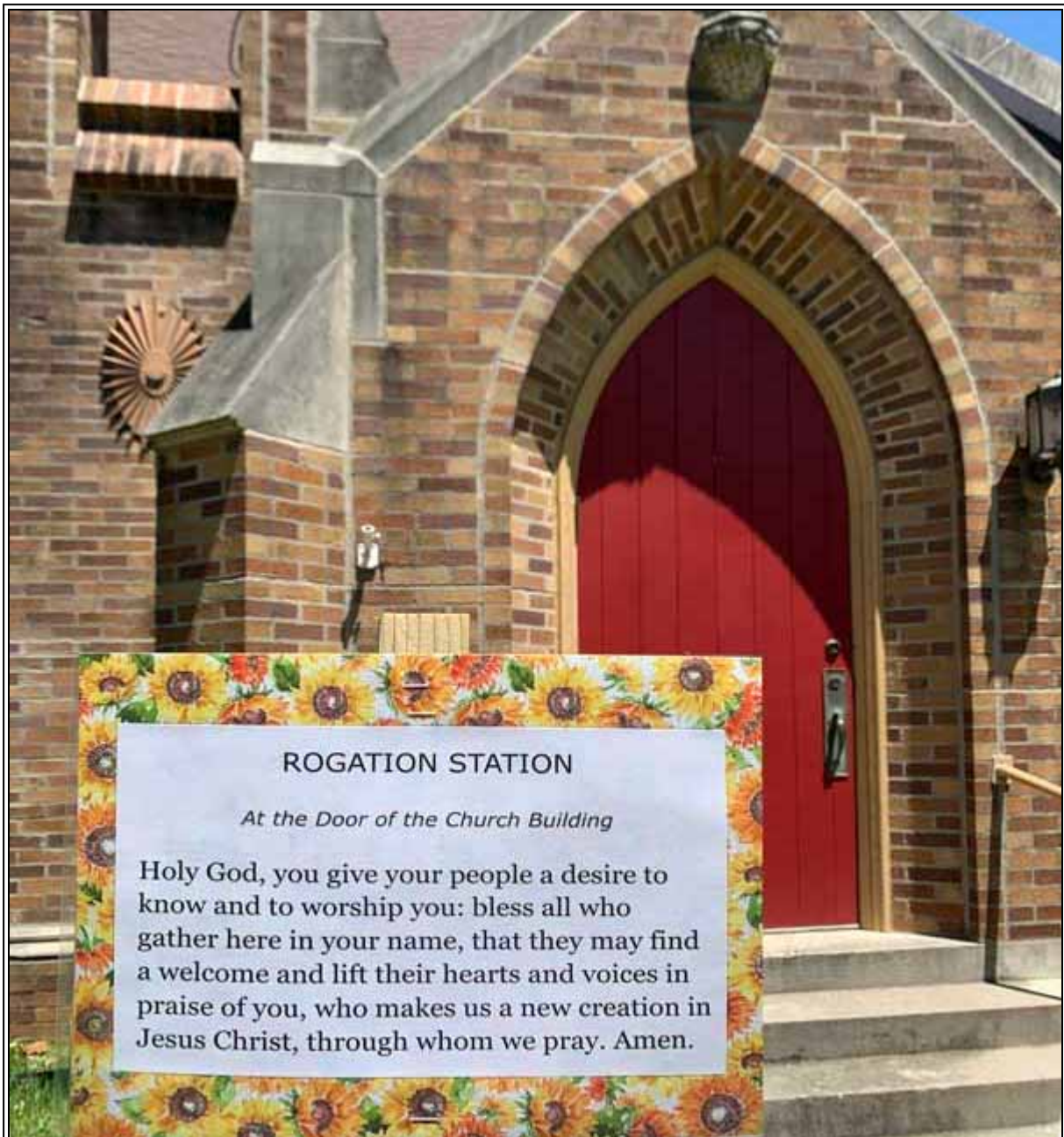
**June 2021**



*St. Alban's Celebrates Rogation Sunday*

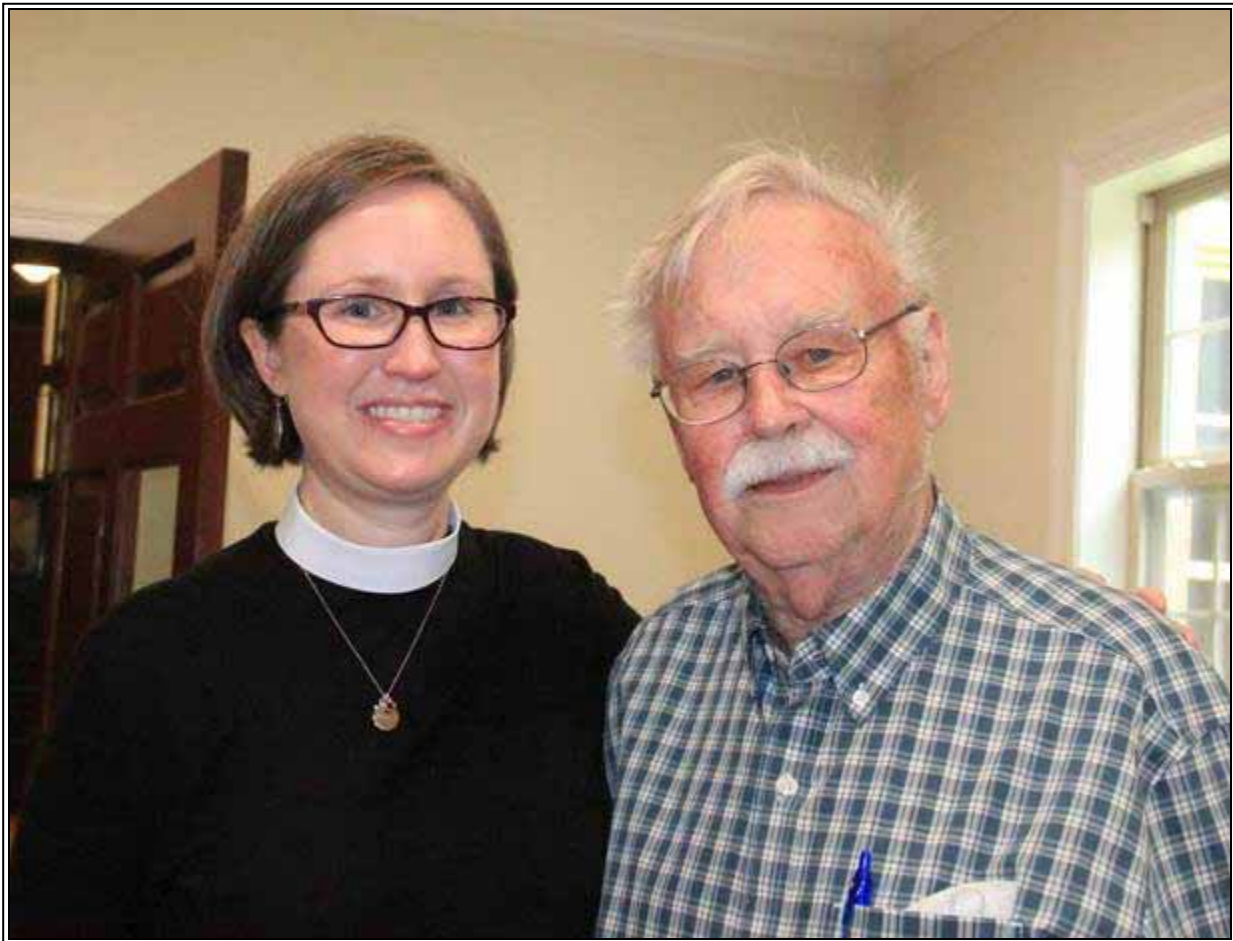
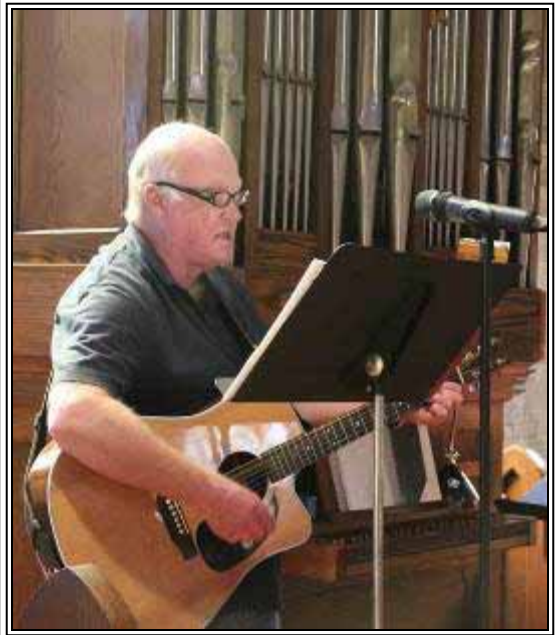
## Rogation Sunday

What is Rogation Sunday? A longstanding tradition in the church, Rogation Sunday has been a time to bless newly planted crops and pray for God's providence during the growing season. We celebrated Rogation Sunday on May 9 with services at the outdoor chapel, a potluck brunch on the lawn between services, a plant swap (bring one, take one, or more!), and other garden-inspired activities. Special craft activity for kids.









