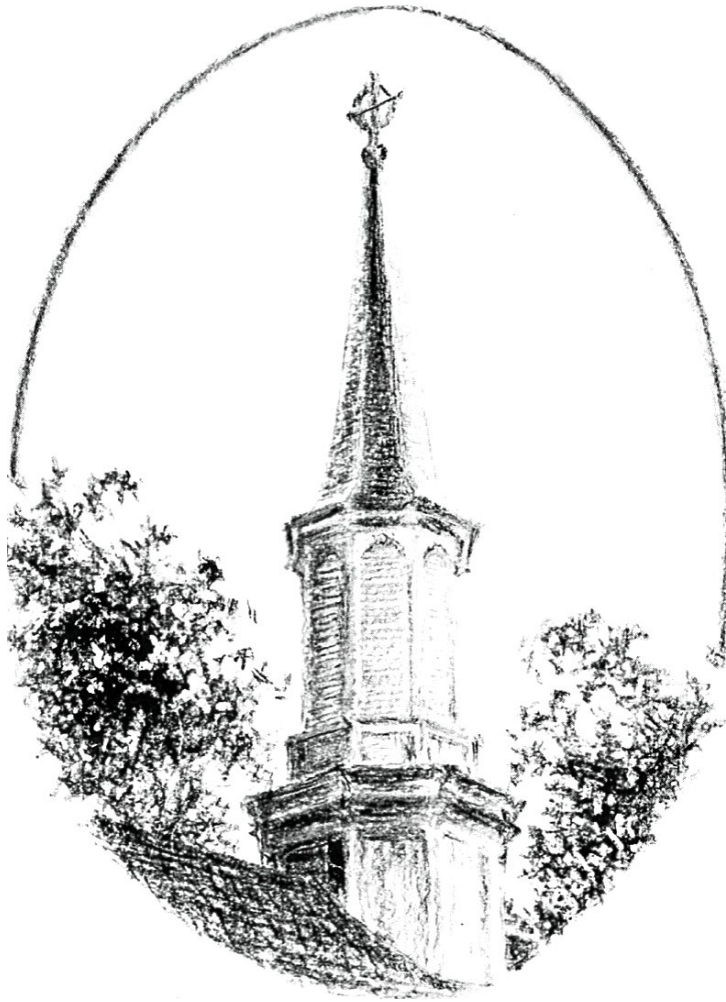


Holy Eucharist and Annual Parish Meeting

Hear the Word. Break the Bread. Share the Love.



Easter III

April 14, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church Welcomes You

130 39th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory, NC 28601

(828) 324-1351

*Welcome to St. Alban's. We are grateful for your presence.
Cloth pew bags are now available for our younger worshipers.
Please return to the basket as you depart.*

The Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

The Salutation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.***

A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

Hymnal S 236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

For the Annual Parish Meeting

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we gather for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Annual Parish Meeting

