

News & Announcements

- > **Congratulations to Lily Howard** who was listed among Best Students of September in Mathematics at Bennett Senior High School!
- > **Christian Education is baaaack!** Join us on Sunday, October 11 in the Faith Room from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - a great opportunity to grow your faith!
- > **Worship Committee meeting** after the 10 AM service Sunday, October 11 in the Faith Room.
- < **The church office will be closed on Monday, October 12** to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- > **Join us for Litany for the Nation** Monday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the nave followed by a light supper. Invite a friend to join us!

> **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

- > **Fellowship Committee Meeting** will take place after the 8:00 a.m. service in the back of the nave on Sunday, October 11. Do want to help brainstorm activities for the church over the next few months? Do you want to volunteer? Come and join us!
 - > **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! (no one has signed up for 10/11 or 18....)
 - > **Please wear your nametags**, saying "hello" particularly to newcomers and visitors.
 - > **Society of St. Andrew's** - Come glean corn with us on Thursday, October 8 from 9-11 a.m. in Seaford, DE! Please sign up for full details. Everyone is welcome! This will probably be our last Corn gleaning of the season! <https://mobilize.us/s/vM9ZVx>
- We 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, 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. More information to follow.....

> **ANOTHER Change 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 another change 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. *****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.

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. 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.
- > **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? Cristina and Jenny will be available to take your orders **until October 11** - 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, including party and dinner reservations. Those paper copies are also available on the auction table in the breezeway.

- > **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.
- > **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 "

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, October 8

Sunday, October 11

- > Joseph House preparation of lunches
- > Choir - 7:00 p.m.
- > **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
LECTOR: Judy Gracey
EUCARISTIC 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
- > **8:45** - Fellowship Committee meeting in nave (see announcement)
- > **9:00 - 9:45 a.m.** - Christian Education in the Faith Room (see announcement)
- > **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
LECTORS: Katherine West, Linda Torbert
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Stephanie Shultz
VESTRY PERSON: Walt West
ACOLYTE: Jimmy Martens
TECH TEAM: Mary Doak
ALTAR GUILD: Katherine West
GREETERS/USHERS: Amy & Jim Isaacs
- > **11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Late Fellowship: TBA**
- > **Worship Committee meeting** after the service in the Faith Room

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Jon West - October 9
Lily Howard - October 10
Kenneth Flood - October 10
Kim O'Grady - October 11
Steve Crabill - October 13



Amy & Jim Isaacs - October 9

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