

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

The word

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From the Rector

More than enough.

The word “abundance” occurs 71 times in the Bible. You might even say, abundance” is a thread that weaves its way in and out through scripture, beginning with the story of creation. Before God placed humankind in his garden, there was first an abundance in the garden to sustain them. God gave Adam and Eve everything they could need to not just live, but to thrive. There was more than enough in the garden. In a time of severe famine, God led Jacob to Egypt where Jacob not only found his long, lost son – Joseph – but also an abundance of food as God had led Joseph to prepare Egypt for a long famine by storing up grain.

And, of course, I think the best example of God providing more than enough can be found in the story of the Exodus. God heard the cries of his people wandering through the desert, and provided them with manna and quails – more than enough to eat!

Of course, in the Gospels there is the great story of the feeding of the 5,000. The meal for 5,000 from two fish and five loaves of bread shows Jesus’ power of love and abundance. One of my favorite Biblical commentators likes to say the miracle in that story is that everyone shared what they had – the miracle was in the sharing. But that is also one of the rare times I disagree with that particular Biblical scholar. To reduce the feeding of the 5,000 to a pre-school-style object lesson about sharing is to denigrate and cheapen God’s love and compassion for us. Those stories from scripture should resonate with each of us, as we are all beneficiaries of God’s compassion, love and abundance.



Fr. Jeff with Clark, September 25.

We each have our own stories of God’s abundance in our lives. Truly, each of us has enough... actually, more than enough. God has given us opportunities for education and for careers that have enabled us to live comfortable lives. Very few of us here at St. Alban’s lack anything. But at the same time and in our own community, there are families and households where every day is a struggle. Every day, people who live a mile or two from us have to decide if they will eat or purchase needed medications. Every day, families in Annandale live in poverty and on the edge of homelessness. I am so very pleased that we at St. Alban’s actively work to provide for those in our community who do not have enough by sharing out of the abundance God has given us.

In this stewardship season, I ask that you pledge generously so that St. Alban’s can continue to provide food and other assistance to those in need in our community and beyond.

- ◆ Your generosity will ensure we can continue to help others through our outreach programs.
- ◆ Your generosity will ensure that we can continue to help form our children and youth into loving, compassionate adults through our education programs.
- ◆ Your generosity will ensure that we can continue to enrich our community with free concerts and musical programming; and enrich our lives with beautiful worship.
- ◆ Your generosity supports our "home," the building and grounds and the community that is us.

Our giving not only supports our community at large and enriches our worship and love of God's Word, but also supports the love and caring for the people we see and interact with at St Alban’s.

In the next few weeks, you will receive a pledge card. Please take time to prayerfully consider how you can give out of your abundance. The card is not just a pledge of financial assistance, but a physical symbol of our commitment to grow, more and more, into disciples of Jesus. The card is not just a pledge of financial assistance, but a reflection of the faith we place in Jesus that we will always have more than enough.

-Fr. Jeff

Oktoberfest October 8 5:00 to 7:00 pm (See notice page 11)
Blessing of the Animals October 9 both services

From the Associate Rector

Youth Group Service Project—Kids Cooking for Kids.

At their September 25 meeting, Youth Group members cooked Sloppy Joes for the Poe Meals Program, under the direction of **Fay Froh** and **Delores Baisden**. The meal was served to 200 low income children participating in the after-school meals program at Poe Middle School on September 29.



First Youth Group meeting of the year, September 11. Alison and Zachary Dilworth, Ted Blanchard, Cole Lieberthal, Finley Devereux & Harry Baisden.



SAINT ALBAN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER

11 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Ministry Kickoff BBQ

25 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

OCTOBER

16 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

29 | Saturday | 5:00-9:00 pm
Hayride: Field of Screams, Olney, MD

NOVEMBER

8 | Tuesday | 6:00-11:00 am
FUNDRAISER: Election Day Donuts

20 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

DECEMBER

4 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

11 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Christmas Celebration (Details TBA)

JANUARY

8 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

22 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project



Representatives meet to discuss 2022 bazaar plans on September 22. Co-Chair Nick Huskins, standing.

It is hard to believe – but the St. Alban's Christmas Bazaar is less than 2 months away! The date for the Bazaar is Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Publicity for the Bazaar is well underway. We think it's important to get the message out to as many people as possible. Start sharing the news with your friends, neighbors or anyone with whom you come in contact. Flyers will be available on the St. Alban's website, and copies will be at the church. Please page 16 for a flyer you can print and share. Also, Trick-or-Treat cards will be ready beginning in mid October. Please pick up a few to hand out on Halloween or give as cards to your friends and neighbors.

Have a few hours to spare?

If you are able to volunteer – even for an hour - to help set-up or tear-down please contact **Tom Tycz** or **Bill Calvert**: tstycz70@gmail.com or hokiebc1988@gmail.com.

