



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 December Vestry meeting will be on Zoom at 7 p.m., December 21. Please email Jeremy Cox at jcoxreporter@yahoo.com if you need the link

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.

You may have noticed the absence of LaDorna Pfaff the last few months. She has been busily packing to move to North Carolina this week to be closer to one of her daughters. Her new address is below. She would probably appreciate a note or Christmas card from her St. Alban's family members. LaDorna Pfaff, 15 Lennox Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801

DECEMBER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21:

Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22:

Greening of the Church, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Christmas Caroling, 5:00pm-6:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23:

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24:

Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Gary Stiegler
DEACON: The Rev. Alisha King, Deacon
PREACHER: Susannah Southern
PRINCIPAL MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Maarten Pereboom, Arlene White
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Nancy Linck
TECH TEAM: Cristina Machin
VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Arlene White
ALTAR GUILD: Altar Guild Team

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY (No Service)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26: Lessons and Carols Service, 9:30am NO YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM 12/26

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27: Parish office closed (Christmas Holiday)

On Sunday, December 19, we had 43 people attend in-person, we had 9 people join us via YouTube! Come and join us!

It is with great sadness that we announce to you that one of our parishioners, Lucille Kantzes, passed away on Saturday, December 18. May light perpetual shine upon her and may she find eternal rest and peace. If you wish, you may send condolences to The family of Lucille Kantzes, c/o Mr. And Mrs. Rob Kantzes, 319 Gunby Mill Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804-8532

Happy Birthday
Samuel Hotton 12/21



Happy Anniversary
Stan & Rachael Shedaker 12/22
Steve & Julie Crabill 12/24



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.)



Lessons and Carols Service will not be livestreamed 12/26 ... But you can watch last year's Lessons and Carols by clicking on this link: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC5RNK9gNlj-N0sKIDFjFmoDmcz4cAnxc>



Next up in Peacebuilding Online: Sunday, January 2 at 4:00 pm, Dr. Catherine Meeks of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing will lead. Save the date and plan to join us to learn about deep racial healing. The link is here to register and for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/episcopal-peace-fellowship-peacebuilding-online-project-absalom-jones-tickets-156252067139>

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Parish Support for Sewanee School of Theology

St. Alban's is pleased to support Susannah Southern during her studies at Sewanee.

If you are looking for an additional end of the year opportunity for donations, you may wish to consider Sewanee which is the only university founded and governed by the Episcopal Church. Your contributions will allow the important work of preparing the future leaders of the church to continue. The money raised goes directly to support seminarians by funding scholarships, counseling, spiritual direction and work study.

Please make checks payable to SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY and mail to School of Theology, The University of the South, 335 Tennessee Avenue, Sewanee, TN 37383.

You may also make your gift on-line at theologysupport.sewanee.edu and select SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT.

THE HOLY FAMILY JOURNEY.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent the Holy Family visited Sandy and Don Grim, who invited them inside to warm up. After that they finally arrived at St Alban's to prepare for the Christmas Eve service.

Mary and Joseph have enjoyed visiting so many members of the Church family this year, and look forward to doing it again in 2022!

