



E-Pistle

January 6, 2026

News & Announcements

- > **THANK YOU to all** who helped with the DE-greening of the church last Sunday! It takes a village....
- > **2026 Church Directory** - Look for a separate e-mail this week regarding how to provide the necessary information for our 2026 St. Alban's Directory. Paper copies will also be available on the table in the breezeway for the next several Sundays. If you wish to have your picture taken, please find Dean Dedicatoria, Sunday, January 11 and 18.
- > **Christian Education** classes will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2026 from 9:00-9:50 a.m. in the Faith Room. We will be using the readings from the bulletin for our discussion. They will cover the first Sunday after Epiphany (The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ) through the last Sunday of Epiphany on February 15. See Sandy Grim and / or Chuck Porter for more information. Sign-up sheet is in the breezeway.
- > **Installation of the 2026 Vestry** will take place at both services on January 11. The Vestry retreat will take place on Saturday, January 17.
- > **Women Supporting Women** will be honored as 1 of our auction recipients during the 10:00 a.m. service Sunday, January 11.
- > **Litany for the Nation** prayer service will take place on Monday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m. A light supper of soup and bread will follow. Come and pray and bring a friend.
- > **Food for HHEH (men's winter shelter)** - On Wednesday, January 21 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 and 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 include: pop tarts, boxes of cereal, individual packages of oatmeal, single serve packages of chips/crackers/cookies. Please leave any donations in the church kitchen (under the parking lot window with "HHEH" written on them).
- > **The Lunch Bunch Group** - This is a great opportunity for current and new members to get to know each other in a more relaxed setting. It is especially wonderful for newcomers as it takes time to remember everyone's names! The 2nd gathering will be at the Green Hill Country Club, 5471 Whitehaven Road, Quantico, MD on Thursday, January 22 at 12:30 p.m. If you choose, bring along a short poem or item of prose to share with us all! We need to let Green Hill know how many are coming, so please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or text Muffet Reath at 207-610-9556 before Monday, January 19. It has been suggested that those who would like to carpool arrive at the church before noon and disperse into assorted vehicles. Please also indicate if you want to carpool. Join us for fun, fellowship and great food!
- > **Shuvunda!!!** Did you receive an "unwanted" gift for Christmas that you want to "Shuvunda" your bed or couch? Well....on Saturday, January 24th, at 3:00 p.m., we will be having a "Shuvunda" party in the parish hall. Bring your unwanted gift (or any item), 1 person, wrapped, and you will be able to "exchange" it for another gift. Lite snacks will be offered. Please sign up in the breezeway or contact Kim or Maggie O'Grady (pkograde3@yahoo.com / maggiiscool18@gmail.com).
- > Deb Rossi has put in a request for **homemade soups for H.O.P.E.** for winter weather emergencies. She requests they are frozen flat in gallon bags. You can contact Deb deb.messick@comcast.net, George Demko demkogeorge34@gmail.com or Kim O'Grady pkograde3@yahoo.com for delivery.
- > **2026 Sanctus Lamp and Altar Flowers AND February & March Coffee Hour** sign up sheets are now available in the breezeway.

> The Safety Committee has recommended that the glass door by the office be locked at all times. Please use the red doors under the green awning to enter church on Sundays.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, January 6

> Epiphany

Thursday, January 8

> Worship Committee 5:30 p.m. - Faith Room
> Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11

> **2026 Vestry installation at both services**

> 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Sheila McJilton
LECTOR: Geoffrey Smoot
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Carrie Connelly
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter
TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

> **9:00 a.m. - Christian Formation resumes**

> 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Sheila McJilton
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Katherine West, Kim O'Grady
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Megan Pomeroy, Sandy Grim
VESTRY PERSON: Dee Rinehart
ACOLYTE: Jimmy Martens
ALTAR GUILD: Michelle Ben
TECH TEAM: Katherine West
GREETERS/USHERS: Jani & Jim Gottschalk
COFFEE HOUR: Muffet Reath

> **Opportunity to have pictures taken for 2026 Directory - after 8:00 a.m. service and before and after 10:00 a.m. service - see Dean Dedicatoria in the parish hall**

> **Cookies & Cocoa - ticketed auction event; hosted by Cristina Machin & Kevin Justice**

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Charlie Osberger - January 6

Pat O'Grady - January 8

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