Please see pages 13, 14, 15 and 16 for more information on the Bazaar, including donation guidelines and how to help and a the bazaar flyer to date (it will be updated as raffle prizes are known). Print it out and post it to your neighbors or on a community bulletin board. Or pick up copies that will be made available soon.

We are looking forward to another successful Bazaar!

-Your Bazaar Team, Bethany Bower and Nick Huskins

**Meet Alex Swain,
Our New Administrative Assistant**

My name is **Alex Swain** and I am a first-year M.Div student at Virginia Theological Seminary.

I grew up in Michigan and studied Biology at Hope College ('16). I then went off to study neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh. In the fall of 2017, I stumbled into Calvary Episcopal Church and felt like I had found a home. During that time, it became increasingly clear that I might actually want to be a priest – not a researcher. So, I obtained my Master's in 2018 and joined Beloved in the Desert Episcopal Service Corps in Tucson, AZ in July 2020. During that time, I learned a lot about what church life looked like and felt an even deeper calling into the life of the Church through my time at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. I stayed in Tucson, began working at The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona as their Volunteer Services Supervisor, and went through the Formal Discernment Process. I now am a Postulant from the Diocese of Arizona and am living in Alexandria, VA. I hope to be ordained a priest in 2025-2026. I am also exploring Benedictine vows and am a postulant in the Canon Orders of St. Benedict.



Alex Swain, our new Administrative Assistant.

I love to read (high fantasy, sci-fi, theology, history and poetry), bike, hike and chat. I have two younger sisters who both live in Michigan. I am incredibly excited to be work here and learn from **Fr. Jeff, Fr. Paul, Adam D.**, and the amazing community at St. Alban's, and look forward to getting to know many of you!

-Alex Swain

From The Music Minister and Organist

A Room of Our Own

With the departure of our tenant school, and thanks to the hard work of **Carlos** and many others who have lent a hand, our music ministries have a new HQ – room 12! We have dedicated cubbies in which our adult singers and Choristers alike can store their sheet music, as well as a large area in which to set up tables for the handbell choir. We are still working to improve the “feng shui” of the space, and I have plans to decorate once we’ve repainted the walls. Feel free to take a peek inside on Sundays to see our music ministries’ new home – **perhaps you will be inspired to join us!**

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, our Chorister program is off to a great start, with seven young musicians already hard at work. **Chorister families can choose one of two evenings for rehearsal (Wednesday or Thursday) – or attend both!** – starting with an optional snack at 4:30. Rehearsal runs from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, followed by optional social time and music theory workbook help from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. The half-hours on either end are “buffers” for busy families navigating DC traffic.

Timeliness is very important. Choristers sign in before each rehearsal, indicating the time they arrive and writing their initials. Choristers are paid a small stipend for their participation, which increases as they progress through the Royal School of Church Music curriculum: they are fined a nickel for every minute that they’re late, and twenty-five cents if they don’t have a pencil. (As a wise musician once told me, “a rehearsal without a pencil is but half a rehearsal”). **The message is that leading worship is important work**, and while rehearsals are fun, preparing music for church is a big responsibility.

Joining me in Chorister rehearsals is **our fabulous new Vocal Coach, Merissa Martignoni Driscoll** (or “Ms. Driscoll” to the kids). She has extensive experience working with singers of all ages, and I am in awe of her ability to engage and connect with our young musicians. You can read about her on our staff page and in this issue of *The Word*. As we continue to set norms for our rehearsals and develop healthy routines, Merissa and I will work together to lead rehearsal. As the group grows into more and more musical skill and confidence, Ms. Driscoll will meet with our boy and girl singers individually or in small groups, pulling them out of rehearsal for “mini-lessons” in order to address their specific technical needs. As this part of our program develops, **please consider whether you are feeling called to help chaperone rehearsals from time to time**. We need three volunteers for each evening – you needn’t chaperone every week. Ideally, we will have a rotating schedule so that we are always covered by three chaperones. If you’d like to help, you must also take Safe Church training if you have not done so recently.

This is an exciting time for music at St. Alban’s. It is a joy to be here, doing this work alongside all of you. Thank you for your prayers and support, and see you in church!
-Adam Detzner, Minister of Music and Organist

Upcoming musical events:

Muldoon Memorial Concert Series

The 2022-2023 Muldoon Memorial Concert Series will start Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 pm, with a concert by local flute *virtuosa* and pedagogue Carrie Rose in the parish hall. You can find a letter in the narthex with the other performance dates as well as information about how to support the series. (See also page 6 of this edition of *The Word*). Please pick one up, mark your calendars, **and prayerfully consider donating to support this year’s concerts and help grow our endowment**. For more information, feel free to contact **Adam D.** at adetzner@stalbansva.org.