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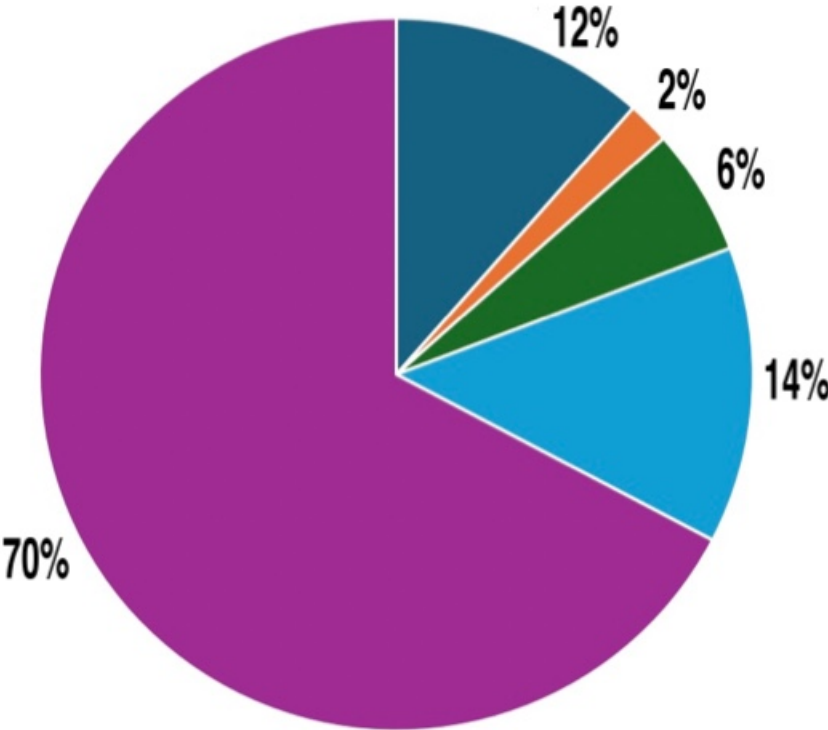
- I. Call to order
- II. Vestry Appreciations
- III. Elections:
Vestry: Judy Caywood, Bill Perrin, Bruce Smith
Diocesan Delegates: Lisa and Steve Eaton
Alternates: Lisa and Terry Jennings
- IV. 2024 Budget Presentation and Treasurer's Report
- V. Outreach Roundtable Highlights
- VI. Buildings and Grounds Update
- VII. Closing Remarks



VESTRY APPROVED 2024 BUDGET

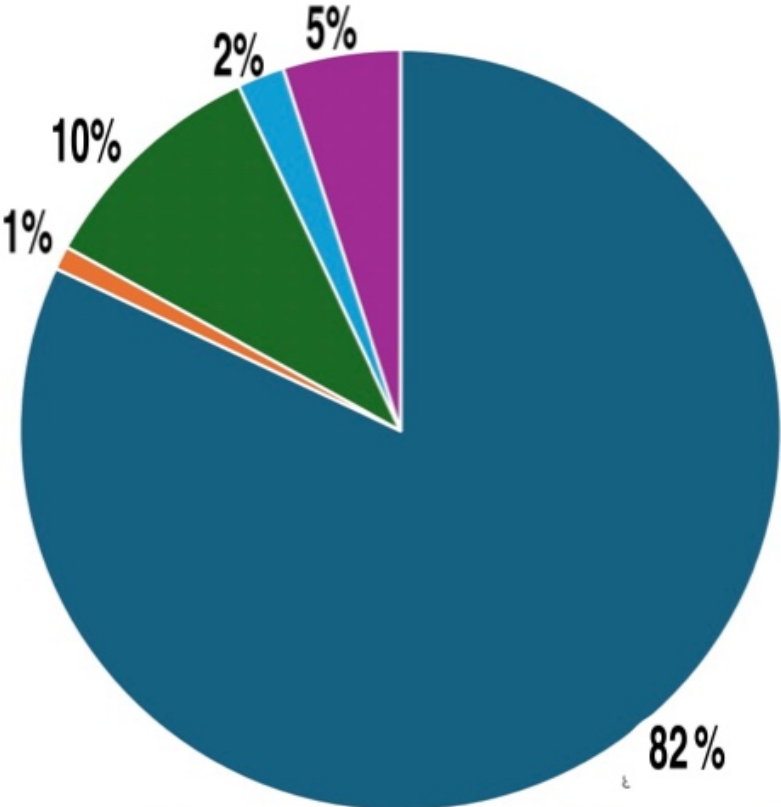
	INCOME	2024 BUDGET
1	Plate Offerings	6,000
2	Pledge Offerings	332,880
3	Non Pledge Offerings	35,000
4	Other Income	8,000
5	Other: PPP Loan Forgiveness	10,000
6	Fundraising Income	
7	TOTAL INCOME	391,880
8		
9	EXPENSES	
10		
11	Diocesan Pledge	44,364
12	Gen Outreach - Budget	1,500
13	Outreach - Fundraisers	7,500
14	Fundraising Expenses	2,500
15	Outside Ministry Subtotal	55,864
16	Music	5,000
17	Altar & Worship Supplies	3,000
18	Children/Youth Ministry	2,700
19	Continuing Education	1,200
20	Other Program Expenses	2,000
21	Program Ministry Subtotal	13,900
22	Office Supplies	2,500
23	Postage	1,500
24	Telephone/Internet	4,000
25	Computer Hardware/Software/PERIPH	3,000
26	Hospitality Supplies	1,500
27	Equipment Repairs/Leases	6,000
28	Security	1,000
29	Other Administrative	2,000
30	Administrative Subtotal	21,500
31	Utilities	20,000
32	Repairs, Maintenance, Cleaning	20,000
33	Property Insurance/Tax	7,500
34	Grounds Maintenance	12,000
35	Property Subtotal	59,500
36	Pension Assessments	11,500
37	Health Ins/Workers Comp	13,000
38	Other Personal Expense	17,650
39	Discernment/Search	5,000
40	Payroll (Wages, Tax, Benefits)	195,000
41	Personnel Subtotal	242,150
42		
43	Total Expenses	392,914
44		
45	Total Outgoing	392,941
46		
47	NET	-1,034

