

Herald

St. Alban's Mission:
"Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation"

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH, SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Happy
Thanksgiving

American Indian Heritage Month

*Humility isn't denying your strengths;
it's being honest about your weaknesses."*



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WORSHIP

WATCH ONLINE EVERY SUNDAY

SERVICE HOURS

SUNDAY

8am Rite I Holy Eucharist

10am Rite II Holy Eucharist

with hymns

WEDNESDAY

12pm Wednesday Midday Service

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Alban's: Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation



This is our identity as a parish, which we articulated with these words. We endeavor to follow Christ in welcoming "all sorts and conditions of [humanity]." We offer baptism and eucharist to all, and the pastoral offices of reconciliation, ministry to the sick, and Christian burial to those who ask. We do not discriminate with regard to gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation or identity, or mental capacity. With regard to marriage, our policy is to meet all couples desiring a Christian wedding. The legal requirements, both civil and church, must be met. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender. However, the clergy may decline to officiate for other reasons.



A Message from Rev. Margaret +

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE US!



ALL SAINTS DAY is a Principal Feast Day of the Church, taking precedence over any other day or observance. Traditionally, All Saints Day expresses the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ. Especially remembered are the faithful who died because of their faith. The veneration of saints in the Episcopal Church (United States) is a continuation of an ancient tradition from the early Church which honors important and influential people of the Christian faith. The usage of the term SAINT is similar to the Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions. Episcopalians believe in the communion of saints in prayer and as such the Episcopal liturgical calendar accommodates feasts for saints. This is the liturgical calendar found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Lesser Feasts and Fasts and additions made at General Conventions: the relevant official resources of the Episcopal Church. There are many Saints of the Church that I go to when I need inspiration, guidance, or spiritual sustenance: Julian of Norwich, St. Benedict, St. Francis of Assisi, John Donne and St. Cecelia to name a few.

All Saints Day Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ALL SOULS DAY began as an extension of All Saints, as a way to remember all the faithfully departed in a community, based on the New Testament use of the word "saints" to describe all the people of the Christian community. I truly think of my mother Madeline Mary, my grandmother Margaret Riley and my great grandmother Mary Riley as 'saints' in my life. I remember them as special people who lived lives that impacted others by their contributions to the church, the family, the community, and society. The strength I gained from their saintly lives has formed me to be who I am today. It is odd that I don't include one of the males, such as my father, grandfathers, uncles, and cousins who were major staples to me, the family and communities, but I don't label them as 'saints'. Nor are any of the many other females in my family included under that mantle. I also have had friends and co-workers that lived 'saint-like' lives that helped guide me through many difficult situations and times in my life. I feel as if their lives speak to me when I am presented with a choice that is not readily made. When I think "How would Nancy approach this?" or "I bet Larry or Kathie would have given me another view on this!". This is how those special people who have been present at times throughout your life, still live on!!!

-Who have been the Saints in your lives?

-How did they and how do they continue to affect how you live today?



A message from the Senior Warden

Mary Doak, November 2023

An Attitude of Gratitude

Happy November! Happy Thanksgiving!

Where to begin to count my blessings?

(When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.)

*I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30*

First of all, I have all of you to thank for being part of this church. We are a varied, weird, unusual, loving, eccentric, eclectic, caring, wonderful, sometimes exasperating bunch of people. Just like a family. Sometimes we come together, sometimes we don't. But we always stay in loving communication with each other. *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7.* Thank you.

I am grateful for the vestry and their overwhelming support of St. Alban's. I am grateful we have a Rector. I am grateful for the awesome support of our Administrative Assistant and our Choir Director. *Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, Hebrews 12:28.* Thank you.

Thank you for being there. Thank you for being supportive. Thank you for being who you are and for sharing yourself with others so that they know how wonderful you are.

Thank you Michelle Ben!



By: the Editor

Michelle Ben has stepped up to take care of the St. Alban's Kitchen. She has done an exceptionally good job! She recently made sure the kitchen was perfect for our Health Inspection.

