

## BULLETIN – THE WEEK OF Aug 16 – Aug 22, 2021

Judith will be celebrating with us on the 29<sup>th</sup>. If feeling up to it, she may be celebrating on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### THOUGHTS FROM MO. JUDITH

Journal Entry by Judith Dalmasso — August 10, 2021

*“Here I stand (really sitting in the hours before the sun burst forth), in the blessing of the Father’s love;  
Washed in blood, sweet forgiveness for a life undone,  
Here is stand, in the blessing of a million years;  
Washed within, filled with comfort for a million tears.  
Knowing that your love is all I need to get by,  
Knowing that your hand is over me, all my life.  
My Father, I love you,  
My father, I love you,  
My Father, I love you.*

This is what was on my heart early this morning. I am standing in His presence and soaking up His love for me. This song by John Barnett was one that came from the Toronto revival in the 90’s.

Oh, what a celebration we had on Sunday. I did not have long conversations with many but I was humbled and felt so deeply loved by many even if the memories found me laughing and crying at the same time. Words “from we had not experienced that in any other Episcopal Church we attended” to being too “bossy”. **My children and their spouses outdid themselves with their presentations of their lives and our lives together and separately: Daniel and Giovanna Davila; Taryn and Michael Reyes, Heather and Sean Dalmasso, and Teresa and Michael Pepping. We are blessed to have such caring children.** And thanks to our creative granddaughter, Jessica Brotherton, with her table centerpieces and creating a piece of art from my radiation mask. The icing on the cake (although the icing on the cupcakes was delicious), was truly the Ferris Wheel rides. I rode with my friend Jackie from Long Island and four of my grandchildren (Emma, Adelia, Josie, and Joseph after his older sister Olivia discovered bugs on the seat). We had Joseph raising his hands and shouting “Hallelujah”. It was awesome.

When my daughters and I picked this place, we forgot that many that would be coming would find it difficult to walk the distance as well as park their car. I apologize for the inconvenience but I know you were with us in Spirit.

The RICM mini weekend was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Bob and Sue Vaughn, Jan and David Lattan and Marcy Kozlowski were working quietly behind the scenes, making sure everything was in order. Thanks to Robin Sade and Sue McCoy for delivering the left-over food from lunch to Café on Vine. We were thirsty and hungry for His touch and the infilling of the Holy Spirit We were like sponges, soaking up all that he had for each us. I chuckled a few times when I noticed some of the first timers sat in the back for an easy escape if needed. I have done that before. The worship was awesome: Skip Clarquist did an awesome job with Mark Calzia on the drums in perfect beat. The worship on Sunday morning had our hands lifted up to the heavens as we welcomed a new Christian into the fold. Levi Tomas from Plano, TX was marked and sealed as Christ’s own. What a blessing for Gary and I to be able to perform this occasion for Danielle and Jesse, two of our Texas children. And Fr. Ron preached a

fabulous sermon. I hope the people of St. Alban's don't expect that every Sunday from now on. Check out the pictures in the Gallery on Caring Bridge as well as the RICM Facebook page.

As the sun is slowly rising, I cannot express my thanks for all that attended our celebration and the kind words shared with me. I am humbled as I continue on this journey. It is a win-win for me. If the miracle happens, I will continue to follow his voice and share the good News of Jesus Christ. And if He decides to take me home, I will join the angels and archangels crying out "holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty." Keep praying as we continue to praise God for each new day. *"Sing to the Lord, servants of the Lord, give thanks for his holiness. Weeping may spend the night, sorrow may come to us but joy, joy comes in the morning. Hear, O Lord, have mercy on us. O Lord, be our helper. You turn our tears and sighs, you turn our cry of grief to joy; joy comes in the morning."*

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Chris Zerbonia and Laura Showers who were married in a private ceremony at church on August 14, 2021. It's wonderful to have had a baptism last week and a wedding today!

### HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Elise Irelan is a French teacher at Alleman High and has accepted a position of International Student Coordinator for Alleman. She is looking for a host family for an incoming student this fall.

#### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Alleman Catholic High School has enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to bring the world to our door steps by welcoming international, diploma-seeking students, this fall. We are looking for host families who will join us in the mission to support advancement of global diversity in our school while simultaneously sharing faith. Host families play a vital role in the life of an international student by providing a safe and loving home to these brave students. Hosting also provides you the opportunity to open your heart, share your family and faith, and expand your worldview as you experience first hand about another culture. Host families receive \$500 monthly to help defray the cost of hosting. The students are financially responsible for tuition and all extra-curricular activities; they also carry health and liability insurance. This is a wonderful opportunity for families, singles and empty nesters. Students will arrive around the around August 14<sup>th</sup> and return home the end of May. Please prayerfully consider if this is an opportunity for you and your family. For more information, please contact Elise Irelan 319-499-7139, or by email at [eirelan@allemanhighschool.org](mailto:eirelan@allemanhighschool.org)

### COMMUNITY MEAL STARTS BACK UP, SORT OF...

We will be able to those in need again, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every other month at Zion Lutheran Church, 8<sup>th</sup> and Marquette. We are "sharing" Wednesdays with Zion's volunteers because that's the only night that they would have a bigger turnout for volunteers. Churches United is requiring that bagged lunches be prepared and served outside the doors of Zion. Masks and gloves required and no one is allowed inside. The recipients will take the food back to their vehicles or dwellings to eat. CU is trying to work out providing vaccinations at the meal site. In the cold months, they hope to resume indoor service, or at least handing out bags inside and maybe letting them eat in, but it depends on the positivity rate in the future. If you would like to contribute, it would be more than appreciated. We will have what we gave those in hotels last summer: a sandwich, chips, treat, fruit, water and a napkin. It's pretty expensive to go that route and to keep it uniform,

we will purchase supplies and put everything together the day of distribution. I'm going to call Zion after their first serve in September and see how it went, what they did, anything they would do differently, etc. Then we should be pretty set for our turn in October. Hopefully, when we serve in December, we can have our typical prime rib w/the works! What a celebration! If you would like to donate \$\$, put Comm. Meal in the memo line and/or if you would like to help assemble, give Robin a call.

### SEXTON

Now that we are fully open, we are being cleaned regularly and would like to reinstate the practice of designating a donation specifically to "Sexton". Please list that in the memo line of your check.

### OFFSET COST OF COMMUNION VESSELS

The practice of individual vessels of wine and wafers are a great invention for the Covid era, however, it is costly compared to "normal" sacraments. The cost (depending on order numbers) is from .40 - .50 per unit. If you would like to help offset the cost, please state in the memo line your intention. Thank you!

### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS – AUGUST

~~8/01 1<sup>st</sup> reader/psalm: Vern M / 2<sup>nd</sup> reader: Kim F / PoP: Robin S / ushers: Kent & Julie  
Altar: Robin S / Flowers: Showers~~  
~~8/08 Readers: to be announced / ushers: Kent & Julie W / Altar: Loretta / Flowers: Dalmasso~~  
8/15 Leader: Robin S / Preacher: Sue M / 1<sup>st</sup> reader/psalm: Charlie R / 2<sup>nd</sup> reader: Sherry R  
PoP: Nicole G / Ushers: Marshall C, Loretta R / Altar: Robin / Flowers: Linda E  
8/22 Leader: Sherry R / Preacher: Robin S / 1<sup>st</sup> reader/psalm: Karrie D / 2<sup>nd</sup> reader: Rob D  
PoP: Sue M / Ushers: Michelle D, Jon I / Altar: Sherry / Flowers: Curtis  
8/29 1<sup>st</sup> reader/psalm: Nicole G / 2<sup>nd</sup> reader: Michelle F / PoP: Laura S / Ushers: Scott S, Laura S  
Altar: Sue M / Flowers: Watt

### REMEMBRANCES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays: 8-19 Gay Barry, Harlan Walker / 8-22 Violet Virtue  
Memorials: Alfred (McCoy)  
Anniversary: Chris and Laura Zerbonia Aug. 14, 2021!!