



# The Albanac

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“Alison ~ Sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism”



## Palm Sunday: Walking in the Way of the Cross



*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest."*









*"...Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen*







*"All Glory Laud and Honor to Thee, Redeemer King!"*





## Maundy Thursday: Agape Feast



*Parish Hall setting commemorating The Last Supper & Washing of Feet*



*Artman family takes part in the Agape Feast*



*Sharon washes Rev. Elisabeth's feet*





*Fore observes foot washing*



*Harvey prepares for Holy communion*



*Lance Stewart leads hymn singing*



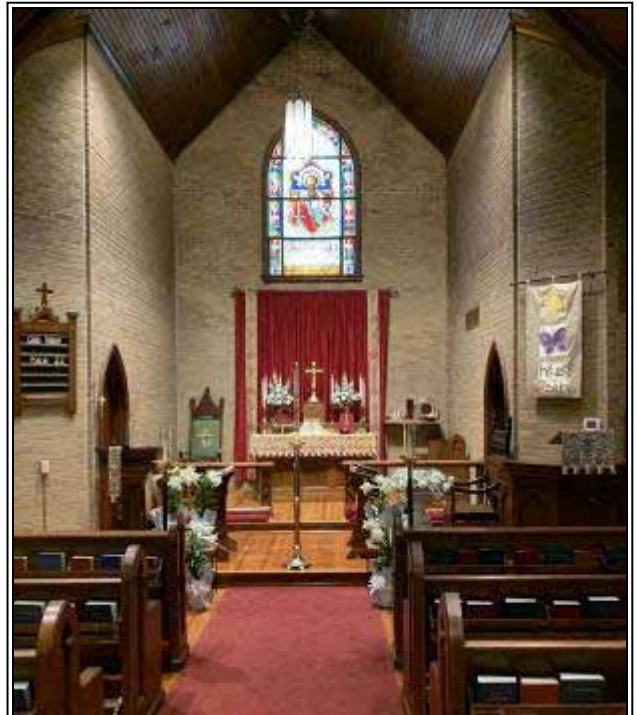
*Sharon & Henry place cards in the prayer cross*



Easter Sunday: He is Risen



*Acolytes: Henry, Gloria & Sam with Andrew flying the Dove "Holy Spirit" Kite*







*Andrew flies the Dove "Holy Spirit" Kite in the processional*



*Rev. Elisabeth delights the children and congregation with a beautiful Easter story*



## Holy Baptism



The Spirit was moving at St. Alban's on Easter Sunday morning as we gathered to celebrate the baptism of Alison. We all know Alison as the delightful child who makes us beautiful cards filled with her drawings. One of the most recent drawings she brought to church was titled, "The girl that loved her church."

On Easter morning, as we celebrated her baptism, we got to show Alison that St. Alban's loves her so very much in return. We are proud of the ways she has gotten involved in church this spring, learning how to usher and cheering everyone with her joyful spirit.

Welcome to the household of God, Alison! You are marked as Christ's own forever!





*Alison pictured with grandparents, Betty & Rome Rushing, sister Gabby & Rev. Elisabeth*





*A Gala Reception honoring Alison was held in the Parish Hall following the service. Church members, family & friends enjoyed the reception and greeting Alison on her special day.*

*The Flower Cross, decorated by church members, adorned the Parish Hall. The array of fresh flowers and their lovely scent added to the ambiance of Easter Day.*





# Easter Egg Hunt



*Proceeds from the Easter Egg Hunt were donated to The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, Haven House & Vicksburg Animal Shelter*



*Pictured (L-R)—Andrew, Alison, Mason, Julian & Gabby*



## “Farm to Feast”

We’re trying something new at St. Alban’s this summer! A series of fellowship events called Farm to Feast have been planned for Sunday evenings on May 22, June 5, June 19, and July 3, from 5:00-7:00 pm each evening on the St. Alban’s grounds. These events have several goals: getting our community together outside to enjoy our beautiful property; providing an easy venue to invite friends to come experience St. Alban’s; and giving us a chance to reach out to our neighbors, especially those who might need food assistance, all while supporting a local farm.

