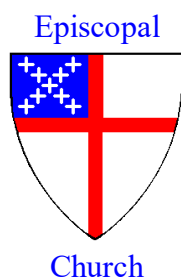


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January 17, 2023

Dear Friends,

In Sarah Young's meditation in Jesus Always this morning she spoke about our resistance to change. When God asks us to do something new our first reaction often is to cling to what we know and are comfortable with. One of the consequences of the pandemic is that daily life has been altered in such significant ways that we are tired of embracing change and just want things to go back to the way they were. In our heads we're wrestling with the knowledge that this will never happen. In our hearts we long for the "good old days." (I suspect this is truer for the people of St. Alban's than it is for the people of Emmanuel as far as gathering for worship is concerned, but the worry about catching Covid/flu/stomach virus going around is real.)

We now have a choice: embrace our new reality or put up with it by making small changes or resist it and long for the good old days. When the pandemic began I learned how to Zoom and had a service on the second Sunday after we were closed down. Before that my Apple Computer Engineer husband handled all our household technical needs, so this was a big leap for me. For the first hour months I only left the house on Saturday to record the service at St. Alban's with David Houston, who taped it and then posted it to our website. By the time I arrived at Emmanuel I was proficient in Zoom and other technologies. The next leap is live streaming our worship on Facebook, and I admit to a bit of longing for the good old days. Facebook is not my thing.

Why Facebook? Facebook allows anyone to hop on their computer/laptop/tablet/phone and join the service as it's being streamed live without having to know Zoom codes or search a website for them to be emailed to you. It can also be recorded for later viewing. Zoom is largely for current members. Facebook reaches out to those beyond the church community. It's how our neighbors are most likely to connect with us. After St. Alban's Annual Meeting on January 29 a committee at St. Alban's will work with me both to make this happen and to upgrade the technology used for worship. If you would like to join this committee of four let me or David Houston know. Once I'm comfortable with it we'll make the leap at Emmanuel.

God is calling us to go forward, not backward. Zoom and live streaming are here to stay. To ignore such powerful tools for worship and outreach is to be unfaithful. This is not second nature for me, and so I struggle along with many of you. May God send us help, inspiration, and blessing for our labors.

God be with you,

Mother Julie+

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.: Coffee Hour
Tuesday	Emmanuel	6:00 p.m.: Vestry
Wednesday	Emmanuel	* 2:00 p.m.: Bible Study



* also on Zoom

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**

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Book Study: **827 6703 2161 & 331119**
Jan. 26 6:00 p.m. Eat and chat
6:30 p.m. Meeting

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

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Second number#

Mother Julie's Schedule January 20-26

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Monday & Friday</u>
Emmanuel	St. Alban's	St. Alban's	Emmanuel	St. Alban's	Days off
4:00-6:30 pm	8:10-11:40	9:45-5:15	10:00-5:00	12:00-8:00	
		&			
		Emmanuel			
		6:00-8:00 p.m.			

St. Alban's Annual Meeting is January 29

* Elect 1 Warden and 4 Vestry Members * Continental Breakfast * Rector & Vestry Reports

Wardens Zoom on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.