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December 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

This week I want to write about Martha's Kitchen ministry, which has been on hold since the pandemic began. Back in March when everything shut down the Women's Opportunity Center, like everyone else, had the staff work from home. As a result we could not deliver our spaghetti sauce, sandwiches and quiche. When they went to reopen their office in June they found significant water damage to the building. Currently they are serving clients in temporary quarters in Liverpool. The Women's Opportunity Center helps prepare people to enter or re-enter the workforce and their clients are really struggling to make ends meet.

I would like to restart Martha's Kitchen ministry in January. Here's what I have in mind.

- ◆ There will be four teams of two people. Each team will make 3 dozen sandwiches once a month and deliver them to the WOC in Liverpool. Sandwiches can be made in the Fellowship Room, with one person standing at each end of the long wooden table, or in Martha's Kitchen, with one person at each end of the large island. Sandwiches should be made at the beginning of the week.
- ◆ We need 4 people to purchase and drop off enough bread for 36 sandwiches one week each month. Those who are isolating at home can help by buying the bread.
- ◆ I will provide meat and cheese and Grace Joseph will provide condiment packets from donations to the Mission Fund. Proceeds from sales at St. Alban's Christmas Boutique are going into the Mission Fund.

If you want to make sandwiches once a month please let me know so I can draw up a schedule. The same with volunteering to donate bread once a month. You can email me or call/text my cellphone. Once again let us reach out to the hungry with hands of love. Many thanks to Art Pichette who continues working weekly at Valley Worship Center's food pantry and delivering Meals on Wheels, all in the name of St. Alban's. Sixty to one hundred families are served each week at the food pantry.

May God bless and keep you through these difficult days,

Mother Julie+

Our thanks to

**DOTTIE WHITE**

for making and delivering  
120 pillowcases to residents  
at Central Park Nursing Home  
in Syracuse as part of  
St. Alban's outreach.

## St. Alban's Christmas Boutique

Open now 'til January 3

Take what you need to  
give as Christmas gifts or  
even for yourself.

Donate what you can  
to St. Alban's.



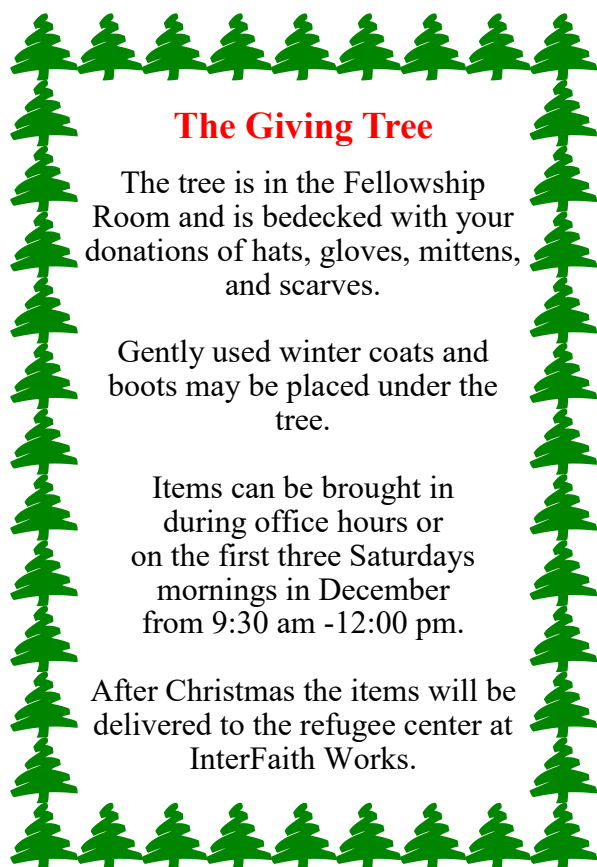
Shawls, Aprons, Infant/Toddler overall bibs,  
Lap Blankets, Stuffed Animals, Masks,  
Adult Wardrobe Savers & Walker Aprons

The boutique is not staffed  
and runs on an honor system.

In addition to office hours,  
Mother Julie will be here  
Saturday morning, Dec. 19  
from 9:30-12:00.

If you are isolating at home  
Bert Bookhout and Bobbi  
Lombardo will deliver items.





### **The Giving Tree**

The tree is in the Fellowship Room and is bedecked with your donations of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves.

Gently used winter coats and boots may be placed under the tree.

Items can be brought in during office hours or on the first three Saturdays mornings in December from 9:30 am -12:00 pm.

After Christmas the items will be delivered to the refugee center at InterFaith Works.



**Tuesday Abbreviated Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom**

**Zoom: 868 3084 1089 and 114552**

**Advent Book Study on Zoom Saturday at 10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom: 812 6262 9237 and 706768**

### **Christmas Worship**

December 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist recorded for the website. Phoebe Swope Askeland will play the organ and tenor Dan Fields will sing the hymns. Words for the hymns will be included in the bulletin for people to sing along at home.

December 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Live service on Zoom, with pre-recorded music provided by Bert and Jan Bookhout to sing along to. The sound quality of live music on Zoom isn't ideal.

December 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Lessons & Carols with East Side Episcopalians on Zoom, hosted by St. David's. The service will be recorded and posted to the website afterward.



**Gifts Double in December!**

- 1) Check to St. Alban's with "ER&D" on the memo line
- 2) Go online and make a donation at [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

Kathleen  
Eckermann's  
donations to  
St. Alban's  
Boutique

Life Saver  
Dolls

Wash cloths

Hanging  
towels



**Sunday Morning Schedule**

8:30 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

9:30 a.m. Spiritual Communion on Zoom

**Zoom Code/Password for Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. - 835 9000 0245 & 562087**

**Zoom Code/Password for Worship at 9:30 a.m. - 826 9515 6305 & 446765**

**Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter **826 9515 6305#**

When prompted Enter **#**

When prompted Enter **446765#**

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and I will let you in.

To mute or  
unmute yourself  
on the phone  
press \*6

## Send Christmas Greetings to

Mr. Stephen Terry  
(We know him as Frank Terry, Carolyn Bashaw's brother,  
who moved into a group home last summer.)

22 Lakehurst Drive  
Auburn, NY 13021

Mr. Herb Wickenden  
Elderwood at Wheatfield, Room 213  
2600 Niagara Blvd.  
Wheatfield, NY 14304

