

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Herald deadline: Articles and photos for the January Herald are due Sunday, December 17th. Please email your submissions to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com. The deadline is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Poinsettia Christmas Flowers: Please help us decorate the Altar for Christmas by purchasing a Poinsettia. Forms will be in the breezeway. Please make check payable to St. Alban's Church and write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Return by December 17th. (Flower Offerings can be put in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or sent to the parish post office box: St Alban's Church, PO Box 1511, Salisbury, MD 21802)

Advent Lunches: The next advent lunch will be on December 17th after the 10 am service. This will be a great time for good food and fellowship. A signup sheet is in the breezeway if you plan to attend. If you are bringing soup, bread or dessert, please note that next to your name. The lunches will take the place of coffee hour.

2024 Pledge Reminder: Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a pledge for 2024. For those of you who have not yet submitted a pledge, please put your completed pledge card in the box in the breezeway or email the details (total value annual pledge, pay via plate or online, and if you want pledge envelopes) to shelly_madsen@yahoo.com.

Cleaning out closets before the holidays? If so, please consider donating items to Salisbury Middle's Annual Holiday Shop. You can bring gently used items to church and drop them off in the Joy room, or I can pick them up. This year, the Holiday Shop will be on December 14 - 15, from 10:30 - 1:00. We welcome volunteer wrappers - if interested, please email Katherine West (kwest@wcboe.org). Thanks for supporting Salisbury Middle! 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.*

Our Faith Partner, Wicomico High School, has asked us to help again this year to stock their food pantry. Your generous support is very much needed! Here is what they have asked for specifically: Pasta (spaghetti, mac and cheese), Breakfast items (cereal, poptarts), Ramen, and PB&J. Please remember, some of these students do not have kitchen facilities and anything that they might put in their backpacks and cook in a microwave is very appreciated. Thank you for helping our neighbors!

WiHi Requests: Our faith-based partner, Wicomico Sr High, have made a few requests. They need: umbrellas, clear reusable water bottles, fleece blankets (inexpensive or no-sew/fringe), and female hygiene products. There will be a basket in the parish hall for your donations. Thank you in advance!!!

Weekly Schedule

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:00 pm Wednesday Midday Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I Service

LECTORS: Toby and Chuck Porter

TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

9:10 am Adult Education, Faith Room

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

featuring youth Service with hymns

LECTORS: Charlie Cox, Chris Howard

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Linda Torbert

VESTRY PERSON: James & Mike Mathers

ALTAR GUILD: Carrie Connelly, Mae Esh

TECH TEAM: Alannah and Brian Raygor

COFFEE HOUR: TBA

GREETER: Brian Raygor

Happy Birthday

Charles DiMola 12/07

Elinor Wallace 12/08

Patti Serkes 12/10



Coffee Hour Hosts needed.

Please sign up in the breezeway.



MESSAGES
FROM

Rev. Margaret

This Sunday, December 10, 2023 at our 10am service we will feature the youth in the parish! All ministries during this service will have a youth presence, except the Eucharistic Minister role, which is a licensed ministry. This will be the first Youth Service in this liturgical year- Year B, which just began on December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent. Our next Youth Service will be in May, 2024. If you are a youth and are interested or would like to see what roles are open to you here at St. Alban's, please contact me at revmargaretsbrack@gmail.com.

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.)

Greening of the Church

****Greening of the Church - Update from the Herald's Calendar****

One of the fun holiday traditions of St. Albans is the greening (or decorating) of the church for Christmas. This is a great holiday activity that is appropriate for people of all ages including out of town company and friends. People who think they are creative and those who think they aren't can all help and have fun.

Since the season of Advent is different from the season of Christmas, we cannot officially green the church until after the last Advent church service which takes place this year on December 24. Therefore, this year the greening will take place in two parts.

Part 1: We will make the wreaths, pew swags and get all the decorations staged and stored in the nursery on Wednesday, December 20, from 4-6pm.

Part 2: We will decorate the church immediately following the 10am service on Christmas Eve.

If you have them, bring evergreens/holly/magnolia branches, clippers, and work gloves.

(This information overrides the Herald which stated that the greening will take place at 2pm on Christmas Eve.)

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Yes, there will be song, laughter and goodwill spread on Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 pm. Meet in the parking lot. Bring the kids and wear something Christmasy and warm to spread some cheer. See you there!

Journey of the Holy Family-2023

Advent has begun and Mary and Joseph are beginning their journey towards the Nativity Bethlehem inside St. Alban's. In the meantime, they will be visiting members of the church, as well as exploring Salisbury.

On the first Sunday of Advent, Mary and Joseph stopped to admire the Harriett Tubman statue downtown.

Next, they stopped by Wicomico High School to see the Eastern Shore Ballet Theater's nutcracker. Joseph wasn't able to get a picture, but he's pretty sure he saw Walt and Katherine West at the performance.