2023 Expenses \$418,489



■ Outside Ministries ■ Program Ministries ■ Administration ■ Property ■ Personnel

2023 Expenses \$418,489



■ Pledge offerings ■ Plate offering ■ Non-pledge offering ■ Property ■ Fundraising

2023 Outreach Roundtable Report

Lisa Jennings

In March of 2023, St. Alban's Outreach Roundtable voted to rename our committee the John Earl Outreach Roundtable, in honor of all the work our John Earl has done within our Parish and our community. The John Earl Outreach Roundtable is made up of a 'Champion' representing each fundraiser and ministry St. Alban's supports. These 'Champions' are each involved in their ministry and responsible for keeping the committee updated on current issues, concerns, plans, and needs for their ministry/fundraiser. Outreach ministries help our community neighbors who are in need of: meals, groceries, shelter, medicine, medical/dental, and other basic needs as well as education for financial/life skills, job searches, and reliable transportation to/from work so they can keep their jobs. Our fundraisers support local & international partners.

LOCAL: GHCCM, The Corner Table, Hickory Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Safe Harbor, Our Father's Pavilion, Castle of Cans, and St. Alban's Community Garden

INTERNATIONAL: Haiti and Rise Against Hunger Outreach funds come almost entirely from our church fundraisers, so it makes the effort/planning that goes into our fundraising especially important and the volunteers/participants especially appreciated!

Our fundraisers currently include: The Oyster Roast, Yard Sale, Fish Fry, the Giving Tree at Christmas, and the Souper Bowl. All funds raised go directly to our Outreach ministries. With all the volunteer support, donations, and parish/community participation, we have raised over \$8,500 for Outreach this year (2024):

- Oyster Roast - over \$7,600.00.
- January's Souper Bowl - \$848.00 for our food ministries, Hickory Soup Kitchen and The Corner Table.
- Rise Against Hunger event packed 25,000 meals that will be distributed through the RAH network to those in greatest need around the world.

December's Giving Tree raised \$950 for GHCCM and Episcopal Relief and Development.

Upcoming fundraisers for 2024: the Yard Sale, on Saturday, May 11, and the Fish Fry in September. If anyone would like to be involved in putting on our current fundraisers or has a new fundraiser idea they would like to organize, we'd love to have you join us!! Please contact the Champion of any fundraiser or Lisa Jennings, Outreach Chair.

Outreach Champions: Castle of Cans - Carleen Crawford Committee 'O Fun - Penny Winstead, Community Garden - Grover Houck (pending volunteer replacement), Corner Table - Claudia Moore, Fish Fry - Kyle Stocks, Giving Tree - Jane Earl, GHCCM - Pat Rice, Habitat for Humanity - Barbara Carter, Haiti Missions - Adriane Brooks, Hickory Soup Kitchen - John Leach, Our Father's Pavilion - Mary Michelle Millholen, Oyster Roast - Kyle Stocks, Parish Life - Maria Headrick and Karen Young, Prayer Shawl Ministry - Eileen Leach, Rise Against Hunger - Jeff Mackie, Safe Harbor - Chris Oram, St. Alban's Yard Sale - Pat Rice, Souper Bowl Sunday - Cami Roberts, Clergy - Rev. Anne Bridgers, Chair - Lisa Jennings

