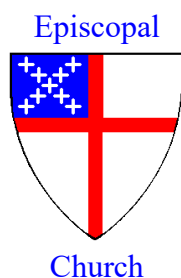


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Food Drive for InterFaith Works 20+ Food Pantries

September and October

Pasta and Sauce
Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Vegetables
Soups/Ramen
Ensure
Cake mix/frosting



Canned Tuna/Chicken
Vegetable Oil
Cereal/Oatmeal
Baby formula
Pancake mix/syrup
Flour and sugar
Mayo
Shelf Stable Milk

Matthew 21:28-32

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They [chief priests and elders] said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you For John [the Baptist] came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Summary of Mother Julie's Sermon on September 30/October 1

First Son: Represents the tax collectors and other notorious sinners in Jesus' audience who heard John the Baptist and/or Jesus and repented of their sins.

These are people whom the chief priests and elders had written off as too sinful to bother with. These sinners knew what God expected from them and chose to live a different way. John the Baptist and Jesus, however, did not write them off. There was no “three strikes and you're out” for Jesus. It wasn't too late to repent of their sinful lifestyle and turn back to God. God doesn't want anyone to die because of sin. God's forgiveness, mercy, and love are freely offered to everyone. Though a person may have given up on God, God won't give up on them until they draw their final breath.

Second Son: This son represents the chief priests and elders who claimed to serve God, but neglected to practice God's compassion and mercy.

Over and again in the Hebrew Scriptures God commands the care of the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Both John and Jesus accused the chief priests and elders of, essentially, practicing the letter of the law and ignoring the heart of the law. The first great commandment is to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength. The second is to love one's neighbor as oneself. The chief priests' and elders' narrow definition of "neighbor" led them to judge rather than serve. Moreover, they were guilty of the sin of arrogance. They practiced self-righteousness rather than attending to God's righteousness.

I added a third son and a fourth son to Jesus' parable.

Third Son: This is the person who refuses to believe in God. They tell their Father they will not go into the vineyard and work and they don't go.

Fourth Son: This is the person who might say, "I never knew I was supposed to go. No one told me."

True Story: I had a friend "Mary" who used to refer to herself as a "Sunday widow", for every Sunday morning she and their three children would go to church while her husband "John" stayed home. One day Mary had a heart attack and nearly died. She was in the hospital for two weeks. Each night John came home to dinner on the front stoop for him and the children and a note saying who would care for the children after school the next day. This went on every day of Mary's hospitalization. The day John took Mary home they arrived to a table with a red and white checkered tablecloth, candles, and an Italian feast. There was also a note saying who was babysitting their children that evening.

John was so moved by the church members' care for him and his family that he decided he needed what the congregation had and he did not. He became a believer and an active member of the church.

What God desires from us is to be "Fifth Sons and Daughters," those who say Yes to God and then go and work in God's world. Amen.



A Change Up for Second Thursday!



October 12 at St. Alban's

6:00 p.m. Dinner is Chinese takeout. Cost is \$7. Please sign up or call the office!

7:00 p.m. Concert Preview with vocalists Katerina Skafidas and Kyle Seniw, and Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas on piano. Those who have heard Kat & Kyle sing for us on Sunday know that we're in for a real treat. On Zoom too! Kat has a Master's Degree in Opera from the New England Conservatory. They'll perform at St. David's on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. as part of a concert series. A freewill offering to support Kat and Kyle will be taken.

Zoom Codes: 836 0660 6389 and 371096



Rummage Sale Set Up

Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m.
(We'll order pizza for lunch.)

There will be Bible Study at 2:00 p.m.

Emmanuel's Rummage Sale is October 14!

There will be a bake sale and streamlined rummage sale. Tables also will be available to rent for \$25 if anyone wants to have their own sale for crafts or a "garage sale table".

We are looking for the following items for the streamlined rummage sale:

Toys & Games

Puzzles

Children's Clothing

Small household items in good condition

Winter Coats and accessories

Jewelry

Valerie Warfield's Retirement Lunch

October 19 at noon at the Olive Garden

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



Church Secretary News for Both Churches

Valerie, St. Alban's secretary, is retiring for medical reasons. Her last day will be Thursday, October 12. As I write this she is training Lisa Wojtaszek, Emmanuel's secretary, to be her replacement. Emmanuel is giving up secretary coverage on Thursday and St. Alban's is giving up coverage on Wednesday. Lisa will work a longer day for both churches than currently scheduled.

Tuesday, October 10: Val and Lisa at St. Alban's, 9:00-1:00

Wednesday, October 11: Lisa at Emmanuel, 10-4; Val at St. Alban's, 9-1

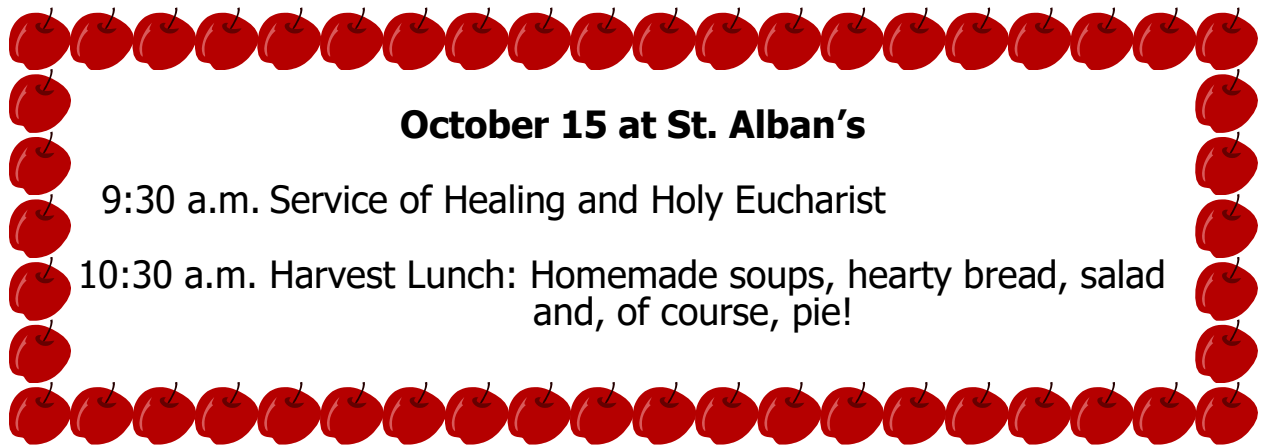
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**Transition
Hours**

**Lisa's New
Hours Begin
Oct. 17**

St. Alban's, 9:00-2:00
Emmanuel, 10:00-4:00
St. Alban's, 9:00-2:00

You are welcome to call Lisa any day!
St. Alban's: 315-446-3490
Emmanuel: 315-463-4310



October 15 at St. Alban's

9:30 a.m. Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Harvest Lunch: Homemade soups, hearty bread, salad and, of course, pie!

Mother Julie's Schedule October 10-12 is Different than Usual

Tuesday, October 10: Clergy Day with Bishop DeDe at Christ Church, Manlius, 9-3 and St. Alban's 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11: Emmanuel, 10ish to 5ish (Chris has a doctor appt. at 8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 12:

12:00 p.m. East Side Episcopalians Meeting at St. David's

1:00 p.m. Sacred Ground Leaders Meeting at St. David's

After: St. Alban's until after the Concert with Kat, Kyle, and Cynthia

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel Home	* 4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Church School on Oct. 7 and 21
Sunday	St. Alban's	* 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study * 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour

* also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: 825 2837 9378 & 695433

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

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: 849 7442 6644 & 031228

Wednesday

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

Correction!