



ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH



Ministry Opportunities  
Fall 2018

## OUTSIDE OUR WALLS

### TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

One of St. Alban's core ministries is our TLC initiative. Our goal is to help transform children's lives through education, working with some of DC's neediest children.

#### Bishop Walker School

Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys is a primary school for boys from



poor homes in Southeast DC, named after the late John T. Walker, the first African-American Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese

of Washington. We are partnering with the Bishop Walker School to support their mission. St. Alban's "lunch buddies" visit the school regularly. Contact: Hollis McLoughlin, [hollismcl50@gmail.com](mailto:hollismcl50@gmail.com).

#### Harriet Tubman School

Harriet Tubman Elementary School is a public school at the corner of Irving Street and 13th Street NW that serves approximately an equal number of



African-American and Hispanic students; 95% receive free and reduced lunch. We have established a long-term relationship with this community—its students, staff, and parents—through a variety of activities such as mentoring, reading programs, music programs and after-school clubs. Currently, our greatest need (for those with available daytime hours) is classroom volunteers, and shoppers and packers for our backpack feeding program. Contact: Tom Jansen, [ingerjan18@yahoo.com](mailto:ingerjan18@yahoo.com).

### **Global Mission**

The Global Mission Team is tasked with organizing many short-term ministry initiatives related to global mission, as well as overseeing our long-term relationship with two schools - one in Zarka, Jordan, and another in South Sudan. Members meet monthly during the program year, and meetings often include opportunities to learn about relief efforts around the globe. We are also a partner parish with a representative to the global arm of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), whose primary focus is serving children ages 0-5, women and climate change. Contact Lisa Sams, [garbersam@mindspring.com](mailto:garbersam@mindspring.com).



### **FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

St. Alban's has a long tradition of feeding the hungry. Volunteers cook and distribute meals and food in collaboration with other faith-based organizations.

### **Christ House**

St. Alban's volunteers prepare and serve dinner to residents and staff at Christ House, a health care facility for homeless men and women. Twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, cooks meet in the kitchen from 2:30 to 5 p.m. The serving team picks up the food and delivers it, helping to serve the meal. Contact Robyn Gatens (cooking) at [robnyngt1985@gmail.com](mailto:robnyngt1985@gmail.com) or Rob Huddleston (delivery) at [rthud@yahoo.com](mailto:rthud@yahoo.com).



### **Grate Patrol**

In cooperation with the Salvation Army's 100-year-old ministry,



volunteers from St. Alban's cook, prepare, and serve a nutritious evening meal to hundreds of persons living on the streets of Washington, DC. Parishioners may get involved as often as they like. Our youth groups participate on the 2nd Friday of each month.

*Cooking:* Wednesdays before the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, cooks meet at 6 p.m. in the kitchen to prepare casseroles and muffins. Contact Craig Morgan, [camarchitect@gmail.com](mailto:camarchitect@gmail.com).

*Sandwich Making:* Every 4th Friday, a group gathers at 1:30 p.m. in the kitchen to make sandwiches and assemble the meal.

Contact Nancy Fetterman, [fetterman-dc@att.net](mailto:fetterman-dc@att.net).

*Delivery and Distribution:* Every 4th Friday at 6:45 p.m., the Salvation Army van arrives at St. Alban's. Volunteers load the van with food prepared during the week, travel downtown and serve dinner to over 100 people living on the streets.

Contact Barbara Manard, [bmanard@earthlink.net](mailto:bmanard@earthlink.net).

### **So Others Might Eat (SOME)**

St. Alban's parish and SOME have a relationship that spans over 20 years. SOME serves over 800 meals each day to the city's homeless population. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, parishioners pick up casserole tins and recipes and return the prepared casseroles the following Sunday morning. Donations of fresh or canned fruits and juices, vegetables, coffee, and peanut butter or powdered milk are also welcome. Donations are then transported to SOME during the 11:15 service. For more information, or to volunteer to assist with delivery, contact Marty Kerns, [quatre95@verizon.net](mailto:quatre95@verizon.net).

### **Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners**

St. Alban's partners with Annunciation Catholic Church and Washington Hebrew Congregation on an annual Thanksgiving Day dinner, which we host every third year. St. Alban's provides



a delicious dinner at noon on Christmas Day for our neighbors and friends. Volunteers decorate the hall, carve turkeys, cook vegetables, cut pies and serve our guests. Many of us enjoy the meal, too! Questions? Contact Vestry liaison Michele Bond, [michelebond@gmail.com](mailto:michelebond@gmail.com).

### **Samaritan Ministry**

St. Alban's was one of a dozen Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Washington that founded Samaritan Ministry in 1986. Our congregation contributes non-perishable food to Samaritan's pantry every week to be distributed to participants in the Next Step program, which offers resources and assistance for finding housing and employment. Contact Leo Coco, [lcoco@nmrs.com](mailto:lcoco@nmrs.com), or Dee Dykstra, [d2b2dc@msn.com](mailto:d2b2dc@msn.com).

## **INSIDE OUR WALLS**

### **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

Worship ministries offer opportunities to work behind the scenes or to participate in services.

#### **Acolytes**

Acolytes carry the crosses, torches, and banner in processions, and assist at the altar. A training session is provided. All adults, and youth from 4th to 12th grade, are welcome to participate. Contact Stephanie Curcuru, [scurcuru@yahoo.com](mailto:scurcuru@yahoo.com), for youth acolytes, and Dudley Winthrop, [Dudley.winthrop@woodwin.com](mailto:Dudley.winthrop@woodwin.com) for adults.



#### **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild prepares the Altar and the Chancel for all church services and is responsible for the care of items used in the services. Contact Michele Bond, [michelebond@gmail.com](mailto:michelebond@gmail.com).

