

SANCTUARY

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

Calendar

Sundays, Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
(Eucharistic Prayer Form B [Pentecost]
and A [Lent])

Sunday, Feb. 11, SafeHouse Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 11, Vestry meeting after
Eucharist

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School
(discussing current events)

Mondays, noon, Bible study (studying
Exodus)

Tuesday, February 13, Shrove Tuesday
pancake supper, 6 p.m., parish hall

Wednesday, February 14, Ash
Wednesday. Fr. John will be at St.
Alban's to distribute ashes from 9 to
9:30 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 3 or
4 p.m. There will be an Ecumenical
service with imposition of ashes at the
First Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 21 and 28,
March 7 and 14, Lenten soup
suppers, 6 p.m., parish hall

February Birthdays

Feb. 7, Louise Martin

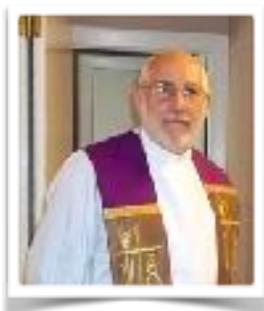
Feb. 15, Nancy Seymour

Feb. 19, Fr. John Keeler

Prayer List

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

Rector's Reflection



It might be hard to believe, but Lent and Easter will be here before we know it. Ash Wednesday is the fourteenth of March.

For the moment we're still in the Epiphany season, the season of surprises, of revelations, the time when we begin to see who Jesus really is, what He plans to do, and how we fit into those plans.

This should be kept in mind as we think about preparing for Lent and Easter, especially how we fit in with what Jesus plans to do.

Lent and Easter are bookends. On Ash Wednesday we are reminded that we are dust. On Easter we see God's power to transform the world through unconditional love. It's not an easy journey. Following Jesus never has been easy.

Our epiphany as we prepare for the journey should be simply that God came into the world as one of us to show us that there's a better way to be human, that there's a better way to be with each other. There's a better way to just be.

Our epiphany is that we are God's own creation and because of that, we're loved, unconditionally.

Blessings, Fr. John Keeler+

Treasurer's Report for 2018

Cash Flow Stmt 2017	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTC
INCOME													
Contributions & Fund Interest	5,295.10	3,152.80	7,351.00	5,117.54	2,878.00	4,056.50	4,822.34	4,214.21	3,336.17	5,787.16	6,194.15	17,771.21	67,864.38
Comptrols 2018	2,985.80	3,497.80	4,001.10	3,132.90	4,481.45	3,340.30	3,737.20	4,047.09	3,456.06	3,349.40	3,893.80	11,973.00	52,126.34
Reserve													
ESP-a/financial			1,189.10										
INCOME TOTALS	5,285.10	3,152.80	7,351.00	5,117.54	2,878.00	4,056.50	4,822.34	4,214.21	3,336.17	5,787.16	6,194.15	17,771.21	67,864.38
EXPENSES													
Allier Expense			207.85		38.95			40.39					238.74
Allier Floral/Flowers for Stok													
Members	113.60	80.80	60.00	51.10	275.95	60.30	80.30	80.00	80.00	161.80		143.90	1,233.44
Building Expenses & Lawn	913.60	164.80	203.94	164.90	65.00	165.30	165.00	1,250.00	165.00	1,250.00	65.00	205.00	2,744.94
Chamber of Commerce					95.00								55.30
Church Insurance		705.50			706.50	411.30			766.50		689.50		3,220.30
Conciliator Registration			30.00										30.00
Council & Conf Expenses									460.00				460.00
Dioscorus Redgp		1,200.84	642.13	613.42	614.42	614.12	614.42	614.42	614.42	614.42	611.42	611.42	7,373.34
Lawn													0.00
Office Supplies & Equip.	333.93	148.89		138.90	35.28	60.38	60.38	166.03	172.25	186.00		121.96	1,577.44
SaltHouse	100.00	125.80		223.00	25.00	125.30	125.30	120.00	125.00	420.00	25.00	125.00	1,615.30
Girls Taxes SS	143.82			343.27			243.27			243.27			873.53
Postage/Box Fee			49.00										137.00
Rector Expense	978.60	200.80	200.80	900.80	208.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Rector Housing Allowance	226.60	226.60	226.60	226.60	226.60	226.30	226.30	226.00	226.00	226.60	226.00	226.00	2,700.30
Church Outreach	300.60					300.30	40.30	230.00		75.60			945.30
Rectors Gifts													0.00
Rectors Pension Fund	1,474.74	190.50		(491.58)		150.50			190.50		190.50		983.16
Rectors Rotary Dues													762.30
Sarah's Priest/Organist													0.00
Usher	587.44	453.37	374.71	353.23	348.72	268.37	329.34	431.24	342.14	347.42	353.47	363.51	4,263.38
Recler	2,500.60	2,500.60	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.30	2,500.30	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.60	2,500.00	2,500.00	27,072.00
Secretary	1,325.60	350.60	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.30	350.30	350.00	350.00	350.60	350.00	350.00	3,175.30
Organist	150.60	120.80	120.00	150.00	218.00	120.30	120.30	120.00	120.00	150.00	22.00	151.00	1,260.30
Website Expense	50.60	50.60	50.00	50.00	54.00	50.30	50.30	50.00	50.00	50.60	50.00	185.94	735.34
EXPENSE TOTALS	8,421.93	6,322.60	4,839.42	4,663.53	5,454.98	5,444.37	4,814.61	5,019.09	6,127.71	5,305.94	5,289.99	6,993.73	46,870.31
EXPENSE TOTALS 2018	7,757.19	5,367.82	5,486.10	7,694.32	4,953.24	6,529.55	7,801.62	5,467.53	4,932.31	6,238.40	4,811.63	4,589.67	73,773.60
FUND BALANCES													
MEMORIAL FUND				0,821.72		6,040.59	6,040.59	6,047.00	6,047.00			0,047.22	
McMILLY FUND	1,09,805.61	181,383.42	181,740.83	182,839.20	184,201.65	185,535.12	186,869.12	188,197.25	189,519.95	190,870.33	192,223.48	193,161.55	
DIOCESE COMMON FUND				32,428.27		33,100.39			34,114.06			34,987.41	
DISCRETIONARY FUND	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	753.98	
Checking Balance	96,451.76	93,281.76	6,992.50	17,444.51	14,771.83	13,463.56	13,211.29	12,416.50	9,634.96	10,106.18	8,413.34	21,881.62	

