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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Grace and peace to you, brothers and sisters.

Can our first year together have flown by so quickly? Thank you for making my first year of ministry with St. Alban's such a joy. At the Annual Meeting we celebrated our anniversary together, welcomed new vestry members, and planned our new year all at the same time. That was an exciting Epiphany, complete with King Cake.

As we prepare for the Lenten season, let's remember our mission together and in the community. Come prepare the way for new outreach, and continue to hold each other in prayer.

Denni +

Prayers & Sympathy:

Prayers for health and healing:

- Marcia Jenkins continues to undergo testing to uncover the sources of her pain and help plan a course for recovery.
- Julie Thomas' surgery in Augusta was successful and she did recover at home.

Prayers for our service people in the Military: including Andrew, Britt, Colleen, Melissa, Michael, Randy, and others in our hearts.

Prayers of thanksgiving for rain in this season, and for recovery from the drought, here and elsewhere.

Transitions:

The Thomas family moved back to Asheville NC over Christmas. Both parents have new jobs there. A lovely note from them to us is posted on the church bulletin board .

TAKING NOTE

- Lenten Services will be Tuesdays, at noon and again at 6 pm. Evening services will be followed by Soup Suppers.
- Denni and others will attend the Natural Spirituality Gathering at Camp Mikell Feb. 8-10.
- The Daughters of the King met Thursday, January 17th and visited Marcia. Through Lent, we will not meet independently, but attend the Lenten Services. Prayer topic: Incarnation.
- Bible Study, Mondays at noon in the Parish Hall. Topic: The Kings. Denni leading.
- Sign up for Mission Trip to New Orleans, April 29-May3. Denni leading.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEB. 6 @ NOON

JOIN US!!

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See , the home of God is among mortals, He will dwell with them; And they will be his peoples, And God himself will be with them.' Rev. 21: 3



The New Orleans Mission Trip

Please consider joining us on a work-trip to New Orleans, April 29th through May 3rd. We will help the Diocese of Louisiana's Office of Disaster Response, in partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development, provide direct services to people affected by Hurricane Katrina.

As volunteers we can help rebuild flooded homes; offer a listening ear to those who need to talk; prepare and serve meals to the community; and assist staff in running Home Coming Centers and programs for residents.

Please contact Sara Baldwin if you would like to

join us or participate in opportunities for prayer with those who go. There will also be a chance to make donations, to the mission itself or for "scholarships" for some who do go.

Magnolia Estates Christmas Party

Alan and Nancy join Betsy for a party at the nursing home. Smiles all around.



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