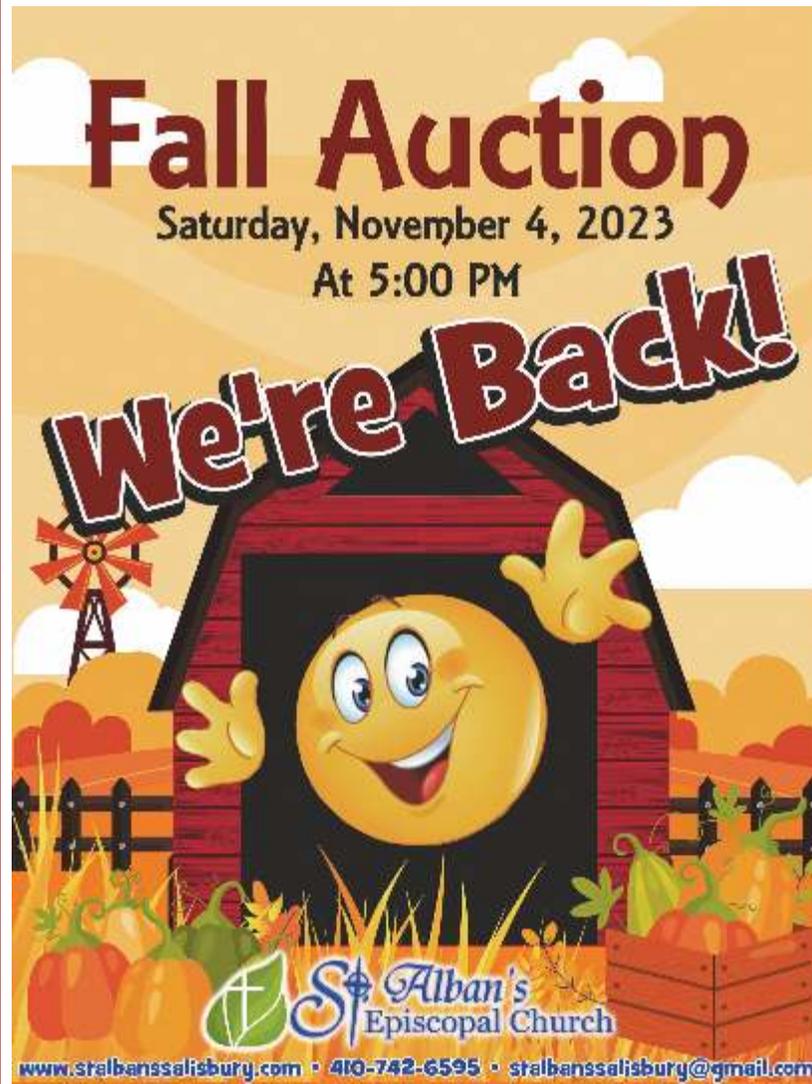
Thank you Michelle for your help and for all you do!

Photos by: Rev. Margaret Barack

Autumn is a beautiful time of year on the Eastern Shore. In just a few minutes we can leave behind the traffic and shopping centers of Salisbury and drive along open fields beneath October skies. By now many of the fields have been harvested, although some of the incredibly big combines are still at work. We love living in an agricultural area. There are so many reminders of the importance of cultivation, not only of the land but of our communities and even ourselves. What we value requires our attention and care if we want to reap a life-giving harvest.

Credit: The Joseph House Newsletter, October 2023





Fall Auction
Saturday, November 4, 2023
At 5:00 PM

We're Back!

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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St. Alban's Fall Auction is Back!

By: Shelly Madsen

St. Alban's Salisbury will host its 11th Fall Auction on Saturday, November 4, at 6 pm. The auction, which will feature an artisan market, gift cards, services performed by St. Alban's members and tickets to parties hosted by St. Alban's members, will benefit the Rector's Discretionary Fund at the parish; students, teachers and staff at Wicomico High School, our faith partner; and Episcopal Relief and Development, with funds targeted particularly at disaster relief for Maui.

A catalog of items for sale will be posted on the St. Alban's website, www.stalbanssalisbury.com, about a week before the auction. Please come and bid generously! The auction will be preceded by an Italian dinner at 5 pm. Reservations for the dinner closed on October 29; seating for those without reservations will be made on a space-available basis only. Dinner costs \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, and includes dessert and entry to the auction. Entry for the auction only is just \$5, which includes entertainment and a gourmet cupcake. Payments are by cash or check only. St. Alban's looks forward to seeing you on November 4!



WHAT'S NEW IN THE 2023 ST. ALBAN'S AUCTION???

