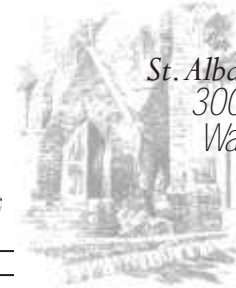


# St. Alban's Chronicle

St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
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Washington, DC 20016  
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## The St. Alban's Crossroads Shelter *The Gift That Keeps on Giving*

### Winter Shelter (November-April)

The St. Alban's Crossroads Shelter, on the lower level of Satterlee Hall, recently completed its 13th year of offering a secure and stable environment to four homeless men. The Crossroads Shelter offers stability, security, and a safe environment to Jesus' beloved poor. Yet what really touches the homeless residents of our shelter is the knowledge that many strangers actually care personally about their welfare. As one resident said, "I never knew when I was sleeping under a bridge that there were people out there who might actually care about me." Over the winter, members of the Parish offered more than 120 meals to our residents. The National Cathedral 20s to 30s Group supplied a delicious meal every Thursday evening. Two neighborhood restaurants, Café Deluxe on Wisconsin Avenue and Chef Geoff's on New Mexico Avenue offered delicious meals on Monday and Friday evenings respectively. Thanks go out to all who cared enough to offer meals to the shelter this past winter.

### Summer Shelter (May- October)

The Crossroads Shelter has now changed from the winter traditional model to the summer transitional model. We currently have three homeless men living in the shelter without on-site supervision. Charles, Mark, and Myron all get along and are keeping the shelter clean and tidy and making strides towards independent living. Over the summer months the residents supply their own meals. However, if anyone wishes to share a meal with the shelter residents, it would be most welcome. Just call the shelter (202-363-1424) and let Charles, Mark, or Myron know when you can drop by.

### Finally, a great opportunity awaits some lucky member(s) of the Parish.

I have been the coordinator of the shelter for the past ten years. It would be sacramentally selfish of me not to let one of you experience the many blessings I have enjoyed as coordinator of the shelter. If you are interested in homeless issues and how they impact our homeless brothers and sisters during these difficult times, there is no better way than to become involved with the St. Alban's Crossroads Shelter.

If you might be interested in taking over as coordinator of the shelter next fall, please call me (202) 337-0157. Let's go for lunch at Chef Geoff's or Café Deluxe and allow me to tell you all about the joys and challenges of running St. Alban's small homeless shelter. It is a blessing beyond compare.

**Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."**  
—Matthew 25:40

**Peter F. Spalding, Crossroads Shelter Coordinator. PET202@AOL.COM, 202-337-0157**

### SAVE A TREE!

The St. Alban's *Chronicle* is now available on our website BEFORE the printed copy reaches your doorstep. If you would like to be taken off of the "snail mail" list and access the *Chronicle* each month on-line instead (in living color!), please e-mail the Office at [ericg@st-albans-parish.org](mailto:ericg@st-albans-parish.org) to be removed.



We welcome the faithful, the seeker, and the doubter, **for God's embrace is wide and God's**

Good News is for all.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER SCHEDULE AT ST. ALBAN'S

8:00 am.....Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:15 am.....Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:15 am.....Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
5:30 pm.....Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MONDAY

12:05 pm.....Noonday Prayer

TUESDAY

7:30 am.....Holy Eucharist  
12:05 pm.....Noonday Prayer

WEDNESDAY

12:05 pm.....Healing Eucharist

THURSDAY

12:05 pm.....Noonday Prayer

FRIDAY

12:05 pm.....Noonday Prayer

CLERGY

The Reverend Scott A. Benhase, Rector  
The Reverend Timothy A. Boggs, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Harriette H. Sturges, Deacon,  
Coordinator of Children's Ministries  
The Reverend Loren B. Mead, Priest Associate

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Carolyn Seaton, Chaplain, American University

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Dr. Norman Scribner, Director of Music Emeritus  
Ashley Allen, Administrative Assistant  
Sophia Vastek, Music Intern

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Jim Tate, Secretary ; Christopher Holmes, Treasurer

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Chuck Holmes; Keith Jones; Danette (Dani) Kauffman;  
Jennifer Thorson Martin; Eric Melby; Richard Parkins;  
Ann Ramsey-Moor; Eve Zartman-Ball;  
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# HELP THE PARISH SHAPE THE 11:15 A.M. EUCHARIST FOR THE FALL

On **June 18 at 7 p.m.**, we invite everyone to join us for a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This Rite I Eucharist will introduce some proposed changes we are considering for this fall – changes such as introducing silence in the liturgy and having slightly different language that retains the Elizabethan poetry while being more inclusive. After the Eucharist, we ask that participants stay and participate in a survey and feedback session in Nourse Hall.

Please join us.

## Music Program--Looking Ahead:

...just planting seeds for the fall...

