



WEEKLY NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS:

If you have a spiritual or medical emergency. Please use the Emergency Pager: 410-380-7052. Leave a call back number and a Vestry member will return your call as soon as possible.

The January Herald deadline is December 20th. Photos and articles of interest can be sent to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com.

We have received permission from the diocese to begin to distribute wine with communion on a pilot basis during December. We are making plans to offer communion on December 13, 20 (9:30 a.m. Sunday services) and 24 (7 p.m. Christmas Eve). This will be done via individual chalices which contain both bread and wine. This will involve some minor changes in procedures and so we will ask your patience once again as the service evolves. It would help us if you could return to letting Stephanie know by 10 a.m. Thursday of each week if you plan to attend church in person.

The St. Alban's Bakery will make Heart of Wheat bread for Sunday, Dec. 13, maintaining use of masks and social distancing, with only 2 people in the kitchen at a time. Since we have limited attendance, we ask that people reserve a loaf ahead of time with Jim Cockey at james.cockey@gmail.com. For those who choose not to come inside, loaves can be picked up after the service, from about 10:30 to 10:45, by calling Jim: 410-251-1301.

Please contact Jim to sign up for a shift.

Mixing, kneading - 6:30 Shaping, cleanup - 7:15 Baking: 8:00

Fellowship Meeting - Thursday December 17, 7pm
Zoom info: Meeting ID: 814 7518 2029 Password: 548632
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81475182029?pwd=ZldaUGlONmIjRk0hjdXpXMEvcmFzdz09>. We will discuss two upcoming socially distanced outreach fundraisers that will be held in lieu of the 2020 fall auction. All are welcome!

Greening of the Church will take place after the service on Sunday, December 20th. Please wear a mask and bring pruning and cutting equipment from your home. Wreaths prepared in advance are preferred.

Now is the perfect time to bring your annual pledge to St. Alban's up-to-date. If you are unsure whether you are current, please contact Shelly Madsen. All gifts received by December 31 will be reported on your 2020 giving statement. All or part of your gift may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Please consult your tax advisor.

Envelopes: Thank you for your 2021 pledge. Pick up Envelopes Sunday morning or during regular office hours. If you have not yet made a pledge and would like envelopes, please contact Shelly Madsen at 443-944-1684 or shelly_madsen@yahoo.com

Christmas flowers: You can sign up for Christmas flowers by filling in a form found in the bulletin, on the table in the hallway, or you can email or call the office. Flower Offerings can be put in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or sent to the parish post office box: St Alban's Church, PO Box 1511, Salisbury, MD 21802. Please put "Christmas Flowers" in the memo. The deadline to have your form/donation for Christmas flowers is December 17.

Zoom Living Compass Advent study: Monday, December 14, & 21 at 7:00 p.m. For more info email:

james.cockey@gmail.com or rebeccaraygor@gmail.com

Zoom link: click [HERE](#)

Living Compass Advent study guides are available for pick up, or download a free copy by clicking [HERE](#)

UPCOMING:

December Service Schedule

There will be one 9:30am Zoom Service with in-person worship.

- Reservations for attendance are required every week due to limited seating.
- Make your reservation by 10am Thursday morning by calling or emailing the office.
- Covenant for Regathering and Guidelines for Attending Worship/Events must be signed & on file. Copies are available at the door on Sunday, or request for a copy from the office.
- When you check in Sunday morning, you may sit anywhere there is a number in a pew or red chair. Ask the Vestry Person of the Day if you have any questions.
- Please note: if you are registered and attending the service in person please feel free to bring a printed copy of the emailed bulletin, or bring your own electronic device with the emailed bulletin, as printing is limited per our Guidelines.

Sunday, December 13th:

Holy Eucharist Rite II Service, 9:30am

LECTORS: Linda Torbert, Kim O'Grady

TECH TEAM: Katherine West

CHECK-IN/GREETER: Arlene White

VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Kim O'Grady

ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert

Sunday, December 20th:

Holy Eucharist Rite I Service, 9:30am

Sunday, December 24th:

Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm

****RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED****

Sunday, December 27th:

Morning Prayer Rite II Service, 9:30am

Happy Birthday

Elinor Wallace 12/08

Patti Serkes 12/10

David Southern 12/12



During Advent we will follow the journey of Mary and Joseph by visiting members of St. Alban's. Some parishioners are unable to watch their journey to Bethlehem inside the Church, so we've decided to send the Holy Family out into the world! Pictures from their journey will be included in each week's Epistle. If you would like to be included in the journey, or have any questions, contact Mike Mathers at mikemathers@gmail.com

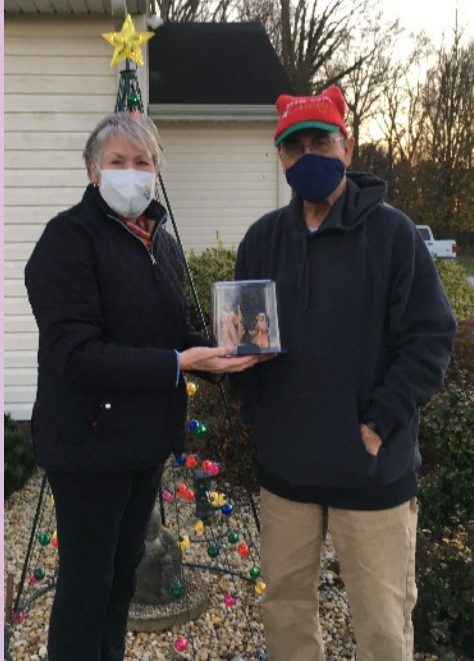
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Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:

Please click [HERE](#) for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.

(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)

Look Who the Holy Family Visited This Week!



Mary and Howard Doak



Leighann Yackel, Atreyu Ting and Ryder Yackel



Sandy and Don Grim

Will They Visit You Next?

Tech Team

For those of you who have tried to Zoom our Sunday service from time to time, we have regularly had issues with technology. Each week we have been making some sort of change to try to improve the quality of what is shared. SOUND continues to be the most critical issue. We recently had a consultant advise us about the type of equipment to purchase to improve the quality of the sound in general but particularly related to the organ and other music. The Vestry has approved the proposal and work will begin soon on this important project which will also include better video.

Since the departure of Barbara Anne, we have created a "Tech Team" to be in charge of the technology each Sunday. We have had several regulars (Beth Jones, Katherine West, Maddie and Brian Raygor) but we believe that we need to recruit a few more individuals so that the rotation can be expanded. Training will be provided when the new system is installed. We have been told that it is NOT complicated and that you do not need to be an expert to run the equipment. If you need more information or wish to sign up, please contact Brian Raygor at braygor@gmail.com as soon as possible.



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