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Dear Friends,

This week I want to share with you some of the discussions we had at tonight's Vestry meeting. You should know that the church is blessed with a faithful, thoughtful, and dedicated team of leaders. Our Wardens are Bert Bookhout, Margo Kowalczyk, and Emera Bridger Wilson (*emerita*). Vestry members are Jan Bookhout, Meg Houston, Gelene Lewis, Gina Odell, Kiki White and Fred Wilson. Treasurer Kathleen Eckermann and Vestry Clerk Kate Bell complete the group. While only the two Wardens and six Vestry members have a vote, the others actively participate in our discussions.

Memorial Garden: Sunday after the service we hope to have a computer generated design of the new garden to show you both in person and on Zoom. It is beautiful, twice the size of the current area, and includes a walkway from the sidewalk. The plants chosen by the designer all have religious significance, are native, and are deer resistant. Carolyn Bashaw, Margo Kowalczyk, Bobbi Lombardo and I were excited by the design when it was presented to us last week. We're looking at June or July for the work to be done. Many thanks to Carolyn Bashaw for suggesting and financing this wonderful project.

2022 Pledges: So far we have received 21 pledges, 9 of which were increased from 2021. We expect to hear from at least 2 more people. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to St. Alban's!

Coffee Hour: The group that enjoyed fellowship on the ramp after the service wanted us to know that their time together was as much a joy with a simple offering of food as it was when we were indoors with a laden table. It was easier to volunteer to bring food because simplicity was expected and one didn't have to get out of the car juggling trays. The Vestry all heartily agreed that simple was preferred. Also, when we have a festive coffee hour for a holy day it is set apart from the normal fare. So, the Vestry is asking people to bring something simple and sweet, along with cheese and crackers. We also will begin offering coffee again as soon as someone brings in coffee!

**Please wear masks until you are seated at a table and
put them back on if you get up for a second cup of coffee or more food.**

Advent Study: Thursday Dec. 2, 9, and 16 on Zoom - We will gather to eat dinner and chat at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. I'll present a biblical study on Faith, Hope, and Love, one each of the sessions.

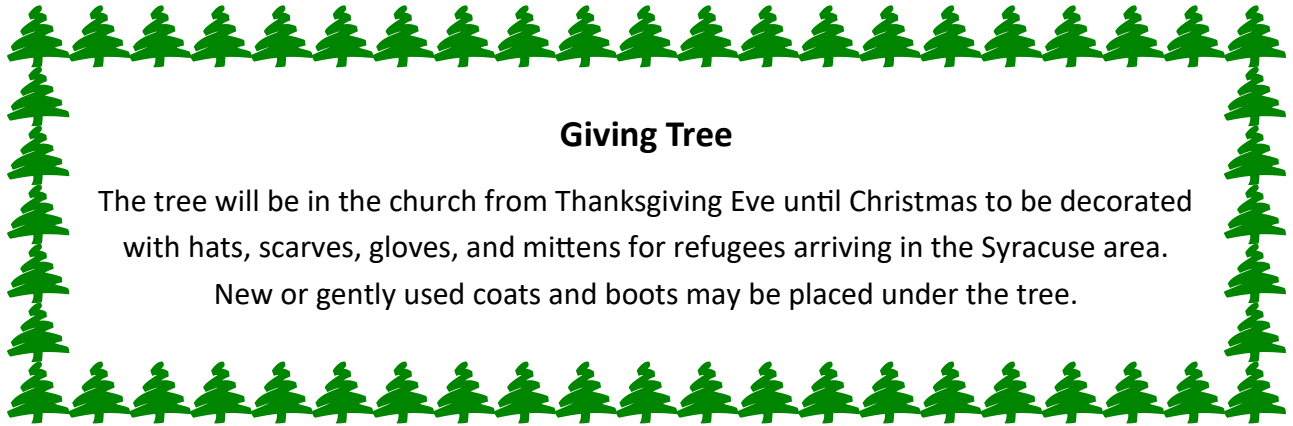
Children's Communion Instruction: The first and third Sundays of December Shelby Calhoun will teach the children about communion during Sunday School. During the prayer of consecration I will have them up at the altar to explain what I am doing to them and as a refresher for the congregation.

Grace and Peace,

Mother Julie+

November 20-24 Calendar, with Zoom Codes where Needed

Saturday	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study: 835 9000 0245 & 562087
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: 826 9515 6305 & 446765
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer: 868 3084 1089 & 114552
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service: 869 9862 6012 & 281642 The service is both in person and on Zoom.



Giving Tree

The tree will be in the church from Thanksgiving Eve until Christmas to be decorated with hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for refugees arriving in the Syracuse area.
New or gently used coats and boots may be placed under the tree.

St. Alban's Boutique is Open

Jan Bookhout's sewing room is busy with activity and new items are being added. She also takes requests. Thanks to both Jan and Kathleen Eckermann for their contributions. There are no set prices. Take what you like and donate what you can. All proceeds benefit the Mission Fund. We use the fund to purchase food for Martha's Kitchen, for year end charitable donations, and for other projects as they arise.

In Person Weekend Worship

Saturday at 11:30 a.m.
Recorded for our website

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
with organ and hymns,
also on Zoom

Use your telephone for Zoom Sunday at 9:30 am

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 you will be let in.