

SANCTUARY

Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Elberton, Georgia

Calendar

Sundays, Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
(Eucharistic Prayer Form B).

Sunday, April 8, SafeHouse Sunday

Sunday, Apr. 8, Vestry meeting after
Eucharist

Apr. 1, Easter Sunday service at St.
Alban's, 10:30 a.m. (Rev. John Keeler,
Celebrant/Preacher). Sunrise service,
First Methodist Church, 7 a.m. (Rev.
John Keeler, Rev. Jim McCullough)

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School
(no Sunday School Apr. 1)

Mondays, noon, Bible study (no Bible
study Apr. 2)

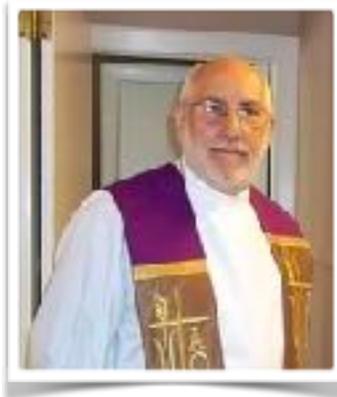
April Birthdays

April 14, Ray Jefferson

Prayer List

Betty and Richard, Carole O., Carolyn
and family, Cathy, Dennis, Herschel,
Jackie, James, Jason, Kirby, Laura,
Mary, Mary S., Ray and Dolores, and
others in our hearts.

Rector's Reflection



It's Easter. The Lord has risen!

We celebrate the Easter season for fifty days. It runs from the Sunday of the resurrection to Pentecost. We use the Easter Acclamation throughout the season, we use white vestments and paraments, we use flowers, and we omit the confession. We

go to Eucharistic Prayer B because it's more incarnational in its language.

We do all of these things in our liturgy as part of our tradition as Episcopalians. It's a way to connect with our past. It's also a way to connect with all of our brothers and sisters in the world-wide Anglican communion. It's a way to connect with the future as we await the return of Christ in the fullness of time.

We do all of the things in our liturgy to remind ourselves of the season and to connect with our past, present, and future.

We also keep the season alive for ourselves through the story: the powerful story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The story is where we get the deep truth of what happened and is happening. The story tells us who we are and what we're called to be.

Blessings, *Fr. John Keeler+*

From March 11 Vestry Minutes

In the Treasurer's report Robyn Keeler mentioned that there has been an increase in the diocesan pledge from \$614.42 to \$627.33 per month.

In his senior warden's report, Charles Duke said that he has replaced two lights in the sanctuary but will need a tall ladder to replace the higher lights: Allen Nicas will look for a ladder to borrow.* In regard to the hot water heater, as far as Charles can tell it costs us about \$12 per month, about \$144 a year; he will take estimates to get a tankless heater installed, one as small as possible since we don't use much hot water. He has also talked to the city utilities office about the parking lot light (which, as we have recently noticed at the soup suppers, is not giving out much light at night); the city owns it and we pay about \$6 per month for it.

Natasha Clay gave the junior warden's report. In regard to the side door of the church, discussed last month, it has to be slammed. Also, the gaps need to be filled in before summer. Our palm tree is looking sickly, so we need a backup; Charles will see to the situation.

Fr. John Keeler gave the rector's report. The schedule for Easter services has been changed in one respect. The Good Friday evening service, originally announced to be at Eliam Methodist at 6 p.m., has been changed to 7 p.m. time. The time for the Easter morning sunrise service still has not been set. ** Marilyn Slocumbe asked if we should invite people attending the Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m. at St. Alban's to stay afterward for dessert downstairs; everyone agreed that would be a good idea. Charles asked about the missing church signs around town, and Fr. John said he would get pricing information for their replacement.

Under Old Business, the vestry discussed the lot on Lake Russell that has been offered to the church. After discussion, Allen made a motion to accept the offer, and Marilyn seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of four yeases to one no.***

Discussion of the question, "What is my vision of St. Alban's for February 2019?," which was scheduled, was postponed until the April meeting, which will be on April 8 after the service.

