

**Saint Alban's  
Bible Studies 2024-2025**

**Saint Alban's Women's Bible Study (SAW)**

St. Alban's Women Bible Studies are held on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning September 17, 2024, from 7-9 pm. We meet in person in the Fellowship Hall with an option to attend virtually via Zoom. All the women of St. Alban's and their friends, who may be seeking an enriching Bible Study, are invited to join our study. On 9/17/2024 we will begin a 10 part video based study of 1, 2, & 3 John by Jen Wilkin entitled "Abide". Jen Wilkin is unique in her approach to Bible Study in that we will study 1, 2, & 3 John verse by verse during her teaching videos. She asks and answers a lot of the questions everyone has when they read their Bible, mainly "what does that mean?"

"Abide" will focus on the apostle John's three short letters to an early church facing division, deception, and doubt. John encourages them to hold fast to what they know and to live like they believe it. Jen Wilkin will help us see how John's words call to us, in similar challenges, to recall a great salvation and to abide in the truth.

St. Alban's Women Bible Study will meet on the following dates for the "Abide" Bible Study: 9/17, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 11/26, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/18, 3/11. The St. Alban's Annual Christmas Home Eucharist & Cookie Exchange is scheduled for 12/10/2024. In the Spring of 2025 we will begin a new 5 session Bible Study to be announced later. Please see the Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex and join us on September 17, 2024 for the exciting new study, "Abide"! Questions? Call or text Kathy Pierce 724-516-9078.

**Saint Alban's Men's Group (SAMs)**

SAMs Bible Studies are held Friday mornings 7:30-9am at Dick's Diner back room (except if Franklin Regional calls off or delays school due to weather, and Thanksgiving Friday 11/29, Good Friday 4/18/2025, or if less than 3 SAMs members can attend). If you wish to join us via cell phone connection for the discussion time let us know! We use Bible studies with an Anglican perspective by noted authors N.T. Wright, John Stott, Tim Keller, J.I. Packer, and others. SAMs are currently finishing a 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus study by J.I. Packer. Questions? Fred Carlson (412) 389-3289 or fred@carlsonstudio.com.

**Confirmation Class and Reception**

If you, as an adult, wish to be received into the Anglican Communion you can ask for this by speaking to Rev. Grissom. This rite could be fulfilled at the next Bishop's visitation this upcoming year after a brief set of Newcomers' Classes that can be arranged at mutually convenient times. If you have youth in your household between the ages of 12 and 18 who wish to declare their faith publicly at confirmation please let Rev. Grissom know so the Confirmation team can schedule them into the next set of youth catechism sessions.

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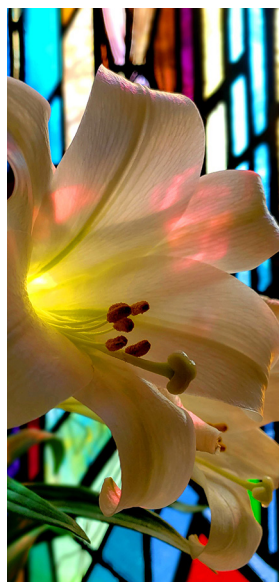


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**Adult Education Mission Statement**

*Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)*

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..."

**SAINT ALBAN'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**2024-2025**

**"Building Courageous Christians"**

*"Committed to sharing Christ's Commandment:  
To love God and love our neighbors as ourselves,  
through worship, education, and outreach."*

Adult Education on Sunday mornings meets from 9:45am-10:35am in the pews between services. Everyone is welcome!



*Celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ  
with us at Saint Alban's Anglican Church.  
54 Years proclaiming Jesus Christ in Murrysville!*

**Adult Forum Sunday Bible Study**

*All Sundays from September 8, 2024 to  
May 18, 2025 (except where noted\*)*

*Bible Studies for Men (all Friday mornings)  
and Women (2nd and 4th Tuesdays)*

## FALL 2024

September 8, 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20

### Bible Worldview

A review of basic foundational truths directly taken from the Bible on these topics: God, human beings, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, the Bible, Salvation & Damnation, and the devil. Barna surveys find that 1/4 to 1/3 of the people in the pews look at life with a biblical worldview-thus the constant need for growing in this area. Led by Fred Carlson and Jason Ingrassia of Saint Alban's Adult Education team. A handsome handout "Bible Worldview" accompanies this series.

October 27 November 3, 10

### NT Wright on Salvation

Adult Ed team member Craig Huntington leads three weeks on "what does salvation mean?" Three brief talks by NT Wright will be presented each Sunday on the flatscreen with plenty of discussion time.