By: Arlene White

For dessert this year, we will have an assortment of fancy cupcakes from Cake Art. In addition to a variety of flavors to tempt your palate and extravagant designs as a feast for your eyes, hidden in ONE of the cupcakes will be a small piece of paper with the word PRIZE on it.

Kuhn's Jewelers has donated a sterling silver cross with synthetic diamonds on a 19" adjustable paper clip style chain worth \$150.

Have you signed up for the auction dinner yet? Dessert is included! Will you be the big winner of the evening?



Online Giving

By: Shelly Madsen

Did you know that St. Alban's accepts online donations through our association with WeShare. You can pay your pledge online or make one-time donations. If you like the convenience of set it and forget it, maybe online giving is for you. Instructions are below.



(Note: WeShare keeps .21% of all donations as their processing fee.)

For one-time online giving: Go to: <https://stalbanssalisbury.churchgiving.com>

- Click on the "Give Now" button
- Click on the "One Time" button
- Chose a fund and enter the amount of your donation
- Once the amount is filled in, fill in your payment details and hit the "Submit" button



To set up regular giving: Go to: <https://stalbanssalisbury.churchgiving.com>

- Click on the "Give Now" button
- Click on the "Reoccurring" button
- Chose a fund and enter the amount of your donation
- Enter frequency of giving and start date
- Enter your payment details and hit the "Submit" button



To all who contribute to the St. Alban's Fall Auction with gift cards and gift certificates- YOU ROCK!

Thank you for helping make this a fabulous auction and for supporting P.E.O. in their cause to provide support for women pursuing their educational goals.

Bendiciones (Blessings),

Cristina Machin



The Diocesan Fall Mission Summit

By: the Editor

The Diocesan Fall Mission Summit was held on Saturday, October 7th at Christ Church, Stevensville.

Rev. Margaret Brack, Jim Cockey, and Steve and Julie Crabill attended to represent the St. Alban's Green Team! Thank you for the beautiful displays and wonderful representation of St. Alban's.



Blessing Of the animals

Article Source: <https://www.saintpats.org/>

Who is St. Francis of Assisi: St. Francis of Assisi was born in the 12th century,, lived in Italy, and founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St Clare, and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women not able to live the lives of itinerant preachers. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and for his love for animals and nature. He is a patron saint of animals and the environment.

The Blessing of Animals: Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures. You can pray for and bless your pets and animals at home too. A verbal blessing and a sprinkling holy water can be offered in your backyard garden or anywhere inside your home.



21 Parties Offered at the November 4 Fall Action

Good times and good company are ahead for us. Just look at the variety of parties that are being offered at this year's auction! Spend some time with this list and decide what parties you would like to attend. Please review the catalog that was emailed out last week for the full list of instructions regarding how you can sign up to attend parties.

Thank you to all who offered to host a gathering.

Please note that nonalcoholic beverages are available at each event.

Saturdays

Sundays

Date and Time	Party/Event	Host - # of Guests	Cost Per Person
2023			
November 18 4pm	Wordle, Wine, and Whimsy – Wine, soda, and appetizers – 3 different games of Wordle played in different group sizes	Rev. Margaret and Jim Brack – 20 guests	\$20
December 9 3pm	Caroling Party: Secular and sacred carols for Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Hot chocolate, apple cider, eggnog, and a variety of cookies.	Rev. Margaret and Jim Brack – 25 guests	Adults: \$10 Children: \$3
2024			
January 13 7pm	Learn to Taste Wine by Gaming – Ever wanted to learn to identify wines using sight, smell, and taste alone? Come play the Wine Tasting game and start your journey to becoming a sommelier! Food will be served with each round.	Jennifer and Jeremy Cox – 8 Guests	\$30
January 14 2-4:30pm	Ping Pong and Agape – A Sunday afternoon of ping pong, fellowship, and refreshments	Amy and Jim Isaacs- 6 guests	\$7.50
January 21 2-4pm	St. Alban's Crime Scene Kitchen -Your team will investigate a "Crime Scene" and use clues to recreate a delicious confection. The best kitchen detectives will be crowned. Mayhem and hilarity guaranteed!	Beth Jones and Becca Jones Hochmuth – 6 guests	\$30
February 10 6pm	German Dinner - Enjoy sauerbraten, spaetzle, red cabbage, and Linzer torte.	Pat and Rod Layton – 8 guests	\$30
February 17 6-8:30pm	Vive la France! Enjoy a 3 course French dinner,	Ruth Baker, Maarten Peerboom, Veronica Tomanek, and Arlene White – 8 guests	\$40
March 2 5:30pm	A Bread Making Party	Jim Cockey – 8 guests	\$15



