

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

**"THE FULLNESS
OF JOY IS TO**

**BEHOLD GOD
IN ALL."**

— JULIAN OF NORWICH



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*Summer service hours end Sunday,
September 3*

**SERVICE HOURS
STARTING SEPTEMBER 10**

SUNDAY

8am Rite I Holy Eucharist

10am Rite II Holy Eucharist *with hymns*

WEDNESDAY

12pm Wednesday Midday Service

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 +

People are always asking me what the difference is between being Episcopalian and Roman Catholic? Here are the answers to many of these questions-

The four pillars of Episcopal belief are Scripture, Reason, Tradition & Experience. We believe we are called to love everyone, with no exceptions. Ours is an ancient faith, but a modern one too.

The Episcopal Church considers itself both catholic and protestant. We are proud of our catholic heritage and traditions. We are so similar to Roman Catholicism that a large percentage of our members come from Roman Catholic backgrounds. The Episcopal Church is similar to the Roman Catholic Church in many ways. We have bishops, priests, deacons, sacraments, weekly communion, saints, monks and nuns. We celebrate the same church seasons and share many of the same feast days. In the Episcopal Church bishops and priests can be both genders and can be married; there is no centralized authority figure like the pope; lay people play a greater role in decision making; sacramental confession is optional not required; married couples are permitted to use responsible means of birth control. We recognize that sometimes marriages die, dissolving the sacramental bond between the couple. Divorced persons are allowed to remarry in the church with the permission of the bishop upon recommendation of the priest who does the couple's premarital counseling.

- We believe the same Nicene, Apostles creeds, and other historic creeds as our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters.
- We believe that the communion bread and wine are not merely symbolic, but that these elements are transformed into the real presence of Christ. Unlike the Roman Catholic Church we don't define how this happens. We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and welcome all who seek a deeper knowledge of God to receive both the consecrated Bread and Wine.
- We celebrate feast days for many saints, including the Blessed Virgin Mary. The saints were the heroes of the church and provide examples of how to live a holy life.
- We believe our bishops share in the unbroken line of succession from Saint Peter as Roman Catholics.
- We believe that everyone is a child of God, including those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer.
- Baptism with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit makes one a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

If you wish to discuss any of these statements and beliefs, I am available.

Please give me a call - (240) 904-6171. Margaret+

Adult Education classes will resume on Sunday, September 17th. They are held from 9:10am-9:45am in the Faith Room. They are led by our Rector, Rev. Margaret Brack



A message from the Senior Warden

Mary Doak, September 2023

Back to Reality

Having just returned from a much anticipated vacation to my happy place, The Adirondack Mountains of New York State, I find myself cast back into the reality of daily life. HELP! Luckily for me (and you) St. Alban's has some pretty fun and exciting things happening this Fall to make our adjustment just a little easier.

Starting now, our Care of Neighbor Chair has a basket in the parish hall for your donations to our faith-based partner school, Wicomico High School. They are asking for: umbrellas (There are a lot of students that walk to and from school), clear reusable water bottles, fleece blankets (inexpensive or no-sew/fringe), and female hygiene products. School starts soon—back to reality!

We are having a “Homecoming Sunday”/”Activity Fair” on Sunday, September 10 to welcome you back to reality and get you familiar with all the things that go on at St. Alban's. The entire Vestry will be participating and hope that we have something that will get you excited to help make St. Alban's the best it can be.

We are having our Fall Auction on November 5 this year. Planning has started so be alert for someone to ask you to help with something pertaining to the Auction. If you are just too anxious to wait for someone to ask, volunteer! Shelly Madsen is the Auction coordinator and she would love to hear from you. As always, it looks like this Auction will be THE BEST one yet.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Remember, there is more to come and more to be seen from God as we continue back to reality!

GALATIANS 6:9

ST. ALBAN'S ACTIVITY FAIR

by Sharon Walsh and Arlene White

SAVE THE DATE!!! Mark your calendar **NOW** for the St. Alban's Activities Fair which will take place after each service on Sunday, September 10 in the Parish Hall.