Organ Recital

Tuesday, October 18, 12:10 pm, Church of the Epiphany, Downtown DC: our own **Adam Detzner** will play a 45-minute recital on the big Skinner organ at Epiphany, where previous St. Alban’s organist **Jinsun Cho** is the Director of Music!

Phantom of the Opera to Organ

Saturday, October 29, in the evening (time TBD), St. John’s, Norwood: my partner **Karl** has invited our friend David Baskeyfield to come accompany the silent film version of “Phantom of the Opera” at Karl’s church. It will be spooky!

Evensong

Sunday, November 6, 5:00 pm, St. John’s, Norwood: Evensong for All Saints’ with Karl’s choir and my accompaniment, including the Stanford Evening Service in C. I’ve heard it said that Bethesda has one of the highest rates of restaurants per capita in the nation – come for worship, and then enjoy a dinner out!

Welcome Merissa Driscoll, Our New Chorister Vocal Coach.

Welcome **Merissa Martignoni Driscoll**, who has joined St. Alban's as the Vocal Coach for our new Youth Chorister Program, made possible by a generous, anonymous gift!!

Merissa Martignoni Driscoll has been working with young people in the Arts for over 15 years. Before college she developed her skills in the theater department of her middle and high school, performing in dramas, musicals and one-acts. Her summers were spent at Stagedoor Manor, a premier performing arts camp in Loch Sheldrake, NY and any spare time was dedicated to community theater. At 17 she was honored to spend a summer studying at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Manhattan.

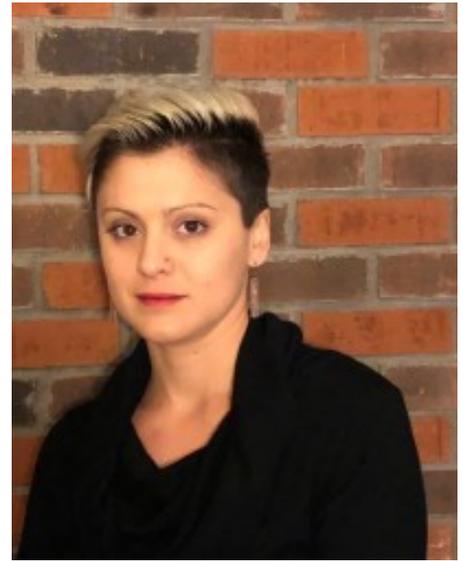
She earned a Bachelor of Music in Composition with a minor in Classical Voice and Choral Studies at Temple University in Philadelphia. After graduation, she found her passion for education while working in a private music school, teaching voice, theory and choral music, as well as developing the school's vocal curriculum.

After relocating to Northern Virginia, Merissa received her teaching certification from George Mason University, to transfer her love of education to public schools. She spent seven years in Prince William County as an Elementary Music Teacher. Throughout those years she also developed a professional presence in Northern Virginia's Musical Theater community. She has a creative home at The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA where she regularly can be seen music directing mainstage shows and cabarets, as well as performing original music.

Currently Merissa is embarking on a career as a full-time musician and educator. Her position as Vocal Coach for St. Alban's youth Chorister program is another step in engaging with her community and bringing the love and discipline of the arts to young people and their families.

For more information about our Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) "Voice for Life" chorister program, please contact **Adam Detzner**, Minister of Music.

-Adam Detzner



Merissa Martignoni Driscoll



*Choir member **Fran Walinsky** and Music Minister **Adam Detzner** chat with students interested in the RSCM Chorister Program on Ministry Sunday, September 11.*

RSCM Chorister Program - Help Spread the Word!

St. Alban's is launching a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Chorister program in September. Choristers and their families can choose between Wednesday or Thursday rehearsals, and Choristers will work one-on-one and in small groups with a dedicated professional Vocal Coach. **The program is free** and any child aged eight and older with an unchanged voice is welcome to participate.

If you know of any children who love to sing, please share the news of this program with them. You can visit the music page at www.wearestalbans.org/music for a full program description. There are also postcards sprinkled across campus – please feel free to grab a few and post them in your favorite coffee shop. Volunteer and other administrative support will also be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support of this important work!



Choir Notes



October 2. *Thee We Adore*, by T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964), is based on a plainsong hymn (#314 in our Hymnal). The original text (with a slightly different translation from that in our Hymnal) is attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274). Born in Cheshire, England, Candlyn came to the United States in 1915 to become organist/choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany, NY, where he stayed until 1943. From 1943 to 1954 he was choirmaster at St. Thomas Church in New York City. Noted British conductor Sir Thomas Beecham described Candlyn's work with St. Thomas's choir as "among the best in the world." Most of his 200 compositions are sacred works.

