

News & Announcements

> Message from Mother Sheila - BLENDED SERVICE REMINDER:

Please mark your calendars: October 4 will be a busy day at St. Alban's.

1. That will be our first BLENDED SERVICE, at 9:00 a.m., followed by a parish brunch (see announcement below). Our plan is to use Rite I in October, then Rite II in November, then alternate liturgies through next May. This gives folks who are not familiar with more traditional language to experience that. Also, our service music will align with the Rite being used.
2. At that brunch, I will lead an exercise/teaching that is focused on INTERIM work of the parish.
3. October 4 is also BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, so you can bring pictures of your pets to be blessed. NOTE: We will also offer an afternoon BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS out on the labyrinth, at 2:00 p.m. with kitty & doggy treats. Please remember that all animals must be on leashes or in carriers, and the Interim Rector is not a fan of snakes, so she will bless any you have, but she will not touch them.

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> Sign up for brunch on October 4 - Sign up sheets are on the table in the breezeway now. Lots of help is needed! Lots of ways to do that - please see the various options available. If you have any questions, please contact Jani Gottschalk - janigo58@gmail.com / 443-365-4689.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- > Fall Sunday Fellowship - During our fall schedule, we are back to 2 services - 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with expanded fellowship activities after each service. EARLY Fall Fellowship will be from 8:45-9:45 a.m. and the LATE Fall Fellowship will be from 11:15-11:45 a.m. See the sign up sheet in the breezeway. Everyone enjoys these times together but **we need volunteers** to make it happen!
- > Please wear your nametags, saying "hello" particularly to newcomers and visitors.
- > Choir rehearsal is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday in the nave - come make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

AUCTION NEWS

- > Services - Can you provide a meal, a ride, companionship OR bake some cookies, clean closets, be a personal shopper, clean yards? Ask Linda Torbert for more information.
- > Artisan Market - Are you a creative soul? Do you love to make one-of-a-kind items? Is your hand made soap/granola/sauce sought after by others? We are looking for handmade artisan items for our Artisan Market. These items are NOT made in China! They make unique presents for special occasions and celebrations. Donations slips will soon be available.
- > Auction Gift Cards - Want to contribute to the auction but are not crafty or can't hold a "party"? Consider donating a gift card to a local business! Need some help choosing? Buy gift cards through P.E.O. and you will also support women's educational goals. How? Ask Cristina Machin, Jenny Buchanan, Mary Doak, or Shelly Madsen for more information. Cristina and Jenny will be available to take your orders during September and October - give your donation, we will do the shopping, and you will get the credit!
- > Next Auction Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, September 27, after the 10:00 a.m. service.

> **September Vestry meeting** will be Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Room. Come and observe, share your ideas. Find out what makes St. Alban's run!

> **Volunteer opportunity!** We could use the help of an observant person with keeping an eye on the church kitchen. This small but fulfilling task involves checking on the kitchen on a weekly basis, making sure it's tidy. We're not asking you to do all the work; just to alert the internal property liaison whenever the kitchen needs attention. To learn more, contact Jeremy Cox at jcoxreporter@yahoo.com.

> **Changes in 10:00 a.m. service** - Due to our Stewardship Minute and auction beneficiary presentations, you may have noticed a few changes in the services last Sunday. This is a new format for the next few weeks so please share your thoughts with any Vestry member or Mother Sheila. 1) Immediately after the prelude, when everyone is seated, the Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD) will welcome everyone and Cristina Machin will introduce the auction beneficiary who will briefly describe their work. 2) After the Passing of the Peace, the congregation is seated and the Stewardship Minute presentation will take place. 3) After the blessing, the congregation should be seated for ANNOUNCEMENTS. ***Anyone wishing to make an announcement should let the VPOD know and still go up to the microphone. Following those announcements, the VPOD will highlight no more than 3 additional announcements and then the Closing Hymn will be sung.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, September 22 > **Vestry meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Room - all are welcome**
> **Autumn Equinox**

Thursday, September 24 > **Choir - 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, September 26 > **Autumn Harvest Party - ticketed auction event hosted by Cheryl & Harry Hoke, Jani & Jim Gottschalk**

Sunday, September 27 > **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
LECTOR: Chuck & Toby Porter
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Meg Caton
VESTRY PERSON: Germaine Marshall
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter
TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

> **8:45 - 9:45 a.m.** - Early Fellowship 8:45-9:45 a.m. - TBA

> **10:00 a.m.** - Holy Eucharist Rite II
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Greg Glass, Megan Pomeroy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Nancy Linck
ACOLYTE: Kim O'Grady
VESTRY PERSON: Arlene White

ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert
TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor
GREETERS/USHERS: Linda Torbert, Mae Esh

- > **11:15 - 11:45 a.m.** - Late Fellowship 11:15-11:45 a.m. - TBA
- > **Auction Committee Meeting** in the Faith Room after the 10 a.m. service

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Pat Layton - September 24
Toby Porter - September 25
Greg Glass - September 25
Jani Gottschalk - September 28



Kim & Pat O'Grady - September 24

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