

July 2015



ST. ALBAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

servicing God by servicing others



Dear people of St. Alban's,

Sabbath. It's not just about Sunday. It's about taking rest from our work, as God did. On six days, God created. The seventh was a day to stop and enjoy the goodness. In the Ten Commandments, the expectation that faithful people will take time to rest is in the list alongside restraint from worshipping idols, from murder, from adultery, and from coveting our neighbors' stuff. Why is it that we take seriously the commandment to honor our

father and mother, but disregard the commandment to observe the Sabbath and keep it holy?

A major reason that we abandon practices of keeping a holy day of rest is because the culture in which we live dismisses its value. Most stores and restaurants are open seven days, which means that people who work in



them can be called upon to work any day of the week or every day. Long gone is the era when everything was closed on Sunday so that folks could go to church and spend time with their families. But the pressure isn't confined to having everything open and available every day: people also are pushed to work longer hours. So many of us are weary. And the toll on us physically, socially, and psychologically is enormous.

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None of us has the power to turn back this tide in our culture. As people of faith, however, we must look at its effect on us spiritually so that we may choose how to act in the circumstances of our own lives. When this commandment was recorded in the book of Exodus, the reason given includes more than the reminder that God, in whose image we are made, rested to enjoy the good that came from his labor. In Deuteronomy, the



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people are told to remember that they are no longer slaves. As people living in the freedom that God opens, they are called upon to take time to rest – and to ensure that everyone in their household, including the animals, is not forced to work relentlessly.

Regular rest is a blessing into which God calls us. If you're required to work on Sunday (as I am), can you choose another day – or even part of a day – to spend in a way that heals and refreshes? Not running errands, but putzing in your garden or making model airplanes or telling family stories or going for a walk in the park. Pray, and give thanks. Even an hour of Sabbath rest each week creates a foothold for Christ's peace to grow in you. Try it. Waste time for God. Soon you'll feel the joy dawning.

Peace, *Paula+*

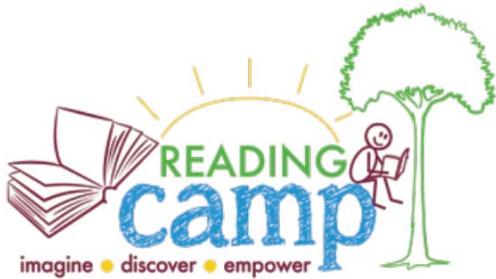
Prayer Shawl and Stitching Ministries

The Prayer Shawl and Stitching Ministry will meet twice a month this summer to continue making little sundresses. **The next meetings are July 8 and July 22, from 2 – 4 pm in the vestry room.** At this time, we have donated 61 dresses to the Grain Train Project for them to distribute around the world to little girls needing dresses. These 61 dresses are in addition to the 150+ we donated last summer!

The ladies are making sundresses which our mission trip group will take to Buen Pastor in the Dominican Republic. There are already 17 dresses ready to go! By mid-July when the group leaves, there will be many more dresses lovingly sewn by our talented St. Alban's seamstresses.

If you cannot attend the meetings, but would like to sew some dresses at home, please contact Barbara Phillips for a kit of cut fabric and instructions. If you are not comfortable sewing, you might like to come join us at the meeting to help cut out dresses, sit and knit or crochet, or just enjoy the fellowship.





GLEN BURNIE READING CAMP UPDATE

July 27 – 31, 2015, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

We have less than a month until Glen Burnie Reading Camp begins and preparations for camp are going smoothly. We have sufficient funding. We have teachers, youth counselors, and many other volunteers. We have lots of books. We have meals planned. We have ideas for arts and crafts. We have a guest speaker for one day. We have field trips

arranged. We have campers!

Mornings at camp involve breakfast first thing, then on to the 5 sessions of instruction given by the teachers. The sessions are: phonics, sight words, strategies for comprehension, writing, and pleasure reading. After lunch at noon, there will be guest speakers, time for arts and crafts, and field trips. The field trips are: a tour of the North County Public Library, a trip to the Volunteer Fire Department, a picnic and tour of Ft. McHenry, and a trip to the Aquatic Center for afternoon swimming.

We are blessed to have many volunteers to help with all aspects of the camp. Some volunteers will be able to spend 40 hours at camp, but many will be able to offer a day, morning or afternoon of assistance. That means we need still more volunteers to cover a full 5 days of camp.

Peg Davidson has agreed to lead the food preparation team, and we have volunteers to help with the meals and snacks. However, we still need someone to organize and lead the arts and crafts in the afternoons.

For our field trips, we have gotten a number of volunteers to chaperone, but we could use more. As a chaperone, you will have an opportunity for some nostalgia because we will be riding a school bus everywhere we travel!

After a year of talking about it, and months of planning, Glen Burnie Reading Camp is a reality. We are buying supplies. We have inventoried our large collection of books. Our camp director, Maija Denson, is identifying materials needed and organizing lesson plans for camp. Parents have sent in applications and now we have campers who have been accepted to camp. We will be having our first day of Glen Burnie Reading Camp starting at 8:30 am on Monday, July 27th and we are very excited about it! There is still time if you are interested in helping with camp, and the necessary training is available online. Please contact Maija Denson, Louise Izat, or Mary Wilcox if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Welcoming Ministries



We have ordered St Alban's Tote Bags which will be used as welcoming bags and will be available for sale soon. The tote bags will look similar to the bag in the photo and feature our St. Alban's logo design. The bags are great for shopping, school, work and when you use these bags you are helping the save the environment while proudly displaying your love of St. Alban's!

