

Herald

St. Alban's Mission:
"Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation"

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH, SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Autumn can be thought of as the golden hour of the year. It brings an abundance of colors, textures and change. The equal amounts of day and night that the fall equinox brings is a great reminder to find balance in our own lives. What are some ways you can find balance in your life this season?

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Happy Thanksgiving!



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Sunday Worship



NOVEMBER

Sunday Service 9:30 am

We will be alternating between Rite I, Elizabethan language and Rite II contemporary language.

Services will be in-person and live stream on YouTube.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

St. Alban's: Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation



This is our identity as a parish, which we articulated with these words. We endeavor to follow Christ in welcoming "all sorts and conditions of [humanity]." We offer baptism and eucharist to all, and the pastoral offices of reconciliation, ministry to the sick, and Christian burial to those who ask. We do not discriminate with regard to gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation or identity, or mental capacity. With regard to marriage, our policy is to meet all couples desiring a Christian wedding. The legal requirements, both civil and church, must be met. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender. However, the clergy may decline to officiate for other reasons.

Save the Date

Susannah Southern will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons

on Saturday, December 17, 2022

at 11:00 am

St. Alban's Parish

reception will following the service.

More information and a formal invitation will be forthcoming.

Congratulations Susannah on your Ordination as Deacon.

May your walk with God lead you along a path filled with blessings.

1 Timothy 3:13



A Message from
Deacon Alisha

The church year is ending. The month of November is full and rich with special worship and events giving us opportunities to remember and give thanks for all our blessings, especially for the saints who have gone before us, and the abundant life God gives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. At the end of November, we celebrate Christ who is King and reigns with love, and we usher in a new Church Year with the beginning of Advent.

What a year we have had! Another year that I have witnessed the resilience, perseverance, creativity, and caring of the folks at St. Alban's. God has been present with us, walking with us, and leading us day after day. I am thankful that we were able to welcome in some new Episcopalians. Our community continues to grow in love. Cheryl, Kelly, Chuck, and Madelyn congratulations on your confirmation! May you continue to grow spiritually, may your faith always be strong, and may God always be in your life!

There are new and exciting things happening at St. Alban's. I want to thank you for the ways that you have been so kind to me. Thank you for your love, for your patience, and for your prayers. I ask that you pray for your new rector, the Rev. Margaret Brack. Love her the way that you have shown love to me. Embracing her is a concrete way that we say yes to God's dreams for our parish and our lives.

God is good my friends!

Alisha

Senior Warden's Corner

Jim Cockey - November 2022



St. Alban's joyfully announces to the world: We have a new Rector! The Rev. Margaret Brack will assume her duties as our priest the week of November 16. Her first Sunday preaching and celebrating the Eucharist will be Nov. 20, the date of our annual meeting.

Our church has proved itself resilient since the retirement of our last rector, The Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm in June, 2019, and the departure of our interim priest, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Ann Fisher in November, 2020. We have successfully maintained safe infectious measures inside the church, while maintaining meaningful worship by adhering to public health guidelines and through investment in video and audio technology. Like many churches, we have lost some membership during the pandemic, but we have maintained a resilient core. We have expanded into new ministries and good works including our Covenant with Faith Lutheran; the residency of the Society of St. Andrew in our building; the pollinator garden, the cistern, the community garden; the repair of the labyrinth; an expanded relationship with the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake; the revival of Vacation Bible School; and hosting and supporting Vox Concordia.

And now 'Mother Margaret' is coming to St. Alban's. Margaret has a remarkable story, which we will learn more about when she arrives. For now, a short summary: Margaret grew up Roman Catholic and began studying music at age 5 and continued on to earn advanced degrees. She has served in church ministry for forty years in Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches. In 2009, she converted to the Episcopal Church, the faith of her husband, Jim, and later attended Nashotah House Seminary and became an ordained Episcopal priest. She has a particular passion for collaborative worship, Creation Care, outreach and labyrinths. While looking for new job possibilities, she found our website with the strong lay ministry, solar panels, community garden, plus a labyrinth and felt a call to seek us out. Margaret and Jim have been married for 34 years and have four children; Joshua 33, Riley 31, Peter 28 and AnneMarie 25 and a grandchild, Penelope Madeline who is 4 years old.



