



News & Announcements

> **Ministry Minute** - This past Sunday, a sizeable group of St. Alban's folks took a short journey to the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant in Bishopville. We enjoyed delicious food, great conversation, and forged new personal connections with each other. How did this very temporary community get formed? By invitation! Now it's true that the food and fellowship outing is not done every Sunday, and like any restaurant these days, the cost was not itty-bitty. Yet how wonderful it was to get those views of the water.

And how much fun it was, to relax with old and new friends, outside of worship.

Speaking of worship. . . In my various conversations with newcomers and "veteran" St. Alban's parishioners, I have been surprised—and delighted—to hear that a number of the newer folks have walked through our doors because another St. Alban's couple or person invited them to come to worship here. You may already know this, but despite the challenges the parish had in 2025, 15 new people joined your ranks. You lost two—I assume to death or relocation—but that means you had a net gain of 13 people. I am not sure anyone has noticed how amazing it is to have welcomed that many guests who then became part of the fabric of this St. Alban's tapestry.

Now typically, Episcopalians regard inviting someone to church among Things We Just Don't Do Here. The joke is told about a priest who talked about inviting folks to worship, and the old lady who responded, "But Father, anyone who wants to be an Episcopalian is right here already." Sadly, this is not a new issue for folks.

In some of my consulting with parish vestries, I have been known to ask "If the doors of this church were locked for good, who would notice? Would people in the community notice? Neighbors? Since it seems as if St. Alban's is more of a "destination parish" rather than one planted right in the middle of a neighborhood, that's a thorny question. My hope is that yes, someone would notice—mostly because of all the wonderful ways you engage folks in the Salisbury area. Often, that engagement is quiet—like last Sunday when a parishioner brought a case of bottled water to send to H.O.P.E. with Debra Rossi. Or when several parishioners have teamed up to take someone to their cancer treatments. Or when I meet with someone who came on Sunday for the first time and hear them say that worship was everything they had hoped for—and more.

God is at work in this parish. Either in spite of, or because of, challenges, there is good energy and vitality here. In the 12-Step tradition, Alcoholics Anonymous teaches that members will "suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves", acknowledging the power of grace in overcoming seemingly hopeless challenges. In our Christian tradition, Ephesians 3:20 says this: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." So God is working in mysterious ways here.

So one of your neighbors or friends or work colleagues may be spiritually hungry, and maybe the way they will get fed is if YOU invite them to come and experience this parish as we worship and focus on spreading the love and light of Jesus. So, this week, ask someone to join you for worship next Sunday. This faith community is waiting to welcome them. Sheila+

> **Summer Sunday Fellowship** - During our summer schedule, we would like to continue getting together between services. Sign up to provide beverages (juice and / or lemonade) and treats, each Sunday from 8:50 - 9:30 a.m. - see sheet in the breezeway. Set up would be around 8:30 a.m. and clean up after 9:30 a.m. ***Please wear your nametags!***

> **New summer service music** - In your bulletin you will find a sheet of the NEW service that we will using for the rest of the summer at the 9:30 a.m. service. Please refer to it as needed. The new service music comes from Missa Appalachia by Jonathon Dimmock, and is from Enriching Our Music vol. 1. At the end of the service, please leave this sheet in the pew rack OR place it in the bulletin and leave on the table in the breezeway.

> **The Galaxy - 2026 Vacation Bible School** is Saturday, August 1, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. Alban's. Registration is now open for children 3 years to pre-school and from 1st to 5th grade. To sign up your child or grandchild, contact Nancy Linck at link6767@comcast.net. Contact Nancy as well to volunteer as there are many opportunities available - working during the event or donating food and supplies. Check with Nancy for specifics. Deliveries will be accepted anytime during the last week of July into St. Alban's office from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

> **Allegro Summer Sing 2026** - *Come Alive!: Music from Stage and Screen* - music from Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Stephen Sondheim, and Lin-Manuel Miranda in the Easton Waterfowl Building at 40 S. Harrison Street starting at 7 p.m. on August 1. Nearly 100 musicians will join professional instrumentalists and soloists for this large-scale production, offered at no cost to our participants and audience. Kathy Slaughter and Arlene White are singing with this group.

> **It's time to gather at the Red Roost!** ❤️ 🦋 Join us on August 5th at 5:30 p.m. for a wonderful evening filled with great fellowship, laughter, delicious food. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maggie O'Grady (maggieiscool2018@yahoo.com / 443-944-6897 and or Kim O'Grady (pkograde3@yahoo.com / 410-251-2786). RSVP by August 2nd - see you there!!!

> **St. Philips invites you** to their Guest Lecture Series at the parish hall at St. Philip's Episcopal Church (6457 Quantico Road, Quantico, MD 21856). This is a community outreach program, free to the public. Radio Shack once advertised, "If you have questions, we have answers." Now, St. Philip's offers Laura Vodak-Reid to take over that motto. On August 10, at 1:00 p.m., she will be answering questions submitted to her in advance about anything and everything. Please register if you plan to attend at ewallingford2004@yahoo.com using GLS in the subject line or call 410-742-1837.

> **Save the date** - St. Paul's, Worcester Parish in Berlin, Maryland is inviting you to join them on a trip to the Washington National Cathedral on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. The bus leaves at 11:00 a.m. from the St. Paul's Church Parking Lot (across from the church in Berlin) and includes a tour of the Cathedral, attendance at Evensong, and a box dinner for the ride home. Arrival time back in Berlin is approximately 9:30 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$100 per person. Reservations must be received NO LATER THAN August 28, 2026. See the registration form on the table in the breezeway.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 12

> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
LECTORS: Chuck & Toby Porter
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Germaine Marshall
VESTRY PERSON: Germaine Marshall
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter
TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

> 8:50 - 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship: Sharon Walsh, Mae Esh, Linda Torbert

> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Steve Crabill, Linda Torbert
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Carrie Connelly
ACOLYTE: Jimmy Martens
VESTRY PERSON: Jeremy Cox
ALTAR GUILD: Katherine West
TECH TEAM: Mary Doak
GREETERS/USHERS: Julie & Steve Crabill



CELEBRATIONS!!!

Jimmy Martens - July 14
Joan Welsh - July 21

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