

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you need to speak to someone we're here to help. Call the church office at 410-742-6595. Office hours (Mon-Thurs, 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 ASAP.

Mini-chalices, are available Monday-Thursday 9am-12 Noon. 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, call Stephanie to make arrangements.

The January Herald articles & photos due December 19th: The theme for the January Herald is "Reminisce" Reminiscing is all about happy recollections and thinking back to memories from 2021 or the past. Share your memories and photos for the January Herald. Email photos & articles to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com

The cold weather shelter/Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness is currently seeking volunteers for the shelter. Please contact Walter Davidson at 410-251-4890 if you would like to volunteer or need additional information.

St. Alban's Greening of the Church: will be on Wednesday, December 22 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Volunteers should bring greens from their yards to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

VTS to Offer Course through Bishop's Institute: "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" The respondent says, "I will, with God's help." (BCP. pp.293 and 305) This is one of our Baptismal Vows. Now the Virginia Theological Seminary and the Diocese of Easton will offer training for the proclamation part of this vow, specifically preaching. As an outreach program of VTS, the Reverend Doctor Mark Jefferson will offer a hybrid course in homiletics through the Bishop's Institute for those who wish to develop their skills in preaching. Laity who complete the class will be licensed to write and deliver sermons in this diocese. Dr. Jefferson says, "The foundation and future of God's church are not bedazzled with gilded televangelists and charismatic personalities. Jesus's work was with the people, for the people, and thus calls us to be radically human so that we can become the people of God that scripture calls us to be. Therefore, teaching laypeople and deacons how to preach is a passion that directly impacts the future of the church." (Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine, Fall 2021, p. 40) Anyone interested in participating in this course should contact Dee Rinehart (deerinehart43@gmail.com) no later than January 15, 2022. Once we have a cohort formed, more details will follow.

Shopping with Amazon? You can support St. Alban's at the same time! Did you know that you can make a no-cost-to-you donation to St. Alban's every time you make a purchase through Amazon? St. Alban's is part of the AmazonSmile program, which sends donations to local charities. To take advantage of the program, all you need to do is shop through smile.amazon.com instead of [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). There are several St. Alban's Episcopal Churches enrolled in the program, so make sure you select the one in Salisbury. Smile works with your Prime membership, and doesn't change the cost of either your shopping or your shipping. If you have any questions, contact Greg Glass, the parish treasurer, at gregory_glass@yahoo.com or 443-944-2693, and he'll help you get set up with the program.

On Sunday, December 5, we had 43 people attend in-person, we had 5 people join us via YouTube! Come and join us!

Our Sunday service will be live streamed on Youtube Please use the link below:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIdgq1aE_CGybnCFiegAcyA

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8:

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12:

Holy Eucharist Rite II Service, 9:30am

LECTORS: Brian Raygor, Jeremy Cox

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jim Cockey

TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor, Katherine West

VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Jeremy Cox

ALTAR GUILD: Katherine West

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16:

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Holy Eucharist Rite I Service, 9:30am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21:

Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22:

Greening of the Church, 6:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23:

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:

Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY (No Service)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26:

Lessons and Carols Service, 9:30am

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27:

Parish office closed (Christmas Holiday)

Happy Birthday

Elinor Wallace 12/08

Patti Serkes 12/10



St. Alban's and Faith Lutheran online Advent study group Sunday evening at 6:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 12, and 19. Contact Jim Cockey james.cockey@gmail.com or Karen Price KSPrice@worcesterk12.org to sign up. Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88106151379?pwd=R3NBUVJQU2JjVIMldTFyaXBIZnREdz09>
Meeting ID: 881 0615 1379 Passcode: 917354

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.)

THE HOLY FAMILY HAS BEGUN THEIR JOURNEY.

In this second week of Advent, Mary and Joseph visited Nancy Linck at her home. On their way to meet Veronica Tomanek, the Holy Family stopped by the Christmas Parade downtown to check out Salisbury's tree. When they finally made it to Veronica's house, they found her raking leaves and quickly pitched in to help.

If you would like a visit from the Holy Family this advent, email mikemathers@gmail.com



SALISBURY MIDDLE HOLIDAY SHOP

During lunches on December 16th and 17th, Salisbury Middle students will have the opportunity to use their good behavior Eagle Bucks to purchase new or gently used gift items for their family or friends. Students can also use Eagle Bucks to pay for their gifts to be wrapped by staff members so their purchases are ready to be gifted.

If you are fully vaccinated and feel comfortable being in the school building, we are in need of gift wrappers on the 16th and 17th. Please contact Katherine West if you'd like to volunteer.

We rely on the generosity of SMS staff and friends to help stock the holiday shop. When you have a free moment at home, take a look around for new or gently used items that you no longer want and could be re-gifted by our students. It's a great way to get rid of unwanted or unneeded items. You can either bring items to church on Sunday, Dec. 11, or contact Katherine West (kwoodywest@gmail.com/443-614-4295) and I can pick them up.

Suggested items include:

- Holiday decorations
- Purses
- Costume jewelry
- Candles
- Toys
- Gifts for dad
- New with tags still attached clothing (no used clothing)
- Sporting equipment
- Coffee mugs
- Anything that would make a nice gift
- Or spend \$5 at the dollar store to purchase gift type items for the event

***Gift bags and tissue paper are also very needed (used bags and tissue paper are great)