October 9. The surname of Henry Loosemore (c1600/07-1670) begs for wordplay, but I shall again resist the temptation to turn myself loose—or not. Perhaps I'm just losing it. OK, OK ... no more. Born into a musical family, Loosemore became organist at King's College, Cambridge in 1627. Church services were suspended when the monarchy was overthrown in 1649, but Loosemore found work as organist for the third Lord North at Kirtling, Cambridgeshire from 1652 to 1658, and perhaps into the mid-1660s (although a recorded payment to "Mr. Loosemore" in 1666 may have been to his son, George). One source maintains that Loosemore resumed work at King's College after the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, while another reports that he became organist at Exeter Cathedral in that year. (As I have noted previously, recordkeeping in this era was a bit loose.) We will be singing Loosemore's anthem, *O Lord, Increase My Faith*.

October 16. The English composer Thomas Attwood (1765-1838) studied with Mozart, whose influence on his work is evident. Attwood was appointed organist for St. Paul's Cathedral in London in 1796. He was well connected with the British royal court and was named a professor at the Royal Academy of Music shortly after its founding in 1823. We will sing his anthem, *Teach Me, O Lord*, the text of which is from Psalm 111, v. 33.

October 23. Sir H[enry] Walford Davies (1869-1941) was born in Shropshire. He studied, then taught at the Royal College of Music; served as organist at various churches in the London area; was briefly director of music for the Royal Air Force; became a popular host of a BBC radio program on classical music; served for 20 years as Professor of Music at Aberystwyth University in Wales; and became Master of the King's Musick from 1934 to his death in 1941. His compositional output is modest and consists mainly of sacred music. We will be singing his anthem, *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*.

October 30. Little is known about the early years of Christopher Tye (c1500/05-1571/73)—another legacy of the loose recordkeeping of the era. He was possibly a chorister at Kings College, Cambridge, where he later earned a doctorate in music (as well as one from Oxford). He served as choirmaster at Ely Cathedral from 1541 to 1561, after it became Protestant, and the language of his choral works shifted from Latin to English. We will be singing his anthem, *Give Almes of Thy Goods*.
-Clarence Zuvekas

Muldoon Concert Series 2023

October 23, 4:00 pm. – Carrie Rose, Flutist

Carrie Rose, flutist, and Szu-Yi Li, pianist, combine liquid phrasing and musical sensitivity to interpret the delicate *Morceau de Concours* by Fauré, the dark and complex Sonata in E Minor by J. S. Bach, the frothy *Cantabile et Presto* by Enesco, and the fireworks of Poulenc's Sonata. Szu-Yi interprets Schumann-Liszt's *Widmung* for solo piano.

February 12, 4:00 pm – Illuminare / Carmina Choral Ensemble

Carmina and its sister organization, the treble ensemble Illuminare, will present a program of Renaissance and early Baroque choral works by English, German and Italian composers including music by William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Thomas Tompkins, Johann Michael Bach, Johann Kuhnau and Caterina Assandra.

March 19, 4:00 pm. – Second Annual Annandale Bach Birthday Marathon

An afternoon of short performances of organ works of J. S. Bach by talented local artists on St. Alban's beautiful mechanical action organ (John Leek, Op. 1). Audience members can drop in and depart at will. When the marathon ends at 6:00 pm., concertgoers and musicians will continue to celebrate Johann Sebastian with a festive reception, where beer and German fare will be served.

May 21, 4:00 pm – Dr. Kimberly Marshall, Organist

The organ was invented in the third century BCE, and it has an incredibly large repertoire. Nevertheless there are many hidden gems. A specialist on the earliest and most recent music for the organ, Kimberly Marshall will present a program entitled "Journeys into Freedom," featuring compositions by medieval, women, black and Navajo composers that contextualize more well-known works. Come discover new music on the world's oldest instrument!

Buildings and Grounds Report

A lot has been going on at the church and rectory in the last month.

Of note:

HVAC Systems – Krafft Services completed installation of three new air conditioning units; two at the church and one at the rectory. There were some installation issues at the rectory and **Fr. Jeff** is working with the company to resolve them. Total cost was \$15K.

Emergency Lighting – Becker Electrical replaced the power inverter and back-up battery system that provides emergency power to church building exit signs and egress lighting. This repair was necessary to maintain an occupancy certification with the Fire Marshall. Total cost was \$13.4K.

Classroom Cleaning and Repairs – **Carlos** has been busy cleaning the floors, carpets and walls and well as accomplishing plumbing repairs, door repairs and painting within the classrooms recently vacated by the tenant school. Much of the damage was beyond normal wear and tear and St. Alban's will be deducting the cost of the repairs from the \$15K security deposit. Two of the rooms have been repurposed as the new Sunday School venue and the Choir/Chorister program practice venue.

Sprinkler System – An inspection found a very old valve station within our lawn sprinkler system beyond repair. Replacement is estimated at around \$1K.

Other Repairs/Maintenance Items –

Men's room door for narthex restroom had hinges readjusted. It now fully closes.

Handicap door assist button outside parish hall was repaired.

Dead trees and yard debris were removed from the property.

