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Dear Friends,

Hand sanitizer, extra face masks, and a no touch thermometer have been purchased. A new staff and visitors log has been put together, the NYS form is ready to be shown to anyone who asks to see it, and Bishop DeDe has approved the NYS document and St. Alban's Covenant for Regathering. As of today St. Alban's building is open again, but in a limited capacity. Here's what Sunday mornings will look like.

8:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Room and also on Zoom
9:30 a.m. In-person Morning Prayer (no singing or exchanging the peace) - 15 people maximum
10:30 a.m. Zoom Morning Prayer led from my office

For those of you who are ready to resume in-person Bible Study or worship here's what to expect.

- Masks are required. If you don't have one or forgot to bring it a disposable mask will be provided.
- Please take your temperature before you leave the house. A no touch thermometer will be available if you forgot to take it at home.
- Please enter by the ramp door. Social distancing begins on the ramp. Mother Julie at 8:30 a.m. or an usher at 9:30 a.m. will greet you outside and record your name in our log so that in the event that someone comes down with COVID-19 the Health Department can perform contact tracing. You then will be asked to verify the following information:

#1: In the past 14 days, no one in my household, including myself, has been directed to self-isolate or quarantine for suspected COVID-19 exposure.

#2: In the last 24 hours, I have not experienced any of the following symptoms (or a physician has cleared my symptoms as not being related to COVID-19):

temperature higher than 100.4	cough or sore throat
shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	new loss of taste or smell
runny or stuffy nose (unrelated to seasonal allergies)	nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

- Please use the hand sanitizer provided as soon as you walk in the door.
- When you enter the nave there will be a table where you can pick up a bulletin and leave your offering in the offertory plate.
- Only the office bathroom may be used. Antiseptic wipes will be provided for you to use before using the toilet.

Bulletins and my weekly letters will still be mailed to those without computer access.

For the Sundays in July I will keep recording Morning Prayer for our website, with David Houston's help. The Vestry and I will re-evaluate at our Zoom meeting on July 29.

New Zoom Code and Password for Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. - 817 9328 0104 and 400978

New Zoom Code and Password for Worship at 10:30 a.m. - 870 3167 4090 and 923019

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter 87031674090#

When prompted Enter #

When prompted Enter 923019#

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

During the week

Secretary Valerie Warfield is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you come into the building she will record your name in the log and ask you to verify the same information as on Sunday. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while here. If anyone uses Val's office please fill out the log book and use hand sanitizer before you touch the computer keyboard or sit at her desk. The log is kept in the office.

These are such trying times, when many of the things we've take for granted have been thrown out the window. Last week my husband and I had to buy a second car because the bus route that takes Brian to SU from Marcellus remains cancelled. I plan to begin working at the church again, after working from home since March. May we never forget to count our blessings, and never take God for granted!

Mother Julie+

Thursday Evening Zoom Class

Mother Julie will be taking the class through the "39 Articles of Religion" which outline our faith, beginning on page 867 in the Book of Common Prayer.

New Zoom Code and Password - 858 6751 9278 and 211036

New Book Study Coming in August

To keep the conversation going at St. Alban's I have ordered ten copies of the book The Warmth of Other Suns. "In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America."

Half the books are spoken for, so call, text, or email me if you want to take part. The study group will meet at a time that's convenient to everyone.

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