Buildings and Grounds

Reg Moore

The hard working Buildings and Grounds Committee accomplished much in 2023 to enhance the beauty, safety and accessibility of our campus . The hospitality extended by our lovely welcoming space exemplifies sound stewardship and intentional care. What's not listed is the hours of calling and meeting contractors to obtain quotes, getting and moving materials onsite to complete projects, meetings held to coordinate projects, overseeing the grounds, and fixing "little" items that continually pop. Some of the highlights for 2023 include:

- Unifour Fire and Safety completed annual inspection with no deficiencies
- Organized Parish Workday in May
- Extensive research/preparation for enhanced security
- Rector's bulletin board completed and hang
- Excess wires, technical devices, and wooden frame removed from Rector's office
- Replaced door seals on doors in Sanctuary
- Moved remaining flooring into Sanctuary attic
- Painted outside of 3 metal doors in sanctuary basement
- Improve drainage at outside door into basement
- Shades/shutters - Doug Brady made moveable window shades
- Cleaned out and organized closet in overflow Chapel space

- Roller installed on top of Commons Room kitchen folding door
- Replaced "hot" water heater in Commons Room
- Strip and wax kitchen and area under/around meeting table outside office
- Repaired Ferebee Hall closet door frame where tables/chairs are stored
- Fixed and painted corner in Commons Room and above exit door
- Cleaned and replaced bulbs in 18 overhead light fixtures in Commons Room and Ferebee Hall
- Installed protective kick plates on storage closet doors in Ferebee Hall
- Touch up paint placed on trim in Commons Room and Ferebee Storage closet
- Reconfigured rolling buffet cabinets in Ferebee Hall with casters

- Obtained dehumidifier for Barn
- Painted "Flower Sacristy" in Barn
- Cleaned upstairs carpet in Barn loft
- Repaired stucco on front of Barn
- Prepped for Yard Sale in Barn storage
- Hooks to hang ladders and water hoses placed on side of Barn
- Cleaned out paint closet in Barn
- Fixed handrail on stairs in Barn

- Bulb replaced in Stain-glass flood light
- Removal of tree from front of church
- Duke Power installed parking lot LED lights
- Trimmed trees on HWY 127 blocking church sign
- Repositioned memorial garden plaques
- Reviewed areas needing concrete repair
- Bell post and bell stand in front of church sanded and painted
- Painted rusting lamp posts in front of church
- Emergency removal of downed tree blocking entrance to parking lot

- Refurbished playground equipment and picnic tables and cleaned up surrounding area
- Stained outside of dumpster pad fence
- Replaced lawn mower shed hinge
- Moved lumber by parking lot to behind Memorial Garden shed
- Repaired mower and trailer to use in grounds work
- Power washed stone pavers donated to church
- Plant trellises moved from side of Barn to back of playground fence
- Built sides and back of Dumpster Pad Fence
- Built and stained fence for Dumpster Pad

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Litany of Thanksgiving for the Church

BCP p. 578

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

We thank you, Lord.

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of St. Alban of all your Saints,

We thank you, Lord.

The Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

People For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements and Offertory



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Anthem

I Choose Love

Mark Miller

Please stand as the offering of the People is brought forward

The Doxology (Hymn 43, verse 4)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all the creatures here below;
praise him above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

H-800 (found at the back of your hymnal)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion of the People

Gluten free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.

Two chalices are offered at the altar rail. The first one is offered to those who prefer to drink from the cup.

The second chalice follows for those who prefer to intinct (dip) the wafer in the wine before consuming.

Please hold the wafer in your open palm to indicate your preference to the server.

Hymn During Communion

Take my Life

Hymnal 407

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. And the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Postlude

Our Celebration continues with a hot dog lunch in the Pavilion.

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