



News & Announcements

- > **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 .
- > **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
- > **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 NOT take place on Monday, December 8. The prayer service and light supper will return in January.
- > **Buy your holiday gift cards** through P.E.O. at no cost to you! This fundraiser helps support women's educational goals. See Jenny Buchanan or Cristina Machin to place an order. Gift cards will be delivered to you between 12/21-23.
- > **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 .
- > **The Gottschalk Family** invites you to a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at their home at 29879 Deer Harbour Drive. R.S.V.P to Jani or Jim via text at 443-365-4689 / 410-251-9972 by December 10. Feel free to bring any festive fare you'd like to share, if you so desire.
- > **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) or Kim O'Grady (pkogrady3@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

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, December 2

Thursday, December 4

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

> 4:00 p.m. Safety Plan presentation - Parish Hall (see announcement)

> 7:00 p.m. Choir

> 9:00 a.m. EV / EM / Worship Leader training

> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

> Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Laura Dorsey

LECTORS: Kristen Spicer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jim Cockey

ACOLYTE: Toby Porter

VESTRY PERSON: Chuck Porter

TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

> 9:00 a.m. - Christian Formation in the Faith Room - Living Well Through Advent

> 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Laura Dorsey

PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek

LECTORS: Steve Crabill, Katherine West

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan Pomeroy

VESTRY PERSON: Shelly Madsen

ACOLYTE: Kim O'Grady

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Grim

TECH TEAM: Katherine West

GREETERS/USHERS: Jani & Jim Gottschalk

> Advent Lunch after the 2nd service

> Mary and Joseph continue their journey

> 3:00 p.m. Vox Concordia concert at St. Paul's in Berlin

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Charles Dimola - December 7



Kathy & Glenn Slaughter -
December 3

Mary and Joseph - Advent 2025 has begun and the holy family is excited to explore the Salisbury area as they make their way to the manger inside St. Alban's. This week Mary and Joseph visited the Berlin Ice Sculpture festival on Friday, and then on Saturday admired Downtown Salisbury's Christmas Tree before visiting George at his home.

Would you like a visit from the Holy Family? If so, send a note to mikemathers@gmail.com or sign up in the breezeway.



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