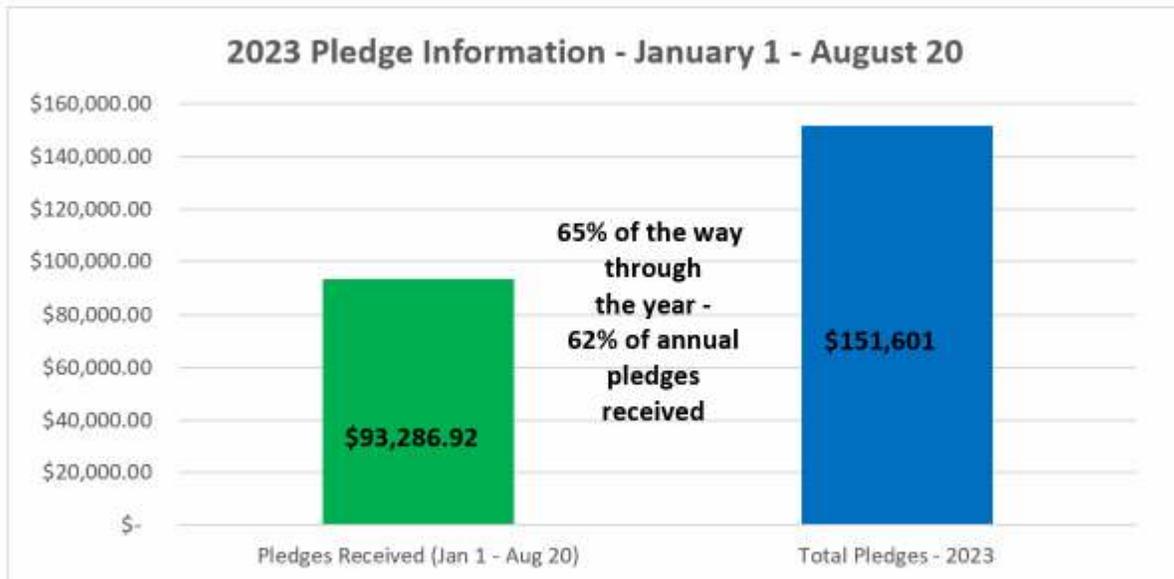
Do you know what the importance of the number **FORTY-SIX** is? That's the number of opportunities via committees awaiting you to serve the Lord, St. Alban's and the community at large.

Visit any or all of the tables that will be set up in the Parish Hall. Talk to people familiar with the work of the various committees and get your questions answered. This is also a great way to get to know fellow parishioners better by working and playing side by side.

Coffee hour will also take place after each service that day.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Shelly Madsen, Pledge Secretary



\$8,336 received year to date in plate income.

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By: Nancy Linck

Photos by: Michelle Ben, Nancy Linck and Katherine West

July 24-27



Up to 20 children representing St. Peter's, Faith Lutheran, and St. Alban's as well as a family from the community enjoyed daily Bible stories, art and STEM projects. Activities around the themes as courage/strength, love, humility, acceptance and bravery were intermixed with visits into the community garden, Pocomoke Park Ranger with turtle, snake and eel friends, and Garry Moore, an leg amputee. But, I have to say decorating and flying kites was indeed a complete joy all around.

I would like to thank our rectors, Rev. Margaret Brack and Rev. David Mchaud, and kitchen elves, Jim Cockey and Michelle Ben, Members of our VBS committee include Leighann Yackel (St. Alban's), Katie Fowlkes (Faith Lutheran) and Emily Lautner (St. Peters) all who have been instrumental in creating and executing a very successful and memorable VBS.





The St. Alban's *Fall Fest Auction* is Back!

By Shelly Madsen

You've no doubt heard rumors throughout the summer that planning for the 2023 St. Alban's Fall Fest Auction is underway. On Sunday, August 20, following the 9 am service, nearly a dozen volunteers came together in the Faith room to begin planning the November 4th event, our first since the pandemic. This year's theme, appropriately enough, is The Auction is Back!

The auction will return with all of your favorites from past auctions, including a plated dinner, plenty of drinks, fancy cake for dessert, and plenty of fellowship, as well as your opportunity to do some Christmas shopping in our artisan market, stock up on gift cards for your stocking stuffers, and the highlights of our past auctions: parties and services donated by your fellow parishioners at St. Alban's.

This year's auction will raise funds to support the Rector's Discretionary Fund at St. Alban's; teachers, students, and staff at Wicomico High School, our faith partner; and Episcopal Relief and Development for disaster relief in Hawaii and elsewhere.

Details about how you can donate to the auction — and how you can attend the auction — are coming soon. If you'd like to become more involved, contact Shelly Madsen now at 443-944-2693 or shelly_madsen@yahoo.com and she will connect you with a committee chair who will welcome your help!

Old Green Hill Church

Photos by: Rev. Margaret Brack

This year's annual Green Hill Sunday was on Sunday, August 27. Members of the congregation attended the service. The Rev. Margaret Brack, Rector of St. Alban's Church, Salisbury, was the preacher for the service this year.



