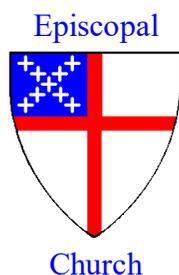


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August 16, 2022

Dear Friends,

I just finished reading the novel, Where the Crawdads Sing, after watching the movie based on the book (wearing an N95 mask!). Both were excellent. The main character is a young, white woman who, one by one, is abandoned by her family between the ages of 7 and 10. The first to go was her abused mother and the last the abuser father. The book chronicles her growing up alone in the marsh on the Atlantic shore of the state of North Carolina. Called “Marsh Girl” by the villagers in town and shunned by nearly everyone except a black shopkeeper and wife, Kya eeks out a life for herself. Later on she becomes involved with a boy from the village who is found murdered, and she is arrested and put on trial for his murder. A retired lawyer volunteers to represent her. In his closing argument he asks the jury of villagers what Kya’s life might have been like if church goers had embraced her instead of shunning her. What would her life be today if they had fed her and clothed her and shown her compassion?

For me this raises the question, what is the nature of the God they were praying to? Was it the “God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all that believed in him should not perish, but have eternal life?” (John 3:16) In Matthew 25 Jesus tells a parable of judgment using sheep and the goats. “Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

God desires that we respond to his love by opening up our hearts to those in need, that we love our neighbor as ourselves instead of judging them. In Morning Prayer there is a collect for mission that reads: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen. Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ means so much more than preaching with words. Don’t just talk about the love of God in Jesus Christ, act out that love. Years ago a friend of mine, who referred to herself as a “Sunday widow”, told the story of her husband’s conversion to faith in Christ. She had a heart attack as was hospitalized for many days. Each night her husband came home to a hot meal, a note telling him who was caring for his children and who would pick them up after school the next day. He experienced Christian love so powerfully that he gave his life to Christ and joined his family for worship every Sunday.

Who is God directing you to reach out with arms of love? East Syracuse and the City of Syracuse are filled with desperate families and hungry children. What are you doing to help? Both churches have lonely members who you can reach out to with a phone call or invitation. Just like the villagers in the novel, you don't have to look very far to find someone in need of Christ-like love. I have witnessed such on-going love in both parishes and it is beautiful. Let's keep enlarging our circles of love as we strive to love and honor God.

God Be With You,
Mother Julie+

Summer Food Drive for InterFaith Works 20+ Food Pantries



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta Canned Fruits Peanut Butter Jelly Dried or Canned Beans Canned Vegetables Canned Soup Boxed Macaroni & Cheese | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canned Tuna or Chicken Vegetable Oil Oatmeal Cereal Walnuts/Almonds Juice Flour Rice Shelf Stable Milk |
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If you are unable to shop for food pantry donations and would like to help you can make out a check to the church and put "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Mother Julie or a volunteer will shop for you. Keep the food coming; you're doing great!

East Syracuse Backpack Giveaway is August 27 - Volunteers Needed!

Join Sharon Chapman from 9:00 a.m. to noon or Mother Julie from noon to 3:00 p.m. to help with the event. Children receive backpacks containing school supplies, haircuts, clothes, and a meal at the village park on McCool Avenue. Let us know if you can join us!

Mother Julie's Schedule August 17-23

<p>Emmanuel Saturday Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Alban's Sunday Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Thursday: 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Days Off Monday Friday</p>
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New at St. Alban's: Calling all Sewers & Needle Workers - All are Welcome!

Bring your latest sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other crafting project on
Saturday, September 10 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
for a time of crafts and companionship! Coffee and tea provided.

New at Emmanuel: Zoom the Saturday Evening Service

Last week a Verizon technician hard wired WiFi extenders in both the parish hall and the church. A test Zoom last Saturday was successful and Zoom will now be offered every Saturday for the 5:00 p.m. service. The Zoom link will be sent out weekly by David Houston from St. Alban's. (David is Kate Bell's husband and Meg Houston is their daughter.) Your computer/laptop/tablet needs to have the Zoom app for this to work.

If you prefer to enter the codes they are 812 9701 3112 and 381729.

Coming to St. Alban's

At the August 16 meeting the Vestry voted to purchase a WiFi extender for the Fellowship Room and have a Verizon technician install it.

Hot Dogs in the Kingdom is August 25!

Fourth Thursdays from May-September



5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks
Games for kids & families
Canine rest stop**

Zoom Book Study: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays

Henri Nouwen, Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety
6:00 p.m. Eat & Chat on Zoom
6:30-7:30 p.m. Book Study

Dinner at the Olive Garden

St. Alban's: Sunday, August 21 after coffee hour

Let Mother Julie know if you can come. She will phone ahead with the number of people attending.



Thursday Evening Schedule in August and September: All are Welcome!

1st Thursdays: Eat & Chat on Zoom at 6:00 p.m., Book Study on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

2nd Thursdays: St. Alban's: Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Healing and Holy Eucharist (service also on Zoom) at 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays: Eat & Chat on Zoom at 6:00 p.m., Book Study on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

4th Thursdays: Hot Dogs in the Kingdom at Emmanuel, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

5th Thursdays: Eat & Chat on Zoom at 6:00 p.m., Book Study on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	Coffee Hour: 4:15 p.m. *Worship: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	St. Alban's	*Bible Study: 8:30 a.m. *Worship: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Emmanuel	*Bible Study: 2:00 p.m. (repeated on Sunday)

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel's Holy Eucharist: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: **835 9000 0245 & 562087**

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

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#

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **824 6993 1403 & 680299**

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Eat & Chat: **865 7984 8890 & 698920**

6:30 p.m. Book Study