

SANCTUARY

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Vol. 7 No.4 - July/August 2010

Elberton, Georgia

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Peace & grace to you, sisters and brothers.

2010 cannot be 2011 fast enough for me. I guess one should always be careful of what they wish!

Actually among the death and illness there has risen much love and care. Sometimes this is hard to see unless you happen to be in the middle of it. Words will never be adequate to say how much love and caring I have felt over the last few months.

Among the attention from the Mediator and St. Albans there wasn't a week that went by that I didn't hear from someone

continued on page 2

Prayers & Sympathy:

Prayers for health and healing:

- Marcia Jenkins and her family.
- Carole Coggins on the death of her uncle, John Warren Mixon on June 30th.
- Pray for our special people in the Military: including Andrew, his unit in Haiti, and others in our hearts.

Transitions:

- Anne Barker and Henry Jaudon were married at St. Alban's on June 1st. See photos inside.

Awards:

One of Denni's sermons has been selected for publication in "Good Preacher"---Lectionary Homiletics is a widely read and respected journal for preachers. It will be in the October 2010 issue.

TAKING NOTE

- August and September Worship at 9 am followed by Coffee Hour.
- August 9th Vestry Meeting at 6pm.
- August 18th parish lunch with Denni.
- Bible Study will resume in the Fall. Check the bulletin for details.
- September 10-11 Seminar to remember September 11th 2001 at Piedmont College in Demorest.
- November 12-13 Annual Diocesan Council, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta GA.

**REMEMBER SEPT.
11TH, 2010 WITH
CROSSAN LEC-
TURE, DEMOREST**



I didn't know in another parish in the diocese who said they had mentioned me by name in their church and wanted me to know it. Women I have never seen have graciously shared their stories with me and offered their ears and shoulders. This has been overwhelming to me.

I have had time to think the last two months. Someone asked me if I had made goals --- that this was an important thing to do after my surgery. I am looking at this now.

I am on the mend. I could especially feel it early this morning when I was out in the yard.

I am impatient and want to be like I was before. It's probably a good thing I am not.

I have moments of missing my father that seem unbearable. I have had dreams of him that he talks to me and tells me some wonderful things. I know this is "God-talk" and not just my active dreamlife.

I have had moments of grief and depression from my own brush with mortality. I expect there will be more of this, but I know coming out on the other side of the life makes us stronger and more reflective of what life is really about.

I'm happy to be back home with you all.

My love and blessings

Denni +

June Wedding at St. Alban's

On June 1st, Anne Barker and Henry Jaudon were married at St. Alban's.



Here are the newly-weds. Denni, Anne's son Jimmie and his wife Tammi as well as Marilyn Slocumbe joined the celebration.

Delegates Needed

The Diocese of Atlanta will hold its 104th Annual Council at the Cathedral of St. Philip on November 12-13.

http://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Content/Annual_Council_2010.asp





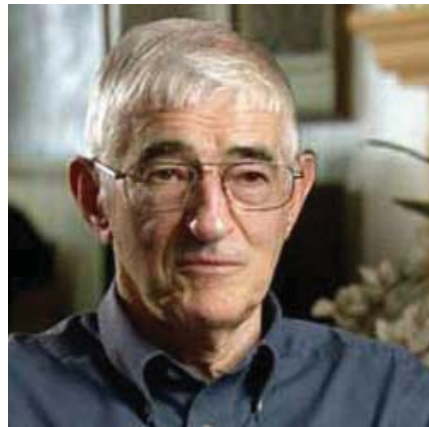
All who would like to attend as delegates please contact Denni or the church office. A pre-Council planning meeting for our convocation is Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 10am in Gainesville at Grace Episcopal Church.

Denni to CREDO

Denni has been selected to attend an Episcopal CREDO conference from October 25th to November 1st, 2010, at the Roslyn Conference Center located in Richmond VA.

The eight-day conference provides participants with direction in four component areas: spiritual, physical, vocational, and financial. CREDO provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation.

For more on this timely and beneficial opportunity, see the website: <http://episcopalcredo.org/conferences/>



Crossan Lectures on September 11th

Piedmont College and the Education for Ministry groups of Grace-Calvary and Resurrection Episcopal Churches will present a series of lectures by John Dominic Crossan in the Chapel of Piedmont College on September 10 and 11, 2010.

Several from St. Alban's and Mediator plan to attend. All welcome. For more information, contact Denni or

the church office. You can also access the website: www.tinyurl/efmseminar

Local Education Outreach

St. Alban's is working with Principal Vicki Smith at Blackwell Elementary School to provide backpacks and school supplies for needy students. This year's project will help about 25 children. Please thank Nancy, Pat and Marcia for their work.

Joint Service with Mediator

St. Alban's and Church of the Mediator, our yoked parish in Washington GA, celebrated Denni's return at the lake home of Nancy and Joel Seymour on Sunday July 18th.

Denni led us in the first Eucharist since her surgery



Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4



and then we all had a delicious covered-dish supper. Joel cooked Bubba Burgers on the grill and church members provided the other goodies. St. Alban's folks enjoyed the reunion with our friends at Mediator.



St. Alban's Episcopal Church
109 Brookside Drive
Elberton, GA 30635
Tel: 706 283 4563 stalbins@elberton.net
www.stalbans-elberton.org