St. Alban's Episcopal Church

E-Pistle

October 27, 2026

News & Announcements

> **Announcement from Sheila +** - I have collected a number of papers that you all wrote on when we gathered on October 4. I have written down all the responses I have BUT I am not sure everyone turned in their papers. So if you did not, and would bring them to me on Sunday, November 1. I would appreciate it. I would like to collate all and then share with you the responses. Thank you so much!

> **Vestry meeting tonight!!!** – Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Room. All are welcome. Learn about what makes St. Alban's run!

> **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, beginning November 8. Sheila has ordered 15 copies of Forest's book, so check with her if you want to buy the book and what will be discussed in November.

WORSHIP UPDATES

> **FALL BACK** – Daylight savings time ends so before you go to bed Saturday, October 31, make sure you turn your clock back and / or remember what time to get up for our 1 and only service on November 1 at 9:00 a.m.

> **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.

> **Celebration of All Saints and All Souls** – Saint Alban's will observe All Saints'/All Souls' Day, Sunday, November 1 to commemorate the faithful departed who have died in the living hope of Christ's resurrection. It is an opportunity to remember them and give thanks for their lives, to entrust them once again to the mercy of God, and to remember that death does not have the final word. **You are invited to submit the names of those for whom you wish the church to pray to Sandy Grim at** sandongrim@verizon.net **by Friday, October 30, 2026.** Please place an asterisk by their name if they were a member of St. Alban's. Mother Sheila will read their names during the service and you may light a candle in their memory. As we pray for them and remember their lives, we are reminded that even now, though separated by death, we remain united with them in the Body of Christ. Please plan to visit our memorial display in the parish hall. ***REMEMBER** that we will have a photographer, Jen Seay Campbell, with us Sunday morning, taking pictures for our redesigned website.

> **Litany for the Nation update** – Please be advised that for November, we are moving the prayer service to November 2, the 1st Monday of the month, and the day before election day. We will still gather at 5:30 p.m. in the nave followed by a light supper. Ask your friends to join us!

> **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 **this** Sunday, November 1, 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.
> **Pledge Goal:** 74 / Pledges received as of Oct. 25, 2026: 41 / Still needed: 33
> **Financial Goal:** $235,000 / $$$ so far: $172,196 / Still needed: $62,804

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

> **Please wear your nametags,** saying "hello" particularly to newcomers and visitors.
> **Contemplative practices** - There is interest in creating a contemplative practice group at St. Alban's. Some possibilities include Centering Prayer, slow Lectio Divina, chanting, walking the labyrinth together. Other ideas are welcome. If anyone is interested in getting together on some regular basis to practice contemplative practices together, please contact any of us - Amy Isaacs - Amypisaacs@gmail.com / Jim Isaacs - jimisaacs@comcast.net / Jim Cockey - james.cockey@gmail.com.
> **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

AUCTION NEWS

If you have NOT brought in all your donations (artisan market items and / or gift cards) for the auction, please let Cristina know **as soon as possible**. Artisan market items go in the Joy Room, and Sharon Walsh is collecting the gift cards. If possible, please write the amount on the card. If you forgot to put in a form for a donation, please email Cristina (cmachin@matice.com) and Shelly (shelly_madsen@yahoo.com) about it.
That **magical moment** is almost here…… The 2026 Auction begins on Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m. but there is still a lot to do before then. Have you looked at the "needs" sheet in the breezeway? Can you provide anything listed? Have you signed up to help, either Friday or Saturday? Do you know that 6 dancers from the Eastern Shore Ballet Theatre will be presenting 3 dances from The Nutcracker during the evening? And free tickets to one of their performances may be in your future?
Our format will be the same as last year, beginning with the auction from 5:15-6:00 p.m., followed by dinner, then the ESBT presentation, followed by the FAMOUS auction cupcakes and checkout. Remember that we only accept cash or checks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

> **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.
> **Save the date!!!** The Magi Christmas concert will take place at Emmanual 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. See poster on the parish hall door for

additional information. PS: Contact Sheila who has 2 free tickets available, first come, first served.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, October 27 > Vestry meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Room
Thursday, October 29 > Choir – 7:00 p.m. in the nave
Saturday, October 31 > Halloween – Have a BOO-tiful day!
Sunday, November 1 > All Saints' / All Souls' celebration

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

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
LECTORS: Mike Mathers, Richard Hunter
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Carrie Connelly
VESTRY PERSON: Paulette Primus
ALTAR GUILD: Mae Esh
ACOLYTE: Jimmy Martens
GREETERS/USHERS – Pam & Dean Dedicatoria
TECH TEAM: Katherine West

> **10:00 a.m. – Parish brunch & interim discussion**

CELEBRATIONS!!!

Germaine Marshall – October 28
Sue Delano – October 31