St. Alban's Women's Guild

On Tuesday, June 16, the Guild gathered for their annual end of year, pot luck picnic. A good time was had by all. As usual, the ladies brought some delicious dishes. Two of my favorites were the casserole of beans, franks and corn bread and a fabulous broccoli salad. Mmmmm good!

After enjoying all the great food, the traditional rousing game of bingo was played. The prizes were provided by the ladies.

The president took time out to thank the members for all of their outstanding work, creativity and devotion to St. Alban's; a group of finer, more loving and devoted ladies cannot be found anywhere else, only at St. Alban's.

Our next meeting will be the fall on September 15, Tuesday, at 7:30 pm in the Vestry room. The Guild wishes all a safe and happy summer.

Mary Moran

Please send your submissions for the August Beacon by July 20 to cedarpup@cablespeed.com or place them in the newsletter editor bin in the vestry room.

Lunch Bunch

A nice size group gathered on June 16th at the Green Turtle in Pasadena. We were seated in the party room which allowed us to eat and visit in a leisurely manner. Our waiter Steven, was friendly and helpful as he attended to our table. The menu was varied and moderately priced which allowed everyone to enjoy some very tasty food.

While some committee members are taking a well-earned break over the summer, the Lunch Bunch will continue to gather at some of their favorite area restaurants.

On July 15th, we will visit the sponsor of our upcoming movie night, the East Moon Asian Bistro located between Crain and Ritchie Highways at 12:30 pm. We are looking forward to sampling their fine Asian food and sushi! Please give me a call to let me know if you can make it so that a reservations can be made.

Mary Moran
410-761-8723



The 2015 BIG Glen Burnie Carnival is coming and volunteers are needed to staff the St. Alban's Kiddie Games Booth. It is a lot of fun and a wonderful way to give back to our Community. The Carnival runs July 31st through August 8th. Please find the Sign Up sheet on the bulletin board in the Vestry room. Contact Alice Cook at 443-790-6602 with any questions. Thank you!

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday & Friday at 7:00 pm Al-Anon meets every Friday at 7:00 pm Eternal Quilters meets on the 2nd Thursday at 10:00 am Food Addictions meets every Monday at 7:00 pm Purple Heart meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm Vintage Tin meets every 1st Thursdays at 7:00 pm			1	2	3	5
						<i>Holiday– Office closed</i>
5 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	13	14	15 Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm—East Moon Asian Bistro	16	17	18 Movie Night 8:00 pm Big Hero 6
Dominican Republic Mission Trip						
19 8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Morning Prayer	20	21 6:00 pm Social Ministries	22	23 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	24	25
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26 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion	27	28	29	30	31 BIG Glen Burnie Carnival 6:30-11:00 pm	NEW GROUP MTG: Depression & Anxiety Support meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
Glen Burnie Reading Camp 8:30 am—4:00 pm						

Social Ministries

The Social Ministries Committee would like to thank everyone for the beach towels and sunscreen donated in June. The 25 campers at Camp Amazing Grace will love all the colorful beach towels! Their parents will appreciate the sunscreen given to protect the children from the sun. This is the 10th year that St. Alban's has contributed to Camp Amazing Grace. We have been helping this camp from the first year it was started by our Diocesan Prison Task Ministry. Thank you for your wonderful generosity to all of these children over the years.



Outdoor Movies!

FREE MOVIES OUTDOORS continue this summer for two more Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm:

July 18— Big Hero 6
August 8—TBD

Bring family, friends and lawn chairs. Refreshments will be available for purchase. In the event of rain, the movie will be presented indoors in the Fellowship Hall.

Flea Market

Now is the time start to collect and bring in items for the white elephant table. If you are not sure, bring it anyway! We will surely find a way to use or sell it. If you have any questions see the next page or please contact Barbara Phillips at 410-761-1429 or Mary Moran at 410-761-8723.



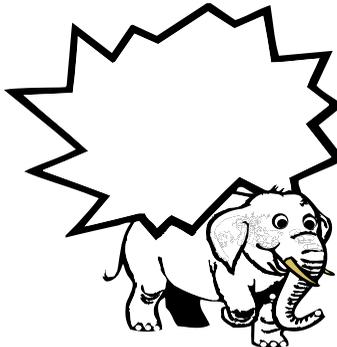
Fall Flea Market



**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
1st & A Streets, Glen Burnie**

**Saturday, Sept. 12th
9am-1pm**

**Call the church office (410-766-1455),
M-F, 9am-12pm
to reserve a spot or for more information.**



St. Alban's Bird's Eye View?



During the Spring Flea Market, Bob Hendrix, Bob Laning, and Kevin “Bob for a Day” Gish went about replacing several burnt out bulbs on the church’s chandeliers. While replacing those, they decided to replace ALL the bulbs with more environmentally friendly and money saving bulbs.

This required the guys to climb the large step ladder and carefully remove each bulb and placing in the new one. While up on the ladder, Kevin was awed by having a view of St. Alban’s that few have had. The two pictures accompanying this article were taken from the top of the ladder with a cell phone camera. We hope you enjoy this bird’s eye view of our lovely church!



Be sure to visit us on the Web at:

<http://www.st-albans.ang-md.org/>

For update news, copies of the newsletter, photos and more!

Wishing You A...



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

...Safe Summer!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday Worship Services

8:00 am - Holy Communion, Rite I (no music)

10:30 am - Holy Communion, Rite II (with music)

Sunday School, K-8 and Nursery

Church Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-12 pm

Rector Rev. Dr. Paula Datsko Barker