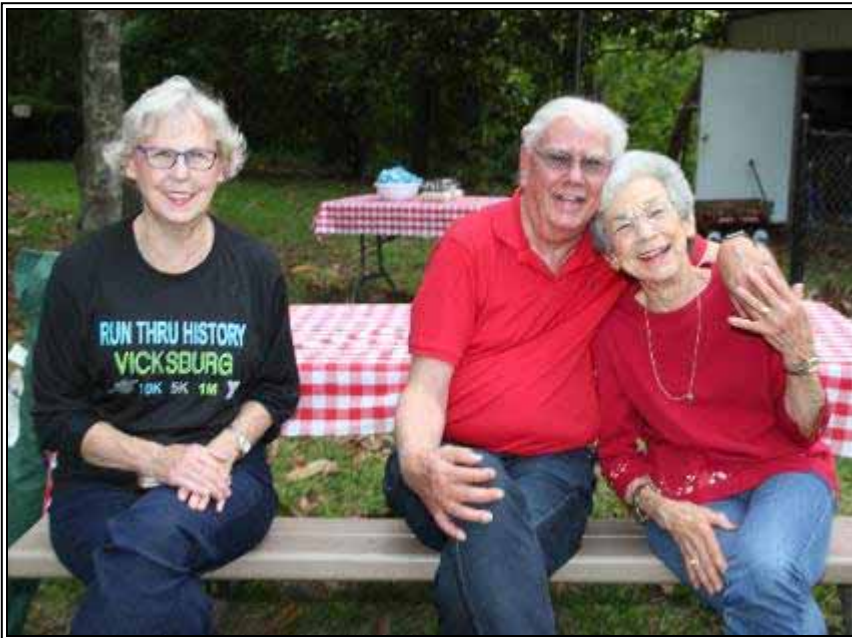


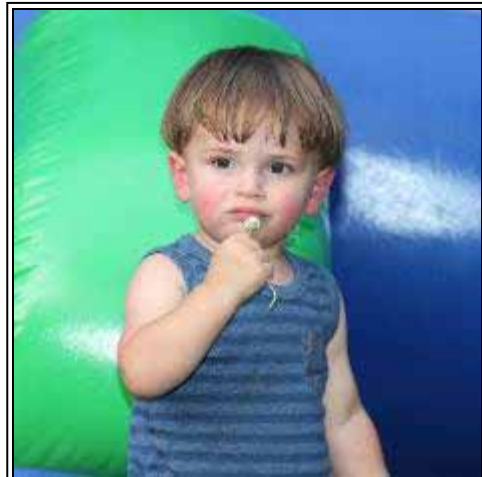
Pentecost Sunday ~ Afternoon Bonfire and Picnic











