

E-Pistle

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The November Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m. In the Faith Room. All are welcome. Please note that this is a week earlier than our usual time due to Thanksgiving.

The Annual Parish Meeting is this Sunday, November 24 at 9:00 a.m., between the services, so everyone can attend. Elections for Vestry and alternates to Diocesan convention, and a presentation of the tentative 2025 budget are some items on the agenda.

There will be no Adult Christian Education Class, Sunday, November 24 due to the Annual Meeting.

Advent lunches will be held Sunday, December 1 and 8 after the 10:00 a.m. Service.

Need a gift card for the holidays? Ask Cristina about "Check & Carry!": Gift cards are available immediately. Spread cheer while supporting women's educational dreams through P.E.O. P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization which promotes the education of women.

Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness, (the men's cold weather shelter) will be opened on Saturday Nov. 15th thru April. The men arrive after 4pm, enjoy snacks, a hot meal and desserts. They then watch tv, read, play cards/games/puzzles or just turn in to a warm bed. The next morning they get breakfast, a bagged lunch and taken to downtown Salisbury by 7 am. This is rain or shine. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, St. Alban's will provide chicken soup, salad, rolls and dessert. We will be asking for the congregation to donate parts of the meal. If you would like to donate a meal or snacks, you can contact me or go on their Facebook page for the link. Some other items the shelter can always use are articles of clothing, mainly sweat shirts/pants, underwear, socks, and toiletries. They usually sizes Ig-xxIg. If they have any other request, I will pass it along. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Kim O'Grady: pkogrady3@yahoo.com or 410-251-2786.

Ben's Red Swings Fall Clean up Day: Saturday, November 30 from 9am-12noon. Please bring work gloves, pitchforks, rakes, shovels, brooms, wheelbarrows. Don't forget to label your tools. Coffee, hot chocolate, donuts and bagels will be provided to all volunteers. Contact Katherine Layton with any questions: katherinelayton 17@yahoo.com.

Salisbury Middle's Annual Holiday Shop for students will be December 19 and 20. Students have the opportunity to use their Eagle Bucks (good behavior bucks) to purchase new or gently used gift items for their family or friends. Students can also use Eagle Bucks to have items gift wrapped. Every year we rely on the generosity of the community to help stock the holiday shop. When you have a free moment at home, take a look around for new or gently used items that you no longer want and could be re-gifted by our students. Suggested items include: holiday decorations, purses, costume jewelry, candles, toys, gifts for dad, new with tags still attached clothing (no used clothing), sporting equipment, dvds (no R-rated), coffee mugs, anything that would make a nice gift, or you canspend \$5 at any dollar store to purchase gift type items for the event. ***Gift bags and tissue paper are also very needed (used bags and tissue paper are great)*** If you bring items to church, please leave them on the table in the "Joy" room at the end of the back hallway. Or, contact Katherine West (kwest@mywcps.org) and she can pick up items. If you are interested in gift wrapping on Dec. 19 or 20, there will be a sign-up sheet in the breezeway. Thank you for supporting Salisbury Middle!

Weekly Schedule

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting, Faith Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
12:00 pm Wednesday Midday Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service

LECTOR: Geoff Smoot TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

9:00 am Annual Parish Meeting in the church nave

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Service

LECTORS: Amy Isaacs, Mae Esh

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda Torbert, Sandy Grim

VESTRY PERSON: Dee Rinehart ALTAR GUILD: Katherine West

ACOLYTES: Kim O'Grady, Maggie O'Grady, &

Jimmy Martens

TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor

USHERS: Pam & Dean Dedicatoria

GREETER(S): Brian Raygor COFFEE HOUR: TBA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Thanksgiving, Parish Office Closed



MESSAGES FROM Rev. Margaret

As the United Nations climate conference, COP29, continues, let us bring our prayers to God, who

created the earth and all within it. We pray for world leaders: that they may all work together, through the decisions taken, to protect the planet and all who live on it. Amen.



Vox Concordia, presents Winter Reflections on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 pm in the Great Hall on the Salisbury University campus. This program of international seasonal music includes settings of European and South American carols, Renaissance and Baroque music, the poetry of Robert Frost, and features guitarist Danielle Cumming. Tickets are available at www.salisbury.edu/performingarts through the Salisbury University Performing Arts Box Office.

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.)