We welcome Margaret and Jim with all our heart.



Search Committee

Dee Rinehart - Committee Chairperson



As Jim, our senior Warden, announced on October 23, we have a new rector! My immense gratitude goes out to the Search Committee, who committed themselves to our charge, “Find a new rector.” We were determined to find a person whose ministry matched our mission as a parish. COVID put a halt on the search, but we persevered. We were sustained by the faith that the vestry and you, the congregation, had in our search efforts. On behalf of the Search Committee, I thank each of you.

When you see these people, please thank them for their persistence for more than 3 years of Search Work: Alannah Raygor, Carrie Connelly, Cristina Machin, Kim O’Grady, Gary Stiegler, Donna Parks, Donna Turmamian, and James Yamakawa. David Mitchell was an active, valuable member of our committee until he and Diane moved, and John Rue contributed time and effort to our work.

We look forward to welcoming the Rev. Margaret Brack and her husband, Jim, to our St. Alban’s family.

So, the Search Committee News column ends with this newsletter. For Mother Margaret and all our blessings we offer our thanksgiving.

Dee

SUSTAINABILITY AND ST. ALBAN'S

By: Nancy Linck

Sustainable practices support ecological, human, and economic health and vitality. Sustainability presumes that resources are finite, and should be used conservatively and wisely with a view to long-term priorities and consequences of the ways in which resources are used. In simplest terms, sustainability is about our children and our grandchildren, and the world we will leave them.

Below are new items that St. Alban's will be using in the kitchen with the advent of foam and plastic being phased out by 2023 starting with public lands according to an order by the US Department of the Interior due to:

- Hard to recycle food and drink packaging made from PVC and polystyrene and some degradable plastic products (e.g, oxo and photo degradable).
- Single-use plastic items, including drink stirrers, cotton buds, single-use produce bags, cutlery, plates and bowls, straws and fruit labels.



Cup Paper Poly 9oz

Sysco Trendz nine-ounce paper cold cups feature leakproof seams for protection against leaks. These custom capable cups are stackable, allowing you to store large quantities with minimal space.

Fork Plas Compostable Plant Based Med

Made from 100% renewable resources, Made with PLA, a plant-based plastic, Meets ASTM standards for compostability, Crystallized formulation adds strength and heat tolerance, Handles are now 95% stronger and fork tines are 20% stronger, Heat tolerance of 200 F.



Earth Plus 6-inch paper fiber molded snack plates have an attractive clean, white surface with a non-skid bottom. The compostable plates are made from sustainable, annually renewable materials.



The Endowment Fund Committee



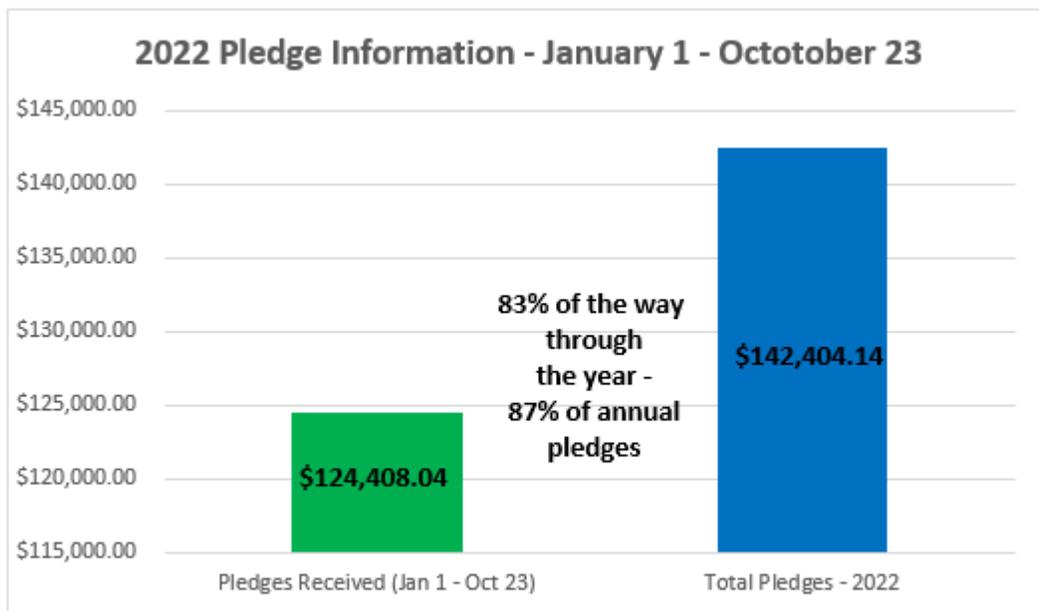
Just like the squirrel saving nuts for the long winter, St. Alban's Endowment Fund saves its fund for the future. Luckily, we don't put it in a tree but instead we use the Easton Episcopal Funds to keep it safe! With a strong principle, the Endowment Fund ensures the continuity of our church and, in the future, it could help support some worthy causes. How can you contribute?