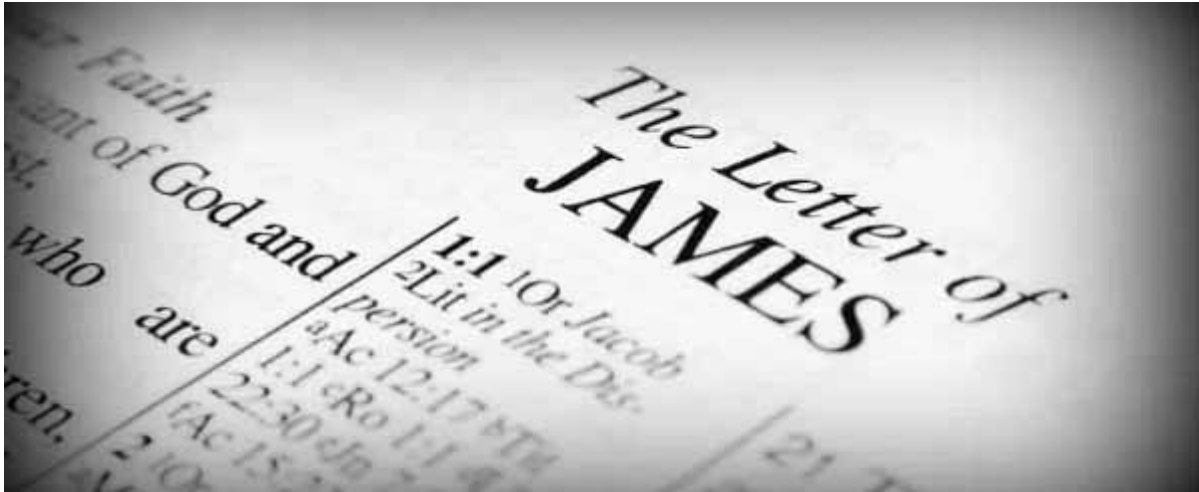


## Flying Guests at the Church

St. Alban's has always been home to bees, but we are trying out a partnership with a local beekeeper as we look into what we can do to respond to the dramatic decline in the bee population and be good stewards of our land. To this end, we are experimenting with the placement of a beehive at the far end of the field, close to the road. Steve Bailey, our beekeeper, will be managing the hive, and will also help us with the relocation of some problematic bees in a cedar tree in the cemetery closer to the church. In the future, we hope to provide some workshops on beekeeping and honey harvesting. If you have any questions about the bees, please speak with Elisabeth or Tommy Skinner.



## Thank You to Our Christian Education Leaders!



In the letter of James, we read, “Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.” Indeed, teaching is not for the faint of heart! It is especially not easy during a year like the one we’ve just been through, when our usual ways of gathering were disrupted, and much of our learning had to take place over new platforms, like Zoom.

St. Alban’s is fortunate to have several people committed to the lifelong learning that is our call as disciples of Jesus. Week in and week out, despite slow internet connections and power outages, and throughout a year in which it felt like things were constantly changing, our Christian education leaders were committed to gathering people to study and learn together. On Sunday morning and Tuesday nights, they have led people into deeper understanding of the Bible as we followed *The Path*. They have also nurtured small groups committed to supporting and praying for each other, which has been just as important as studying together. I am incredibly grateful for their dedication.

Please join me in thanking Betsy Selby and Stacy Weaver who led our children’s Sunday school this year and Dale Gibson, David Pruett, Lance Stewart, Theo Williams and Josie Williams who led our adult offerings.

*Rev. Elisabeth Malphurs*

## Holy Baptism of Natalie Price

Natalie Price, daughter of Bekka and T. J. Price, was baptized at St. Alban's on Saturday, May 8, with many generations of her family gathered around. Natalie is the great-granddaughter of Bryan and Joy Brabston. Bryan Brabston Jr., was baptized in the same font at St. Alban's in the summer of 1933.

Rev. Elisabeth Malphurs officiated, assisted by Deacon Josie Williams and Harvey Smith. We welcome Natalie into the church!



Joy Brabston (g-grandmother), Maura Jeliffe (grandmother),  
Katie Moore (aunt & godmother), Bekka Price,  
Margie Phillips (g-grandmother)



Bryan W. Brabston, Jr. Memorial Bench



Jackson & Katie Moore, godparents  
Bekka and TJ Price, parents

## Rev. Elisabeth's Epistle

Over the past eight weeks, I have been blessed to be part of one of the most powerful groups that St. Alban's hosts, our grief support group, Walking the Mourner's Path. While the specific stories shared in our group over the past eight weeks are confidential, I do want to pass on some of the lessons we have learned together. They seem important to me at this moment in our collective life, as we continue to process the events of the past year of living through a pandemic.

I am convinced that all of us have experienced grief this past year, although we may not recognize what we've been through as grief. Whether we have lost friends or family members, or whether our losses are less tangible, like a loss of routine or a loss of our sense of safety, we emerge from this time carrying wounds. For some of us, getting back our sense of normalcy will be relatively easy. But for others, we need time to reflect on those people and things we have lost. We need time to figure out what this new beginning will look like, and how we have been changed. We may not be ready yet for things to "go back to normal." We may need to grieve. Here are some guideposts along the journey through grief that we talk about in Walking the Mourner's Path:

- You are not alone. The most important lesson we have learned is that none of us is alone in our grief. At the end of our groups, we pray together, acknowledging that we do together "what we cannot do alone." The church is a place to bring your grief and know that you are not alone.
- There is no "right way" to grieve and no timeline for finishing grieving. Despite popular ideas about stages of grief, grief looks different for each person and proceeds at its own pace. Grief takes as long as it takes, and there is nothing wrong with that.
- Grief is physical, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual--it affects all aspects of our lives and functioning and shows up in a myriad of surprising ways, from stomach aches and shortness of breath, to difficulty concentrating and anger at God. There is not an area of our lives that grief does not touch.

There is no way around grief, only through it. Avoiding grief or pushing it aside merely delays it. The way through grief is to experience it. On the other side of grief, however, is renewed joy and reengagement with life. This is the journey we walk as Christians, the pattern of resurrection that we look for all around us.

## Josie's Journal

## Depending On Each Other's Toil



*...and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*BCP p.134*

Reflecting on this past year I have revisited one of the lessons I taught in school.