Each evening will feature a mini farmer’s market courtesy of The Garden Pharmacy, a chemical-free farm in Bolton, who will be bringing their fresh, seasonal produce. We will also have a meal and activities centered on a theme that will change each Sunday. On May 22, we’re celebrating Rogation Sunday, a traditional day in the church for blessing crops and farmers and remembering our connection to the earth. We’ll observe Rogation Sunday by blessing our new pet memorial rock garden, hosting a plant swap, engaging in creation-focused crafts, having a beekeeping demo, and an outdoor prayer walk. On June 5, we’ll celebrate Pentecost in collaboration with the other Episcopal churches of Warren County. To celebrate the Holy Spirit, we’ll be firing up the grill, having a bonfire, and kicking off an intergenerational Vacation Bible School/ Episcopal Revival. On June 19, we’re celebrating our history by observing St. Alban’s Day, since the feast of our patron saint is June 22. Shawn Williams will have his BBQ truck out all day smoking pork and chicken, and we will sell tickets for BBQ plates. We’ll celebrate St. Alban’s by offering church tours, relaxing on the grounds with live music, and showcasing art & baked goods from our community. Finally, on July 3, we’ll have another cookout with a water slide for the young at heart and yard games.

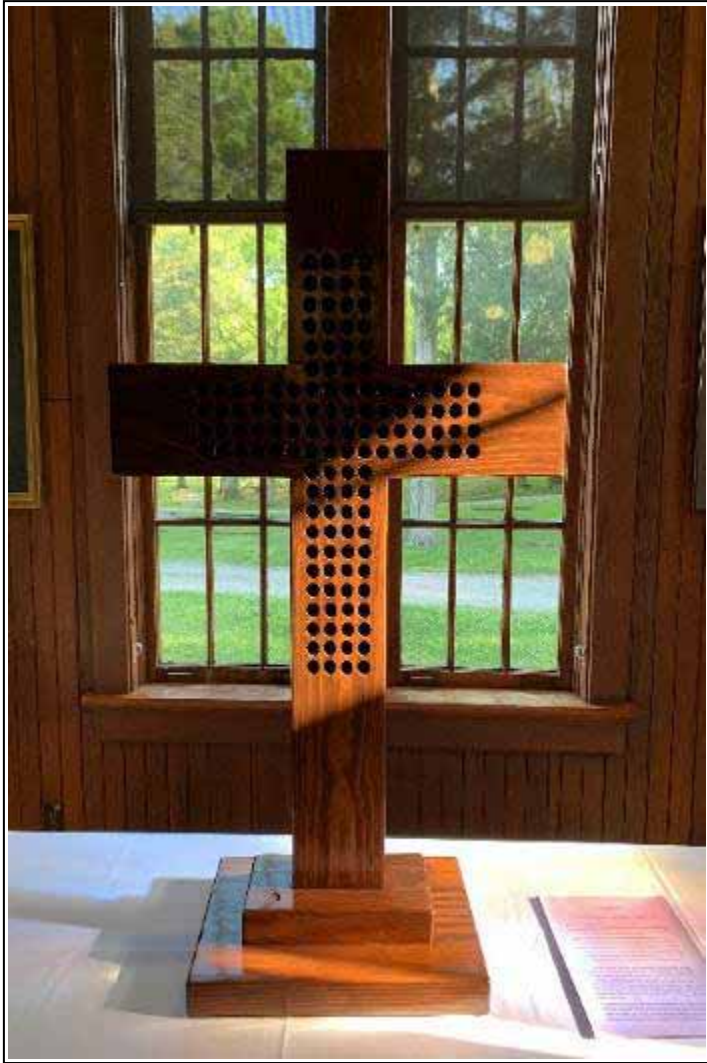
Here’s how you can get involved:

- Donate to help offset the cost of these events, keeping them accessible to all
- Volunteer to help prepare & serve food
- Volunteer to help set up or clean up
- Volunteer with one of the activities or crafts
- Volunteer to help greet people and show them where to park
- Invite your friends
- Get vouchers for produce at the church and give them to people you know who might need a helping hand getting fresh food

**Here’s to a great summer of fellowship & community!**



## From the Senior Warden



Many of you are familiar with the concept of the temple wall in Jerusalem popularly known as the wailing wall. The wailing simply refers to the prayers said and whispered aloud by the thousands of visitors who are drawn to the temple each and every year: all kinds of people from all kinds of places and all kinds of religions.