March 9 5pm	Irish Dinner – Lamb Stew, accompaniments, and dessert from the Emerald Isle	Mae Esh – 6 guests	\$40
March 10 4pm	Laetare Sunday Costume Party – A fun celebration on this “Rejoice Sunday” in Lent. Food, music, and fun.	Rev. Margaret and Jim Brack – Unlimited – All ages welcome	\$7
March 24 7pm	Strawberry Ice Cream Party	Pat and Rod Layton -8 guests	\$7
April 6 4pm	Earth Day Party – Come celebrate the new life of spring at a colorful garden party!	Erica and Sean Howard – 10 guests	\$10
April 20 6:30pm	“Laissez les bons temps rouler!” – A New Orleans evening of supper and trivia	Dee and Harry Rinehart – 8 guests	\$35
May 4 6pm	“It’s not Easy Being Green Dinner” Celebrate Kermit the Frog’s birthday by dining on a wide variety of green foods.	Shelly Madsen and Greg Glass – 6 guests	\$25
June 15 5-8pm	Party on the Porch – Come to the West’s house for an evening of boating, conversations, and burgers!	Katherine and Walt West – 16 guests	\$30
June 23 7pm	Peach Ice Cream Party	Pat and Rod Layton – 8 guests	\$7
June 29 4pm	Wine and Cheese Pairing - Wine, iced tea, and coffee served with appetizers	Sandy and Don Grim – 6 guests	\$35
July 15 6pm	BBQ, Burritos and other Mexican Fare – Assemble your own burritos before they are grilled.	Shelly Madsen and Greg Glass – 6 guests	\$25
August 10 5:30-8pm	Spanish Night – Dine on Gazpacho, Spanish Potato Omelet, and other traditional dishes from Spain. ¡Buen provecho!	Cristina Machin and Kevin Justice -6 guests	\$20
September 22 7pm	Chocolate Ice Cream Party	Pat and Rod Layton – 8 guests	\$7
October 19 3pm	Team Scavenger Hunt – Teams of two will meet at the church, scatter to complete tasks, and meet back at the Walsh’s house for soup, salad, bread, and dessert. An award ceremony will top off the evening.	Sharon and Ron Walsh – 10	\$25

Green Sunday

OCTOBER 15TH



Photos by: Kim O'Grady and Sam Hotton, and Rev. Margaret Brack



Ho,
Ho,
Ho!

Need a present?

Gift cards are here!

Gift cards don't expire!

They come in pretty colors!

They are light and travel friendly!

Gifts cards can bring merry all year long!

The recipient gets to choose their present!

No more guessing the color, size, smell or looks of the present!

Traveling during the holidays? Your gift card gets you gifts and gas!

Cooking for the family? Grocery stores accept gift cards too!

Gift cards are fat free, calorie free, no mess, no clean up!

HAVE A MERRY

SEASON

YOU

ALL!

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a Philanthropic Educational Organization which promotes the education of women. When you buy a gift card through our P.E.O Chapter, you help raise funds to support this cause.

For more information on P.E.O, talk to us – Cristina, Shelly, Mary, Julie

Place your orders by November 15th and your gifts will be delivered after Thanksgiving. I will be in church before and after the 10 am service to take your orders!

Thank you for your support! Cristina Machin



Southern Convocation

By: Margaret Brack

St. Alban's hosted the October meeting of the Episcopal Convocation of the Diocese of Easton. Rev. Margaret led Evening Prayer in the church and then they all went to dinner at Goin' Nuts! Always a good place for a gathering!

Happy Retirement Jim!

From: WiCHD



DR. JAMES COCKEY RETIRING

Salisbury, MD - The Wicomico County Health Department (WiCHD), a division of the Maryland Department of Health, announces the retirement of James Cockey, M.D. Following Dr. Cockey's retirement on September 29th.