Annual Parish Meeting 2018

On Sunday January 21, eighteen members attended the St. Alban's Annual Parish Meeting. After a luncheon catered by Renee Hunt, Fr. John Keeler called the meeting to order.

Treasurer Robyn Keeler passed out the 2017 Treasurer's Report. During the year we ran in the black and did not have to draw on reserves. We are thankful for generous gifts, and we thank Charles Duke for reducing church expenses for housekeeping and gardening by taking on those duties and asking little for his work. Signed pledges totaling \$39,340 have been received for 2018, and we know we can also count on other faithful givers.

Fr. John gave the rector's report. The bishop has approved his being with the church another year. He and other local ministers are working on building a ministerial association in Elbert County focused on cooperation between churches.

Charles Duke gave the senior warden's report. Everything is going all right. No major repairs are needed although the water heater is very old and may require replacement at some point.

Under Business, Fr. John mentioned that Fr. Herschel Atkinson was recognized at the November diocesan council for his services of many years. A scholarship has been established in his name for seminarians at Sewanee. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that St. Alban's make a contribution this year and that it become a custom to contribute every year. A motion was then made, seconded, and passed that the amount given this year be \$500; every year after this a vote will be taken at annual meeting on the amount to be given for that year.

Fr. John said that Ash Wednesday occurs on February 14 this year. Members agreed that we will have a pancake supper on the evening of February 13; of utmost importance, the usual pancake cook, Charles Duke, said that he is willing to do the job once again.

As a final action, a vote was held to replace the two retiring members of the vestry, Suzanne Moore and Natasha Clay (although Natasha was eligible for re-election because she had only been serving the final year of someone else's three-year term). Allen Nicas and Natasha Clay were chosen as the new vestry members (see photos at right).



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Charles Duke, Sexton
Andrea Martin, Parish
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Marilyn Slocumbe,
Jr. Warden
Natasha Clay
Anne Jaudon
Louise Martin, sec.
Allen Nicas
Robyn Keeler and Anne
Jaudon, co-treasurers

From January SafeHouse Letter

We are continually expanding at SafeHouse Ministries. The SafeHouse Ministries Resource Center is a nonstop servicing center. Our food pantry is open weekdays, and our clothing closet is open every Friday. We distribute furniture as well, on a need to give basis. All three areas are growing, and we expect an even bigger increase this year. These are our tangible outreach ministries. We also assist with counseling and referral services, in addition to housing individuals through our short-term emergency shelter. God is truly at work in these areas and individuals are being helped every day.

Here is a quick report to show you how your prayers and financial assistance have helped over the last year.

2017 END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Individuals serviced: 3,830. Bags of Food Given Out: 7,670. How Many People Sheltered Times Nights Housed: 296. Number of Children Serviced (Under 18): 1,676. Number of Seniors Serviced (Over 61): 610. SafeHouse was OPEN 365 days last year. Housing was provided EVERY night.

Shrove Tuesday and Lent

This year we will again be having the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and the Lenten soup suppers that have become a St. Alban's custom (see Calendar, p. 1, for dates). A sign-up list will be posted on the church bulletin board for those who wish to contribute food, drink, paper goods, or labor to help out. Visitors will be welcome. Anne Jaudon suggests that the cooks would like (understandably) to know how many to cook for, so please let the soup cook of the week know in advance if you are coming and how many there will be with you.

Fr. John says that there will be a brief service prior to each soup supper; those went over well last year.

