St. Alban's Episcopal Church

E-Pistle

November 10, 2026

News & Announcements

> **Suggestions for Search Committee Members** – The November Herald, on pages 11-12, provided substantive information regarding what our Search Committee will do and be responsible for. Please prayerfully consider what is there, and if you are interested in committing to this ministry for our parish, please speak to Dee, Arlene, or Mother Sheila by November 15.

> **Change in November Vestry meeting date** – Due to the Annual meeting and Thanksgiving week, this month's meeting is a week early – held on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Room. All are welcome!

> **Annual meeting and report** – Our annual meeting is always the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22 this year. The week prior to the meeting, you should receive the annual report, describing what we have accomplished in 2026. There will also be a proposed budget for 2027. As is our tradition, we will meet between the two services.

> **Blast from the Past** – If you attended our meeting November 1, you probably learned some things you never knew about St. Alban's! We would like to do some features in future Herald publications. If there was a topic that really interested you OR if you would like to write about an event from St. Alban's history that particularly affected you, please contact Dee Rinehart – deerinehart43@gmail.com / 410-251-2749.

> **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. 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

> **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.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

> **Please wear your nametags,** saying "hello" particularly to newcomers and visitors.

> **Contemplative practices** - A meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 3:30 p.m. to develop plans for a Contemplative Practices group at St. Alban's. All are welcome. We will meet in the Grace room. If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact 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

> **St. Philip's – Quantico (6457 Quantico Rd, Quantico, MD 21856) invites you** to the annual live greenery workshop which will be held for two days, **December 7, 8,** to accommodate all participants. This year's seasonal splendor will feature swags created with magnolia, pine, holly,

berries, ornaments, bows and more. The St. Philip's ladies will give instruction and encouragement. Just bring your holiday spirit and we'll do the rest. All materials provided. St. Philip's Episcopal Church. Please register your plan to attend at ewallingford2004@yahoo.com or call 410-742-1837.

> ***Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness* (HHEH)** It's that time of year. It's getting colder. The shelters are open and filling up. The Men's Cold Weather Shelter will be opening soon for the winter. Once again, we will be providing a warm, nourishing meal every 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning on December 9. We will provide homemade chicken soup, salad, rolls and dessert for approximately 40 men. A sign-up sheet will be coming soon and will be in the breezeway. They are also looking for snack items, fresh fruit, on the go breakfast items and lunch items. If you would like to donate items, or have any questions, please contact Kim O'Grady (pkogrady3@yahoo.com or 410-251-2786). You can also sign up for additional meals on their Facebook page.

AUCTION NEWS

> **Auction reimbursements** - Thank you all for the work that went into that spectacular auction and dinner! As you know, the gross was over $15,000, but we need bills for all expenses now so we can get our final total and have a clear picture of what our actual expenses were for future planning. Please contact both Cristina Machin (for planning purposes) and Muffet Reath (for actual reimbursement with receipt).

> **Auction Committee members**: Our last meeting of the year will be Sunday, November 29, after the 10 a.m. service in the Faith room.

> **One last request** – Everyone – please share your feedback about the auction with Cristina or Shelly - general impressions, what you liked, what we can do better for NEXT year! or send an email to cmachin@matice.com. Your feedback is very valuable to us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

> **SOSA(Society of St. Andrew) activities** - Wednesday, Saturday, Monday (November 11,14,16) Join us alongside our Partner Agency, The Maryland Food Bank, for a potato gleaning in East New Market. Everything harvested goes directly to those in need. https://mobilize.us/s/KPyipM

> **Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake** presents you an opportunity to step back in time and explore the stories of our waterways, people, and traditions that have shaped our region and the communities we call home. Join IPC for '***Colonial Chesapeake Tales***' on November 17, **from 6:30-8:00 PM**, at **Historic London Town & Gardens.** Enjoy handcrafted colonial cocktails, heirloom hors d'oeuvres, and meaningful conversations in a beautiful historic setting. **Tickets are $75 per person or $140 per couple.** Your participation also supports IPC's work to uplift faith voices, build up our faith communities, and restore the lands and waters we share. We'd love to have you with us! **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

> **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.

> **Members of the Eastern Shore Ballet Theater** who performed three pieces for us - the Spanish, Russian, and Chinese Divertissements will be dancing in The Nutcracker if you would like to see them and the entire production. All performances will be at Wi Hi, **Friday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m.**

> **If you need gift cards for the holidays**, consider ordering them through Cristina. Your purchase supports P.E.O., a non-profit organization that raises funds to support women's educational

goals. There is no extra cost to you! Cristina or another P.E.O. member will be available between services and after the 10 a.m. service to take your order. Do you have a young woman in your life planning to go to college or are you a woman thinking you should go back to school? Ask how P.E.O. can support your goals! Cards will be available by Thanksgiving.

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, November 11 > **Veterans' Day**

Thursday, November 12 > **Contemplative Practices interest meeting** - 3:30 p.m. in the Grace Room

> **Choir** - 7:00 p.m. in the nave

Friday, November 13 > **World Kindness Day**

Sunday, November 15

> **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
LECTORS: Chuck & Toby Porter
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Meg Caton
VESTRY PERSON: Chip Welsh
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter
TECH TEAM: Chuck Porter

> **8:45 - 9:45 a.m.** - **Early Fellowship 8:45-9:45 a.m. - TBA**

> **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: Brian Raygot, Arlene White
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dee Rinehart
VESTRY PERSON: Paulette Primus
ACOLYTE: Kim O'Grady
TECH TEAM: Katherine West
ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Grim
GREETERS/USHERS: Jani & Jim Gottschalk

> **11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Late Fellowship:** Mae Esh & Linda Torbert

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Chip Welsh - November 13
Sandy Stevens - November 14



Cristina Machin & Kevin Justice - November 11