

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Happy Thanksgiving:** The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.

**Advent lunches** will be held Sunday, December 1 and 8 after the 10:00 a.m. Service. This will be a great time for good food and fellowship. The lunches will take the place of coffee hour.

**Covenant Council Munch and Wrap:** Our joint Covenant Council will hold a cookie exchange. It will be held at Faith Lutheran this year at 4pm on Sunday, December 15. For every cookie you take, you can eat or bring the equivalent number of cookies home. While there, we will enjoy cocoa, fellowship and wrap the gifts we collected for MAC's Adopt a Grandparent program.

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**MESSAGES  
FROM***Rev. Margaret***Thanksgiving Is**

Thanksgiving is  
a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider,  
whose guidance and care go before us...  
and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is  
a time to reflect on the changes,  
to remember that we, too, grow and change  
from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is  
a time of changing seasons, when leaves turn golden  
in Autumn's wake and apples are crisp  
in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving.  
As we see the beauty of Autumn,  
let us acknowledge the many blessings which are ours...  
let us think of our families and friends..  
and let us give thanks in our hearts.

- Author Unknown

**Weekly Schedule****TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**7:00 pm** Choir rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**12:00 pm** Wednesday Midday Service

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**Happy Thanksgiving, Parish Office  
Closed**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**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.

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Service

LECTORS: Dee Rinehart, Katherine West

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan Pomeroy

VESTRY PERSON: Arlene White

ALTAR GUILD: Michelle Ben

ACOLYTES: Jimmy Martens

TECH TEAM: Katherine West

GREETERS/USHERS: Linda Torbert, Mae Esh

COFFEE HOUR: Advent Lunch



**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 are 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 need sizes lg-xxlg. 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: pkograde3@yahoo.com or 410-251-2786.

**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](http://www.salisbury.edu/performingarts) through the Salisbury University Performing Arts Box Office.

**Vox Concordia's Giving Tuesday campaign** has begun. Help them build community through music by making a gift for their Giving Tuesday campaign. For more information, please visit their facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/voxconcordiamusic/> if you would like to support them.

**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: [katherinelayton17@yahoo.com](mailto:katherinelayton17@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 can spend \$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](mailto: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!

**Gift Collection for MAC's Adopt a Grandparent Program:** Now through December 15, we are collecting gifts for MAC's (Medicaid Alternative Care) Adopt a Grandparent program. Please put your donations in the marked bin located under the breezeway table. Suggested gift ideas include: household items such as towels, kitchen towels etc / non-perishable food / snack items / personal care items – chapstick, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, toothpaste, and toothbrush / gift cards – grocery store, restaurant, pharmacy, treats like McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, Dairy Queen / hobbies – puzzles, wordsearch, music CD's, adult coloring, magazines/Christmas decorations – table top trees, poinsettias, etc / 2025 calendar / gloves, scarves and toboggans / stationary and stamps.

**Happy Birthday**

**Gary Stiegler 11/26**  
**Jeremy Cox 12/01**



**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.)