

News & Announcements

> Ministry Minute - God's Hospitality

A few years ago, we all experienced a world-wide pandemic, and we were forced out of public spaces and isolated from each other. I don't know about you, but there were a few positives about staying mostly at home. One was the (rare) oasis of solitude that was good for reflection, quilting, writing. Also. . .when I walked, it seemed like many more birds were singing—or perhaps I heard them better without all the traffic noise!

The negatives were legion, though. The worst was that we, as human beings, need community and connection, and getting enough of that during 2020 and 2021 was almost impossible.

As St. Alban's reflects on what community, hospitality, and gathering means to you all, I note that we've had several new faces appear among us recently. I am trying to connect with folks, to see how this parish can best meet their spiritual needs. Yet this is not a solo leadership journey. I need you to help! So if you are someone who has reached out to our guests, either at worship or at fellowship time, thank you.

I offer a few questions here for your individual reflection:

Have you ever attended a church as a guest? What was your experience—did you feel welcomed or ignored?

How often do you look around during Sunday worship or at other gatherings, intentionally seeking opportunities to talk with guests and/or newcomers?

Think about St. Alban's and its various activities. Which ones help incorporate newcomers? What role can you play in extending hospitality and welcome to new folks?

St. Alban's is a particular family of faith that offers unique gifts to those who come to journey with us. Yet this is God's family, and it is God's hospitality we offer. May we deepen and broaden that hospitality this summer and fall. Blessings, 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!***

> Fellowship opportunity in July - We will be sharing a meal and fellowship at Lighthouse Sound Restaurant on July 12 at 5:30 p.m. The restaurant is located on St. Martins Neck Road in Bishopville. If you wish to join us, email Sharon Walsh by July 9 at sharon.walsh68@gmail.com or 410-251-8566. Carpooling will be available.

> Choir summer sing - Ladies of St. Alban's choir (and any others who are interested) - we will be singing for the July 12 service! Rehearsal at 9 a.m. sharp before the service. No robes. If you would like to pick up music (*Lift Thine Eyes* from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*) ahead of time or have a digital copy sent to you, please see Veronica after the service!

> Litany for the Nation will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13 in the nave. Come and bring a friend to pray and join us for soup.

> **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 for a wonderful evening filled with great fellowship, laughter, delicious food. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maggie O'Grady (maggiiscool2018@yahoo.com / 443-944-6897 and or Kim O'Grady (pkogrady3@yahoo.com / 410-251-2786). RSVP by August 2nd - see you there!!!

> **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.

Weekly Schedule

Thursday, July 9

> **RSVP due for Lighthouse Sound (see announcement)**

Sunday, July 12

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

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton

LECTOR: Geoff Smoot

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Nancy Linck

VESTRY PERSON: Nancy Linck

ACOLYTE: Toby Porter

TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

> **8:50 - 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship:** Joan Welsh, Sandy Grim

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

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton

PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek

LECTORS: Arlene White, Kim O'Grady

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sandy Grim

ACOLYTE: Maggie O'Grady

VESTRY PERSON: Walt West

ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert

TECH TEAM: Katherine West

GREETERS/USHERS: Jani & Jim Gottschalk

> **5:30 p.m. - fellowship dinner at Lighthouse Sound**

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Sona Morrison - July 13
Jimmy Martens - July 14



Kelly Newhouse & Chuck Porter - July 8

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