St. Cecilia Choir (2nd and 3rd graders) -

rehearsals Wednesdays at 3:30, beginning Sept. 16

Choristers (4rd-8th graders) -

rehearsals Wednesdays at 4:15, beginning Sept. 16

Salisbury Choir - adults and teenagers, by audition, rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:30, beginning Sept. 10

Canterbury Choir - adults and teenagers, no audition necessary,

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30, beginning Sept. 10

Alban Singers - professional adults, by audition,

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30, beginning Sept. 10

Choral Scholars - teenagers, by audition only (small stipend),

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 (twice a month)

Angelus Ringers - adults and teenagers,

rehearsals Tuesday evenings at 6:00, beginning September 22

A few changes from previous years:

Choir for the youngest singers, the St. Cecilia Choir, will begin with 2nd graders this coming fall. It's very helpful if the children are beginning to feel more comfortable reading, and that seems to happen more often by second grade.

A newly formed program for Choral Scholars invites musically experienced teenagers to audition for a paid position with the Salisbury Choir.

The handbell choir, Angelus Ringers, will rehearse Tuesdays at 6 pm, rather than Saturday mornings, which might appeal to a few new ringers out there.

## New Leaders to Grow the Stephen Ministry



St. Alban's is blessed with parishioners who have a deep commitment to lay ministry and to the witness of a loving, caring and accepting God. Three of them -- Diana (Dee) Dykstra, Ada Kugajevsky and Richard Parkins -- will attend a week-long training program this month to become Stephen Leaders.

Dee and Ada have been Stephen Ministers for the past 18 months and bring their experience in Christian caregiving to their new leadership roles. Richard, who recently retired from Episcopal Migration Ministries, brings his heart for caring to serve this parish.

Stephen Leaders commit a significant amount of their time and energy to the ministry. They recruit, train and support Stephen Ministers; lead peer supervision groups; meet with potential care receivers; match them with caregivers; provide continuing education; plan broader educational opportunities that are open to the parish; and work with clergy to address pastoral care needs. Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers are bound by the principles of faithfulness, service, compassion, and confidentiality.

Jo Turner and David Johnson, St. Alban's first Stephen Leaders, are grateful that such gifted parishioners are preparing for leadership. Please keep our new Stephen Leaders in your prayers as they ready themselves for their new responsibilities.

Want to know more about Stephen Ministry? Could a Stephen Minister help you through a difficult time? Look for Stephen Ministry brochures and pew cards on Sunday mornings, or you can reach us at our church office: 202-363-8286 ext. 219.

## Summer Choir:

**A low risk investment with high yields**

Sundays at 9 am, beginning June 7

If you enjoy singing, come any Sunday that you're in town this summer and join the summer choir at 9 am for a rehearsal before the 10 am service. We'll practice a simple anthem, the hymns, and service music in preparation for that Sunday's service. No contracts, no looks of dismay when you tell Sonya that you'll be away on a given Sunday, and no probing questions about where you were last Sunday either. It's a good deal, and not too good to be true. Experienced choir members, visitors, and people who are too busy for choir during the rest of the year are all welcome. Questions? Contact Sonya Sutton at 202-363-8286, ext. 205 or at SonyaS@st-albans-parish.org

## RECTOR AWAY FROM JUNE 29 – JULY 10

Scott will be resident at VTS during this time assisting with the D. Min. program there while also trying to finish his project thesis for his own doctorate. During this time he will be in daily touch with the parish office and available for pastoral emergencies.

## Important June Dates

June 7 Trinity Sunday @ 10 a.m. - Shell Kimble preaching,  
Education for Ministry graduation

June 13 Shell Kimble's Diaconal ordination at the National Cathedral (10 a.m.)

June 28 St. Alban's Day Eucharist & Picnic (after the 10 a.m. liturgy)

## KRO Children's Book Drive

For those of you who find themselves with new or gently used children's books, audio or video tapes, children's CDs or DVDs, the KRO (Kids Reaching Out) has taken on the project of collecting these materials to donate to a well-deserving group. KRO is a group of St. Alban's pre-teens taking on projects that give back to their community and make a difference in the lives of others.

If your spring cleaning has yielded any of these items, or next time you stop in a book store and you want to pick up an extra children's book, please bring them to St. Alban's and put them in the box that will be located in Nourse Hall until June 22nd.

The KRO group will be sorting and boxing these donations to send to a group (Exactly who is still under discussion.) currently serving the needs of children.

Many thanks, KRO

## New Clergyman to Arrive

The parish looks forward to the arrival the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson as a new clergyman to serve our parish beginning July 1, 2009. While serving as a clergy leader in our parish, he will have specific oversight for youth & young adult ministry. Jered comes to us from the Diocese of Olympia (Washington) via General Theological Seminary in New York City. Jered is married to Erin Weber-Johnson, who is in the process of completing her MPA in Non-Profit Administration at NYU's Wagner School of Business. They are expecting their first child in July. Jered's interests include running, hiking, reading, and cooking.