The Annual Red Roost Fellowship Night



Photos by: Kim O'Grady and Rev. Margaret Brack

The Annual Red Roost Fellowship Night was on Wednesday, August 9th. Parishioners and friends gathered for good food and fellowship!





The Annual Red Roost Fellowship Night





Congratulations Ryder

Ryder at The Wicomico County Fair!

Ryder entered 4 chickens / 4 different breeds, one of his Guinea pigs, and 6 eggs from one of his chickens into the Wicomico county fair. He won first place for each chicken, the Guinea pig, and eggs! He also took Best In Show for his chickens, Best In Show for the eggs, Best In Show for his Guinea pig. On top of these awards. he also won the Herdsman award for staying with not only his animals, but all the animals in that area and took it upon himself to help to ensure they all had food and water for every day they were there.





**Return to Work Guidance for All
State Employees in Non-Healthcare Settings
(Updated October 4, 2022)**

Employee with	Guidance for Management
COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employees should not be at work if symptoms are present ● COVID-19 testing is recommended ● If test is negative, may return when symptoms have improved, no fever for 24 hours without medication
Positive test for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employee must stay home for 5 days from the start of symptoms or from the date of the positive test if no symptoms ● After day 5, may return if symptoms have improved and no fever for at least 24 hours without medication ● Upon return to work, should wear a mask for 5 additional days (unless masking otherwise required for congregate non-healthcare settings)
<u>Exposure</u> to someone with known or suspected COVID-19 but no symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employee can continue to work regardless of vaccination status ● Masks recommended for 10 days from the last day of exposure ● COVID testing recommended 5 days after exposure

We had all hoped that COVID was behind us. Unfortunately, it is having a resurgence. We need to be cautious again.

Above is the summary of Maryland guidelines for employees, which serves as a good outline for church attendance. If you are having any symptoms which even might be COVID related, please stay home. Allergy season has started, and COVID has been spread by people convinced that their symptoms are caused by allergies.

St. Alban's has avoided COVID outbreaks since the pandemic started. Out of love for our neighbors at church, we need to continue to be careful.

Information provided by: Jim Cockey

Auction Artisan Workshop #2

By: Shelly Madsen

On August 19, several members of Saint Alban's gathered to work on craft projects for the upcoming fall auction.



Joseph House Ministry



Submitted by Carrie Connelly

For more years than I can remember, the folks from St. Alban's have been preparing lunch once a month for the guests at Joseph House Crisis Center. The week before our scheduled day to provide lunch, Maggie and Kim O'Grady "shake the can" after service to collect donations to pay for the food. The menus have varied over the years from sloppy Joe, meatloaf, spaghetti, ham, or turkey sandwiches and the willing volunteers gather to work and fellowship making the meals each month.

For years, a hot meal including drinks and dessert was prepared at our church kitchen and transported to the Crisis Center, and then served to everyone showing up for a meal. As with so many things the pandemic changed how we feed the hungry each month. Currently Bob and I shop for all the necessary supplies and deliver them to church where the following day, a team of sandwich makers including Howard Doak, Mary Doak, Julie Crabill, Kathy Hayne, and Sandy Grim commence with their assembly line making bagged lunches. Sometimes homemade soup is also prepared.

We currently provide turkey sandwiches, chips, fruit cup, cookies and a drink packed in a bag for a carry-out lunch. The cost each month is between \$75-90 dollars. You can help support this ministry of St. Alban's by contributing to the cost of the food and supplies, or volunteering to shop or help prepare the lunches. Howard Doak is the contact person. He can be reached at Phone: 410-422-9758 or Email: jhowarddoak@gmail.com.



St. Alban's and Community News



On August 12 Julie, Shelly, and Cristina went to Crisfield to see the world's largest rubber duckie. Photo by Shelly Madsen

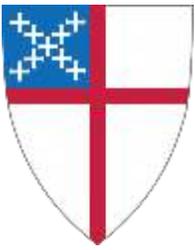
Steve and Julie helping the [Society of St. Andrew - Delmarva](#) glean 600lbs of kale.



Celebrating the World Cup win
Photo by Pat Layton

“Today is the tomorrow I was worried about yesterday.”

— Anthony Hopkins



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GREEN TEAM
St. Alban's Episcopal Church

The Green Team needs photos of St. Alban's Green activities. Please share photos of anything green at church, particularly the pollinator garden, community garden, cistern, tree planting. Send photos to Jim Cockey, james.cockey@gmail.com.