



## E-Pistle

November 25, 2025

### News & Announcements -

> **Food for HHEH (men's winter shelter)** - On Wednesday, November 26 from 4-5 p.m., St. Alban's will be providing dinner for the men's shelter. Howard and Julie will make chicken soup, but we are looking for people to donate salad, fruit (apple, banana, cuties), and desserts. Please sign up in the breezeway or email Shelly Madsen at [shelly\\_madsen@yahoo.com](mailto:shelly_madsen@yahoo.com); please deliver food to the St. Alban's kitchen between the hours listed above. If you have any questions in advance or may be late to drop off food, please contact Shelly, Mary Doak (410-603-7679) or Howard Doak (410-422-9758). HHEH's wish list for breakfast/snack items includes: pop tarts, boxes of cereal, individual packages of oatmeal, single serve packages of chips / crackers /cookies. Leave donations in the church kitchen under the parking lot window with "HHEH" written on them.

> **The church office will be closed** Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28.

> **Christian Education for Advent** - Sandy Grim (Worship Team) and Chuck Porter (Member Care) are organizing a plan to continue Christian Education while we're in our interim period. This will allow us the chance to gather, share, fellowship, and spend time growing together. During this season, we will be using the **Living Compass: Living Well Through Advent** materials, which can be found at this link: <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent> . Limited paper copies are available for \$1; please see Sandy or Chuck for a copy. There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway as well. Classes will start on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30 and run through December 28. They will be held in the Faith room from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. As we plan to continue Christian Education into the new year, your input is important. Please take a moment to fill out [this form](#) or pick up a paper copy on the table in the breezeway. Responses are needed by Sunday, December 14.

> **Safety Committee** Update - The Safety Committee will be hosting a sheriff's office representative on Tuesday, December 2, at 4 p.m. in the parish hall. The goal is to gather information as we continue to formulate our safety plan. There will be a presentation and light refreshments. While this meeting is geared towards Safety Committee members, anyone in the congregation may attend, and your input is encouraged. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Cox at [jcoxreporter@yahoo.com](mailto:jcoxreporter@yahoo.com) .

> **Vox Concordia**, a 24-member chamber choir under the direction of Veronica Tomanek, presents *Into the Light* on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin. The program explores the power of light to capture the warmth of the season through grace, thankfulness, celebration, and faith and features music styles ranging from the Renaissance to contemporary arrangements of carols by international composers. Tickets are available at [www.voxsingers.com](http://www.voxsingers.com)

> **Advent Lunches** - Our 2025 Advent lunches will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 7 and 14. Please see the sign-up sheets in the breezeway.

> **Litany of the Nation** will take place on Monday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m. A light supper follows the service. Invite a friend for prayer, supper, and fellowship.

- > **St. Philip's Guest Lecture Series** - The annual live wreath making will return December 8 and 9 at 1:00 p.m. There will be a focus on designing angelic creations to coincide with the Church Mouse's "Angelfest" items for sale. Celebrate the holiday spirit with fragrant evergreens and a flap of your wings. Please bring ribbon for your creation. To register, please call the church at 410-742-1837 or email [ewallingford2004@yahoo.com](mailto:ewallingford2004@yahoo.com) .
  
- > **Christmas flowers** - Christmas is celebrated to mark the coming of Jesus. It is the perfect time to honor those you love with a dedication of Christmas flowers. We invite you to make a contribution in memory of, in thanksgiving for, or in honor of, your loved ones. Your dedication will appear in the Christmas bulletin. Please make check payable to St. Alban's Church and write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Flower offerings may be put in the offering plate on Sunday morning or you may send a check to St Alban's Church, 302 St. Alban's Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804. Flower offerings must be received by December 14!
  
- > **Here we go a caroling....** on December 14th after the Advent lunch. If you are interested in going, please contact Rebecca Jones-Hochmuth ([rjoneshochmuth@gmail.com](mailto:rjoneshochmuth@gmail.com)) or Kim O'Grady ([pkograde3@yahoo.com](mailto:pkograde3@yahoo.com)) by December 12. We also need suggestions for parishioners to visit and brighten their holiday. Please ask them if they are OK with us coming to their homes before suggesting them.
  
- > **Salisbury Middle School Holiday Shop** will be open December 18 and 19. Volunteers are needed to wrap - see sign up sheet in the breezeway for dates, times, instructions. DONATIONS, items the students can "buy" are needed too. Please bring donations to the church by December 14 and leave them in the Joy Room. Wrapping materials are also greatly appreciated!
  
- > **SOCIAL SUPPERS 2026** - The Fellowship Committee will be starting "Social Suppers" in the new year. This will be an opportunity to see old friends and make new ones in informal settings involving FOOD over the course of a year. Please see sign up sheets in the breezeway for hosts and participants. Sign-up deadline is Sunday, December 21. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Hoke / [cherhoke@gmail.com](mailto:cherhoke@gmail.com)

## Weekly Schedule

- Wednesday, November 18** > HHEH dinner preparation (see announcement)
- Thursday, November 27** > **Happy Thanksgiving!**  
> Office closed
- Friday, November 28** > Office closed
- Sunday, November 30** > **First Sunday in Advent**  
8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service  
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Sheila McJilton  
LECTORS: Germaine Marshall  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Carrie Connelly  
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter  
TECH TEAM: Donna Parks  
> **9:00 a.m. - Christian Formation in the Faith Room - Living Well Through Advent**
- > 10:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service  
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Sheila McJilton  
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek  
LECTORS: Amy Isaacs, Brian Raygor  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda Torbert, Sandy Grim  
VESTRY PERSON: Kim O'Grady

ACOLYTE: Kim O'Grady  
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert, Sandy Grim  
TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor  
GREETERS/USHERS: Katherine & Walt West  
COFFEE HOUR: TBA  
> Mary and Joseph begin their journey

## CELEBRATIONS!!!



Gary Stiegler - November 24  
Jeremy Cox - December 1



Frieda Malcolm & Charlie Osberger -  
November 29

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