

The Weekly Newsletter | July 11, 2024

SUNDAY'S SERMON

If you missed Deacon Valerie's recent sermon, you can watch it [here](#).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Who is [celebrating](#)?

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for these [people](#).

SERVER SIGN UP

Want to serve as an acolyte, lay Eucharistic minister, lector, usher, or Stream Team member? Sign up [here](#).

ONLINE SERVICES

Each Sunday, our 10:30 a.m. service is livestreamed to our [YouTube](#) channel. View the order of service [here](#).

My Oh My: A Note of Gratitude

by: Rev. Carmen

Dear St. Alban's,

I want to begin with my profound thanks for both the gracious welcome home as I returned from my three-month sabbatical, and for the outpouring of love and compassion following the unexpected death of my father last week. It has not been the gentle re-entry into parish life I envisioned, but nonetheless, I have felt upheld and strengthened by your support and prayers.

Last Tuesday, as I rushed to the airport to catch a last-minute flight to Nashville to say goodbye to my dad, I experienced what can only be described as the peace of Christ descending upon me. While the pain of losing him is all too real, that sense of peace has remained with me in the days since his...

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MOMS CONNECT MEETING THIS EVENING

Thursday, July 11 | 7 p.m. | Reflection Room

Calling all moms! We will meet this evening at 7 p.m. at the

church for a craft night. Feel free to bring a snack or drink! Supplies will be provided, please just notify Stacey Stover if you will be joining so we can plan for enough: (626) 533-2158. While definitely not required, if you are willing to donate \$5 to assist with supply costs, let Stacey know when you RSVP. Hope to see you there!



FEEDNC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Friday, July 19 | 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | FeedNC

We have several openings yet to fill at [FeedNC](#) on Friday, July 19th. You can sign up for either the Breakfast Team (7:30-10:30am) or Lunch Team (10:30am-1:30pm). Please consider helping, as volunteers are especially needed during the summer months. No experience is necessary for this crucial outreach mission. If you are interested in signing up, or

for further information, contact [Mary](#).

LAKE SERVICE AND PICNIC

August 4 | 10:30 a.m. | Davidson College Lake Campus

Join us for a service at the lake on Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m. The service will be held at Davidson College's Lake Campus, located at [152 Lake Campus Drive, Mooresville, NC](#). Following the service, there will be a parish picnic. The cost for the picnic is \$7 per person, \$25 per family, and children under 4 eat free.



Please bring your own chair or blanket for the service and the picnic, along with a non-alcoholic beverage. The Ministry of Fun will provide fried chicken. If you would like to bring a side dish, please sign up below. The Ministry of Fun will need help setting up and breaking down the picnic. We look forward to this fun worship and fellowship event!

For those of you unable to attend the 10:30 a.m. service at the lake, the 8:00 a.m. service will be held in the nave as usual.

PURCHASE PICNIC
TICKETS HERE

SIDE DISH
SIGN-UP

SET-UP & BREAK-
DOWN SIGN-UP

ALTAR GUILD OPENINGS

Each Sunday, members of our Altar Guild team carry out the meaningful ministry of preparing our place of worship. St



Alban's Altar Guild is seeking individuals to join one of our weekly teams. Teams work on a rotating basis, so it is not a weekly responsibility. Any of our Altar Guild members will be happy to answer questions you may have. If you would like to learn more, please contact Joan Carpenter at 224-279-5551 or jmcarpenter23@gmail.com.

STAART MEETING

Sunday, July 28 | Following the 10:30 a.m. service | Reflection Room

StAART (St. Alban's Anti-Racism Team) will be meeting this summer to continue our work on current projects. Our next meeting will be July 28, following the 10:30am service. We will meet in the Reflection Room. All are welcome to attend!



WE WANT YOU...FOR VBS 2024!

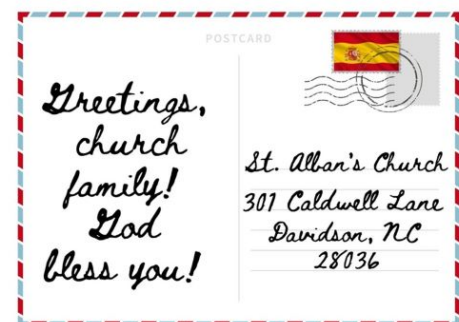


Our VBS Program Camp Firelight will start Monday, July 29th and end Thursday, August 1st. It will run from 9am-12pm each day and we will need many volunteers, adults and youth, to help make it happen. Please consider volunteering any amount of time to enrich the lives of our Firelight Campers. Contact [Courtney](#) if you are available any time that week. Thank you!