Barn construction debris has been removed.

-Bill Calvert, Junior Warden



Harry Baisden proudly shows off our beautiful new barn with its beautiful new sign, "THE BARN" painted by the talented Nancy Calvert . (in case you didn't know it was a barn!)



Ice Cream Social September 18. Goodbye Summer!

Thanks to the Parish Life Committee (including April Kreller, Olivia Devereaux, Jane Cheek and others) for a delectable treat of ice cream and all the toppings to say “goodbye summer; hello fall! “



Braddock Poe Schools Food Distribution on September 7.



Braddock Poe Schools Food Distribution Team September 7

Carolyn Foley, Barbara Cook, Dottie Ninde, Wendy Cleland-Hamnett, Ray Hanlein, Bob Wood, Tom Tycz, Sally Hanlein, Nell Dillard, Bill Calvert, Ron Vogel, Melinda Patterson, Barbara Hallman. Not shown: **Carlos Guzman, Patricia Smith, Kate Giroux** and more.



Bill Calvert and Larry Hodgin with bags packed and ready to take off to the delivery site as rain looms. We give two very generous bags of produce and healthy foods to low income families every 2 weeks.

Samaritan Ministry

Each year, St. Alban's participates in Samaritan Ministry's annual fundraising events including the Next Step Breakfast in the spring and their largest fundraiser, the Christmas Gala. Last year, St. Alban's parishioners donated two gift baskets to be auctioned off during the gala, which raised more than \$101,370 dollars, \$1,000 more than their goal!

In December 2021, Samaritan Ministry distributed almost \$13,000 dollars in holiday gift cards, which allowed their 192 participants, plus 34 children, to better celebrate the holidays. As always, St. Alban's parishioners came together and donated gift cards in support of this event.

If you're interested in helping out, here are a few ways you can contribute:

Volunteer!

Nearly 75 percent of Samaritan Ministry staff members are volunteers who assist our neighbors dealing with poverty in overcoming the challenges they face each day by serving as a:

- Caseworker
- Workshop Leader
- Resume Writer
- Food Pantry/Toiletry Coordinator at DC Office
- Office Support

Donate slightly used clothing for use by participants. Donations can be delivered to Samaritan Ministry's Northern Virginia Office, 2207 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA.

Donate a gift basket to be auctioned off during the Annual Christmas Gala fundraiser on November 5. The gala will be in person this year at St. Andrew's from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Last year, St. Alban's donated two gift baskets for the auction. Gift basket examples include: a gift card to a favorite restaurant and a bottle of wine; games for a family game night; or snack food and drinks for watching a sporting event at home.

Donate toiletries (such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste, etc.) for participants. We have a donation box for Samaritan Ministry in the narthex.

Donate a \$25 gift card or two for the Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive by November 12 to help participants better celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Please put gift cards in an envelope before placing them in the donation box for Samaritan Ministry in the narthex.

Bake cookies for the annual open house to be held on December 16 at the Northern Virginia office. **Debbe Hughes** will be coordinating the effort again this year. Debbe will provide additional details in the SAM as the date draws near.

For more information on how you can assist, please contact **Nancy** or **Kristi** at:

-Kristina Potts, 202-258-6208, pottsk123@gmail.com
-Nancy Calvert, 571-839-5068, billandnancycalvert@verizon.net



Family Night brought to you by Fr. Paul, Peter Larson, April Kreller, Heath Larson-Ensinger, Fr. Jeff and more, including Olivia Devereaux (not shown) .



Family Dinner and Movie Night September 9

Attendees enjoyed dinner and a show: a delicious spaghetti and salad dinner along with a fun movie, Sing II. Photo above Rory Lieberthal, his mom April and Olivia Devereaux.



The St. Alban's Parish Life Committee
invites you to

Oktoberfest

**Saturday, Oktober 8th
5:00pm-7:00pm
In the St. Alban's parish hall**

Break out your lederhosen and join us for sauerkraut, bratwurst, bier und ein bisschen Oktoberfest Gemütlichkeit.* Sheltered, outdoor seating will be provided in the courtyard, weather permitting.

Bring a side dish or desert to share. St. Alban's will provide the beer, the bratwurst and hotdogs.

All are invited – all are welcome! Please join us!

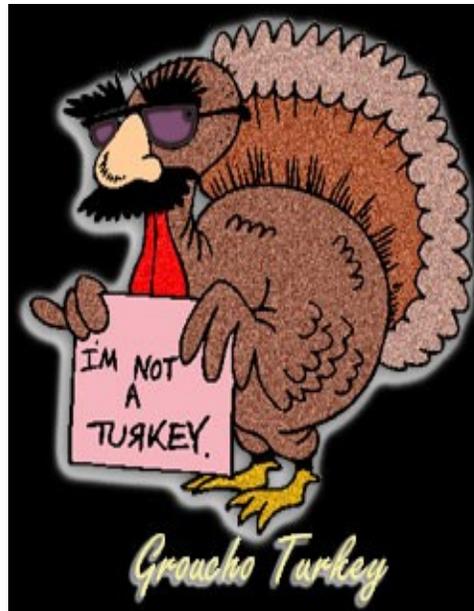
*a little Oktoberfest atmosphere



Nancy Harrell setting up for the Ministry Fair on September 11. She calls this the "calm before the storm."