Jered has been interning at Trinity Church, Wall Street, where he has served as a Spiritual Formation Grants Consultant advising Trinity Grants on proposals concerning young adult spirituality. Also while at Trinity, Jered has coordinated and planned the "Theology on Tap" program, a monthly gathering of young adults for theological conversation.

Before going to seminary, Jered and Erin served as missionaries of our Church to the Episcopal Church of Taiwan. Jered served at St. John's University, Tamshui, Taiwan providing pastoral care to students & staff, assisted in leading Chapel worship, and organized and taught a book & movie study on themes of Christian Spirituality.

The Weber-Johnsons will move to Washington in early June. We look forward to welcoming them into our parish life at the St Alban's Day picnic on June 28.

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL May 24, 2009





## ***The Alban Course: Summer 2009***

Being an adult member of St. Alban's Parish means that each of us takes personal responsibility for our journey in faith. For this journey, we offer *The Alban Course*. Please join us each Sunday this summer at **9 a.m. in the Old Rectory living room**. The sessions are for all who wish to deepen their knowledge and practice of the Christian faith as we understand in our Anglican tradition.

**June 7** - How we understand & interpret the Bible

**June 14** - How we understand Human Nature and our Formation in Christ

**June 21** - Keeping Sabbath

**June 28** - Christian Virtues:  
Incarnating Forgiveness

**July 5** - Hospitality & Household Economics: Ordering our Households

**July 12** - Living Eucharist in our daily lives

**July 19** - The Life of Prayer

**July 26** - Christian Soulfulness:  
Honoring the Body

**August 2** - Discernment:  
Holy Listening & Acting

**August 9** - A Rule of Life: Renewing & Disciplining our lives

**August 16** - The Creation Story

**August 23** - The Calling of God's People

**August 30** - The Prophetic Word

# SUNDAY FORUM REPORT

## Global Economic Crisis: Six Months and Counting

By Marina Bühler-Miko

Sandy Kolb moderated the May 10 Ideas Alive! program revisiting the current economic crisis -- a follow-up on the two Forum sessions we had in November 2008 and the report to the parish that emerged from them. The discussion focused on what is happening in the economy right now, compared to where it was in the fall. Before introducing the four presenters, Sandy expressed the Forum Committee's hope that the information and stories presented would challenge us as individuals, as Christians, and as a local community.

Joanne Brainard commented on the recession's impact on the ministries that receive funding from the Workers of St. Alban's (WSA). Currently, all the various recipients of WSA grants are hurting; and other sources of funding are giving less or not at all. Most of the funds that WSA makes available to these groups come from Opportunity Shop sales. Donations to the Op Shop are down a bit, but receipts mostly "holding steady." Since WSA funds have been designated for outreach, they cannot be touched for other purposes.

Andrew Ramsey-Moor, who has facilitated the St. Alban's Career Transition Group for five years, reviewed the distressing unemployment data. He also discussed changes he has seen in the information and assistance the Career Transition Group provides. The whole search process in today's economy must be approached differently than it was even a few years back. Many employers, not wanting to be inundated with thousands of resumes, no longer advertise on job data banks. So, scouring company websites for openings is often a better strategy. Many group members are developing a "portfolio" of information on themselves to present to a job interviewer. Also, a number of them are meeting outside the regular Wednesday night sessions to share resources.

Peter Spalding works with our own Crossroads Shelter, which houses four supervised individuals in the winter and three, unsupervised, during the

summer. Peter is also involved with The National Coalition for the Homeless and Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. He spoke about the increase in the Washington area homeless population -- many of whom are also mentally ill -- to 14,500. He also told us about the many other groups that provide shelter, food, some job training, and services to the mentally ill -- Jubilee Jobs, Bread for the City, and The Green Door, to name just a few. His advice for us regarding what we might do for the homeless was threefold: donate dollars; volunteer our time; and above all, when we meet them, show compassion.

Michele Armitage, who works for the World Bank, talked about the "boomerang effect" whereby the downturn in any one sector of the major economies of the world immediately impacts the others, especially the emerging ones. This makes the stimulus the G-20 has pledged to provide all the more important. She also pointed out that organizations like hers are changing their focus from major infrastructure projects to providing "social safety nets." She noted that just a 1 percent drop in world GDP traps 20 million more people in poverty. On the bright side, she brought up the success of micro-financing projects. On the question of what any one of us can do to help, Michele directed us to [kiva.org](http://kiva.org), which aims to "connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty." This is a place that makes it possible for an individual to provide micro-loans of as little as \$10 to other individuals. Through [kiva.org](http://kiva.org), we can not only provide small loans but also follow the business activity it is helping to foster. On top of that, these loans actually do get repaid.

