

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blessing of the Animals: will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 4:30pm at the St. Alban's Labyrinth. This event will be held outdoors, so pets are welcome. If you cannot bring your pet, you can bring their photo or your pet's favorite toy/blanket.

St. Alban's has received a very generous gift of five large-print Books of Common Prayer. They were received and blessed for the congregation's use last Sunday at the 8:00 am service. They are in the breezeway by the bulletins. Please return after use.

Calling all crafters! Are you an artist, crafter, or connoisseur of all things handmade? Do you have talented friends or family members? If so, please consider making something or soliciting a donation for the St. Alban's artisan market for the auction on Nov. 4. Possible donations include Christmas crafts, homemade food (jam, chocolates, granola, canned goods, etc.), jewelry, pottery, art, knitting, etc. The only requirement is that the items be handmade. Artisan donations can be brought to church on October 1, 8, and 15. Please contact Katherine West (kwoodywest@gmail.com) with questions.

Another way to contribute to the Auction in November is to donate SERVICES or GIFT CARDS. SERVICES include one on one services to offer to other people. You determine the parameters, time and/or place. GIFT CARDS can be of any amount from any store, restaurant and/or business. For more information, see the article in the October Herald or talk to Cristina Machin or Arlene White.

Auction volunteers needed: Setup - Volunteers are needed for setup on Friday evening, Nov. 3 at 5:15, and on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4. You can serve either shift, or both. Cooks are needed for dinner, Saturday evening, Nov. 4. We will be making Italian themed casserole type foods (lasagne, ziti, spaghetti with sauce, mac and cheese). We will supply standard sized 20"x12" disposable aluminum pans for the dishes. We will also need bulk salads and antipasto trays. We won't know exactly how many trays of each we will need until we get people registered. I would love to have more than enough volunteers ready, if needed. Contact Jim Cockey, james.cockey@gmail.com, 443-614-1546

WiHi Requests: The teachers at our faith-based partner, Wicomico Sr High, have made a few requests. They are asking for: umbrellas (There are a lot of students that walk to and from school.), clear reusable water bottles, fleece blankets (inexpensive or no-sew/fringe), and female hygiene products (always needed). There will be a basket in the parish hall for your donations. Thank you in advance!!!

Weekly Schedule**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting, Faith Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:00 pm Wednesday Midday Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I Service

9:10 am Adult Education, Faith Room

10am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Service *with hymns***LECTORS:** Beth Jones, Brian Raygor**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Sandy Grim**VESTRY PERSON/USHER:** Brian Raygor**ALTAR GUILD:** Katherine West**TECH TEAM:** Katherine West**COFFEE HOUR:** Cristina Machin**GREETERS:** Megan Pomeroy & Sam Hotton**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

4:30 pm Blessing of the Animals, outdoors at the St. Alban's Labyrinth

**MESSAGES
FROM***Rev. Margaret*

St. Alban's is blessed to have **Cheryl Hoke** as our new **Scheduler for Ministries**. We heartily **thanks Mike Mathers** for all the scheduling he has done for us up to now! Cheryl will be scheduling the Lay Ministers who serve during our liturgies on Sundays & Feasts. Cheryl writes this about her new role:

I encourage you to become involved in our St. Alban's "family". There are so many ways we can share our time and talents. I was asked to help by scheduling the VPOD's, which I now know is Vestry Person of the Day, the EM's (Eucharistic Ministers) who help with communion, and the Lectors, readers of the Lessons. This is a small "ministry" that I was called to do. You're up! How can you help?

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.)

Please join us

for an evening of

Trivia and Fun

on

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with Trivia at 6 p.m.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church,
302 Saint Albans Dr., Salisbury



Tickets \$30



Included:

1. A professional trivia host, Chris Smith
2. Heavy hors d'oeuvres
3. Water / Lemonade
4. And 2 vouchers for beer or wine

There will be four rounds of trivia and prizes for the winning team at the end of each round and a grand prize for the overall winners. Maximum of 6 players per team. Sign up as a team or join with others to form teams when you arrive. 50/50 raffle.

RSVP by September 27, 2023 to cmachin@matice.com.
Payment will be taken at the door.

All proceeds go to the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a Philanthropic Educational Organization which promotes the education of women.



DIocese of Easton
**FALL MISSION SUMMIT
& MINISTRY FAIR**
LIVE MUSIC - INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS
KIDS' ZONE - FOOD VENDORS- FUN
Saturday, October 7, 2023
10am - 2pm
Hosted by:
Christ Church Kent Island
830 Romancoke Road
Stevensville,
for more information visit
[www.dioceseofeaston.org/
missionsummit2023](http://www.dioceseofeaston.org/missionsummit2023)

FREE ENTRY



Notes from the Office of the Bishop

9/25/23 Presiding Bishop Michael Curry out of ICU

Following a surgery last week to remove an adrenal gland and attached mass, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has been moved from the intensive care unit of the hospital to a standard hospital room. He will continue his recovery there, and updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Please continue to uplift Bishop Curry, his family, and his whole medical team in your prayers.

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