

News & Announcements

> **Message from Mother Sheila** - Dear friends in Christ - This past Saturday, the St. Alban's family welcomed many guests into "our" home at 302 St. Alban's Drive. You stepped up to help in a myriad of ways. You showed up, worked together, and made Beth Jones's Celebration of Life a memorable one. Everywhere I looked, I saw clear evidence of God's hospitality, light and love shining out of each of you and the many acts of kindness you showed the folks who walked through our doors.

I am on vacation now, but I wanted you to know how amazing you all were. We had 260 people in the house, and 41 online viewers. So thanks to all those who helped with the bulletins, the music, the refreshments for the reception, with cleaning and clearing so that we made things as easy as possible for the Jones-Hochmuth family. My goal, my hope, was that what we said, sung, and prayed on Saturday would glorify God, and comfort the family. We achieved that goal, and I am so very grateful to all of you.

We may well have folks return to worship with us on Sunday, so in the weeks ahead, please keep your eyes and ears open, so that we welcome new folks if they arrive. I will see you again on September 27 (I get back to Salisbury on the 22nd.) You're in good hands with Frieda Malcolm and Laura Dorsey while I am away. Bless you all. Sheila+

Addendum - The following is printed with permission from a Facebook post by Jenny McFadden, a friend of Beth's to Susannah: "A phenomenal service. I loved experiencing every aspect of the occasion. I felt like I was getting a glimpse of how your mom worshipped, which allowed me to feel even closer to her. The inclusivity was palpable. And yes, the resounding theme is how Beth lived out her faith in every aspect of her life. Well done, good and faithful servant. The reflections from you and Becca were so touching."

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!

> **Fellowship changes September 13** - At 8:45 a.m., Sunday, September 13, join us for Doughnuts with the Vestry. Each church in the diocese has been asked to view a special video about the diocese moving forward and share their thoughts.

> **Fellowship changes September 20** - At 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 20, members of Faith Lutheran will worship with us at the 10:00 a.m. service and stay for a church picnic afterwards (see announcement below).

> **Lunch Bunch** - Our next thoroughly enjoyable Lunch Bunch gathering at Green Hill County Club on Whitehaven Road in Quantico, MD will be on Thursday, September 10 at 12:30 p.m. If you like, come with 2 lies and one truth about yourself to share with us and see if we can guess which is which!

> **Paddle Club returns!** Experienced paddler Stan Shedaker is gathering cell phone numbers of those interested in spontaneous day paddles. He will let everyone on the list know the evening before and where to meet. Stan has generously offered to bring up to 3 extra kayaks for those who let him know of their need, and Muffet Reath - 207-610-9556 - has 2 kayaks she can loan to anyone that can come get them at her home. Contact Stan with your cell phone number at 732-

425-6454 or adrenalinehigh@comcast.net if you are interested in joining this group of fun seekers. The paddles will likely be about 2 hours each and bring a lunch if you like.

> **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!** Sunday, September 20th, after the 10:00 a.m. service, join us for our parish picnic with Faith Lutheran. Weather permitting, we will be outside, so don't forget your chairs and any yard games you may have.

We are asking for a \$5 donation to go towards the purchase of Dayton's chicken. Sign up sheets will be on the table in the breezeway. We are looking for side dishes (serving 10+), potato chips (4 bags), drinks, and help with set up and clean up. Faith Lutheran will be bringing desserts. Please sign up with the number attending (even if you are not able to bring anything) so we can get a head count for the chicken. You can also contact Kim O'Grady (pkograde3@yahoo.com or 410-251-2786). **Please RSVP by September 14th.**

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!

> **Offer an Auction Party** - See the auction tale in the breezeway for hosting ideas, party offering form and party calendar for scheduling. Contact Arlene White or Pati Peskett if you have questions.

> **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!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

> **Worship changes October 4** - We will all worship together at 9:00 a.m. with a blended liturgy, followed by a brunch and discussion with Mother Sheila about our past, present and future.

> **Join us for Litany for the Nation** Monday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the nave followed by a light supper. Invite a friend to join us!

> **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.

> **Angel Brigade volunteers needed** - We are looking for people for the months of October, November OR December to read the E-Pistle each week where birthdays and anniversaries are listed. The goal is to send good wishes to at least one person on the list each week. This could be a card, e-mail, text, or phone call - something that would brighten the person's day and add to the celebration. This could be someone that you know very well or hardly at all. If you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Arlene White from the Welcome Committee at afwhite@salisbury.edu / 410-251-0584 by **noon, Sunday, September 27**.

> **SOSA Gleaning Opportunities** - *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>

Weekly Schedule

Thursday, September 10 > **Lunch Bunch at 12:30 p.m. - Green Hill (see announcement)**
> Choir - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 11 > **25th Anniversary of 9/11**
> **Rosh Hashana begins**

Saturday, September 12 > **Chesapeake Ramp Build (see announcement)**

Sunday, September 13 > **Grandparents Day!**
> **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Frieda Malcolm
LECTOR: Joan Welsh
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Sandy Grim
VESTRY PERSON: Sandy Grim
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter
TECH TEAM: Chuck Porter

> **8:45 - 9:45 a.m.** - Doughnuts with the Vestry in the parish Hall (see announcement)

> **10:00 a.m.** - Holy Eucharist Rite II
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Frieda Malcolm
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Mike Mathers, Rebecca Jones-Hochmuth
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Carrie Connelly
ACOLYTE: Jimmy Martens
VESTRY PERSON: Paulette Primus
ALTAR GUILD: Mae Esh
TECH TEAM: Katherine West
GREETERS/USHERS: Katherine & Walt West

> **11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Late Fellowship:** TBA

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Kelly Neuharth - September 11

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