

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. 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.

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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> **Designated RDF giving** - The first Sunday of each month has been designated for special donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. On Sunday, October 4, we will deposit any cash or checks with RDF in the memo line in the RDF which is used to help members in the local community in need of emergency financial support. Any questions? Please contact Paulette Primus - psprimus@gmail.com.

> **Investing in this parish** with your 2027 pledge is important. You can mail your pledge card to the office, or email Jenny Buchanan your pledge. Her email is jktb76@gmail.com OR bring your pledge with you next Sunday and just put it into the offering plate. The tellers know how to get that information to Jenny, who is our Pledge Secretary. We are ever so grateful to you all for your financial commitment to St. Alban's--especially at this critical juncture in our history. If you've already submitted your pledge, THANK YOU.

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.

> **Society of St. Andrew's** will partner with 50K Souls for a monthly food distribution on Wednesday, October 21 and November 11 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. in Salisbury. We will be packing bulk produce in bags for easy distribution. Please come for all or part of the event. Every pair of hands makes a big difference in Ending Hunger in our community. Please join us! This event is indoors and can be a seated activity. <https://mobilize.us/s/EWChmG>

> **Seats Available!** - 1 or 2 seats have become available for the Dem Bones party at 6 p.m. on October 24 at Pati and David Peskett's house (5381 Royal Mile Blvd, Salisbury). The dinner is

billed as "Enjoy Southern favorites amidst a spooky setting inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14." Contact me Ruth Baker at rebaker8@comcast.net by Wednesday, October 21. *First come, first served!*

> **Fall (Exterior) Clean Up Day** will be Saturday, October 24, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, rsin or shine! Walt West has the answer to all your questions - 443-614-5927 / loggerhead.west@gmail.com .

> **Save the date!!!** S'more Dogs - Sunday, October 25, 4-7 p.m. at the Deer Harbour Pavillion. More information to follow.....

> **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.

AUCTION NEWS

> **2027 Recipients** - This year's proceeds will benefit the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Project A.L.I.C.E from United Way, Hope and Outreach Point of Entry (H.O.P.E.) and the Lower Shore Enterprises - Garden Project. We will have representatives from each organization in the next coming Sundays to talk about how your contributions will help our community.

> **Special Event** -This year we will have a special presentation by the Eastern Shore Ballet from *The Nutcracker!* Stay tuned for more news!

> **Auction 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 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.

> **Auction Gift Cards** - Want to contribute to the auction but are not crafty or can 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!

> **Donation forms** for Artisan Market, Services and Gift Cards are now available on the auction table in the breezeway. ALL forms are due Sunday, October 18.

> **Community Shred Day** - On Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., come to the parking lot on Church St., across from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin to have your documents shredded. There is no fee but a non-perishable food item for the Spirit Kitchen would be appreciated.

Weekly Schedule

Thursday, October 1

> Choir - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4

> **Blended service day!**

> **9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton

LECTORS: Linda Torbert, Mae Esh

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jim Cockey

VESTRY PERSON: Dee Rinehart

ACOLYTE: Jimmy Martens

TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Grim

GREETERS/USHERS: Julie & Steve Crabill

> **Afterwards** - **Brunch in the parish hall, then Rev. Sheila will lead an exercise/teaching that is focused on the INTERIM work of the parish**

> **Blessing of the Animals - 2:00 p.m. on the labyrinth**

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Michelle Benn - October 4

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