- Make a gift
- Put The Endowment Fund in your will
- Donate in memory of someone
- Give from your life insurance
- Give from your 401K or retirement fund to reduce the burden to your beneficiaries

The Endowment Fund Committee does not solicit individuals but wants you to know that this fund is another option to continue to support St. Alban's.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Shelly Madsen, Pledge Secretary



\$23,130.89 received year to date in plate income.

In 2022, fifty-five (55) units pledged a total of \$142,404.14. Thank you to the forty (40) units who have submitted a 2023 pledge through October 23. Total pledges for 2023 are, so far, \$120,001.04. If you would like submit a pledge but have not yet done so, please email Shelly Madsen, pledge secretary, at shelly_madsen@yahoo.com. In November, the Vestry will be working on the church budget; and having a good understanding of pledge income is the first step in that process.



Bishop San's Visitation 2022

Photos by: Michelle Ben and Katherine West

We had a wonderful visit and service with Bishop San on October 23. After service there was a reception to welcome the Bishop and celebrate with four individuals that Bishop San confirmed at the service.

Congratulations on your confirmation Cheryl, Chuck, Kelly and Madelyn. May you continue to grow spiritually, and may your faith always be strong. May God always be in your life, may He always answer your prayers and never leave you.





Photos by: Nancy Linck

Another wonderful job by the Members of St. Alban's helping CHM with another ramp build. Thank you Charles, Harry, Jim, and George.

Blessing of the Animals.

Photos by: Kim OGrady

Members brought pictures and personal items of the pets in lieu of bringing pets to the church for a blessing.



FINALLY, Crabs in the Doak's Garage

By: Mary Doak

At the November 2019 Auction, Howard and I donated a crab party for 10 people to be held in our garage. Our thought was that we could have the party in the Summer of 2020 in our air conditioned garage where people could be comfortable and as messy as they wanted. (Eating crabs can be a very messy business!)

The crab party was a popular item in the auction and we had 10 people sign up very quickly.

Looking back, if only we had been psychic...because Covid reared its ugly head and by the Summer of 2020, nothing was the same. We communicated with our crab "winners" and all decided that getting together to eat crabs was probably not the best option. So, we theorized, we'll do it next Summer. Stay tuned! Only the next Summer, we were having a Covid resurgence. Once again, we talked to all concerned and decided maybe this year won't work either.

FINALLY, it was decided that the Fall of 2022 was good for all involved and we set a date. I hope that everyone had a good time and ate their fill of crabs on October 9!



Anne Street Village

Care of Neighbor Mary Doak

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Anne Street Village, a transitional homeless housing program, is estimated to open around November in Salisbury. Anne Street Village is located in the East Church Street area, at Anne and Short streets.

This is a Pallet shelter village (fiberglass units, manufactured by the Pallet company), with 24 units to house chronically homeless individuals. The thought is to get people in a safe environment and on a path to achieving goals toward being successful and getting permanent housing. It is not considered a “tiny village” because there is no running water in each unit. Instead, there will be a shower trailer on site with showers and toilets. If you take a look inside, there’s not much right now, but once these units are ready to go, they will have a microwave, a mini fridge, a bed, a small chair and table, bins to keep belongings, shelving, there will be heat and air conditioning, fire extinguisher, smoke detector, and carbon monoxide monitor. Those staying in this village won’t just get a place to sleep at night but they’ll also have access to services for job hunting, addiction and mental health counseling, along with traditional management skills. In other words, a safe and comfortable space and resources to succeed.

