

News & Announcements

> **Christian Education update** - Our St. Alban's 9:00 Sunday morning Christian Ed (Adult) group has decided to study a book by John Forest entitled Road to Emmaus: Pilgrimage as a Way of Life in the coming weeks. However, because we will be joining our friends at Faith Lutheran on October 25, then we have the Feast of All Saints and a blended service on November 1, that will delay our discussion of the book. (NB: I have ordered 15 copies of Forest's book, so you can buy it from me.)

Because this past Sunday's Gospel passage (Matthew 22:1-14) was so "thorny" for folks, we decided that this Sunday, Oct. 18, we will discuss this passage in greater detail. If you want some advance text exploration, here is a link:

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-28/commentary-on-matthew-221-14-6>

I often use www.textweek.com to do sermon prep, so you are welcome to go there. The above link was a part of that. If you have not yet joined our "HOLY CONVERSATIONS" at 9:00 on Sundays, please come this Sunday. We have lively and thoughtful discussions! Sheila+

WORSHIP UPDATES

> **ANOTHER Change in 10:00 a.m. service** - 1) Immediately after the prelude, when everyone is seated, the Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD) will welcome everyone. *****Anyone wishing to make an announcement should let the VPOD know prior to the service and still go up to the microphone.** Following those announcements, the VPOD will highlight no more than 3 additional announcements. 2) After the Passing of the Peace, the congregation is seated and the Stewardship Minute presentation will take place.

> **Celebrate Reformation Sunday, 10:30 a.m., October 25**, with our friends at Faith Lutheran Church, followed by a brunch in their fellowship hall. See sign up sheet in the breezeway. There will only be the 8:00 a.m. service at St. Alban's that day.

> **Celebration of All Saints and All Souls** - St. Alban's will celebrate the Feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day on Sunday, November 1st. As part of our celebration, a display will honor the dearly departed friends and family of the congregation. If you have photos, obituaries, or other visual remembrances of someone who has passed away, please provide them to Mike Mathers during the month of October so that we can prepare for the display. Digital photos can be emailed to Mikemathers@gmail.com "

> **Celebration of our Community Garden** - Join us after the 10:00 a.m. service on November 8 to celebrate a successful season. The choir will lead us out the back doors of the church to the garden area, where Mother Sheila will lead a short liturgy. We will then return inside to the usual coffee hour.

> **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. **Ingathering of all pledges will take place Sunday, November 1 the 9:00 a.m. service.**

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- > **Fall Sunday Fellowship** - 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.
- > **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, rain 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. Sign up sheet is in the breezeway.
- > **Save the date!!!** Jay Copeland will be back in town on Sunday, October 25 to present a concert at St. Alban's at 4:00 p.m. Tickets for *An Afternoon with Jay* available using the link below: <https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fevent%2Fan-afternoon-with-jay-tickets-2002972244903%3Futm-campaign%3Dsocial%26utm-content%3Dattendeeshare%26utm-medium%3Ddiscovery%26utm-term%3Dlisting%26utm-source%3Dwsa%26aff%3Ddbdsshwebmobile&data=05%7C02%7CAFWHITE%40salisbury.edu%7C542f4f75b4dc4acf377808df279bbcd1%7C2472f1faf24f421badd7b01c4b49be07%7C0%7C0%7C639273221984533437%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiwlLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFBpbCIsIlIdUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4kC%2F%2Bh4I8EE51QKt1Q2ZIZ6sP3FtjYsLOvRwSg2bq2g%3D&reserved=0> Tickets may or may not be available at the door.
- > **Society of St. Andrew's** - We will partner with 50K Souls for a monthly food distribution on Wednesday, 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>
- > **Save the date!!!** The Magi Christmas concert will take place at Emmanuel Church in Salisbury on Saturday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. The concert will feature the National Christian Choir, the Salisbury Children's Choir and the Hanover Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet. Tickets are \$20 and are available at all branches of First Shore Federal. PS: Contact Sheila who has 2 free tickets available, first come, first served.

AUCTION NEWS

- > **Next Auction meeting** will be after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Faith Room on Sunday, October 18.
- > **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.

- > **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.
- > **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!
- > **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**, including party and dinner reservations. Those paper copies are also available on the auction table in the breezeway. ALL donated items for the Artisan Market are due **November 1st**.

> **2026 St. Philip's Guest Lecture Series** - The Guest Lecture Series at the parish hall at St. Philip's Episcopal Church (6457 Quantico Road, Quantico, MD 21856) is a community outreach program, free to the public. Meetings take place in the parish hall. Light afternoon refreshments are included. On **November 9**, CPA Betsy Lescallett, Principal at UHY Advisors, Inc., will be on hand to offer tax tips especially for seniors. Tax breaks, tax credits, timelines, charitable considerations and more will be detailed with conversation and handouts. The IRS was never so pleasantly discussed! For further help, Betsy can be reached at blescallett@uhy-us.com or 443-332-5564 or 410-742-1328. Please register your plan to attend at ewallingford2004@yahoo.com. using GLS in the subject line or call 410-742-1837.

Weekly Schedule

Thursday, October 15

> NO Choir

Sunday, October 18

> **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

> **8:45 - 9:45 a.m.** - Early Fellowship 8:45-9:45 a.m. - Amy & Jim Isaacs

> **9:00 - 9:45 a.m.** - Christian Education in the Faith Room

> **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton

LECTORS: Arlene White, Steve Crabill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Linda Torbert

VESTRY PERSON: Nancy Linck

ACOLYTE: Maggie O'Grady

TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor

ALTAR GUILD: Carrie Connelly

GREETERS/USHERS: Julie & Steve Crabill

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

> **11:15 - Auction Committee meeting** after the service in the Faith Room

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Steve Crabill - October 11
Mike Marshall - October 14
Becca Jones-Hochmuth - October 20
Rod Layton - October 20



Erica & Sean Howard - October 14

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