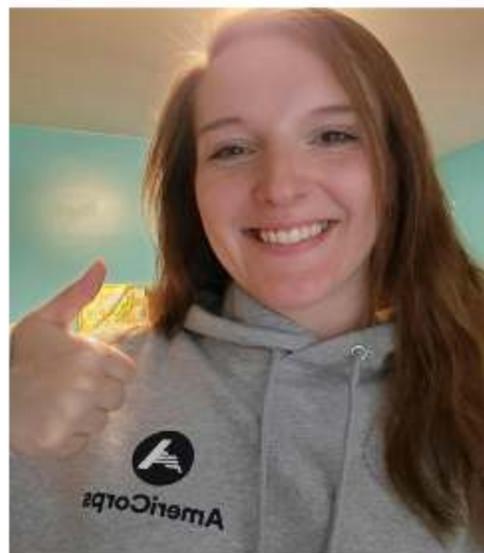
Since 1983, Dr. Cockey has worked as a clinician and consultant for WiCHD and later became its medical director in 2008. In addition to WiCHD, Dr. Cockey also served Somerset and Worcester County Health Departments throughout the years.

Dr. Cockey played an instrumental role in establishing the Hub and Spoke program, a tri-county program that connected local healthcare providers to promote and support Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in primary care offices. He filled an important need as a Civil Surgeon for our area, providing required immigration examinations.

“WiCHD wishes to thank Dr. James Cockey for his long standing service to the residents of Wicomico County. His years of service demonstrate his dedication to public health and our entire community. We wish him many years of enjoyment and good health following his retirement on Friday, September 29th.

Congratulations Rebecca!

From: Delmarva Public Media



Give a Warm Welcome to our New Volunteer Coordinator!

In mid-August, we welcomed Rebecca Jones-Hochmuth to the Delmarva Public Media team. Becca is an AmeriCorps member who is serving as DPM's Volunteer Coordinator for the next year. Her background in music, coursework in communications, knowledge of the Delmarva community, and desire to learn new things make her the perfect fit for this role!

An Eastern Shore native, Becca hails from Parsonsburg, MD. She attended Wicomico High School and studied Communications at Wor-Wic Community College, where she received her Associates Degree. Becca is a music lover and currently sings with Vox Concordia and the St. Alban's Episcopal Church choir. She's also an animal lover and can be found volunteering at the Humane Society of Wicomico County or pet sitting for family and friends.

Along with singing, Becca likes to explore her creative side by painting, crafting, and baking.

In her new position with DPM, Becca is taking charge of various aspects of our outreach efforts. A primary focus will be recruiting and scheduling volunteers for events and activities relating to the station.

Some examples of volunteerism are office help such as stuffing envelopes, assisting at the DPM booth for events such as the upcoming Maryland Folk Festival, and being part of the station's team at community events such as coastal clean-ups.

St. Alban's and Community News



Happy
Thanksgiving

We Offer Thanks

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Father we thank thee for this food,
For health and strength and all things good.
May others all these blessings share,
And hearts be grateful everywhere

We thank thee, father, for thy care,
And for thy bounty everywhere;
For this and every other gift,
Our grateful hearts to thee we lift

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends,
We offer thanks, Amen.

Photo by: Chad Madden @chadmadden



Ben's Red Swings Clean up Day:
Saturday, November 25 from 9am-12noon. Please bring work gloves, pitchforks, rakes, shovels, brooms, wheelbarrows. Don't forget to label tools. Donuts and bagels, coffee and hot chocolate provided. If you have any questions, email Katherine Layton at katherinelayton17@yahoo.com.

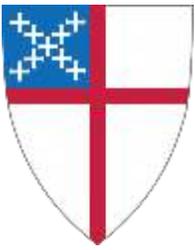


Photo by: Manasvita S

What To Do with Those Abundant Calendars?

Do you wonder what to do with all the pretty calendars and date books that come in the mail from charities you contribute to? Give them to someone who can't afford them! Go-Getters serves community members recovering from serious mental illness, many of whom live with little or no income and can't buy their own calendars. Your unwanted calendars and date books will be a blessing to them—to help them organize their lives, be on time, be independent, build self-respect—and have something nice to look at, too.

To donate your extra calendars, bring them to the parish hall where there will be a box for them. You can also contact Jenny Buchanan at 276-608-4693.



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FALL
BACKWARD

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Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, clocks are set back 1 hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.” Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 5, 2023, than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

Don't forget to set your clocks and be on time for Sunday Services!