

# 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



## 4TH OF JULY

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

*Freedom Prayer for  
Independence Day*

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

(1979 Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA)



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# WORSHIP



There will be two services with Eucharist each Sunday:

**\*WATCH ONLINE EVERY SUNDAY**

**Summer Service hours continue through Sunday, September 3rd**

**We begin our regular hours September 10th**

✦ Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
at 8:00 a.m. with no music

✦ Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
at 9:00 a.m. with music

✦ Wednesday Midday Service  
12:00 p.m. (Noon)

**ALL ARE 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.



*A Message from*  
**Rev. Margaret +**

## THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

I want to give you a great tool for your prayer life.  
 In fact, I could really say - **for your LIFE!**

If you haven't already heard me say this before, I believe the 150 psalms contained in the Bible are the perfect go-to for all those times when we are looking to find some scripture that will help us deal with something. The psalms are the words that can get us through any type of situation. You can find the words that speak to what you may be feeling whether happy or sad. The psalms cover it all! They give us a way to pray and not lose hope.

When the disciples walked the earth with Jesus, they had the privilege of being able to ask him any question they wanted. It makes sense that of all the things that they asked Jesus, they asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus had been found by his parents at the age of 12 teaching in the synagogue, so I can imagine that Jesus encouraged them to read and study the biblical psalms. Over this next month, I would like you to begin to listen to the psalms that are being read during our church services with even more keen ears.

*What are the psalm verses saying to you?*

*Can you connect with anything that is being said? Use it in your life now?*

*If it seems to be something you know would help a friend, consider sharing it!*

Here's a psalm for you to begin this journey on.

Psalm 117, the shortest psalm of all. It is a psalm of joy and praise!

### Psalm 117

#### Universal Call to Worship

1 Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

2 For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989), Ps 117.*

Now begin your journey and **ENJOY THE PSALMS!!**

# A message from the Senior Warden

Mary Doak, July 2023



## *In appreciation of Vic Evans*

Maybe you are like me, grateful for help but loathe to ask for it. With Vic Evans as the Junior Warden at St. Alban's Church, I didn't have to ask. He was just there and available...helping, listening, counseling, listening, supporting, listening. Do you see a pattern here?!?

Vic is moving to Chestertown, MD to be closer to his children. He is resigning from the Vestry as of July 1 but will continue to be on the rolls at St. Alban's.

I will not be the only one at St. Alban's to miss him. In addition to being the Junior Warden for the Vestry, he was the inside property liaison, which is a BIG job. He was a large presence at church, eager to help in any way he could. After Al Rayne, he was the Columbarium director. He helped Margaret settle into her new position and put up bookshelves and pictures for her. And he did many other things too numerous to mention.

For the big things, for the small things, and for everything in between, I say "Thank you, Vic" sincerely. We love you and will miss you.

*"In the end, though, maybe we must all give up trying to pay back the people in this world who sustain our lives. In the end, maybe it's wiser to surrender before the miraculous scope of human generosity and to just keep saying thank you, forever and sincerely, for as long as we have voices."* **Elizabeth Gilbert**

*The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.* **Proverbs 11:25**



**St Alban's Easter Lilly lives on - 15 buds/flowers on a plant the was in the nave just a few years ago.**

**By Shelly Madsen**



# LET'S GO MAGGIE!

Maggie finished her first season playing in the Challengers Softball League at the Shorebirds game. She also made Cheyenne's night by buying her a Sherman doll which she greatly appreciated.