Thanksgiving Dinner at Lockwood House

Groucho Turkey is back to remind us it's time to think about Thanksgiving plans. Once again, St Alban's parishioners will provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at noon on Thursday, November 24 for about 80 elderly residents at Lockwood House located in the Seven Corners area of Arlington. Again this year Quantum Management will provide catered and carved turkey, and our parishioners will provide mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, rolls, gravy, cranberry sauce and pies. Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex in early November.



The turkey will be delivered to our St Alban's kitchen on Wednesday for heating in our ovens on Thursday morning. We'll need a volunteer to take on the heating task. Sides and pies may be delivered to St Alban's on Thanksgiving Day by 10:30 am or directly to Lockwood House at 600 N. Madison Street, Arlington by 11:00 am. Two volunteers are needed to transport food from St. Alban's to Lockwood House. Finally, we'll need 18-20 servers to arrive by 11:30 am on Thanksgiving Day to greet and serve this delicious inner. The residents are always happy to see us and appreciate the meal.

Many of you have made this event an annual part of your Thanksgiving tradition, and I look forward to your participation. We also welcome newcomers to share in the festivities and keep our numbers strong for those who may be travelling this year. Please contact me at LDCummings@msn.com or 703-283-7032 if you have any questions. Thank you! -Linda Cummings

Do you have a graduate (grade school, college, trade school, etc) you'd like us to feature in a future Word? Please contact **Barbara Hallman** at bhallman1@cox.net for how to submit.

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Ministry Sunday, September 11

There is a place for everyone at St. Alban's. Many parishioners stopped by the displays to learn more about the many missions of St. Alban's and to find some that match with their interests and talents. Thanks to **Karen and Rick Weinberg** (photo top left with **Br. Luis**) for orchestrating our first Ministry Sunday since 2019 due to Covid.



St. Alban's Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 19



John Clements as Town Crier.

The Christmas Bazaar has been an annual tradition for more than 50 years. The bazaar provides a welcoming atmosphere and lets our neighbors see how Christ works in our parish community. The bazaar is an excellent place to gather and celebrate!

We offer a variety of items for sale, including handmade arts and crafts, baked goods and candy, jewelry, toys, puzzles, games, gently used household goods and decorative items, books, Christmas decor and a selection of low-cost gifts that children can choose to surprise their families. There's also a prize raffle, cafe, face painting and visits with Santa. In addition, the bazaar provides a wonderful opportunity to raise money to support our many community outreach activities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

VOLUNTEER. Join our enthusiastic volunteers and help prepare and carry out the annual St. Alban's Christmas Bazaar. Do you have one hour? One day? How about a week? We are calling all volunteers to help decorate the parish hall, set up and take down the tables and chairs, move sale items in and out, work in the cafe or one of the stalls. Much of the set up work starts the Sunday before the bazaar and continues in the evenings during the bazaar week.

BAKE or COOK BEFORE THE BAZAAR. Donate homemade candy and/or baked goods, chili, corn chowder, or make sausage rolls for the bazaar cafe.

SPREAD THE WORD. Encourage your friends, family and coworkers to attend. If you're new to St. Alban's or have never volunteered at the bazaar before, this is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners.

DONATE. This year, we need tools, toys, jewelry, handbags, scarves, neckties, jewelry boxes, movies and music (DVDs & CDs only) and books; popular fiction (adventure, historical, crime, romance) books, particularly in paperback format, as well as history/autobiography books, and cookbooks published within past 10 years. Donations are being accepted now, so bring your items to the parish hall closet in marked boxes and sturdy bags on or before November 11.

Please see page 14 for Donation Guidelines, page 15 for the bazaar flyer you can print and share and page 16 for a listing of all bazaar chairs, co-chairs and representatives and contact information.



Samara and Jonquil Traum with Harris Andrews, Father Christmas Jo Hodgkin and Chris Peck running the ever popular raffle.

2022 Christmas Bazaar Donation Guidelines

WHAT TO BRING:

General household items, tools, toys, Christmas decorations, handmade items, jewelry, raffle prizes, handbags, scarves, neckties, jewelry boxes, movies and music (DVDs and CDs only) and books; popular fiction (adventure, historical, crime, romance) books, particularly in paperback format, and history/autobiography books. Cookbooks are also fine, as long as they are from within the past 10 years.

WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE?

