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Dear St. Alban's Family,

Since March of 2020 we traveled through uncharted territory of the global pandemic. God has sustained us through this journey and it is our faith that has brought us this far. As we start to come out of the pandemic we are still facing problems of racism, climate change, Covid, fear, and hatred. Yet, good things are happening here, amidst difficult circumstances. We are now able to worship in person, on Zoom, and on YouTube. Mother Julie, David Houston, Kate Bell, Meg Houston and Valerie have spent a lot of time preparing multiple services, figuring out technology, sending out letters, bulletins, and newsletters to keep us connected. We would not have been able to maintain our connection to St. Alban's without their work and dedication. Our new organist, Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas, has been supplying music during the services and we are looking forward to live vocal and instrumental music this year. Also, Martha's Kitchen is open and supplying food for the Women's Opportunity Center. Jan Bookhout, Kathleen Eckermann, and Gina Odell have been working on items for the new boutique. They will be on display in the fellowship room and any donations for the products will go into the Mission Fund.

Last year the Vestry reflected upon the book What is Evangelism, by Patricia M. Lyons. This year one of the books Mother Julie chose to study was Climate Church, Climate World, by Jim Antal. This book argues that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. Reverend Jim Antal argues that it's time for the church to meet this moral challenge and suggests ways people of faith to take up the primal mission. We have been discussing ways each of us could make a change for a better climate.

However, the reality is that our physical Church building still needs care and attention. This year we had to replace the blower on the furnace, a sump pump, and we are preparing for another winter of snow removal. Repair and maintenance needs to be done every year to ensure that the St. Alban's building will be around another 100 years,

We have had financial setbacks, particularly the loss of rental income from the Christ Church congregation, and we are unsure if they will come back to use the building. The 2022 budget includes up to \$35,000 in investment income to be used to balance it.

We are thankful for the St. Alban's community for they have rallied during these hard times with their continued generosity in terms of giving. We are pleased to see that people have kept sending in their pledge contributions and other offerings. Going forward, we can be sure that we can count on our St. Alban's community, for friendship and solace, and continued generosity in sharing their time, talent, and treasures.

Please consider a generous pledge or gift to St. Alban's. Your generous giving allows us to have a vital ministry to our own members and to those in our Syracuse community.

Grace and Peace,

Bert Bookhout
Senior Warden

Margo Kowalczyk
Junior Warden



St. Alban's Boutique



Aprons, Table Runner, Shawls, Scarves, Baby Items



Take what you like. Donate what you can.

All proceeds go to the Mission Fund.

Jan Bookhout takes requests.

There will be a sign up for table runners.

Coming Soon: Lap blankets & dog blankets



We Zoom on
Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m.

2021 Silent Saints are Kate Bell and David Wiediger

A Silent Saint is someone who is not on the Vestry and has made a significant contribution to the life and ministry of St. Alban's. Kate Bell has given nearly every Saturday morning of the past year to videotape the service and prepare it for our website. She also serves as Vestry Clerk. David Wiediger prepares food for Martha's Kitchen, delivers it once a month, and has spent many hours working on our grounds clearing brush and branches and pruning bushes. Thank you very much to Kate and David for giving of their time and talents!



Martha's Kitchen: Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 1:00 p.m.

We'll be making quiche and 36 sandwiches for the clients of the Women's Opportunity Center and their families.

Spaghetti & sauce for individuals and families and 4 bags of sandwiches made on Nov. 6 by Shelby Calhoun, Abby Corp and cousin Lily, Grace Joseph, Gina Odell, David Wiediger, and Mother Julie.

November 11-16 Calendar, with Zoom Codes where Needed

Thursday	5:30 p.m.	The Saturday service on Nov. 13 service has been moved to Nov. 11 to accommodate Diocesan Convention.
Saturday	All Day	Diocesan Convention
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
	1:00 p.m.	Martha's Kitchen
	7:00 p.m.	Vestry on Zoom (Codes sent that afternoon)

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#**

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When prompted Enter **446765#**

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