### **Choir**

*The Choir of St. Alban's Church* is a non-auditioned group of over 30 singers representing a wide range of musical abilities, and it sings at the 9am Eucharist on Sundays. At its core is a professional group of 8 singers who also form the nucleus of the 16-voice Schola Cantorum singing at 11:15am. The Choir sings the year round and rehearses at 7.00pm on Thursdays. Please contact Dr. Jeremy Filsell, [Jeremy@stalbandsdc.org](mailto:Jeremy@stalbandsdc.org) for further information. Our chorister program operates on Thursdays too: *Choral Scholars* [Girls & Boys Grades 8th-12th Grades]: 5:30-6:30 pm, refreshments 6:30-7:00 pm, and rehearsal with St. Alban's Choir 7:00-8:00pm for the Sunday 9:00am service. *The St. Alban's Boy Choir* [for 2nd through 7th Grade boys] and *St. Alban's Girl Choir* [for 2nd through 7th Grade girls]: 4:00-5:15 pm. For further information on our chorister program, please contact Rebecca Kellerman, [rebeccak@stalbandsdc.org](mailto:rebeccak@stalbandsdc.org).

### **Flower Guild**



The Guild prepares the church for weekly services, decorates for the great festivals of Easter and Christmas, as well as weddings, funerals, baptisms, and memorials. Any and all who are willing to contribute one Saturday morning a month to the team efforts are welcome. No experience necessary. Contact Katie Wilson, [katie.wilson1007@gmail.com](mailto:katie.wilson1007@gmail.com).

### **Greeters & Welcomers**

Greeters make everyone welcome on Sundays at St. Alban's. Their ministry of hospitality is an important part of our services. Welcomers follow up with a personal note or email message to newcomers and offer to answer questions. For Greeters, contact Brian Burson, [b2burson@yahoo.com](mailto:b2burson@yahoo.com). For Welcomers, contact John Daniel Reaves, [jdreavesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:jdreavesoffice@gmail.com), or Pamela Melby, [ptrippmelby@gmail.com](mailto:ptrippmelby@gmail.com).

### **Lay Readers**

Lay readers take an active role in every worship service at St. Alban's. Both adults and teens of high school age who are confirmed members of the church are invited to serve once or twice a month, reading the lessons, leading the prayers, and serving the chalice. Training is provided. Contact Suzy Mink, [suzymink@comcast.net](mailto:suzymink@comcast.net).

### **Ushers**

Ushers assist with regular Sunday and special services. They make sure everyone gets a bulletin (program), take up the Sunday collection, and much more. Adults and youth are welcome to serve. Contact Marty Kerns, [quatre95@verizon.net](mailto:quatre95@verizon.net), Hollis McLaughlin, [hollismclL50@gmail.com](mailto:hollismclL50@gmail.com), or Ruth Cline, [clinerh@verizon.net](mailto:clinerh@verizon.net).

### **PASTORAL CARE**

St. Alban's parishioners participate in pastoral care through a program called We-Care. We-Care is primarily a ministry of intercessory prayer but also includes opportunities to support to members of our parish experiencing short-term needs such as prepared meals after an illness or the death of a loved one, rides to church or medical appointments, etc. Members of the We-Care team receive pastoral update e-mails and organize their own responses to people's needs. Those interested in a more significant commitment might be interested in Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. For We-Care, contact the Rev'd Jim Quigley, [jimq@stalbandsdc.org](mailto:jimq@stalbandsdc.org), AND Renée Patrick, [reneep@stalbandsdc.org](mailto:reneep@stalbandsdc.org). For Stephen Ministry, contact Jo Turner, [jot@stalbandsdc.org](mailto:jot@stalbandsdc.org).

### **PROPERTY MINISTRIES**

#### **St. Joseph Guild**



Volunteers of the St. Joseph Guild help keep our buildings in tip top shape. The Guild organizes regular church-wide clean-up days, and members work in teams or individually to complete simple maintenance tasks. Contact Bob Witten, [bobwitten65@gmail.com](mailto:bobwitten65@gmail.com)

#### **Garden Guild**

If you love planting and pruning, this is the ministry for you. Garden Guild volunteers help to plan and maintain the flowers and shrubs around our buildings. The Garden Guild collaborates with the St. Joseph Guild on regular clean-up days. Contact Lucy Fraser, [lfraser2000@gmail.com](mailto:lfraser2000@gmail.com).



### **Green Team**

St. Alban's was one of the first churches in the area to install solar panels as a sign of our commitment to preserving the environment. We believe there is a moral dimension to the energy choices we make. Our Green Team encourages environmentally conscious behavior at church and at home. We host an annual recycling fair for the wider community, in partnership with groups like Bike for the World. To learn more or to volunteer, contact Alex Stavitsky-Zeineddin, [alex@zeineddins.com](mailto:alex@zeineddins.com).

### **History & Archives**

Established in 1854, we were the first "free church" in Washington, DC, in which pews were free for anyone to use rather than being sold or rented. The archives committee meets approximately once a month to preserve existing documents and to accept new documents into the church archive. Contact Marc Fetterman, [fetterman-dc@att.net](mailto:fetterman-dc@att.net).

## **OPPORTUNITY SHOP**



The Opportunity Shop is St. Alban's oldest outreach program. The Op Shop thrift store is located on the lower level of Satterlee Hall. All proceeds support those in need in our community and beyond. The shop is open 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If

you are interested in volunteering as a clerk, pricer, or cashier, please contact Melody Knight, [melodyk@stalbandsdc.org](mailto:melodyk@stalbandsdc.org) or call 202-966-5288.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. ALBAN'S on our website:**

**[www.stalbansdc.org](http://www.stalbansdc.org)**



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