

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**

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SERVICE HOURS

SUNDAY

8:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Rite II Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm 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.

Communications Report - November 2024

- Directory update - We hope to have copies available by the the beginning of November.
- QR Code - We are discussing using a QR code in the bulletin and elsewhere to allow for donations.
- 2025 Diocesan Kalendar - Jenny Buchanan will be available after both services November 3, 10, 17. Parishioners may purchase copies for \$3, paying cash or check.
- Website - Probably after the beginning of the year, we will be reviewing the website to see what information needs to be updated or removed, what images need to be updated or removed, what new pages might be added, how connectivity between pages could be improved.
- Administrative Assistant hiring update - We have advertised the position and have started the screening process of applications.



A Message from Rev. Margaret +

The month of November is always special for me because of the many memories of my parents who shaped my life. Their birthdays are both in the month of November and I anticipate with joy celebrating their lives every year!

First let me give a montage to my mother, Madeline Mary Smith Stanmore. Yes, I even called her Mother'. We really were best friends. She taught me so many things and believed I could do anything I set my mind on. She was the model of learning and teaching. I had my library card at two years old because of her and I entered the 2nd grade at 5 years old. Our mother took my two brothers and myself with her to the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian where she would be doing research and we became so at home in these places. She would have me assist her while she was teaching adult education classes at American University. We had French tutors when we were young and we'd go to the store and she would say "only French" while shopping. Music, reading and art were major in our home life. Both of my parents and brothers all played the violin and so when I wanted to be different, they encouraged me to play the cello. We played all the Bach concertos. Every time I hear Bach's Double Concerto for Violin, I remember accompanying my brothers. My parents also were artists and prolific readers. Our home was filled with creativity and thinking outside of the box. My high school friends all loved to come over and talk with her. She respected them and encouraged them to try new things. She also was a very devout Roman Catholic. For several years she would have a stigmata during Lent and have to wear gloves. This is a hole that opens in your palm akin to Jesus on the cross. When I was young I would place my finger in them. She always hid this. She was a truly special person. One of the most impactful things our mother did for us was to take us to the Snake House at the National Zoo during our regular monthly visits. She said I do not want you to fear something simply because I do. This has impacted how I am with my children and others throughout my life. The date of her birthday is Nov. 5th.



This photo is of me pregnant with our daughter, with my mother after a concert I gave at Univ. of MD, College Park for my Masters of Music degree in 1997.

My father, James Leonard Stanmore is the one who said you need to try everything. We were exposed to every experience and sport. He and I went to play tennis twice a week in Minnesota and it didn't even seem odd to me until I saw the movie about the tennis sisters and the prejudice they experienced. My father was an architect and I would go to the sites of his buildings and he was the only person of color usually but always respected. Later he went on to pilot his own plane. He flew until 9/11 when all the private planes were grounded. I gave his plane to a young pilot program when he died. The date of his birthday is November 14th.

I grew up so truly blessed and I take this month to reflect on the many gifts I've received. I have so many stories and I just shared a few. I pray in thankfulness for both of my parents.

Senior Warden's Corner

Senior Warden Report | Jim Cockey



On Sunday, Oct. 6, we held a parish meeting between the two services about the rainwater runoff problem. Our goal was to be fully transparent with the parish about the problem, the Vestry's planning, and the likely large expenses that will be coming. This page recounts the discussion, for those unable to attend.

The problem - We have had flooding in the northwest corner of our parking lot for decades. When the Twilley Center, next door, was sold 3 years ago, the new owner complained about the runoff through the retaining wall onto his alley. The retaining wall itself is visibly damaged. We presume that the runoff through the retaining wall has also been going on for decades, but the previous owner never complained about it.

Legal perspective - We have received informal legal advice that we are not liable for the runoff and damage to the retaining wall. This is because St. Alban's was built in 1960, and the Twilley Center was built in 1978. When the Twilley Center excavated the land toward the back, they created the gradient leading to the runoff and the current concern. We have also determined that the fence and the retaining wall are on Twilley Center property and are their responsibility.

Creation Care perspective - We want to eliminate the flooding in our parking lot and improve the rainwater drainage into the earth.

