

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 a.m. 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. Look for a parking attendant to show you a new entrance. 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.

> **Thank you!** I would like to thank you for your love and support following the recent passing of my brother, Greg Lowe. I can't begin to tell you how much your prayers, cards, hugs, texts, and comforting words meant to me. Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming and I am blessed to have such a wonderful, caring church family. *Sandy Grim*

> **SOSA Gleaning Opportunities** - *Wednesday (and the following Wednesday)*: Tomato harvesting in Laurel, DE. We will spend 2 hours picking tomatoes, these are beautiful and abundant. Everything harvested goes directly to agencies. Every pair of hands makes a huge difference in making sure this delicious food goes to hungry people and is not wasted. Sign up below!

<https://mobilize.us/s/OvCeXD>

Thursday (and every Thursday for the next 2 months): Corn picking in Seaford, DE. We will spend 2 hours gleaning corn. There is so much corn and we will have lots to share. We are always grateful for support in harvesting. Sign up below:

<https://mobilize.us/s/vM9ZVx>

> **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!***

Revised procedures start with the change of service times on September 6 - see the upcoming article in the September *Herald*. See the sign up sheet for September and October on the table in the breezeway!

> **New summer service music** - In your bulletin you will find a sheet of the NEW service that we will using for at the 9:30 a.m. service, ending August 30. 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.

> **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.*

> **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. 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 September 1, 2026; seats are still available.** Several people from St. Alban's are going. See the registration form on the table in the breezeway.

Weekly Schedule

Saturday, August 22

> **Murder Mystery! - ticketed auction event hosted by Jen & Jeremy Cox**

Sunday, August 23

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

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton

LECTOR: Judy Gracey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sandy Grim

VESTRY PERSON: Sandy Grim

ACOLYTE: Toby Porter

TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

- > **NO 8:50 - 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship:**
- > **10:00 a.m.** - Join us at 10:00 a.m., as we gather with other Episcopal churches to celebrate Green Hill Sunday at St. Batholomew's Old Green Hill Church



CELEBRATIONS!!!

Donna Parks - August 19
Mae Palenchar - August 22



Mary & Howard Doak - August 22

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