

# SANCTUARY

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

## Calendar

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. (Eucharistic Prayer Form C). Oct. 9, SafeHouse Sunday

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, continuing a discussion of *The Gospel According to Sam: Animal Stories for the Soul* by William Miller

Mondays, noon, Bible Study, the Book of Genesis

Oct. 2, Blessing of the Animals, at St. Andrew's Church, Hartwell, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Oct. 4, Ecumenical Planning Meeting, 10 a.m.

Oct. 10, vestry meeting, 6 p.m.

Oct. 18, St. Luke Evangelist

Oct. 24, St. James of Jerusalem

Oct. 28, St. Simon and St. Jude Apostles

## October Birthdays

Oct. 20, Dolores Jefferson

## Prayer List

Amy, Belle, Ben, Betty & Richard, Bill, David, Diane, Dolores, Don, Fred, Ozzie, William, and others in our hearts.

## Rector's Reflection



Our clergy conference this year had the simple theme of "we."

We as the Episcopal clergy of Middle and North Georgia spent several days talking with each other about what it means to be "we," what our diocese and our churches would look like if we did "we"

better than we do now.

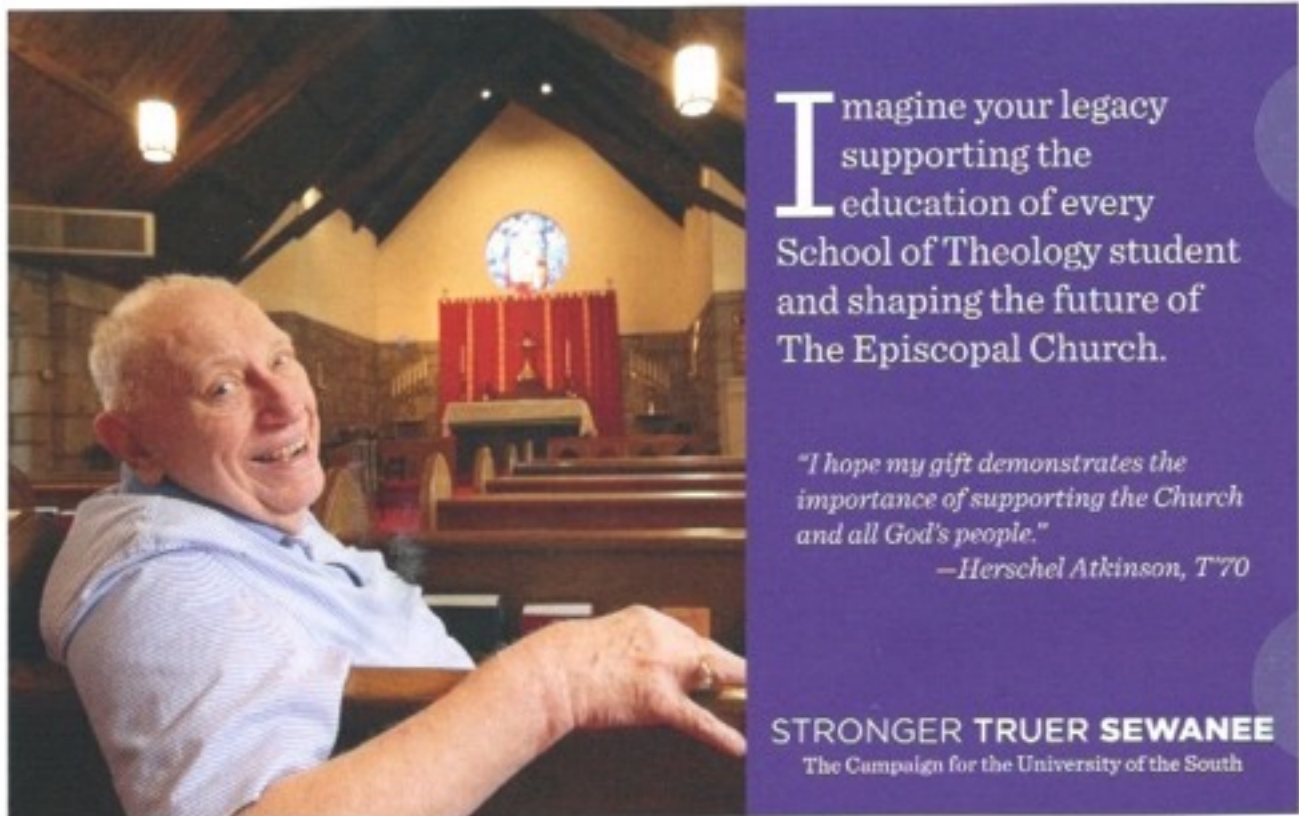
We heard stories from each other about ministries where very separate and unlike communities were linked and became closer together when they began expanding the idea of "we," when they began to break down barriers and stereotypes and see that Jesus is really in Buckhead and in Downtown, in Sandy Springs and Arrendale Prison.

