

St. Alban's Life

Celebrating our time together

Farewell to Rebekah

May 12, 2024

Rebekah's last Sunday with us was May 12, 2024. It was a "Second Sunday" bustling with activity, followed by a farewell reception in the Parish Hall.

She was with us for eight and a half years!

From November, 2015

Nov 1, 2015



Nov 1, 2015



To May, 2024

May 12, 2024



Dec 24, 2023



Feb 12, 2023



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The Second Sunday service featured Rebekah's favorite ploy – a pop-quiz sermon, passing out paper and pencils for us to answer a question and discuss.

She had some help with the rest of her sermon and then had a record crowd for the blessing of birthdays and anniversaries.



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That same Sunday also featured some special offerings.

Pam Van Siclen and Mary gave us a flute concerto. The Feed-a-Friend offerings were at least twice the normal amount, and the choir pulled off a surprise anthem at the end of the service.



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After the service, all gathered in the Parish Hall for a special coffee hour with extra fruit and veggies, a farewell cake, presentation of gifts and thank-yous for eight and a half great years.



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Judy Duncan expressed our thanks on behalf of the Parish and presented Rebekah with a significant purse - - in a bear themed pouch.

Bob Moody also gave heartfelt thanks and presented Rebekah with some handmade creations with his typical art and humor. One represents the "Bee"-attitudes (Blessed are the ...) suggesting what a busy "hive" we were with her leadership. The other gift represents a beautiful bird leaving the nest, suggesting her "songbird" voice and her growth as a priest , now ready for a new adventure.



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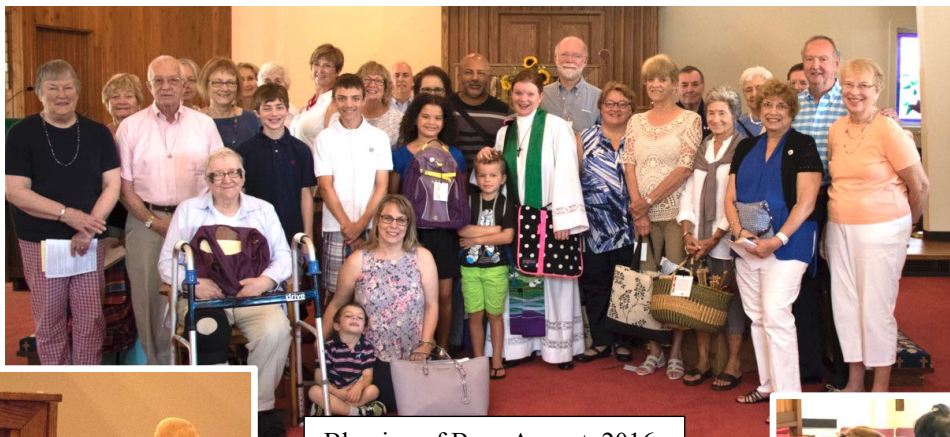
The coffee hour included a slide show of Rebekah's 8 ½ years with us (about 200 slides) pulled together from the archives by Geoff Mather. Here are some representative images.



Installation, May, 2016



Church in the Park (Hartford) July, 2016



Blessing of Bags August, 2016



Ash Wednesday, March, 2017



Foot Washing, April 2017

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ECW meeting, May 2017



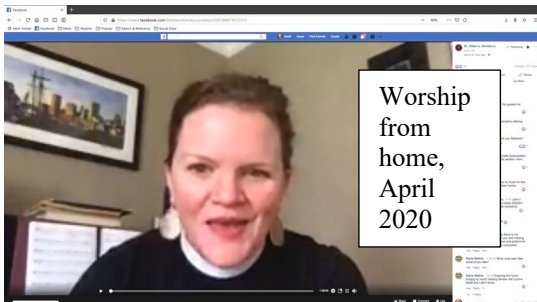
Supper and a Story, Sept. 2017



Ashes to Go, Feb, 2018



Christmas, 2018



Worship from home, April 2020



Still at a distance, Oct. 2020

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Baptism, October 2021



Pentecost, June 2022



Pancake
Supper,
Feb. 2023



Feed a Friend,
Dec. 2022

And who can forget all the musical talents she shared with us: chanting the service music, occasionally playing hymns on the piano, and singing anthems with us, shown here in a duet with Caroline Coolidge.



December, 2023

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Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. Please join us!

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