Louise Martin, Vestry secretary

*The lights have now been replaced.

** The sunrise service was later set for 7 a.m.

*** Five vestry members were present.

Lenten Soup Suppers

The last two soup suppers took place on March 7 and 14. Louise Martin came up with minestrone and cornbread on March 7, and Marilyn Slocumbe produced her delicious Irish stew, complemented by Charles Duke's homemade Irish soda bread, to end the 1918 Lenten soup suppers on a high note. Below are photos from March 14. (Top left) Jerri Rucker, always a welcome guest, poses with Marilyn and Charles. (Top right) Fr. John, as well as the rest of us, was glad to see Charles Jones again. (Bottom left) Robyn Keeler and Bob Slocumbe chat. (Bottom right) Guests Jean Little and the Rev. Ann Mann. Rev. Mann and Deb Dudley brought us written information (see p. 5) and talked to us about the new HOPE program in Elbert County.



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Allen Nicas

Marilyn Slocumbe

Robyn Keeler and Anne
Jaudon, co-treasurers



Abbeville French Heritage Festival

The Abbeville, South Carolina, French Heritage Festival will take place over two weekends in April in order to raise money to restore Trinity Episcopal Church, a historic landmark built in 1859-60. All month there will be an art show at the Chamber of Commerce.

On Friday, April 21, the following activities will take place: Craft show in the Livery Stable on Trinity (4-7 p.m.); free movie, *Ratatouille*, Trinity St. dark[?] (8-10 p.m.); play, *The Butler Did It*, Opera House (8 p.m.); wine social at the Belmont Inn (6 p.m.).

Saturday, April 22, will feature a craft show and silent auction in the Livery Stable (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.); tours of Trinity church and grounds with live music and historical speakers (all day); puppy parade (2 p.m.); play, *The Butler Did It*, Opera House (3 and 8 p.m.).

On Saturday, April 29, the schedule of events includes the Tour De Ville Bike Race (8 a.m.); an international car show (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); live music by local artists (12:30-6 p.m.); a beer walk (1-4 p.m.); and *The Butler Did It* at the Opera House (3 p.m.).

HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty in Elbert County)

Our Vision

HOPE, an Interdenominational Ministry in Elbert County, is a collaboration of Elbert County churches and social agencies through which the cycle of poverty within our community is broken and everyone has the tools to become self-sufficient.

Our Mission

The Mission of HOPE is to connect people in need with churches and social agencies that will provide the appropriate help, support, and education that will not only meet the present need but will enable them to address the root causes of their personal, social, and economic condition.

How HOPE Works

Participating churches and agencies refer those in need to HOPE. Once a referral is made, the applicant then calls to arrange an interview appointment during set office hours. All information collected in the interview process is confidential. When a referral is made, volunteers evaluate the need and make payments directly to providers. No funds are distributed to applicants.

HOPE also tracks who receives help, allowing help to be provided to as many people as possible. The type of assistance provided might include emergency financial assistance for rent, utility bills, life-sustaining prescription medication, or an unexpected expense that would have an adverse effect on earnings.

Non-financial assistance may include home or appliance repair, GED exam fees, transportation for medical appointments or job interviews, financial counseling, or other services deemed necessary for daily living. HOPE would also handle referrals to social agencies in the Elbert County area.

Our Hope

Our hope is that you will partner with HOPE as we seek to live out the mission and message of Jesus Christ as found in Matthew 25:37-40. For this ministry to succeed, we need your help. Please help us promote HOPE in your church and in the community. We need volunteers and money. Please encourage volunteers to contact Volunteer Director Deb Dudley by email at dcdudley@bellsouth.net.

More Information

All pastors, mission chairs, and volunteers from area churches are invited to our monthly meetings. We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 1088 Ruckersville Road. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and last about an hour.

Clients interested in appointments should call 762-847-3869 and leave a message. Monetary donations should be made out to HOPE and sent to HOPE, 1088 Ruckersville Rd., Elberton.

