St. Alban's Episcopal Church

E-Pistle

November 3, 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.

> **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, 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

> **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 observed All Saints'/All Souls' Day, last Sunday to commemorate the faithful departed who have died in the living hope of Christ's resurrection. The service was particularly moving as we lit candles in memory of our loved ones as Sheila read their names.

> **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.

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

> **Only 4 days remain until the auction begins**! If you haven't checked the sign-up sheets in the breezeway for special needs and volunteers, time is running out……
Our format will be the same as last year, beginning with sign in at 5:00 p.m. when you can get your name tag, bid number and find out which parties you got. The auction will last from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Shop the artisan market, look for special services or gift cards for a bargain. Dinner will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by the ESBT presentation from The Nutcracker. Auction cupcakes and checkout end the evening. Remember that we only accept cash or checks. We are looking forward to a great evening of fellowship and fund raising to 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.
> **Members of the Eastern Shore Ballet Theater** will perform three pieces for us - the Spanish, Russian, and Chinese Divertissements. There are 6 dancers performing in costume. ESBT is also donating two tickets to the performance at WIHI, via a promo code that can be used for any of the four performances. 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.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

> **The Naghash Ensemble** combines the earthy spirituality of Armenian folk song, new classical music, and contemporary post-minimalism with the energy of rock and jazz. Three brilliant female vocalists and some of Armenia's finest instrumentalists on duduk, oud, dhol, and piano play captivating new music based on sacred texts by the medieval Armenian mystic poet and priest Mkrtich Naghash. Written by Armenian American composer John Hodian, The Naghash Ensemble's "Songs of Exile" sets sacred texts by medieval mystic Mkrtich Naghash reflecting on spirituality, displacement, and humanity's relationship with God. **Free and open to the public this Wednesday, November 4 • 7:30 p.m. Holloway Hall, Jackson Family Auditorium**
> **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.

> **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

Tuesday, November 3 > **VOTE!!! VOTE!!! VOTE!!!** (if you haven't already)
Wednesday, November 4 > Joseph House Lunch Preparation
Thursday, November 5 **> Choir - 7:00 p.m. in the nave**
Friday, November 6 > Auction Set Up – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7 > Auction Set Up – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
2026 Auction!!! - 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 8 **> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Dr. Sheila McJilton
LECTOR: Kristen Spicer
EUCHARISTIC 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**
> **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: Katherine West, Kim O'Grady
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan Pomeroy
VESTRY PERSON: Jeremy West
ACOLYTE: Maggie O'Grady
TECH TEAM: Katherine West
ALTAR GUILD: Michelle Ben
GREETERS/USHERS: Katherine & Walt West
Community Garden celebration
> **11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Late Fellowship: TBA**

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Dick Wallace – November 4
Sheila McJilton – November 6
Shelly Madsen – November 9
Ani Mathers – November 9
Muffet Reath – November 9