

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you need to speak to someone immediately, we're here to help. Call the church office at 410-742-6595. Office hours (Monday - Thursday, 8 am -12 Noon). For after hours contact, please use the Emergency Pager: 410-380-7052. Leave a call back number and a Vestry member will contact you as soon as possible.

If you need mini-chalices, they will be available from Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - noon when the office is open. If you are unable to come into the office, please call Stephanie and she will bring them outside. If you need mini-chalices delivered to your home, let Stephanie know by 10 a.m. any Thursday and a Vestry member will deliver them to you.

St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals

In recognition of St. Francis Day, St. Alban's will hold our annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 9th, at 12pm on the labyrinth outside the church. Bring your pet, or just a toy or other treasured item to be prayed over in thanks for our animal companions.

The November Herald articles & photos due October 17th: The theme for the November Herald is "Give Thanks" Please use this opportunity to share photos and messages of Thanksgiving. Email photos & articles by November 17th to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com

The Nominating Committee comprised of Maarten Pereboom (chair), Judy Gracey (Registrar), Beth Jones, Katherine West and Arlene White seek your suggestions and / or self-nominations for Vestry (2022-2024) and alternates to the 2023 Diocesan Convention. Please contact them as soon as possible.

From Sue Delano: It has been two months since I was able to visit Randy inside. Just window visits until the percentage in Wicomico Co. goes down to 5% we can go inside once or twice a week for a short time. We would appreciate cards if you would send one to Randy. Getting cards cheers up Randy. His address is Wicomico Nursing Home, 900 Booth Street, Salisbury, MD 21801 room 300. Thank you ahead of time.

It's time for the fall cleanup! Bring your light jackets and your own work gloves to the church grounds on Saturday, Oct. 23, between 9:30 and noon. Work includes some light weeding, tree and bush trimming, strategic raking and sweeping. This is a great way to get some fresh air and commune with your fellow congregants while beautifying our church property! For more information, contact vestry member Richard Hunter at rbhunter@salisbury.edu.

Eve the mother, bible study (meeting October 10, October 17, October 24, and October 31 @ 5 pm) We'll interpret the scripture, then dive into some poetry, music, and art as we reconcile Eve's power as the Mother of all Living with her powerlessness as the mother of two feuding sons. All sessions will use zoom, shortcut to the zoom invitation -> <https://tinyurl.com/dwcpwpxyw>. Please email Alisha at alishamking@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

All Saints Day/ All Souls Day: St. Alban's will celebrate the Feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day on Sunday, November 7th. As part of our celebration, a display will honor the dearly departed friends and family of the congregation. If you have photos, obituaries, or other visual remembrances of someone who has passed away, please provide them to Mike Mathers during the month of October so that we can prepare for the display. Photos can be emailed to Miikemathers@gmail.com and printed photos can be left in the office, attn: Mike Mathers.

On Sunday, October 3 we had 33 people attend in-person, we had 10 people join us via Zoom and 0 on Facebook! Come and join us!

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Masks/Singing – Masks are again recommended in general in church or on church property. People sitting in the front of the church should feel free to sing softly during the service, and people seated in the back part of the church are requested to refrain from singing.

Seating / Social distancing -The front area of the nave from the breezeway doors forward, including all pews and 1 row of red chairs, is open with no restrictions regarding social distancing. You may sit wherever you choose, with whomever you choose. The back of the church, primarily with red chairs, will still have social distanced seating. People will self-select where they wish to sit and feel the most comfortable and safe.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9:
St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. 12pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:
Holy Eucharist Rite II Service, 9:30am
Bishop Santosh Marray Official Visit -
Blessing of the quilts and Coffee hour.

LECTORS: Megan Pomeroy, Jim Cockey
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan Pomeroy
TECH TEAM: Cristina Machin
VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Jim Cockey
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17:
Holy Eucharist Rite I Service, 9:30am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:
Deacon Mass, Rite II Service, 9:30am

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26
Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:
NO SERVICE AT ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
Worship at Faith Lutheran Church, 11:00am

SAVE THE DATE!!! In the on-going work of building a partnership with Faith Lutheran Church, the leadership team there and at St. Alban's ask you to save the following date. On October 31, members from St. Alban's will visit Faith. Stay tuned for more details as they become available!

Happy Birthday
Jonathan West 10/9
Kim O'Grady 10/11



Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:
Please click **HERE** for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.
(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)



You Are Invited to the Envirokids Literacy Festival

October 7-9, 2021 | Via Zoom

[Register Now](#)

free and open to the public

Are you passionate about creating connections between children and the environment? Committed to youth and the future of our planet? Would you like to learn more about how to actualize environmental justice, literacy and stewardship?

Consider yourself invited to the 2021 Envirokids Literacy Festival Thursday-Saturday, October 7-9. This free, three-day, virtual event explores the theme "Earth Action: Healing Our Home" using the Zoom platform.

The Envirokids Literacy Festival has something for everyone! The Nature Generation and Salisbury University's Department of Early and Elementary Education and Ernie Bond Curriculum Resource Center are collaborating to celebrate the 2021 Green Earth Book Awards (GEBA) winners at the annual children's literature festival.

Since its inception in 2005, the GEBA has recognized over 180 children's titles for picture books, fiction, non-fiction and young adult novels, cultivating green literacy and international action by youth. For more information, please visit the Nature Generation's amazing [website](#).

Virtual Reception & GEBA Awards Ceremony

The festival kicks off with a virtual reception and Green Earth Book Award Ceremony for interested adults, educators, policy makers and stakeholders on Thursday, October 7, 7-8:30 p.m. EST. [Please register for the GEBA reception](#).

Grades PreK-12 Children's Celebration

Teachers and PreK-12 children may meet the authors and enjoy a free, virtual celebration streamed into their classrooms. Teachers of primary, intermediate and secondary students from across the United States can select from a menu of age-appropriate presentations for their students' viewing Friday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. EST. [Please register for the Children's Celebration](#).

Parent & Practitioner Workshop

Teacher candidates, educators, librarians, parents and citizen scientists explore how to implement GEBA titles and other activities to foster environmental justice, literacy and stewardship in their schools, communities and homes. This free workshop, which also offers age- / grade-specific presentations, is Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. EST. [Please register for the workshop](#).

Please register for one, two or all three events no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 5.

The festival is free to the public; [donations](#) for guest speakers and the purchase of books for children are most appreciated.

Please contact Dr. Cathrene Connery at cconnery@salisbury.edu for more information.

Sponsored by The Nature Generation and Salisbury University's Department of Early and Elementary Education and Ernie Bond Curriculum Resource Center.



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