

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.

The August Herald articles & photos due July 18th: The theme for the August Herald is "Vacation Fun" Please share photos of your summer vacation or summer fun. Email photos & articles to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com

Come enjoy a mid-summer evening of fellowship, good food and fun at Abbott's Grill on Broad Creek in Laurel. Address is 111 Delaware Avenue Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 18, at 6 p.m. RSVP by Thursday, July 15 to Sharon Walsh at sharon.walsh68@gmail.com or 410-749-0426.

SAVE THE DATE! Bishop Santosh Marray has requested a pastoral visit at St. Alban's on Sunday, July 25. He will be with us during the service at 9:30 a.m. and would like us to be available afterwards in the parish hall to bring greetings and answer questions.

During July and August, if you need mini-chalices because you are viewing the service on Zoom or FaceBook, they will be available from Stephanie Monday through 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. Alban's Choir: The choir is rehearsing occasionally through the summer: July 15, July 22, August 20, and August 26. Rehearsals start at 7 pm, and take place in the sanctuary. The choir will sing during the following services: July 25 and August 29. Anyone interested in joining the choir - please contact Veronica.

Sacred Ground is coming to St. Alban's. The Sacred Ground program, created by the national Episcopal Church, will be led virtually by Julia Connelly Zahn of Camp Wright. Starting in September.

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/04/28/episcopalians-share-transformative-experiences-with-sacred-ground-racial-justice-curriculum/>

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/02/BBC-Becoming-Beloved-Community-Where-You-Are_2020.pdf

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>
For more info or questions contact Jim Cockey james.cockey@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed August 4,5,9, and 10 for the Church Office from 9am-12 noon. Stephanie will be out of the office. If you can volunteer any of those dates please call the office: 410-742-6595 or Email: stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com. Thank you!

Altar Flowers: Since we are now permitted to have flowers on the altar again, please sign the sheet on the table in the parish hall if you are interested.

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JULY SCHEDULE**THURSDAY, JULY 15:**

Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JULY 18:

Holy Eucharist Rite I Service, 9:30am

LECTORS: Lana Raygor, Nancy Linck**TECH TEAM:** Brian Raygor, Lana Raygor**VESTRY PERSON/USHER:** Nancy Linck**ALTAR GUILD:** Katherine West**THURSDAY, JULY 22:**

Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JULY 25: Bishop's Pastoral Visit

Holy Eucharist Rite II Service, 9:30am

On Sunday, July 11 we had 35 people attend in-person, we had 5 people join us via Zoom. And 2 on Facebook! Come and join us!

UPDATED RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

The St. Alban's Reopening Task Force and the Vestry have begun to look at the guidelines sent out by the Diocesan Reopening Task Force regarding post-pandemic protocols. These will be coming out in stages and may continue to be modified.

- we will no longer ask people to sign covenants, pre-register for services, or sign in when entering the building.
- we will no longer follow disinfectant protocols for cleaning.
- prayer books have been returned to pews and may be used, as well as kneelers / cushions.
- we will allow Eucharistic visits in homes if all parties are vaccinated and agree to the visit.

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 are asked to wear masks in that section and not sing. People will self-select where they wish to sit and feel the most comfortable and safe.

Masks – Masks are no longer required in general in church or on church property. People are free to continue wearing them if they choose to, except in the back of the church where they will continue to be required to provide a safer environment in that section of the nave.

Singing – We will resume congregational and choral singing softly for vaccinated people. We will maintain the current limits of verses (2-3 verses per hymn) and add one piece of service music to the service. We wish to maintain an overall time limit of 70 minutes for the service.