Ask yourself: **Would I buy this at a bazaar?**

WHEN TO BRING DONATIONS:

Now through November 11. Bazaar will take place November 19.

WHERE TO PUT DONATIONS:

Parish hall closet – Please place books in the inner closet. If possible, take all other items upstairs to the attic and place them in the designated locations. **Please do not block the entrance to the book room!**

Please place jewelry in the box in the narthex closet.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR DONATIONS:

- Make sure all items are clean and in working order.
- Use boxes that fit the items.
- Soft items or large toys may be put in trash bags.
- Pack glass or breakable items safely.
- For books, use double paper grocery bags or small boxes.
- Box items by category and label boxes and bags: toys, white elephants, tools, Christmas decorations so they can be sorted easily.
- Place on the shelves in the parish hall closet. Please be sure that items do not impede access to the shelves.
- New handmade items are welcome! Mark clearly or bring to Chatting Fingers Tuesdays 10:00 am to noon.

RAFFLE PRIZES:

We need prizes that will attract ticket buyers of all ages. Minimum value of all items is **\$75.00**. Ideas include: sporting events, theater or concert tickets, high value new items, an offer of professional services such as decorating a special cake or raking leaves or detailing a car or even gift cards! Please contact **Chris Peck** cmpeck02@verizon.net or **Stephanie Lightner** stephanielightner55@gmail.com about your donation.

NOT SOLD AT THE BAZAAR:

Electronics such as TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers, furniture, clothing, shoes, hats, large handbags.

LARGE, HEAVY ITEMS:

For those who need assistance with donations, a committee chair will be available at the church on the following dates: Sept 10 10:00 am-1:00 pm; Sept 11 9:00 -10.30 am; Oct 8 10:00 am-1:00 pm; Oct 9 9:00-10.30 am; Oct 22 10:00 am-1:00 pm; Oct 23 9:00-10.30 am. Any questions please email bazaar@stalbansva.org

RECEIPTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Are located in the Bazaar closet or by contacting bazaar@stalbansva.org.



St. Alban's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 19th
9 AM - 2 PM

6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale

***Outdoor Cafe *Candy & Baked Goods *Books
*Art * Children's Gift Shop
*Toys & Games *Jewelry *Household Goods
*Handmade Items * Caroling by the Choir
*Raffle
and much more!**

All Major Credit Cards Accepted!

Raffle Prizes Galore!

You do not have to be present to win!

Kennedy Center Tickets
Dinner/Show Signature Theater
Lego Sets & Toys
Fabulous Quilts
Holiday Dishware
Amazon Tech Bundle
& So much more!!



Your purchases help support St. Alban's outreach programs at Poe Middle School, Bethany House, Belvedere Elementary, Braddock Elementary, Lockwood House, Bailey's Crossroads Shelter, ACCA and other community organizations serving those in need. We also support outreach in North Carolina, Our Little Roses School in Honduras, Holy Trinity Church in Haiti and Episcopal Relief and Development. For more information, please email bazaar@stalban.org.

2022 Bazaar Chairs, Co-Chairs and Representatives

Bakery Co-Chairs: Clarence Zuvekas and Fran Walinsky
 Books Chair: Izanne Zorin
 Café Chair: Kate Wettstein and Deborah Becker
 Candy Chair: Delores Baisden
 Cash Control Co-Chairs: Ray Hanlein and Moira Skinner
 Children's Gifts Co-Chairs: Laura Depasquale, Robyn Leersnyder and Laura Depasquale
 Christmas Décor Co-Chairs: Ann Gates and Fay Froh
 Decorating Chair: Olivia Devereux
 Face Painting Chair: Trish Huheey
 Handmades Representative: Allison Blanchard
 Household Goods Co-Chairs: Nancy Calvert, Sue Mairena and Dottie Ninde
 Jewelry Co-Chairs: Ginger Weschler and Christina Russell
 Pressed Flowers Chair: Barbara Hallman
 Publicity (Print): April Kreller
 Publicity (Online): Kevin Holland
 Raffle Co-Chairs: Chris Peck and Stephanie Lightner
 Santa: Harris Andrews
 Set-Up/Take Down Co-Chairs: Tom Tycz and Bill Calvert
 Square Payment Chair: Rick Weinberg
 Tools Co-Chairs: Doug Mairena and Harry Baisden
 Town Cryer: John Clements
 Toys Co-Chairs: Sara Traum, Kristi Potts and Martina Daggel

For more information or questions about the Bazaar, please contact co-chairs Nick Huskins or Bethany Bower at bazaar@stalbandsva.org

Holy Land Pilgrimage: October 5-15, 2023

Footsteps of Jesus | St. George's College, East Jerusalem
 There is still time to join our pilgrimage to the Holy Land...the course remains open until filled. Talk to Fr. Paul if you have questions or are curious.