*(Article and pictures by Kim O'Grady.)*

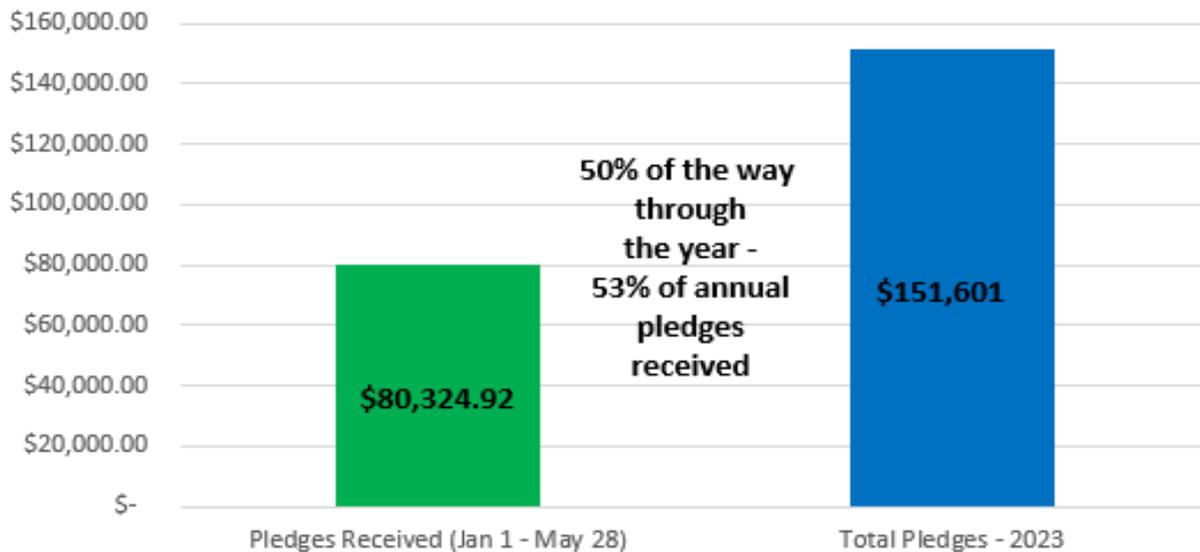


# MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Shelly Madsen, Pledge Secretary



### 2023 Pledge Information - January 1 - June 25



\$7,282 received year to date in plate income.

# 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24 - 27, 2023

5pm to 7pm (Dinner from 5pm to 5:30 pm)  
at St. Alban's Episcopal Church with Faith Lutheran Church  
and St. Peter's Episcopal Church joining to present

The many themes of *Harry Potter*

This year's themes are **Courage & Strength, Love, Humility, Acceptance, and Courage & Bravery.** The Very Rev. David Michaud and Rev. Margaret Brack will be teaching the bible selections. Curriculum is in the form of a Bible verse or story with corresponding art and STEM projects Activities for all ages to have fun, but is designed for children ages 3-12.

**Activities: Bible Lessons, Art & STEM Projects, Flying Kites, Tug-of-War, Community Garden, Snails and Tails (Pocomoke Park Ranger), Frank Deuter from the Lower Shore Land Trust and meet a representative from Wounded Warriors Project.**

**REGISTRATION** signup is available on line:

Registration: <https://forms.gle/hdB35h3BepQPSHzS7>

For questions please contact:

Nancy Linck 410-430-8519 or email: [link6767@comcast.net](mailto:link6767@comcast.net)

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to join us for dinner and some really special times with your kids. **ONLY** creative rules are **NO** phones, good appetite and the ability to laugh. **FEE is FREE. HOPE** to see you there! Invite your friends, family, & neighbors.

**Volunteers Needed: A signup sheet is available for dinner, dinner preparation, art and STEM project (NO SKILLS required!) Contact Nancy Linck for more info!**

## Food, Knowledge and FUN!



WE WANT  
YOU  
IN  
OUR  
TEAM

St. Alban's Fall Auction needs volunteers. We need committee chairs and committee members to get started.

There will be written instructions and all the support you need, but many hands make it easier to plan and carry out the event!

We also need donations of artisan items, gift cards, services and get togethers ("parties"). For inspiration, please see the catalogs posted on the parish hall bulletin board.

If you have an idea for a party, questions about the artisan market or a contact that would consider donating a gift card, please contact Shelly Madsen or Cristina Machin.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, **August 20, 2023**, after the 9 am service. We will start discussing potential recipients for this fundraiser. ***All are welcome!***

*Please join us in celebration of the Installation of  
the Reverend Margaret Brack*



*at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salisbury  
on Saturday, July 15, 2023 beginning at 2:00 pm.  
Pastors, Deacons and Members of the Order of St.  
Stephen Deacon are invited to vest and process,  
green stoles.*

*We would love for you to join us for this worship  
service and fellowship to follow.*

*Please respond to us at [faithlutheransalisbury@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheransalisbury@gmail.com)*

*You are welcome to contact Donna at 410-430-0383.*



# Church Picnic St. Alban's & Faith

*Pictures by: Katherine West*





# JUNETEENTH

## Freedom Day

Parade & Festival - June 17

By: Nancy Linck  
Photos by: Michelle Ben,  
Kim O'Grady, Audrey  
Rivers, and Julie Crabill



June 17<sup>th</sup> brought us a very windy celebration of Juneteenth. We were able to not only display the new St. Alban's Banner for its first time, but walk in the parade. Bookmarks of past and present influential Black inventors, poets, chemists, etc., handout of family activities for Juneteenth, bracelets and QSR card were available.