So, how can we at St. Alban’s help facilitate this for our community? We are investigating ways to support this community. As your Care of Neighbor representative, I have been in contact with the coordinator of the Anne Street Village, Brett Sanders.

He is new to this position and trying to tie up all the loose ends of everything that goes into making this a successful proposition. St. Alban’s is on a list of organizations that are willing to support the Anne Street Village when they identify their ongoing needs. We wait to hear from them. Please pray with me that we can show our love of God through our love of neighbor, something we at St. Alban’s are always blessed to do.



Pallet shelters at the Anne Street Village, transitional homeless housing, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2022, in Salisbury, Maryland.

FRIENDLY SATURDAY

By: Arlene White Photos by: Cristina Machin

A small but mighty band gathered in the parish hall on October 15 for FRIENDLY SATURDAY which included board games and ice cream sundaes. The sundaes were epic with 2 kinds of ice cream and dozens of possibilities for toppings! Being duly fortified, the competition began - sometimes friendly and sometimes fierce....

Participants brought lots of games to share. Some groups went the traditional route with Scrabble, 5 Crowns and Uno. Others tried new games such as Carcassonne, Bloom and Dutch Blitz. Lots of laughter and fellowship - a good time was had by all!





Fall Clean-up Success

By: Steve Crabill

I would like to extend a big shout out to the hard working folks that participated in our annual Fall Clean Up! This was done prior to the Bishop's visit, so we were standing tall just in time! We got our labyrinth bench installed, Satan's weeds struck asunder, and some big daffodils were planted to greet us this Spring! Again, many thanks.



Count Your Blessings

By: Nancy Linck



Over the last 4 Sundays of October, we have heard heartfelt sentiments about our wonderful and supportive church family at St. Alban's. Grateful thanks are necessary for the efforts of Katherine West, Meg Caton, Howard Doak, Brian Raygor and Chuck Porter.

As follow-up to these comments and the great "Count Your Blessings" cards, should anyone wish to provide additional testimonies and memories on this gratitude and thankfulness theme, please feel free to send your comments to Nancy's attention at link6767@comcast.net.

Save the Date!

Tie the Knot with Society of St. Andrew!

Please make plans to join us after church on Sunday, January 22nd to cut and tie mesh bags with SoSA! We use the bags during the gleaning season for distribution of crops such as corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, etc. We'll provide the mesh and all instructions on how to complete this simple but very helpful task! Before we start cutting and tying, we'll enjoy a light lunch. SoSA staffers Jean Siers and Brenda Mahan will be available to answer any questions you might have about our ministry housed at St. Alban's!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

On behalf of Perchurst
Elementary School, we would like to
thank you for the school supplies
that you donated to our students.
Your support means so much to
our staff.

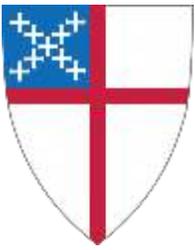
Thank you !!



Dear Members of St. Albans
Thank you very much for
your donation of survival bags.
Our clients are in need of the
basics and your assistance
with this is greatly appreciated.
Thank you again.

HOPE Staff





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30 DAY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

Find something each day this month for which you are grateful!!!

#1 – about your body	#2 – what you find beautiful	#3 – a song you love	#4 – an accomplishment of yours	#5 – a friend
#6 – a smell you love	#7 – something that makes you smile	#8 – a happy memory	#9 – something you like about where you live	#10 – a person in your family
#11 – a food you love	#12 – an ability of yours	#13 – a person	#14 – something you're looking forward to	#15 – a life lesson
#16 – a person you look up to	#17 – a personality trait of yours	#18 – an item you use every day	#19 – something about work	#20 – a holiday you love
#21 – a technology	#22 – something that made you laugh	#23 – something niceade you laugh	#24 – a book, magazine or podcast	#25 – another person
#26 – something in nature	#27 – a gift you received	#28 – something that brings you hope	#29 – a compliment you have received	#30 – something you are passionate about