

News & Announcements

- > **Save the date** - Join us at 10:00 a.m., August 23, as we gather with other Episcopal churches to celebrate Green Hill Sunday. This has been a tradition that started over 150 years ago when the local Episcopal churches in Wicomico County made an annual pilgrimage to their mother church for a joint service. Sheila will be preaching. A picnic on the grounds will be held after the service. There will be one service at St. Alban's at 8:00 a.m., Rite I.
- > **Green Hill Sunday (August 23) will include special music** from the Still Waters Ensemble (flute and cello) and our own Brian Raygor on guitar. Any and all are invited to join the choir for this annual event! We meet at Green Hill church before the service, at 9:00 am. Anyone interested in singing with the group can contact our music director, Veronica Tomanek.
- > **Green Hill Sunday update** -
 1. Carpooling should be encouraged, as this will limit the number of people who have to park out on the road and walk all the way in.
 2. PLEASE, be kind to your parking attendants and follow their directions. While it may not look like it to the casual observer, there is a careful system required to park 70+ vehicles.
- > **H.O.P.E. is in need of volunteers** for their lunch program. Shifts available Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cooks - variable shifts, recipes, and ingredients are provided. Email hope@hopesby.com or call Debbie Rossi at 443-614-6013.
- > **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.
- > **Fall Auction News** - Next Auction meeting will be Sunday, August 16, after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Faith Room. Please bring suggestions for beneficiaries and/or come if you want to learn more about the auction and help. Questions: Cristina at cmachin@matice.com.
- > **St. Alban's Choir** resumes regular rehearsals on Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. with a social gathering (pot luck) and brief rehearsal. If you have even a tiny inkling to sing with us, please come! You can't find a more welcoming, giving, and fun group than the St. Alban's choir!
- > **Blessing of the Backpacks** - During services on August 30, we will continue our tradition of the "Blessing of the Backpacks." This is yet another opportunity for us to support our Faith-partner

school, Wi Hi, and help their students be ready to learn. Beginning Sunday, July 26, there will be receptacles on the table in the parish hall to collect backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, glue, post-it notes - anything that the students might need to help them be successful. *Please note that backpacks for Wicomico middle and high schools must be clear, under a new safety program. Straps can be different colors.* FYI - Maryland tax-free shopping week is August 9-15.

> **Next Chesapeake Ramp Build** - Please sign up in the breezeway or contact Shelly (shelly_madsen@yahoo.com) if you are able to help with our fall Chesapeake Housing Mission volunteer project. We'll be building a small ramp for a couple in Princess Anne on Saturday, September 12. Tools and training are provided! Come lend a hand and help make a difference in our community.

> **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 29, 2026 (please note change of date). 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; seats are still available.** See the registration form on the table in the breezeway.

Weekly Schedule

Saturday, August 15

> **Summer Flavors - ticketed auction event hosted by Cristina Machin & Kevin Justice**

Sunday, August 16

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

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

> **8:50 - 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship:** Cristina Machin

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

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Katherine West, Steve Crabill
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sandy Grim
ACOLYTE: Kim O'Grady
VESTRY PERSON: Nancy Linck
ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Grim
TECH TEAM: Katherine West
GREETERS/USHERS: Mary & Howard Doak

> **Auction Committee meeting after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Faith Room**



CELEBRATIONS!!!

Paulette Primus - August 11
Leighann Bunting - August 12



Rebecca & Brian Raygor - August 14

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