Signup for Juneteenth Kite Raffle yielded 17 contacts. Please help me to thank Jim Cockey, Michelle Ben, Mary Doak, Steve Crabill, Julie Crabill, and George Demko in participating on behalf of St. Alban's providing a welcoming and enthusiastic exchange with the community.



# PRIDE!

# All are welcome!

Article by Nancy Linck

Photos by: Katherine West, Michelle Ben

## Parade & Festival - June 24

On a very hot, humid Saturday, our location on St. Peter's Drive in the shade and stealing all the hot dog and ice cream vendor's customers brought in a lot of families. Again, bookmarks, handout of library offerings, bracelets/pins and QSR card were given out.

Signup for Pride Kite Raffle yielded 12 contacts. Please ask about their parade experiences and personalized waves from this group: Michelle Ben, Mary Doak, Julie Crabill, Erica Howard, Lily Howard, Megan Pomeroy and Katherine West.

**Kites for Pride/Juneteenth:** Kites for Pride and Juneteenth were designed and artistically created by Trystian Ting. Pictures of these kites will be a great 1<sup>st</sup> addition to his future portfolio.







## *The Ordination of Susannah Southern to the Sacred Order of Priests*

By: Arlene White      Photos by Kim O'Grady and Beth Jones

On Saturday, June 24, the Diocese of Easton welcomed its newest priest, the Rev. Susannah Southern. The ordination took place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin, Maryland which is where Susannah has answered the call to be their priest. The Right Reverend Santosh Marray presided with the Rev. Deacon Laura Harbaugh as the Bishop's Chaplain and the Rev. Deacon Alisha King as the Deacon of the Mass. St. Alban's choir led by Veronica Tomanek provided the music. The Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm preached. The Rev. Carl Mosley, also serving at St. Paul's, was the Master of Ceremonies. Susannah was able to celebrate her first Eucharist as a priest! The ordination was well attended by Susannah's family, friends and parishioners from both St. Paul's and St. Alban's – everyone there to share in this great celebration.

*A reception followed in the parish hall. Money collected during the offering that day will be used for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to contribute, please send a check made payable to St. Paul's with Rector's Discretionary Fund in the memo line to the church at 3 Church St., Berlin, MD. 21811.*



# St. Alban's and Community News



## Ice Cream for Salisbury Middle School

By: Katherine West

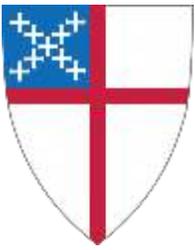
Many thanks to Howard Doak and Walt West for serving ice cream sundaes to over 400 students at Salisbury Middle. These students met or exceeded their annual growth goal in reading and were rewarded with an ice cream party in June.



## Welcome Back to the Eastern Shore!

June 25<sup>th</sup> we welcomed the newest priest in the Diocese of Easton, the Rev. Susannah Southern and her husband Dave to join us for service and a special coffee hour to welcome them back to the Shore. A special coffee hour was hosted by Kathy Hayne, Kathy Slaughter, and Arlene White. *Photos by: Kathy Slaughter*





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## 2022 AUDIT

By: Nancy Linck

St. Alban's is required to pass an audit yearly under the auspices of the Diocese of Easton and the National Church in New York City. The format that is used by the Diocese analyzes not only the financial aspects through endowment, financial statements, and reviewing our financial decisions over the past year but information is also requested regarding retention of files, building use, insurance, and management of diocesan programs on lay ministers and Safe Church compliance.



We have a great relationship with Sarah Hooper and Anne Winchester from St. Paul's Berlin in our doing reciprocal audits between our churches. Sarah assured me that St. Alban's has again passed our audit for 2022.

May I thank the assistance of Dee Rinehart, George Demko and Jim Isaacs in providing us their time (2 hours), experience and thorough review.