Happy Birthday

Sona Morrison 7/13

James Martens 7/14

**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.)

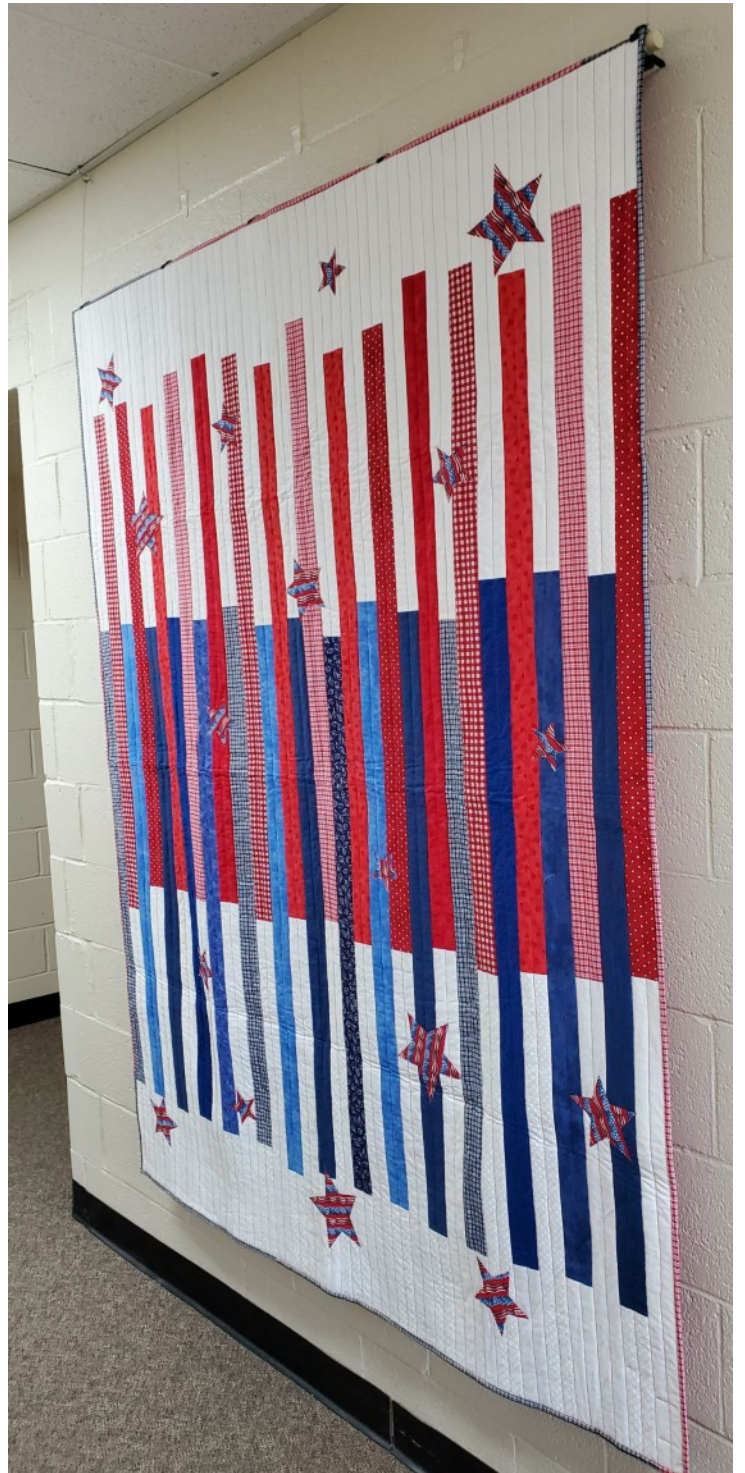
Quilts Display

A small sampling (six) of the 53 magnificent quilts made by members of the local Shorebird Quilters guild is now on display at St. Alban's in the classroom corridor. They are beautiful!



Carrie Connelly is an active member of this guild that over the past two years created the quilts that are to be given to children as gifts at the annual Camp Agape Christmas party in December.

All 53 quilts will be displayed and blessed by Bishop Santosh Marray during the Sunday worship service at his annual St. Alban's visitation on October 10, 2021. More information in the future.





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inspire disciples. empower evangelists.

Forward Day by Day app and website receive major update, Complete overhaul, improves user experience and functionality

Forward Movement

The Forward Day by day app is available on iOS and Android smartphones and tablets.

Forward Movement announces a major update to its popular Forward Day by Day smartphone app, as well as a relaunch of its Daily Prayer website, prayer.forwardmovement.org. The complete overhaul includes a new clean design with simplified navigation, as well as podcast integration and expanded customization settings for users.

Visitors to the Daily Prayer website (prayer.forwardmovement.org) will see the new design immediately, while users of the Forward Day by Day app should automatically receive the update within a few days, depending on their device and settings. The app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the app has been free to download since early 2021.

The long-awaited upgrade was completed in partnership with the Rev. Greg Johnston of Cambridge, MA, the creator of the popular Venite app, which Forward Movement began sponsoring in 2020.

"We are committed to our mission to inspire disciples and empower evangelists, wherever they are," said the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Forward Movement executive director. "This upgrade to our app and website will provide users with an improved user experience, including customizable features and settings, to strengthen a habit of daily prayer and scripture engagement, both known catalysts to a deepening life of faith."

To assist visitors with bookmarked pages, the existing version of prayer.forwardmovement.org will remain intact for several weeks as users become accustomed to the new website. By late August, pages will redirect to the upgraded site.

The Forward Day by Day app and Daily Prayer website were initially launched in 2012.

About Forward Movement

Inspiring disciples and empowering evangelists around the globe every day, Forward Movement has been producing innovative resources to encourage spiritual growth in individuals and congregations since 1935. Best known for the daily devotional Forward Day by Day, Forward Movement also produces books, smart phone apps, pamphlets, conferences, online courses, church leadership resources, and more, in English and Spanish.

Visit www.forwardmovement.org or www.venadelante.org to learn more.