KEEP IN TOUCH THIS SUMMER

Summer is upon us, and with it comes travel and recreation for many of us. Even while we are sometimes scattered as a church family this summer, let's stay connected! We'll use the bulletin board in the narthex to share what we've been up to. You can participate in any of the following ways:

- When you are out exploring, drop a **postcard** in the mail to **301 Caldwell Lane Davidson, NC 28036**. We will put them up on the bulletin board and we'll enjoy seeing the places our fellow parishioners have visited.
- If you attend another church during your travels, be sure to save the **bulletin** and bring it by the office when you get back. We'll put those up on the bulletin board too.
- Or you can email parishadmin@saintalbands Davidson.org with a **picture** of how you're enjoying summer—whether you are visiting far-flung places or kayaking right here on



Lake Norman. We'll print your photo and add it to the bulletin board as well.

We can't wait to see where you've been and what you've been up to!

COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY



Exciting News! St. Alban's has a new **COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY** that serves snacks during coffee hour fellowship following the 10:30 service. We are looking for volunteers to participate in providing this wonderful service that people love and enjoy.

The responsibilities are to warm and serve the church- provided snacks (from the freezer) and clean up the kitchen. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board by the side door. Thank you to all who have already signed up! The Vestry Person of the Day will still provide the coffee.

Please speak to Martha Hartle or Mike McDonnell for any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

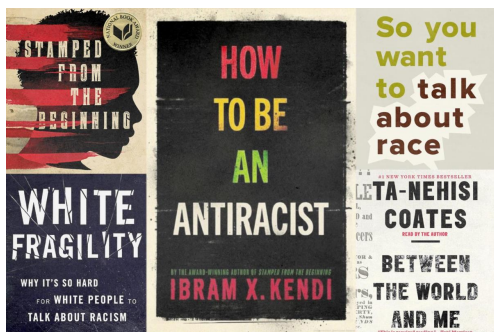
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL OVER THE SUMMER

On Sunday mornings over the summer we offer Children's Chapel for all ages weekly during the 10:30 service. Children will begin worship with their families. Then they will be invited to gather around the deacon for the Gospel reading. After hearing the Gospel up close, they will process out for a time of age-appropriate music, prayers, and a short lesson during the Sermon. Typically, they will return to the nave during the Passing of the Peace so families can be together for Holy Communion.

Children's Chapel



STAART LIBRARY NEWS



Our St. Alban's Anti-Racism Library is growing, thanks to the donations of the many good people of our parish. Located in the church narthex, it has books for people of all ages. Consider steering our younger generation to the library for something to read over the summer. Here are just a few examples of books for our youth:

For our youngest children we have *All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get our Skin Color* by Katie Kissinger. It is a bilingual (English/Spanish) book celebrating the ways that we are special.

For ages 6-10 we have *Freedom over Me*, written and illustrated by Ashley Bryan. It was short-

listed for the 2016 Kirkus Prize and received a Newbery Honor.

For the Middle Grades you might enjoy *HEART AND SOUL: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson. It is the winner of numerous awards, including the 2012 Coretta Scott King Author Award and Illustrator Honor.

Young Adult books include *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, one of TIME Magazine's 100 best Young Adult books of all time.

There are a variety of books for Adults on our shelves including history, biographies, memoirs, historical fiction, non-fiction, and essay collections by esteemed scholars Nicole Hannah-Jones and Walter Brueggemann. If you'd like to pick up a best-selling page-turner, we have them, too. And of course, there is a section of books dealing with Racial Reckoning, Justice and Healing, which is now a priority within our North Carolina Diocese.

Sadly, a few of our books are missing. We want to encourage everyone to use our library, but please remember to return them so that everyone can enjoy them. To check out a book, just follow the instructions on top of the bookcase, fill out a library card, or ask Kathy Miller or Connor Fulton for assistance. If you have any questions, please see Kathy or Connor and we'd love to talk with you about our St. Alban's Anti-Racism library!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



2024 VBS: Camp Firelight

2024 Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Monday, July 29th to Thursday, August 1st from 9am-12pm. We have extended it an hour and are so excited to see all your children! Registration is closed. If you planned on attending and missed the deadline, please reach out to [Courtney](#).



Nursery

Nursery is offered **DOWNSTAIRS** in the Preschool area during the 10:30am service for children up to 4 years old.

Summer Children's Chapel

Sunday School has ended for this school year and will resume in September. Over the summer, please make plans to join us for Children's Chapel during the sermon at the 10:30 service. After the Gospel reading, the children process out to the Narthex for a short lesson during the sermon and return during the Peace. Any questions, please contact [Courtney](#).



Youth

Sunday School has ended for this school year and will resume in September.

We do need Youth help with VBS July 29th - August 1st, 9 am-12 pm. If you are available, please contact [Courtney](#).



Middle/High Youth Group

Our 6th - 12th grade Youth Group had a great time bowling in June! Mark your calendars for the next few events over the summer! We hope you will join us!!

SUMMER EVENTS

July 21st – Quarry

August 18th – Water Fun Day/Cookout

September 8th – Luau at the Lake Kickoff!

Our new Instagram page is [@st.albansyouthgroup1](#). We will be posting event updates and pictures!

Please download the REMIND app!