A lively question-and-answer period followed in which many in the audience of about 30 engaged the presenters.

## From the Finance Office at St. Alban's Parish

On the opposite page is a summary of the parish's operating finances for the four-month period ending April 30th. You will note that comparisons to the 2009 budget as well as to last year have been included.

Please know that it is not too late to make a 2009 pledge to support the many ministries of St. Alban's Parish. Pledge cards are available in the Wade Room or you may contact Doug Dykstra, the Parish's Director of Finance, at 202.363.8286, ext. 209 or email at [DougD@st-albans-parish.org](mailto:DougD@st-albans-parish.org).

**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH**

**2009 Periods 1 - 4 Financial Summary of Operating Fund (as of May 15, 2009)**

	2009	2009	2009	2008	2009
	Jan. - Apr. Actuals	Budget	Variance to Budget	Jan. - Apr. Actuals	Variance to 2008 Actuals
<b>PARISH INCOME</b>					
Pledges	\$425,768	\$424,509	\$1,259	\$482,573	(\$56,805)
Contributions: Foundations/Marching Gifts	\$4,256	\$8,000	(\$3,744)	\$34,800	(\$30,544)
Contributions: Facility Use, WSA, Flower Guild	\$7,168	\$24,667	(\$17,499)	\$16,034	(\$8,866)
Collections: Plate, Parish Support, Special	\$18,080	\$17,804	\$276	\$14,708	\$3,372
Transfer: Naselle Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer: Endowment Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Designated Income	\$35,445	\$20,333	\$15,112	\$38,724	(\$3,279)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$490,719</b>	<b>\$495,313</b>	<b>(\$4,596)</b>	<b>\$586,839</b>	<b>(\$96,122)</b>
<b>PARISH EXPENSE</b>					
Personnel (Salaries/Benefits)	\$285,137	\$288,234	(\$3,097)	\$328,332	(\$43,195)
Parish Outreach	\$51,321	\$59,667	(\$8,346)	\$69,979	(\$18,658)
Parish Programs	\$16,593	\$17,402	(\$809)	\$15,800	\$793
Buildings & Grounds	\$118,582	\$105,721	\$12,861	\$114,206	\$4,376
Parish Office	\$24,006	\$21,327	\$2,679	\$16,676	\$7,330
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$495,639</b>	<b>\$492,350</b>	<b>\$3,288</b>	<b>\$544,993</b>	<b>(\$49,354)</b>
<b>2009 Income-to-Expense Variance</b>	<b>(\$4,920)</b>	<b>\$2,963</b>	<b>(\$7,884)</b>	<b>\$41,846</b>	<b>(\$46,768)</b>

Source: Study system

Prepared by Douglas Dykstra, Director of Finance

# GALA SPRING DINNER

**Our April Gala Dinner** was a grand success, as a party and as a fund-raiser, with more than \$17,000 in net proceeds for St. Alban's feeding and shelter ministries. The co-chairs were Elizabeth Petty and Robin Rudd, who again outdid themselves in content and presentation.

People make the party, and we extend our thanks to all those happy, hungry parishioners of lively conversation who came to dinner. Many thanks, congratulations, and gratitude goes to those who helped with its preparation, including

<b>Set-up</b>	Nathalie Bramson, Jonell Easton, Russell Eckel, Barbara Yeomans
<b>Kitchen</b>	Alex Campbell, Don Durkee, Andrew Thorson
<b>Greeters</b>	Joanne and Alfred Brainard, Marina Bühler-Miko, Catherine Davis, Jane Schubert, Carole Spalding, Lois Stratton, Harriette Sturges
<b>Bartenders</b>	Eric Melby, Haley Morris, Michael Morris, Peter Spalding, Bob Woolfolk
<b>Servers</b>	Adult: Phelicia Ball, Steve Bergen, Ashley Hair, Greg Hair, John O'Brien Youth: Alexa Ball, Elizabeth Campbell, Tristan Eid, Susana Hair, Theo Montgomery, Colleen Morrison, Emma Morrison, Sam O'Brien
<b>Place Cards</b>	Lacey Gude
<b>Graphic Design</b>	Margaret Georgiann and Richard Barnes
<b>Ticket Sales</b>	Jonell Easton, Mary Sivertsen
<b>Auction</b>	Bruce Barrow, Abigail Greene, Robin Rudd
<b>Entertainment</b>	Sonya Sutton and Sophia Vastek

## ***BRAVA! to The Catering Company of Washington***

The Silent Auction was amazing. There were seven categories – Getaways, Gourmet Delights, Precious “Wearables,” Transportation, Tours, Arts & Leisure, and Professional Services – filling 12 pages and comprising 42 items. We appreciate all the generous donations, which offered broad appeal and pure profit.

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