2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage Information

Help Out the Families of Braddock Elementary School

Every other Wednesday, St. Alban's provides two bags of nutritious foods to 35 grateful families who have been identified as "in need" by the school's family resource teacher. Volunteers are needed to pack the bags or deliver them to a central location where we meet the families. We love new volunteers and it is very rewarding, so please consider joining us.

Our next Wednesday is October 5.

If you have any questions, email Nell Dillard at nelldillard@hotmail.com.



Queen Elizabeth II
1926-2022

Statement from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

September 8, 2022 Office of Public Affairs The Episcopal Church

Today we mourn the passing and celebrate the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II. My prayers for peace go out for her, for her loved ones, and for all those who knew and loved her throughout the world.

Her resilience, her dignity, and her model of quiet faith and piety have been—and will continue to be—an example for so many.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

*The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church*

Photo courtesy Press Association, Danny Lawson

Caregiver Support Group

The Caregivers' Support Group will continue meetings on Sunday, **October 16, after the 10:30 AM service in Room 11.** If you provide physical, financial, emotional, or spiritual care for a loved one, we invite you to join us.

Christmas Bazaar: Donations Needed!

The Bazaar will be here before you know it!

Please place items in boxes or sturdy bags marked with what's inside.

When choosing items to donate, please consider what you or others would like to buy. All items should be clean and in good condition. Please make sure any battery-operated items have a battery so the customer can see that they work.

Coats 4 Kids

Again this year, St. Alban's is providing brand new warm winter coats for children at Braddock Elementary.

It's easy to help! Just take a leaf from the display in the Narthex. It will have a coat size on it, and all you have to do is purchase a new coat in that size. Next week, you can return the coat to the Narthex. If you are going to Shrinemont, feel free to bring the new coat and pass it along to Jo Hodgins. The coat drive will continue for several weeks, but the sooner we can get coats to kids, the better.

Thank you for keeping a child warm this winter!

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Save the Date: Muldoon Concert Series Returns October 23rd

The 2022-2023 Muldoon Memorial Concert Series will start **Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 PM**, with a concert by local flute *virtuosa* and pedagogue Carrie Rose. You can find a letter in the Narthex with the other performance dates, as well as information about how to support the series. Please pick one up, mark your calendars, and prayerfully consider donating to support this year's concerts and help grow our endowment. For more information, feel free to contact Adam D. at adetzner@stalbansva.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 9, is our annual Blessing of the Animals. All furry, feathered, and scaly pets are invited and welcome for a special blessing at both of our services: **8:00 and 10:30 AM**, in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.

The blessings will be at the end of the service, so your pets are welcome to join us for worship in the church - we welcome the barking and the meowing. Hope to see you there!

Poe Middle After-School Meal Program Resumes September 29th

St. Albans will serve its first hot meal of the school year to middle schoolers who participate in Poe's after-school activities on **Thursday, September 29**. More than two-thirds of the students in the after-school programs receive free- or reduced-priced breakfasts and lunches, and so our meals support those who face food insecurity at home at the end of the day. We have learned and servers have witnessed that these students very much look forward to, and are grateful for, these hot meals. Here's your opportunity to support this outreach!

Volunteers are needed to shop on your own schedule beforehand and to cook, transport, serve, and clean up on the day-of.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
6800 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA 22003

October 8

Oktoberfest | Parish Hall | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

October 9

Blessing of the Animals | During 8:00 AM
and 10:30 AM Services

October 16

Caregiver Support Group | Room 11 | After
the 10:30 Service

COVID-19 Updates

Over the past several months we have been implementing changes to return to our pre-COVID worship routine. Below is a recap of changes to our Sunday worship:

- We are once again serving the chalice at Communion. Instructions and guidance are printed in the bulletin, but we ask that you not dip your wafer in the wine. We are only sipping from the common cup. Should you not wish to drink from the cup, we ask that you touch the base of the chalice as the minister says the words of ministrations.
- We are returning to our previous Communion "traffic pattern." The ushers will release each row to come down the center aisle for Communion, and we ask that you return to your seat via the side aisles.
- Prayer books and hymnals were removed from the church out of concern for viral spread. That is no longer a concern, so we will return to using the BCP's in the pews. The service will no longer be printed in full in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday School Is Now Open

We are excited to announce that registration is open for Sunday School (grades Pre-K through High School). Please register your children by going to the **church website**. This information is very important for parish record keeping. For more information on registration or about St. Alban's Sunday School, please see Adam Hutson or email us at sundayschool@stalbandsva.org.



Sunday School teachers Ann Gates, Adam Hutson, Jane Cheek, Sarah Traum and Carleton Jillson meet on August 28 to plan the school year.

Episcopal Relief and Development, in partnership with Action by Churches Together Alliance, is providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other desperately needed assistance to families fleeing the war in Ukraine. Donations can be made to support these efforts on the [Episcopal Relief and Development website](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/).