Parents and Youth, please download the REMIND app by going to this [link](#) or text

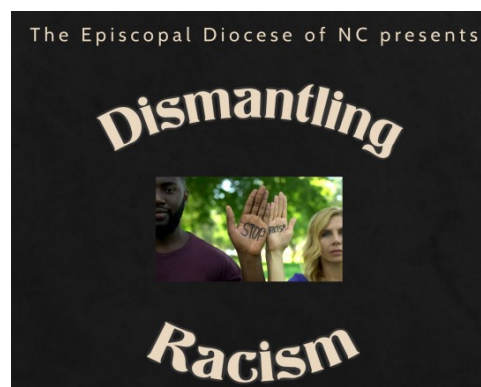
@stalbansyo to 81010. This app is essential for communication to our group about event reminders and last minute changes!

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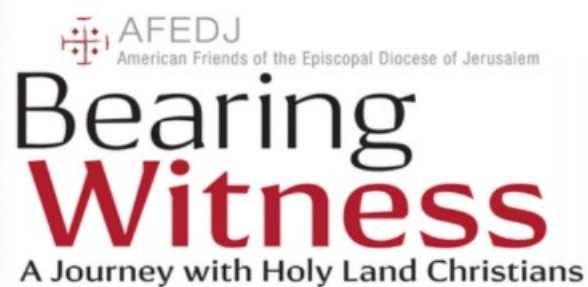
Introduction to Dismantling Racism

The 2024 dates and registration links are now available for "[Introduction to Dismantling Racism: Reclaiming Our Baptismal Promise](#)." Dismantling Racism is an interactive workshop offered via Zoom. It is designed to deepen spiritual commitment to dismantling racism as participants in the Jesus Movement. Through presentations, prayer, story sharing, videos and small group discussion, participants explore how the sin of racism impacts all lives.



Available training dates:

- August 2, 5-8 p.m., and August 3, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [Register](#).
- September 27, 5-8 p.m., and September 28, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [Register](#).



"Bearing Witness" Diocesan-wide Offering
Tuesdays, August 6-September 3 | 12 - 1:30 p.m. | Zoom

"Bearing Witness" is the new, free, video-based study program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) that shares the stories of people living in Palestine and

Israel and the remarkable ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that bring hope and healing in this volatile part of the world.

It is a particularly timely offering for those who want to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the dynamics, gifts and challenges of belonging to a land that is shared by many faiths, ethnicities and nationalities. It's a way of first listening, praying and discerning how God might be calling us to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Jerusalem, Gaza, the Galilee,

the West Bank and the entire area where Jesus lived, taught, and gave himself up to the glory of God and for the sake of creating beloved community on earth. It models what it means to walk in love in one of the hardest regions on earth, and recalibrates our hearts and our ministries in the process.

This first diocesan-wide offering is ideal for anyone who simply wants to explore the course, or would like to experience it with the goal of becoming a course facilitator. Registering once will provide you access to all sessions.

REGISTER.

Sacred Ground Facilitator Training

Wednesdays, August 7, 14 & 28 | 7 - 8:30

p.m. | Zoom

The Diocese of North Carolina offers **Sacred Ground** as part of its commitment to Racial Reckoning, Justice & Healing.



This is a three-evening training for people who have taken Sacred Ground, who want to gain skills and support around facilitating Sacred Ground or who are experienced facilitators who want to gain more insight and best practices. Facilitating Sacred Ground is an opportunity to walk with people on their journey. This training will give you the tools to offer and lead Sacred Ground in your community. We will share the framework of Sacred Ground, share discussion questions and themes for each week, integrate tools to help participants move to action, and integrate spiritual practices to ground the work in our faith and life.

For more information, contact Jenny Beaumont, missionary for adult and lifelong formation, via **email** or at 919-600-5299.



"Be You: A Special Event"

Saturday, August 17 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | St. Mark's, Raleigh

"Be You" is a special day event for youth of color in the diocese and their families! The day is geared primarily for youth in grades 6-12, but there will also be special activities for children and parents. The day will be all about having fun and fellowship together. There will be a variety of activities like community building, awesome live music, learning about the Diocesan Youth Ministry department, playing games, enjoying food truck

fare for lunch, and ending with a youth-led worship service. We will have Canon Myra Garnes, the Officer for Youth Ministry from The Episcopal Church, as our guest speaker.

The event has no cost, but everyone must register so we can plan for food and activities.

REGISTER.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open and staffed from 9:00 a.m.

PRAYER LIST

Would you like to add a friend or loved one

- 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday - Thursday.

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is offered in the chapel of our nave at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Morning Prayer is offered [online](#) at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Dedicating the altar flowers is a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, remember a loved one who has passed, or mark a special occasion. Click [here](#) to learn more and reserve an upcoming Sunday.

to the St. Alban's prayer list? Please email [Jessica](#) either their first name or their full name, depending on their preference. The name will appear on the parish prayer list for three weeks. If after that time they still need to be on the prayer list, then reach out to Jessica to renew for another three weeks.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you or someone you know is sick or grieving, support might come from a "hug" in the form of a prayer shawl that has been blessed by our clergy. If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for yourself or someone you know, please contact [Jessica](#).

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