St Alban's Episcopal Church

E-Pistle

February 17, 2026

News & Announcements

> **2026 Church Directory** – We have passed our "soft" deadline of February 8 for accepting forms i.e. we will start contacting people who still have not turned in forms or pictures this week. Please contact Arlene White afwhite@salisbury.edu if you have questions or need a copy (paper or electronic). If you wish to have your picture taken, please find Dean Dedicatoria, Sunday, February 22 (**LAST** day to have pictures taken). If you wish to use your picture from the 2024 directory, please sign the form on the table in the breezeway.

> **Christian Education** classes take place from 9:00-9:50 a.m. in the Faith Room. On February 22, we will begin the *Living Well Through Lent* lessons. A sign-up sheet is in the breezeway. See Sandy Grim and / or Chuck Porter for more information.

> **February 18 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.** There will be two services: noon, Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes and 7:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

> **Nickels for Nachos** – Many of us were sad to hear that the penny was being phased out….What would happen to our WONDERFUL Penny Roll with Pizza?!?! But the Fellowship Committee has come to the rescue this year with Nickels for Nachos – and of course, we will continue to accept ALL coins and cash. We'll start, as usual, on Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, by passing out containers to use to collect your coins. Containers will be available in a basket in the breezeway.

> **Know anyone who is moving?** We are quickly emptying our moving boxes. We would happily pass along our empty moving boxes and packing paper to anyone who might need them. Please contact Nick or Kathy Madsen at jnickmadsen@gmail.com / kgmadsen45@gmail.com by February 18 and we will save them for you.

> **Do you want to have dinner with the Very Rev. Michael Curry?** Bishop Curry is the speaker at the Friday night dinner at the diocesan convention in Ocean City. Click on the link to register for the dinner or to be a guest at the convention.
https://onrealm.org/dioceseofeaston/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NmJjNzlhZmUtMGQ5NS00NzBiLThkYzAtYjNiMjAxNDA3NzQ3 .

> **Host a Spanish student this summer** – see the flyer at the end of this E-Pistle.

> **The February Vestry meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Room. All are welcome.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, February 17	> **MARDI GRAS!!!**
Wednesday, February 18	> **ASH WEDNESDAY** - 12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes > HHEH dinner delivery
Thursday, February 19	> Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21 > **Bread Baking - ticketed Auction Event offered by Jim Cockey**

Sunday, February 22

> 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Charles Osberger
LECTORS: Geoffrey Smoot
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Carrie Connelly
VESTRY PERSON: Chuck Porter
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter
TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

> **9:00 a.m. - Christian Formation in the Faith Room**

> 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Charles Osberger
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Kim O'Grady, Howard Doak
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Nancy Linck
VESTRY PERSON: Arlene White
ACOLYTE: Maggie O'Grady
ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Grim
TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor
GREETERS/USHERS: Katherine & Walt West

> After church – **LENTEN LUNCH**

CELEBRATIONS!!!

James Mathers – February 18
Allyson Elder – February 21
Mike Mathers – February 23
Alex West – February 24

HOST A SPANISH STUDENT!

spaininsalisbury@gmail.com

1 Family Commitments

Families are responsible for providing essential support, including local transportation, meals, sleeping arrangements, communication, and companionship!

2 Dates

Students are scheduled to arrive on the evening of Monday, June 29th, and will depart on the afternoon of Monday, July 27th. A variety of activities are planned, and an agenda will be provided.

3 Language/Culture Classes

Students will participate in classes three days a week, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, at a location that is easily accessible.

4 Excursions

Exciting trips are in store to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, local beaches, and beyond! Families are welcome to join us, though participation is not mandatory.

5 Family Time

A typical week will allow for family time from Friday- Sunday. Your student may participate in a planned vacation once communicated to the program coordinators!

6 FAQs

Yes! Students come with medical insurance!
No! Families do not need to speak Spanish.
Yes! Students come with spending money!
Students range in age from 14-17.

Contact: Cindy Malone and April Todd, Program Coordinators, Global Friendships spaininsalisbury@gmail.com