The stories were from places other than here in Elberton and St. Alban's, but the idea of expanding "we" might be something we should think about. What if we, as individuals and as a church, began to expand our ideas of who "we" are and what needs "we" can look at in our own community? What if "we" really looked at where we live and began to ask questions about why we are here, are there needs that can be met, are there others "we" need to be in contact with and get to know better?

Is there a "we" we can be a part of if we move outside our walls and draw our circle wider?

Blessings, Fr. John Keeler+

## Sewanee Campaign



We have a poster boy in our midst. Our own Fr. Herschel Atkinson recently posed for a Sewanee School of Theology campaign to encourage estate giving for scholarships to theology students. The background in the photograph may look familiar, too.

If you are interested in information about this campaign or other giving opportunities at Sewanee, contact Sukey Byerly, Associate Director of Alumni and Advancement, The School of Theology, Sewanee, tel. number 931-598-1217 or email address [sbyerly@sewanee.edu](mailto:sbyerly@sewanee.edu).

## ER&D Appeal

Episcopal Relief & Development is another church organization asking for our support. Recently catastrophic flooding has hit Louisiana and surrounding areas hard; West Virginia experienced extreme flooding that took the lives of more than twenty people and displaced thousands across the mountainous southern part of the state. When disasters like these occur at home and abroad, ER&D comes forward to aid in rescue, relief, and recovery. Contribute to disaster relief and prevention: Call 1-855-312-4325 or visit [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org) on your computer.

## From the Library

Lee Child is one of the most popular authors on our shelves. At the moment, titles available for borrowing are *Die Trying*, *The Enemy*, *Gone Tomorrow*, *The Hard Way*, *Make Me*, *Nothing to Lose*, *One Shot*, *Persuader*, *A Wanted Man*, and *Worth Dying For*. Come in and choose one (or more) to take home and read.

## St. Alban's Photos



Visitors are always welcome at St. Alban's. Fr. John Keeler and Fr. Herschel Atkinson talk with Katherine Berg, Brooke Davis, and Christine Colbert after Sunday Eucharist. The service dog listening patiently to the conversation is named Bear.

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The Rev. John Keeler,  
Rector

The Rev. Herschel  
Atkinson,  
Rector Emeritus

Carole Coggins,  
Altar Guild Chair  
Suzanne Moore,  
Organist

Mary Randall, Verger  
Charles Duke, Sexton

Vestry

Steve Jenkins, Sr. Warden

Marilyn Slocumbe,  
Jr. Warden

Louise Martin, sec.  
Suzanne Moore

Robyn Keeler and Anne  
Jaudon, co-treasurers

Mary  
Randall's  
great-  
grandsons  
Michael,  
Nathan,  
and Adam  
Hendrix



Carole  
Coggins's  
grandson  
Christian (right)  
with friend Jake  
Harper at Camp  
Newford

Nancy Seymour with  
granddaughter Victoria  
Whitworth dressed as a  
princess for her third  
birthday party. Cinderella  
came to the party,  
danced, and read the  
Cinderella story.





A number of St. Alban's members seem to go in for cats as living companions. (Top left) Mary Randall's Miss Kitty; (top right) Carole Coggins's Miss Lilly; (middle left and right and bottom left); Suzanne Moore's Patches, Elmo, and Mojo; (bottom left) Louise Martin's Barry using Bruce as a foot rest.