

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

### ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*O LORD, GIVE US EYES TO SEE  
THAT NO VISITOR ARRIVES WITHOUT A GIFT  
AND NO GUEST LEAVES WITHOUT A BLESSING.*

#### *A word of welcome to our guests:*

*The people of St. Alban's warmly welcome you, no matter what your faith tradition has been. If you are unfamiliar with how we do things in the Episcopal Church, simply watch what others are doing. Many of us have come from other faith traditions and had to learn our way around, too. Everything you need will be found in the worship bulletin or the large red hymnal. If Christ is calling in your heart, you are most welcome to join us in taking Holy Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing only, you may join us at the altar rail and indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. We hope you will stay for coffee hour so we may get to know you and that you will choose to return to St. Alban's and perhaps join this parish family.*

#### **Announcements for the week and beyond:**

- ◆ **Today is our Annual Parish Meeting.** After we all worship together at 10:30, we will go to the Parish Life Center to enjoy a pot luck lunch, thank the Vestry members who are retiring, welcome the new Vestry members who were elected last fall, celebrate the ministries of St. Alban's for 2011 and consider the proposed budget and outlook for 2012.
- ◆ All children are invited to watch a video in the nursery during the parish meeting. Parents are asked to help your children make a plate of food with appropriate size servings and take it to the nursery. Because Nikki and Penelope will be needing to care for our littlest children, older children are expected to behave in such a way that everyone is safe and can enjoy the video. If they become disruptive, they will be brought to the Parish Life Center to sit quietly with their family for the duration of the meeting.
- ◆ **Today our youth are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring.** Please fill their pots and pans with donations of money to be spent on replenishing food pantries to feel the hungry. Thank you.
- ◆ **Yesterday Claire East LaGrone, daughter of Catherine and Riley and little sister of June, was baptized in the church at 11:00 in the morning.** We held the baptism on Saturday so that Catherine could enjoy it and not have to be working. All members of the parish are considered to be Claire's spiritual family, so please sign her book in the foyer of the Parish Life Center.
- ◆ **Two Adult Christian formation programs are available from 10:15am to 11:00am every Sunday.** Michael Bishop leads the younger adults in the Upper Room, and Rev. Margaret Waters will begin the first portion of this year's confirmation class with four weeks entitled Jesus 101. We will focus on learning the basic story of Jesus' life as told in the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- ◆ **The St. Alban's Chapter of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew** is offering the Youth of St. Alban's, the **Albert S. Bowles Memorial Grant 2012** for Summer Camp at Camp Allen. **This is a 50% Grant (half of the full cost of attending Camp Allen Summer Camp).** An application can be picked up in the Foyer of the Parish Life Center, or printed from the website at [http://stalbansaustin.org/CAMP\\_ALLEN\\_Application\\_2012.pdf](http://stalbansaustin.org/CAMP_ALLEN_Application_2012.pdf). Each applicant must fill out the application form and when completed may be given to a member of the Brotherhood or may be dropped off at the Parish office. Applicants must be in **Grade 3 through 12**. Deadline for application submission is March 4, 2012.
- ◆ **CALLING ALL WE LOVE TO TELL OUR STORY BOOKS!!!** We are trying to locate all of the **We Love to Tell Our Story** books. Margaret has asked the Wednesday EfM Group to make sure the books are circulated. We believe there are a total of 6 books, but no one knows for sure. **If you have a book, please return it to the church office and contact Nelson Smith, [quenby2301@yahoo.com](mailto:quenby2301@yahoo.com), and let him know you have the book.** Margaret would like to have at least 10 families read each book and answer the questions before the Vibrant Stewardship representatives come on 2/24.

- ◆ **Our Thursday morning Bible study group meets in The Upper Room at 9:30am-11:00am.** The Rev. Margaret Waters leads this class. We would love to have you join us. We are beginning a study of The Gospel of Thomas, a non-canonical gospel of the sayings of Jesus, which was discovered in Egypt in 1945.
- ◆ **We have a new sign-up sheet to provide dinner for Youth Group on Sunday nights.** We have plenty of available dates to fit your schedule. This is an easy way to show support for our Youth and share in their ministry. If you are interested, the sign-up sheet can be found in the foyer of the Parish Life Center, or you can contact Brian Tarver for more information.
- ◆ **We need *you* to greet visitors and fellow parishioners!** No experience required—only your smiling face and your friendly disposition. Please sign up to be a greeter at the 9 a.m. and/or 11:15 a.m. service for as many Sundays as you wish! Sign-up sheet is in the PLC. Thank you very much (*muchas gracias, merci beaucoup, maraming salamat, vielen dank*)!!
- ◆ **Please save the date: Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 at the Harry Ransom Center for a docent-led private tour of the exhibit celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.** Sign up is in the foyer of the Parish Life Center. Check it out online: <http://www.manifoldgreatness.org/>.
- ◆ **Please sign up for altar flowers on the new 2012 Flower Registry located in the Parish Life Center, or email or call the office if you would like to sign-up.** The cost is \$25 per arrangement. Flowers may be dedicated in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or in honor of someone special. The available Sundays in the registry as of February 2nd are: April 15, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 15, 22, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 14, 21, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, and 9.
- ◆ **Check out the new Almanac for a great article about the Great Lakes Scrip Program. Our Outreach Commission is offering gift cards for stores where you already shop and restaurants where you already eat, the proceeds to support the First Grade Readers' Initiative.** You will not spend any more money than you already spend, but a percentage will be returned to St. Alban's. Stop by their table and see what you might be able to use. Now you may order your own cards online as well as through the church office. Also, **please continue to channel your Amazon purchases through our website. Up to 6% is returned to our outreach projects.**
- ◆ **Parents, for safety reasons, your children must be either in Sunday School with a teacher or with you.** Please do not let them run in the hallways ever. Thank you.
- ◆ **Please remember the needs of those who depend upon the pantries at El Buen Samaritano, Hays County Food Bank, and Capital Area Food Bank when you go grocery shopping.** Baskets for donations are in the narthex and the foyer of the Parish Life Center. We will deliver our offerings monthly. Our most recent donation was 119 pounds of food to Hays County. Thank you.
- ◆ **The church office is going to be closed on Monday, February 20th in honor of Presidents' Day.**
- ◆ **Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper and Talent Show is going to be on February 21st at 6pm in the Parish Life Center, Assembly Room.** Please sign-up with Brian for the talent show as soon as possible. This is an annual fundraising event for our youth's mission trip.
- ◆ **February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. Church services are at 12noon and 7pm.**

	Pledge Actual	Pledge Budget	Plate Actual	Plate Budget
Last week	\$3,100.00	NA	\$496.00	NA
Jan to date	\$31,280.65	NA	\$1,980.01	NA
Year to date	\$31,280.65	NA	\$1,980.01	NA

	Total Income	Total Expenses	Net Proceeds
Year to Date	\$34,497.86	\$29,817.38	\$4,680.48

(Please keep this announcement sheet for future reference.)