

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Litany for Our Nation Service:** Please join us for our last Litany for Our Nation on Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30 pm in the nave. The brief prayer service will be followed by a dinner of soup and shared fellowship.

**The Herald deadline:** Please email photos & articles to [stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com). Content is due by Sunday, October 20th. Due date is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

**Auction Update:** Gift card, services and artisan market donation forms are available in the breezeway. Put completed forms in the marked box. Put non-perishable items in the Joy Room. The deadline for ALL forms and non-perishable artisan items is OCTOBER 20.

**Thank you to everyone who has already donated a "service" for the 2024 St. Alban's Auction!** If you are still thinking about it, you have until October 20 to make your donation known to the committee by filling out an auction form and putting it in the donation box in the breezeway. If you need ideas, here are some things that have been donated in the past: Homemade Bread; Dinner To Go; Pies; Cookies; Cakes; Live Music; Yardwork; Help with Christmas Decorations; Cat sitter; Colonoscopy Driver; Personal Shopper; Taxi Service; Dump Run; Landscape Helper...or anything else you can think of that would be useful to someone. Please HELP with this important part of our auction. We need you to make this successful!

**Adult Christian Education classes began October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:10-9:45am.** We will be studying the first book of the bible, Genesis. We will be following a twelve-lesson course that will cover the book of Genesis with power-points and reference materials. Please come and join us! **NO Christian Education on October 27th for Reformation Sunday.**

**Greetings! Our church has been blessed to participate in the "Million Trees for Maryland" initiative.** The Maryland Department of Forestry will be donating and helping plant 49 trees, including fruiting pawpaws and persimmons. This will extend our ongoing effort of good environmental stewardship, SO, please plan to join us on Saturday October 19th at 9:30 am to beautify Saint Alban's campus, enjoy fellowship, and be able to brag about how "Green" you are! For more details, see myself, or Jim Cockey. **We are expecting VOLUNTEERS to help us plant trees this Saturday (10/19..0930ish) so please bring extra shovels for them if you have them.** Many thanks, Steve Crabill.

**Reformation Sunday:** On October 27, there will be no 10am service at St Alban's. Instead, to celebrate Reformation Sunday, Faith Lutheran will be hosting a joint Faith-St Alban's worship service at 11:30 am followed by a potluck. The color red represents Reformation Sunday because it represents the Holy Spirit. Following the 11:30 service there will be a potluck in Faith's multipurpose room. Please sign up in the breezeway if you can attend and what favorite RED side dish you will bring to share. This is a great opportunity to enjoy strawberry jello pretzel salad, cranberry relish, beets, chili, and lasagna all in one sitting. People should try to wear red as part of the Reformation celebration!

**St. Alban's will celebrate the Feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day on Sunday, November 3rd.** As part of our celebration, a display will honor the dearly departed friends and family of the congregation. If you have photos, obituaries, or other visual remembrances of someone who has passed away, please provide them to Mike Mathers during the month of October, so that we can prepare for the display. Digital photos can be emailed to [mikemathers@gmail.com](mailto:mikemathers@gmail.com)

**Weekly Schedule****WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16****12:00 pm Wednesday Midday Service****5:30 pm Litany for Our Nation Service****THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17****7:00 pm choir rehearsal****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20****8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service**

LECTOR: Chuck and Toby Porter

TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

**9:10 am Adult Christian Ed., Faith Rm.****10:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service**

LECTORS: Arlene White, Linda Torbert

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sandy Grim

VESTRY PERSON: Shelly Madsen

ALTAR GUILD: Mae Esh

ACOLYTE: Jimmy Martens

TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor

USHERS: Steve Crabill, George Demko

GREETER(S): Jim Cockey

COFFEE HOUR: Shelly Madsen

**Happy Birthday****Rebecca Jones-Hochmuth**  
**10/20****Rod Layton 10/20****MESSAGES  
FROM***Rev. Margaret***Reformation Sunday**

Red is the liturgical color of Reformation Sunday because it represents the Holy Spirit. The color red also represents zeal and martyrdom, reminding us of those who have been martyred for their faith in Jesus. Red in the church is symbolic of passion and blood and is worn on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Pentecost.



All of us have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

**Gift Cards available through the P.E.O gift card fundraiser** - See Cristina to place an order. There is no charge and it supports women's educational goals!

**We have been praying for Carrie's daughter, Julia Connelly,** who is the director at Camp Wright, here in The Diocese of Easton. She went to do recovery ministry from Hurricane Helene at Lake Logan, in North Carolina. She has just returned and we are thankful!