November 17, 24

### Our Favorite Hymns:

#### The Contemporary Hymns of the Gettys

Deb will focus on the theology presented in these Getty hymns so popular at Saint Alban's as well as their distinctive histories. The 100+ hymns, written by Keith and Kristyn Getty and their writing partner Stuart Townend, shared in the CCLI contemporary catalog, have a unique Celtic sound that makes them very popular in the Anglican world. Presented by Saint Alban's Music Director Deborah Silverstein.

Dec 1 (Sunday after Thanksgiving) No Adult Education\*

December 8, 15, 22

### Advent Series

The lectionary readings of Advent pour out massive meaning on two of Jesus Christ's truths: the birth of the Savior in human terms, born of a virgin coming to save His people, and also the prophecies related to His Second Coming-judgement, the day of reckoning, and the remade sinless universe. The Advent season established by the church in the second 500 years of its existence prepares Christians for joy in the saving acts of Jesus: who was both the babe in the manger and will be the coming revelation of righteousness establishing an eternal kingdom without sin or tears. Presented by Lawrence Silverstein with excellent handouts.

## WINTER/SPRING 2025

January 12, 19, 26

### SUMMIT TALKS: WORLDVIEW SERIES

Our own Rector Rev. Dr. David H. Grissom presents three weeks on worldviews that conflict with Biblical truth. Looking at common competing worldviews can help us understand our own friends, family and neighbors who are not followers of Christ. Focusing on the main points of these worldviews help give us a clue of how to see non-believers' needs, identify Christ's supremacy over other worldviews, and help them understand the joy and fulfillment of the forgiveness of sin through Christ's sacrificial acts.

February 2, 9

### Taking Your Bible Knowledge to the Next Level: Hermeneutics for Strengthening Evangelism

This class will take two weeks to take your favorite scriptures and using hermeneutic principles enable you to build convincing truths to assist in leading people to Jesus. Though *hermeneutics* is a seminary word, this presentation covers basics at a level appropriate for the laity with a heart for their neighbors. Led by Jason Ingrassia.

March 2, 9

### The Book of James

As we move from Epiphany to Lent, the words of the Book of James and our transformed ethical behavior in Christ mean so much. Tim Lyon leads this exploration of this brief epistle, one of the first New Testament texts.

February 16, 23 March 16, 23, 30 April 6, 13

### TBA

These 7 Sunday presentations during the close of Epiphany and the Lenten season are still being formed.

### Lenten Program:TBA

#### Thursdays March 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10 6-8pm

Lenten Soup Dinner and a Program Study and Discussion will be presented for the 5 Thursdays between March 13 and April 10. This program will include simple soup and bread meals and small group discussions 6-8pm using an exciting curriculum TBA. Elaine Griesheimer will be coordinating the program which drew over 30 attendees in recent years.

April 20 (Easter) No Adult Education\*

April 27 May 4

### The Hymns of Easter Season

Adult Ed team member and Music Director Deb Silverstein presents the stories of the hymns and theology expressed in our favorite hymns of Easter. Each hymn has an amazing story of the faith of the writers and the depth of the joy of Easter Resurrection.

May 11, 18

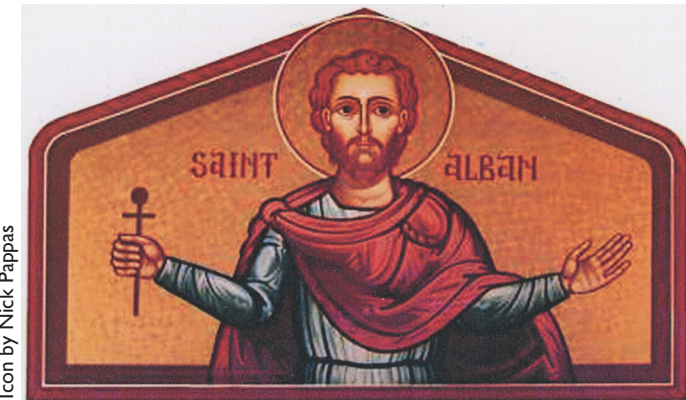
### The Holy Spirit: Guiding the Church

Lawrence Silverstein and the Adult Ed team looks at the scriptures addressing the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit in the early years of the church (from Acts and other sources) as well as the guidance of the church today. Moving from Easter to Pentecost is the perfect time for this series!

### Bishop's Visitation/Reception

#### TBA from the Diocese

Adults desiring reception into the Anglican Communion can be received at this service, please discuss with Rector Grissom asap regarding your desire.



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