

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Herald deadline: Please email photos & articles to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com. Content is due by Sunday, December 18th. Due date is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Live Stream: We apologize that the service on Sunday, Dec. 11 was not live streamed. The Internet was out at St. Alban's.

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!

Susannah Southern will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m. Please wear RED as part of the celebration! The service will be available using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/StAlbanYT>

BLUE CHRISTMAS: For those who are lonely, grieving or at a loss during this season, please join us Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3:00pm for "Walking the Labyrinth-Blue Christmas together" led by Rector Margaret Brack, at St. Alban's outdoor labyrinth, Salisbury, MD. [Guide for "Walking the Labyrinth-Blue Christmas" available in church office after Dec. 9th.] On Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30pm, there will be a Blue Christmas Remembrance Service with Eucharist led by Rector Margaret Brack, at St. Alban's Church.

St. Alban's Greening of the Church: The Greening of the Church is December 21st, starting at 4:30. Church members get together to decorate our parish in celebration of Jesus' birth. Volunteers needed to help decorate and bring live greens from your yard to use as decorations. All are welcome.

Christmas Service Schedule:

- The Family Christmas Eve service at Faith Lutheran will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- The candlelight Christmas Eve service at St. Alban's will begin at 10:30 p.m. Please join us at 10:15 p.m. to sing carols prior to the service.
- The Christmas Day service at St. Alban's will begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be no music.

Help WiHi restock their food pantry. (Use the boxes in the Parish Hall for donations.) We ask for small sized items. Students are walking home, and they put everything in their backpacks, NO glass please. Many students do not have a way to prepare food, so ready to eat and microwaveable items are preferred. We don't have a refrigerator, so everything needs to be shelf stable. 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) Donations are not limited to this list. Thank you so much for your support!

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18:
Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service, 9:30am

LECTORS: Katherine West, Nancy Linck
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jim Cockey
TECH TEAM: Katherine West
VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Nancy Linck
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert, Sona Morrison
COFFEE HOUR: Volunteers Needed
GREETER: Cheryl & Harry Hoke

Happy Birthday

Mae Esh 12/18
Amy Isaacs 12/19



MESSAGES
FROM

Rev. Margaret

The fourth candle of Advent is called the "Angel Candle" and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

Prayers for Peace for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Personal Prayer for Peace

Colossians 3:15 says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Lord, I invite your peace to rule my heart! As I end this year and reflect the many gifts you have given me; let my heart be filled with your love. I thank you for the peace I have through you. May my words and actions be ones that glorify you. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace for Our World

Psalms 29:11 says, "The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."

Lord, bring your strength and peace to your people! May your presence be felt by all who seek you in a powerful way in this Advent season. Turn the hearts of all towards you. We pray that the lost turn to you and find an unshakable peace that nothing else in this world can offer. Amen.

Coffee Hours Hosts needed.



Please sign up in the breezeway.

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's Advent Journey to St. Alban's 2022

This week the Holy Family explored Hebron and visited the Smoots, who were busy baking Christmas cookies. Next, Mary and Joseph were invited inside by the Raygor's to see their Christmas tree.

That inspired them to stop downtown and see the town Christmas tree set up by the plaza.

If you would like a visit from the Holy Family this Advent, please email Mikemathers@gmail.com