It is part of one of the most sacred sites on Earth being protected and preserved by Muslims, Jews, and Christians. It is a part of the temple that remains many centuries after the temple was destroyed by invading army soldiers. Because it is by now a non-mortar stone structure there are lots of little nooks and crannies on the face of the wall where not only do birds build their nests, but weeds and little shrubs surprisingly grow right out of the stones! The human visitors typically use thousands of little niches for inserting paper notes which carry prayers for God's attention. They can

be rolled or folded, carefully inserted or stuffed, but all are from the heart and are intended for the mind and healing presence of God. It is a powerful place and should not be missed when visiting the Holy Land.

Last year in April, my son Tim had to have neurosurgery to correct a serious problem. He had developed trigeminal neuralgia also known as tic douloureux. This is a disease which sends neural electrical charges or shocks into the cheek and jaw area of the face, can cause blindness, paralysis of the face and tongue, and is accompanied by searing burning pain. The jaw seizes and the pain is unrelenting. One way of stopping it is to open the skull and reroute some nerves. It was scary, but I'm happy to say it was entirely successful and he came out with no aftereffects of the surgery. Many prayers had been said by my Christian Saint Alban's family, my Tuscaloosa friends, his and his wife's friends



and family and of course by me. God happily was able to sustain us throughout this ordeal and we came out with a new sense of appreciation for the ability to eat an apple.

The hospital from which this very talented surgeon worked was in Denver, Colorado. I was shown to a surgical waiting room with a beautiful view and comfortable seats. But I was alone, very alone. I got up at times throughout the long day of waiting to walk around the hospital. As I did so I noticed there were crosses here and there on tables in hallways, waiting rooms, the cafe, the lobby and so on. These crosses were unique in that they had holes drilled in them at regular intervals and on closer inspection, just like the wailing wall in Jerusalem, had little rolls of paper in each hole. Very few had empty spaces left. Then I



noticed a sign that instructed all who cared to put a prayer in a hole to do so. Of course, I sat right down and did. It felt like a sacred task. I felt I had expressed my fear and my anxiety as well as my prayer for healing and that God was paying attention.

When I came home, I talked to both Reverend Elisabeth and Richard Price about it. Elisabeth suggested we adopt this idea and Richard agreed to make it in wood for our church. Elisabeth would like it to stand near the altar of the Parish House on a table with paper and pencils for us to use as often as we like. Richard's construction is amazing. It is everything that we hoped for (plus a little more!). This coming Thursday at the Agape Meal/Maundy Thursday evening we will consecrate it to be used in this church home.

I sincerely hope that you will find it as comforting and spiritual as I did during a very hard time. It is Richard's gift to us and Elisabeth's openness to this idea that made it happen. Now it is up to us to see that it gets used and loved by all who worship here.

Peace,  
*Penny Freund*



## Rev. Elisabeth's Epistle

### Sabbath Rhythms

As many of you know, I sent out a survey to get feedback about having one service during the summer months. Thank you to everyone who filled one out! The impetus behind the survey was to think about how we create rhythms of sabbath and rest in our common life. Our Lenten Sunday school series was based on Walter Brueggeman's fabulous book, *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*. I haven't been able to stop thinking about this book and how we as a church offer an alternative to the popular culture's 24/7 mindset. Our liturgical seasons are one way that we live into the idea of rhythms to our life. Sabbath, or taking purposeful time to rest, is another.

Church and worship are an important component of Sabbath, an important way that we stop and appreciate that the Sabbath is God's gift for us. Brueggeman's book challenged me to think about how we make sure that church doesn't become one more demand on our time, but remains a place of rest and refreshment, where people can feel renewed and refreshed. Lots of people contribute to making church happen each and every Sunday, from the Altar Guild, to the musicians, to the tech volunteers livestreaming the service, to the lay worship leaders, to the readers, to the ushers, to Ann, who creates our beautiful bulletins. There are several ways to understand the meaning of the word "liturgy," but one of them is "the work of the people," and it does take the work of many hands to make our liturgy happen!

With that said, the mind of the Vestry is that we should continue with our schedule of two services through the summer. We have two distinct congregations at St. Alban's, one of which prefers an earlier worship time, and one a later. While we won't be changing the schedule, the challenge before us now is to think of how else we might observe more simplicity and rest during the summer. Might our 11:00 congregation use the Book of Common Prayer instead of a bulletin? Might we try a season of not scheduling ushers and readers but assigning these roles to those who show up and are willing? We may be offering Morning Prayer a little more often over the summer, as it is proving difficult to find supply priests to cover for my vacation. Perhaps we can also encourage each other, as one Vestry member suggested, to show up at church over the summer in more informal attire. Your suggestions for how we can adjust our summer routines to allow for more rest are welcome, as is your participation in the liturgy, the work of the people.





