

The Fellowship Times

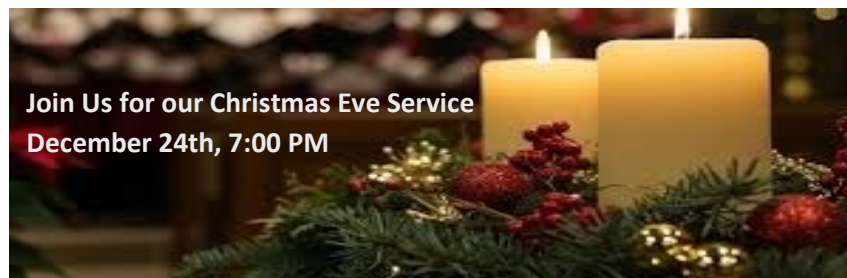
Welcome to The Fellowship Times

With the Fellowship Times, we hope to bring regular monthly updates to all of our church members, near and far, and to let our community know what we are doing here at St. Alban's to help our neighbors. We will distribute the newsletter through email, our website and social media accounts.

Our Future Goals for the Newsletter

Our goal is to provide you with information, such as:

- Service Times
- A Calendar of Upcoming Events
- Ministry & Vestry Contacts
- Pictures of Community Outreach
- Monthly Servers
- Birthday's and Anniversary's



Sunday Services are at 10:00 AM with Coffee Hour in the Parish House directly after.

Church Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday: 9:30 AM– 2PM

Closed on Friday

Follow us on our Website, Facebook and Instagram! Watch us on You Tube!



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Special points of interest

- **Choir Practice after church service– contact Karen Gomer for more information**
- **Grief Support Group meets every other Tuesday at 10-11AM in the Church Office conference room . Contact the Church Office or Helene Daigneault for more Information.**
- **Alpha Classes Resume on January**

A Note From Fr. Rick



A HOLY & HAPPY ADVENT

Advent has been an ancient liturgical and prayerful season of the Church going back nearly 2,000 years. It is a time set apart to reflect in our readings and hymns on the first "advent" or appearance of Christ when born in a manger in Bethlehem...and then we also reflect upon his second advent or "the second Coming of Christ Jesus" at the end of the age when he returns to fulfill what he began in His death and resurrection. Each week the themes of Hope in this world and in the end of the age, Peace as a real ministry of the Spirit now, and also Joy in the current healing work of the Beloved Son's Healing Kingdom and in the

Complete and Full Revelation of that Beautiful Kingdom in a "New Heavens and a New Earth".

Since the King and His Kingdom have arrived in the Resurrection of Christ and breaking the authority and bonds of sin and Satan...we now feast our souls on the many benefits of His Kingdom for us today as well as learn to see our current challenges, needs and all injustices in the light of both the ongoing leavening work of believers and the ultimate revelation of "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" that we confidently hope for in His Second Advent.

For the "spiritual community of followers of Jesus", known as St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Auburndale, Florida that means we are learning how to "see the Kingdom" with the eyes of faith in His divine Promises...promises of health, daily guidance, financial breakthroughs, following the Spirit by personally applying the spiritual gifts of helping others, encouraging those who are struggling and hurting, sharing words of wisdom and knowledge that the Spirit imparts to minister to others, singing and making melody in our hearts unto the Lord, organizing and being a graceful team leader/member of a ministry, praying for increases of His Presence in our fellowship, and sharing the inward Christ who is IN YOU with everyone you meet and love! Now all of that makes for "a holy and happy" heavenly atmosphere for each of us who journey together as friends and followers of Jesus the King!

“Journey together as friends and followers of Jesus the King!”

Community Outreach

We are involved in many Community Outreach projects. Recently, we participated in the Auburndale Fall Festival along with other churches and businesses. We had a spot on the trail set up to give candy out to the kids. We had a lot of fun passing out the candy and seeing all of the wonderful costumes that the children were dressed in. Below are just a few photos that we took.



Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is a ministry that is very near and dear to our heart. We have a great group of volunteers who come together to package food on Wednesday and give it out to people in the Polk County community every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. We serve approximately 400 families a month. Below are some pictures of our last food pantry pick-up on November 21st.



Upcoming Events

December 6, 10:00 AM- We will be Greening the Church and Parish House. Lunch will be provided.

December 6, 6:00 PM– Game Night in the Parish House. Bring a snack and come enjoy the fun and fellowship.

December 13, 6:00 PM– Movie: *The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis...Popcorn and Snacks provided...Advent with Aslan!

December 24, 7:00 PM– Christmas Eve Service



A Recipe for those Cool Fall and Winter Days

Here is an easy recipes for those cool fall or winter days when you are looking to try something different!

Easy Chicken Pot Pie

Leftover chicken and frozen veggies help this chicken pot pie come together quickly.

Makes 6 servings.

Ingredients

- 1 2/3 cups frozen mixed vegetables (thawed)
- 1 cup cooked chicken (cut-up)
- 1 can cream of chicken soup, low-fat (10-3/4 ounce, condensed)
- 1 cup baking mix, reduced-fat (example: Bisquick)
- 1/2 cup milk (non-fat)
- 1 egg

Directions

1. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. Pre-heat oven to 400°F.
3. Mix vegetables, chicken and soup in ungreased, 9-inch pie plate
4. Stir remaining ingredients in a mixing bowl with fork until blended.
5. Pour over vegetables and chicken in pie plate.
6. Bake 30 minutes or until golden brown.

Let cool for 5 minutes and serve.



Bishop's Visit and Baptisms

Bishop Justin Holcomb and Archdeacon The Venerable Julie Altenbach visited our church on April 27th for a Confirmation and several Reaffirmations of Baptismal vows. We have also had three baptisms in 2025. Our first baptism was for Luca Concha on February 23. We then celebrated the baptism of Polly Pritchett and Cheryl Davis Bishop on November 2nd. Below are a few pictures from these blessed events.



Vestry Members, Staff and Ministry Leaders

Vestry Members

Lois Hamann- Senior Warden
Jeanne Wright- Junior Warden
Donna McWhorter– Secretary
Christy Gardner

Office Staff

Mike Reilly– Parish Administrator
Andrea Concha– Receptionist

Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild– Jeanne Wright/Pam Merashoff
Choir– Karen Gomer
Food Pantry– Bill Silvey/Danny Poveda

Fellowship

Coffee Hour– Lois Hamann/Pam Merashoff