

# SANCTUARY

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

## August Calendar

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. (Eucharistic Prayer Form C). August 14, Safe-House Sunday

No Sunday School or Bible Study June through August. When Bible Study resumes after Labor Day, the Book of Genesis will be the subject of study.

August 8, 6 p.m., vestry meeting

September 4 (Sunday before Labor Day), Rite 1 Eucharist

August 6, *The Transfiguration*

August 15, *St. Mary the Virgin*

August 24, *Bartholomew the Apostle*

## August Birthdays

Mary Randall, August 1  
Steve Jenkins, August 16  
Thomas Barclay, August 16

## Prayer List

Ben, Betty & Richard, Bill, Bob, David, Diane, Dolores, Don, Jenny, Kirby, Nancy, Ozzie, Pam, Richard, Wil, and others in our hearts. *Prayers for the departed:* Pere Jacques Hamel, Michael Shilling, and others in our hearts

## Rector's Reflection



The 22nd of July was the feast day of Mary Magdalene. She has always been an intriguing character in the New Testament. She's also been maligned and misunderstood.

Fortunately in recent years there has been a renewed interest in her, and efforts have been made to rehabilitate her reputation.

Mary of Magdala was a woman of property. We know this since she's identified with a place name.

She was a follower of Jesus throughout his ministry and was present at his death and resurrection. She probably helped finance His ministry as a woman of property.

She is probably the one possessed by seven devils. She was not a prostitute or the woman who washed Jesus' feet or a notorious sinner. Much of her bad reputation comes from Pope Gregory I (the Great), who in 591 decided to consolidate a collection of New Testament stories and make Mary Magdalene the central character in all of them. This consolidation can be seen in art where Mary Magdalene is often shown with red hair and with a jug of oil.

She is a better example for us in her rehabilitated role.

*Fr. John Keeler+*

## St. Alban's Photos



In July, Suzanne Moore and her grandson, Thomas Barkley, went on an intergenerational Road Scholar trip to South Dakota. They viewed Mount Rushmore (see left) among other breathtaking sights, and Thomas enjoyed the activities for his age group, like digging for fossils (see right). Suzanne was impressed, too, with Rapid City, which displays statues of the presidents on street corners.



Marilyn Slocumbe's granddaughter, Anna Whitlow, has completed her first year of study in engineering at Clemson University. Because of her 4.0 grade point average she was named to the President's List for the year.



In the coming academic year Anna's brother Drew, in addition to directing Furman University's Bell Tower Boys, will be the student director of the Twelve Peers, an elite choral ensemble comprised of twelve of Furman's best choral scholars. They perform challenging repertoire from the late medieval and early renaissance periods as well as contemporary works of living composers.



Marilyn's other grandchildren, Avery and Aubrey Plourde, are also energetically productive. They have recently earned their black belts in karate. Here they are shown at an international competition in North Carolina, in which they participated this summer.

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Jaudon, co-treasurers



Charles and Jenifer Duke's grandson Zipp, who  
will be two years old on October 6.

## Sci-Fi in St. Alban's Library

We have received so many donations of books that our bookcase in the vestry room is almost full, so new books can now be found in the hall bookcase; there is also space for returns there.

Andrea reports that we have a lot of sci-fi and fantasy in our church library. Titles include *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams; Poul Anderson's *For Love and Glory*, *Operation Chaos*, and *Star Prime Charlie; Monument* by Lloyd Biggle Jr.; *The Survivors* by Marian Zimmer Bradley and Paul Edwin Zimmer; *Diplomatic Immunity* by Lois McMaster Bujold; *13 Great Stories of Science-Fiction*, edited by Geoff Conklin; *The Gryphon King* and *Stoneskin's Revenge* by Tom Dietz; *Traitor to the Living* by Philip Jose Farmer; *The End of the Matter* and *Splinter of the Mind's Eye* by Alan Dean Foster; *Mindbridge* by Joe Haldeman; *Beyond This Horizon*, *Red Planet*, and *Time Enough for Love* by Robert Heinlein; *A Storm of Swords* by George R. R. Martin; *Dragonsong* and *Dragonquest* by Anne McCaffrey; *The Year's Best Science Fiction*, edited by Judith Merrill; and *The Once and Future King* by T. H. White.





