

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join us in sharing Christmas carols with some of our parishioners on Sunday, December 11. Meet at the church at 4pm. A sign up sheet is in the breezeway. Deadline is December 4 so we can organize into groups and have copies of carols available.

Can you be that friendly person with the warm smile that says "hello" to people coming to church on Sunday morning? If so, you're a great candidate to be a GREETER! The sign up sheet for December and January is on the table in the breezeway. Please sign up on Sunday!

Chili, Bread, and Cookies: We will not be having advent lunches this year. But, there will be a "Chili To Go" sale after the service on December 4. In addition to chili, bread made by Jim and Julie and cookies will be available for purchase. All profits will go to the Maryland Food Bank. Sale will be first come - first serve. No pre-orders are needed this time. Quarts - \$10, Pints - \$5, Bread - \$5, Cookies - \$.50

The Joseph House kitchen crew will resume soliciting monetary donations for food for the Joseph House lunches after the Sunday service preceding the first Wednesday of the month. We have resumed making hot soup and sandwiches to serve 40 people. Donations will be gratefully accepted! The Joseph House kitchen crew meets the first Wednesday of the month to prepare lunch. If you are interested in helping, contact Kathy Hayne at 410-546-4630 or email g_hayne@comcast.net.

Coffee Hours Hosts needed for December

Please sign up in the breezeway.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:

Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service, 9:30am

LECTORS: Maarten Pereboom, Cristina Machin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Nancy Linck

TECH TEAM: Katherine West

VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Cristina Machin

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Grim

COFFEE HOUR: The Porters

GREETER: George Demko

Happy Birthday

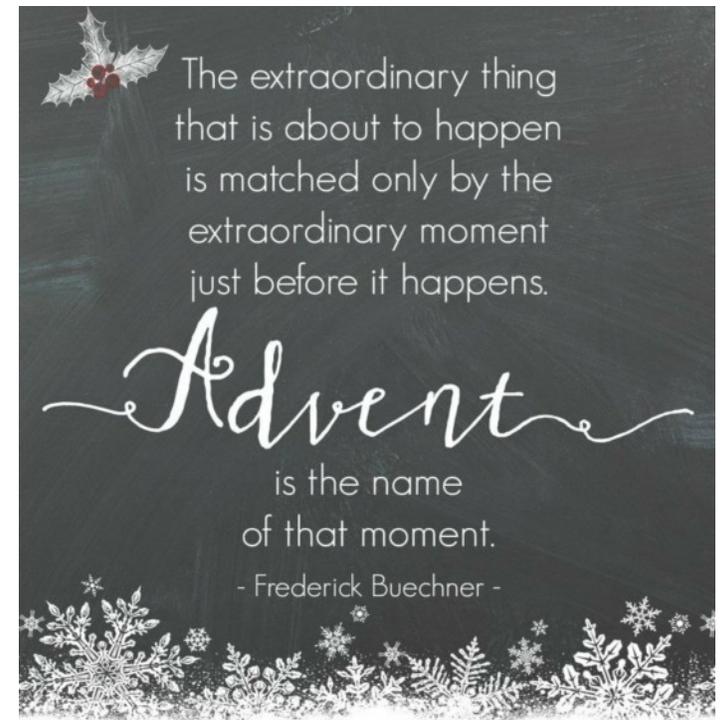
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MESSAGES
FROM

Rev. Margaret

Messages from Rev. Margaret will be a sharing prayers, poems, spiritual notes and items of interest each week.



ALTAR Guild



This Sunday there will be a celebration and re-commissioning of our Altar Guild at the 9:30 Service.

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.)

It's that time of year again! If you are cleaning out closets or attics before the holidays, please consider making a donation to Salisbury Middle School's annual Holiday Shop. This year, the Holiday Shop will be on December 14 and 15. It's a time for students to "purchase" gifts for their families with Eagle Bucks, token bucks earned for being respectful, responsible, or ready to learn. Please see the list below for items that make great donations. If you bring items to church, you can leave them in the "JOY" classroom, or I can pick them up. Additionally, we are always looking for volunteers to wrap gifts on Dec. 14 or 15. Please contact Katherine West (kwoodywest@gmail.com or 443-614-4295) if you would like to volunteer. Thanks for your generous support of Salisbury Middle! -Katherine

Items we LOVE receiving for donations:

- Brand new, clean, with TAGS STILL ATTACHED clothes
- Children's toys
- Books for both children and adults
- Candles, trinkets, decorations
- Mugs & dishes
- Purses, bags, wallets
- Jewelry
- Belts, sunglasses, scarves, gloves, mittens, hats
- Holiday decorations (Christmas, New Year, Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Easter, Passover, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving)
- Wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift boxes, gift bags

Items we unfortunately must refuse:

- Dirty clothes, clothes with holes, old undergarments
- Electronics
- Rated-R (or worse) movies
- Weapons

From: The coordinator for the Wicomico High School Food Pantry. Thank you parishioners at St. Alban's for their generosity and support over the last several years, including the generous donation that arrived just a few weeks ago. Your donations are so greatly appreciated and needed.

We have been asked by the coordinator at WiHi to help restock their food pantry. (Use the boxes in the Parish Hall for donations.) Here is what she says—*When donating, we ask for small sized items. Most of our students are walking home, and they put everything in their backpacks (most are trying to hide the food from peers), so smaller, lighter, packaged items that transport well are best, especially plastic packaged, not glass. Another consideration is that many of the students we serve do not have a way to prepare food, so they are usually looking for ready to eat items that don't require a lot of preparation. Some students are in transitional housing and only have access to a microwave. We don't have a refrigerator, so everything needs to be shelf stable. With all that in mind, donation suggestions include: Peanut Butter, cereal, pop tarts, granola bars, oatmeal, microwave meals, canned meats (Chicken, tuna, pork) white rice, spaghetti or plain pasta, condiments, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc. (small sizes) We will accept just about anything, though, so donations are not limited to this list. Students choose what they want to take; we don't prepack bags, so they are responsible for their own allergies and other dietary restrictions. I do try to steer away from snacks, juice, and too much junk food because I want them to have some healthy options. Due to limited transportation, many of our students' nearest "grocery stores" are gas stations, so they rely on a lot of junk food. We also will take food anytime. Students will be in school until December 16th, then out for winter break until January 2nd. Thank you so much for your support!*



By the Grace of God and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Santosh K. Marray, D. Min., D.D.
Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Easton
will ordain
Susannah Elizabeth Southern
to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, December 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
302 St. Alban's Drive
Salisbury, Maryland 21804
Your prayers and presence are requested
Reception to follow
Clergy: red stoles

The Holy Family's Advent Journey to St. Alban's 2022

As we have begun the Advent season, once again Mary and Joseph are on their journey towards the manger in the St. Alban's Nativity Scene.

After a brief layover in the Charlotte airport, the Holy Family boarded a flight to Salisbury and enjoyed meeting different people on the plane. (insert airport photo)

Once they landed, the first visit was obvious, which was driving up to meet Reverend Brack and ask how she was settling in to her new house. (insert Margaret Brack photo)

Next, they stopped by the Mathers' house to help James put up ornaments. Joseph tried to convince him to save some decorations for the 12 days of Christmas after Advent, but James wasn't having it. (insert James Christmas Tree photo).

The Holy Family will visit different members of St. Alban's every week of the Advent season, with photos published in the E-Pistle. Would you like a visit from Mary and Joseph? If so, please email mikemathers@gmail.com.

