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April 18, 2023

Dear Friends,

Last week's glorious weather changed the landscape. Daffodils sprouted, magnolia trees bloomed, trees are budding, and splashes of bright colored flowers are everywhere. The three little girls who live next to me were out playing, shrieking with delight as they ran through the sprinkler. The new life all around us lifts our spirits after a long, grey, and rainy winter. What a difference a week of sunshine and warm weather make! Even though it's turned cool and grey again we carry with us the promise of spring.

So it is with Easter. The joyful news that Christ is risen is news we can carry in our hearts even during the bleakest of days. One of the things I'm privileged to witness as a priest is when people come to tell me difficult things that they are going through and then preface their next sentence with, "But God is so good, ..." Learning to recognize God's hand at work in our lives is an essential part of the faith journey. Turning to God for help and trusting that it will be forthcoming is another.

In my sermon last weekend I paraphrased the parable of Black Coffee Spirituality. I'd like to quote it here. "One version of the story goes that a young lady was complaining to her mother about her troubles and wondering aloud how she would make it through a spell of misfortune. Her mother led the young lady to the kitchen and filled three pots with water, placing carrots in the first, eggs in the second, and coffee beans in the third. After bring each pot to a boil, she removed the contents and placed them in a bowl, explaining to her daughter that while they had been subject to the same adverse condition, each element had reacted differently.

"The carrots had been strong, hard, and unbending, yet emerged soft and weak. The eggs had been fragile, their liquid interior protected by a thin shell, and yet their insides were hardened by the heat. The consistency of the coffee beans remained the same, but instead of being altered by their surroundings, they changed the water in which they were boiled to produce coffee with a rich aroma. 'Which are you?' The mother asked her daughter to gauge how she would respond in the face of difficulty." ... Moss is convinced that we must not be carrots that start tough, but end soft, nor eggs that get hardened by terrifying experiences, but rather coffee beans that change the cultures and people we encounter." (Foreword to Otis Moss III's book, Dancing in the Darkness, by Michael Eric Dyson, pp. ix-x, xi).

By the way, I had been searching for our next book study, which needs to be done by early June. Then Ham White gave me this book on Easter Sunday. God is so good!

Mother Julie+

Secretary's Day at St. Alban's

Tuesday, April 25, Noon
Lunch at the Olive Garden

Reservations required.



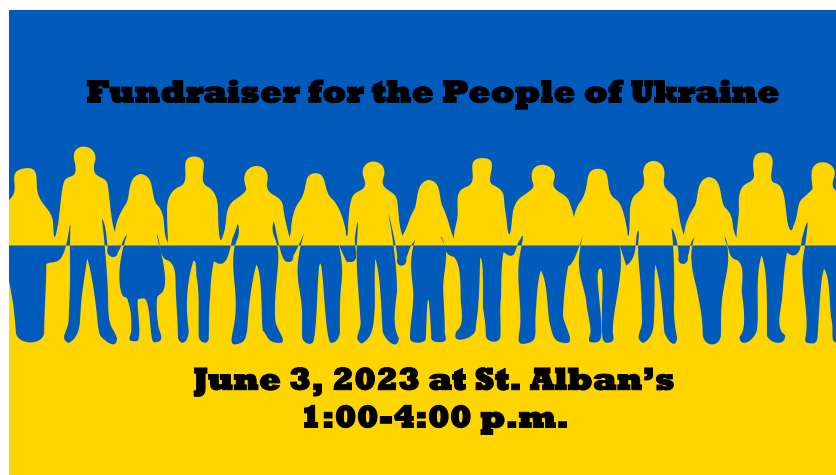
Secretary's Day at Emmanuel

Wednesday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Party in the Parish Hall

Mask Policy Changing at St. Alban's

Beginning April 10, masking is optional during worship as long as Onondaga County is not given a high rating by the CDC. In order to safeguard Cynthia and David we will continue to distribute communion as we have been. Currently Onondaga County is listed as low.



Silent Auction
Raffle Baskets
Bake Sale

Lawn games for children and families
Book & media sale

All proceeds will go through the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Needed are

Committee Volunteers
Bakers

Donations for Raffle baskets
Donations for the Silent Auction

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**Looking Ahead for Emmanuel:
Notes from the Annual Meeting**

Fellowship

May 20: Preorder Chicken & Biscuit Dinners from Collamer United Church and enjoy them together in the parish hall after the service

June 17: Barbecue and Holy Eucharist at Pamela Trendell's home

Fundraisers

Wednesday, June 14: Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23: Craft and Vendor Fair
(Crafters and Vendors will be recruited and organized by a fair planner.)

Saturday, October 14: Rummage Sale
This will be a repeat of last year's successful sale.

**Thursday Evenings: Zoom Codes are the same for every Thursday
827 6703 2161 & 331119**

April 27 on Zoom

6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat

6:15 p.m. Book Study: Foreword through Chapter 2

7:00 p.m. Rule of Life monthly check in

May 4: Mother Julie will be in Elmira for her stepdad's 90th birthday!

May 11: Second Thursday at St. Alban's (Emmanuel friends welcome!)

6:00 p.m. Dinner (cost is \$5 - please sign up or tell Mother Julie)

7:00 p.m. Healing and Holy Eucharist

May 18 on Zoom

6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat

6:30 p.m. Chapters 3-5

May 25 at Emmanuel: Hot Dogs in the Kingdom

5:00-7:00 p.m. (St. Alban's friends welcome!)

June 1 on Zoom

6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat

6:30 p.m. Book Study: Chapters 6-8

Next Book Study Starts April 27

Dancing in the Darkness:
Spiritual Lessons for Thriving
in Turbulent Times

By The Rev. Otis Moss III
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Emmanuel's New Vestry

Wardens: Barbara Crane and Sharon Chapman

Vestry: Lois McEwan, Deborah McGavin, and Pamela Trendell

At the Annual Meeting we voted for a second consecutive year to reduce the Vestry from 2 Wardens and 9 Vestry Members to 2 Wardens and 3 Vestry Members.

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour * 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist
Sunday	St. Alban's	* 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study * 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.: Mother Julie's B'day Party
Wednesday	Emmanuel	* 2:00 p.m.: Bible Study

* also on Zoom

We commend the soul of
Marilyn Trendell
to Almighty God.

Prayers will be said
for Marilyn at
Emmanuel's service
on Saturday.

Burial is private.

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

Sunday

8:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **835 9000 0245 & 562087 (not Feb. 26)**

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **817 4372 7305 & 891158**

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**



Emmanuel Vestry
April 25
6:00 p.m.

Use your telephone for Zoom

Dial **1-646-558-8656**

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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Other Events

First number#

Second number#

Mother Julie's Schedule

Saturday

Emmanuel
4:00-6:30 pm

Sunday

St. Alban's
8:10-11:40

Tuesday

St. Alban's
9:30-5:30 pm

Wednesday

Emmanuel
10:00-5:00

Thursday

Away

Days Off

Monday & Friday
(Private Burial for
Marilyn Trendell on
Friday morning.)