*FOOD, FRIENDS, & FARMER'S MARKET*

# FARM TO FEAST @ ST. ALBAN'S

5930 WARRIORS TRAIL, BOVINA

## SUNDAYS 5-7:00 PM

*A partnership with The Garden Farmacy, a chemical-free farm in Bolton who will be onsite selling fresh produce*

**May 22** Rogation Day: Celebrating the Earth  
**June 5** Pentecost: Celebrating the Spirit  
**June 19** St. Alban's Day: Celebrating Our History  
**July 3** Independence Weekend: Celebrating Freedom

# Compassion Camp 2022



**June 13, 14, and 15 | 8:00am - Noon**

Mark your calendars for an awesome VBS at The Church of the Holy Trinity! This VBS is sponsored by the Episcopal Churches of Warren County. We are seeking teenager and adult volunteers to help by being counselors, cooks, and song leaders! This is an excellent way to earn service hours!! Please contact the church office if you are interested!!

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## May Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Robin Price Touns | 17 Carey Price    |
| 4 Christopher Price | 18 John Tompkins  |
| Bitsy Sloan         | 19 Dan Carleton   |
| 5 Tanner Kitchens   | Amanda Rose Price |
| 10 Colby Langford   | 24 Gloria Hall    |
| Grant Touns         | 27 Ben Porter     |
| 15 Gabby Rushing    | Jim Dooley        |
| 16 Matthew Guynes   | 28 Briggs May     |
| Will Johnson        |                   |

## May Anniversaries

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4 Easy & Mary John Biedenharn | 22 Buddy & Jane Hanks    |
| 18 Carey & Amanda Price       | 29 Richard & Susan Price |

## Prayers for the People

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|------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Allan & Joan     | Cynthia          | John & Lynn | Nita          |
| Amanda           | Dan & Mary       | Judy        | Norma         |
| Ann & Jimmy      | David            | Keegan      | Ria           |
| Ashleigh         | Freda            | Kelley      | Richard       |
| Bill & Karen     | Fritz            | Kelsey      | Ruth          |
| Bob              | Gary             | Lee         | Sid           |
| Carroll          | Isabel, MK & Ted | Leigh Ann   | Steve         |
| Charlene H.      | Irv              | Lucas       | Holt Family   |
| Charlene P.      | Jackson          | Mark        | Turner Family |
| Charlie & Family | Jeff             | Marcia      | Wayne         |
| Cora Lee         | Jimmy            | Mike        |               |

For the Departed: Eugene Quarles, Pierre Voinche, Teresa Lewis, William Mathews, Sara Wilkerson, and Linda Hall



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## Server Schedule

Date		Lay Worship Leader	Lector	Ushers	Chalice	A/V System
<b>Sunday</b> 5/1/2022	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Sharon Cummins	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Betsy Selby	Carolyn Gent	The Coopers	Harvey Smith	Jim Drake
<b>Wednesday</b> 5/4/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				Harvey Smith
<b>Sunday</b> 5/8/2022	8:30 AM	Ann Tompkins	<b>Mother's Day</b> Beth Sojourner	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Harvey Smith	Barnie Gavin	The Rushings Dawn Rickard	Lance Stewart	Buck Cooper
<b>Wednesday</b> 5/11/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				Harvey Smith
<b>Sunday</b> 5/15/2022	8:30 AM	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Ann Tompkins	Ed Shelnut	Dawn Rickard Lance Stewart	Ed Shelnut	Jim Drake
<b>Wednesday</b> 5/18/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				Harvey Smith
<b>Sunday</b> 5/22/2022		<b>Rogation Day--Services at the Outdoor Chapel, Weather Permitting</b>				
	8:30 AM	Tommy Skinner	Penny Freund	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Richard Price	Susan Price	The Halls	Susan Price	Buck Cooper
<b>Wednesday</b> 5/25/2022	6:00 PM	Tommy Skinner				Harvey Smith
<b>Sunday</b> 5/29/2022	8:30 AM	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Jim Price		
	11:00 AM	Betsy Selby	Sharon Hanks	The Artmans	Dawn Rickard	Jim Drake