Take the example a loaf of bread. It starts with the farmer who grows the wheat, the workers who harvest it, the miller who grinds it and the distributor who delivers it to the bakery.

The baker bakes the bread, slices, and packages it and sends it to another distributor. The bread is then shipped to retailers who unpack it and put it out on shelves for sale. The end-point transportation is done by truck. It might be shipped by rail, but a truck delivered it. It might travel by cargo ship, but it was a truck that delivered it.

You can substitute another product that you use and arrive at the same conclusion. All workers are essential because in the chain of supply and demand if one cog is not working properly the wheel cannot move.

We all depend on each other whether we want to admit it or not. Remember last week when the refinery software was hacked and there was a delay in gas delivery? People panicked, the price of gas went up and prices of food did so as well.

Reflect on the collect from the BCP on page 134 and count your blessings.

In Peace,

Josie



## June Birthdays

- |                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Theo Williams    | 21 Ashleigh Ford Holliday |
| 12 Cassandra Price | Lawson Selby              |
| 13 Kerri Williams  | 22 Jimmy Jones            |
| 16 Sally Southall  | Mary Ruth Jones           |
| Henry Cooper       | 24 Amanda Monti           |
|                    | 26 Laura Cook             |

## June Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Elisabeth Malphurs & Buck Cooper | 13 Carroll & Beth Sojourner |
| 5 Chad & Robin Price Toups         | 14 Terry & Beth Guynes      |
| 7 David & Anna Selby               | 17 Matthew & Lauren Guynes  |
| 9 James & Cassandra Price          | 21 Dan & Mary Carleton      |

## Prayers for the People

### *For those Sick or in Need:*

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|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Aleister         | Earline              | Nita              |
| Ann & Jimmy      | Estella              | Norma             |
| Anna             | Glenda               | Parker            |
| Ashlee & Mack    | Isabel, M.K. & Ted   | Patty             |
| Barbara          | Jackson              | Peter             |
| Betty            | James                | Ria               |
| Bill & Karen     | Kristin              | Ruth              |
| Bobbie           | Laurie               | Sharon            |
| Charlie & Family | Lee Davis            | Shelby Lynn       |
| Cooper           | Lisa & Charlie       | Suzanne           |
| Cynthia          | Martha               | The Pruett family |
| Dan & Mary       | Mary Jo              | The Torrey family |
| David            | Mike Finney & Family | Theresa           |

*For the Departed:* Mary Frances Kelly and Richard Rhoden

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## COVID-19 Weekly Events

### Adult Formation Groups In-Person Meetings Resumed

Sunday School, Bibles & More, Spiritual 12 Steps and Ultreya  
will be In-Person at the Church or on Zoom

Please call the office if you need help with Zoom

#### Sunday

**Holy Eucharist Rite I**, Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**, Nave, 11:00 a.m.

Livestreamed on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansBovina/>

**Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday—Wednesday—Friday

**Morning Prayer**, 8:00 a.m.

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#### Tuesday

**Bibles & More**, Social time starts at 6:00 p.m. Group from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

**Spiritual 12 Steps Group**, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Holy Eucharist Rite II with Prayers for Healing**, 6:00 pm

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#### Thursday

**Ultreya**, 12:00-1:00 p.m.



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Server Schedule

Date		Lay Worship Leader	Lector	Usher	Notes/Camera
<b>Sunday</b>					
6/6/2021	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Penny Freund	Jim Price	Buck Cooper
	11:00 AM	Betsy Selby	Carolyn Gent	Dawn Rickard Dale Gibson	
<b>Wednesday</b>					
6/9/2021	6:00 PM	Theo Williams			Harvey Smith
<b>Sunday</b>					
5/13/2021	8:30 AM	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	Jim Price	Jim Drake
	11:00 AM	David Pruet	Buck Cooper	Ann Tompkins Allan Leese	
<b>Wednesday</b>					
6/16/2021	6:00 PM	David Pruet			Harvey Smith
<b>Sunday</b>					
6/20/2021	8:30 AM	Ann Tompkins	Beth Sojourner	Jim Price	Jim Drake
	11:00 AM	Harvey Smith	Sharon Hanks	Kerri & Peter	
<b>Wednesday</b>					
6/23/2021	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner			Harvey Smith
<b>Sunday</b>					
6/27/2021	8:30 AM	David Pruet	Penny Freund	Jim Price	Harvey Smith
	11:00 AM	Richard Price	Susan Price	The Halls	
<b>Wednesday</b>					
6/30/2021	6:00 PM	Theo Williams			Harvey Smith