Engineering perspective - We do not know how to accomplish our goal. We need expert engineering guidance. We think that at least part of the solution is likely to involve removing part of the parking lot asphalt to allow the ground to absorb water better, and dig that area a little deeper to better collect water. We may want to plant water-loving trees in that area.

Financial perspective - We do not have a specific plan to implement at this time. We do have grant money of at least \$14,900 from the Interfaith Partnership for the Chesapeake to pay for the initial phases of an engineering analysis from EA Engineering to develop a plan. There may be more grant money coming and available for the complete engineering analysis and plan, and for actual implementation. There will likely be significant costs to St. Alban's. While we have major challenges in our operating budget, there could be money available in our Hodgson account. Using Hodgson funds would reduce the money available for other future needed projects. We might also consider a capital campaign.

Timeline - We anticipate the first phases of the engineering analysis to be completed in early November, at no out of pocket cost to the church. We then face unknowns about the specific plan we will adopt, the cost and possible grant assistance.

Please share questions and suggestions with Vestry members.



Photo by: Cristina Machin

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Jenny Buchanan, Pledge Secretary



65th Year Update - November 2024

Proposed Projects

- Parish History – compiling important milestones and the people who contributed to our parish life
- Organizing and recording Memorial Gifts: hangings, banners, vestments, communion sets, candelabra, books, banners, signage, building additions, organ and other instruments, etc.
- Writing articles for the Herald
- Planning and organizing our celebration in June

Become involved. Be an integral part of the celebration. Please think about how you can contribute to the projects and let Sandy Grim or me know. Join us for an organizational meeting on December 8, the second Sunday in Advent, following the 10:00 service. Thank you.

Dee Rinehart

Tree Planting at St. Alban's



The “small” Episcopal Church named St. Alban’s

by: VERNON RIVERS

When Nancy asked me to write a few words about Audrey and my thirty-two years at St. Alban’s I was, of course, happy to tell how we feel.

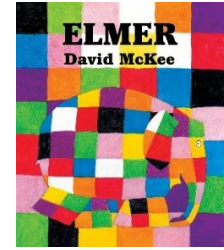
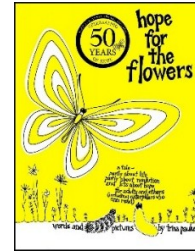
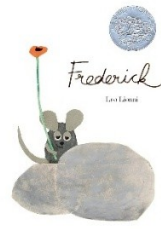
We came to St. Alban’s in spring of 1992, after moving to Salisbury in the Winter of 1991. We were searching for a church home and spent at least six weeks trying to find that fit. I was a lifetime Episcopalian and Audrey had been confirmed as an Episcopalian in 1962 after having been a Baptist her whole life.

The day we attended the “small” Episcopal Church named St. Alban’s, we found our new church home. We were welcomed with “open arms” and those arms are still around us. Over the ensuing thirty two years, after getting all the spiritual support and doing outreach, the ST ALBAN’S WAY still prevails. Read your T-shirt, - St. Alban’s – a Christ Centered Church, Radically Embracing People and Creation.

Seven reasons of many why we love St. Alban’s:

1. It is warm and welcoming to ALL! (diverse),
2. Sunday services are conducted by clerical and lay members (Eucharistic ministers, lay readers, etc.),
3. St. Albans is self-confident but not arrogant,
4. We take care of our neighbors and community (Wi Hi, Joseph House) without questioning because it is the ST. ALBAN’S WAY,
5. We do our part to make the world a better place for all (GREEN STATUS, - solar panels, rainwater),
6. Our CHOIR and (SOLOISTS) are excellently led by an accomplished professional (LEVAS hymn book is used),
7. It’s THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE!. You know who we are and what we are because you are also a proud member of this church family.

Let us continue to keep St. Alban’s as a CHRIST CENTERED, CHURCH RADICALLY EMBRACING PEOPLE AND CREATION!



Shrine Mont Memories

What do these three books have to do with St. Alban's? As I write this article, the third weekend in October is upon us. Beginning in the 1980s and for many years, St. Alban's families and friends would travel to Shrine Mont, in Orkney Springs, Virginia, for a family retreat for babies to octogenarians. These were just three of the books that served as themes for the retreats. You see, we have been caring for our neighbors and creation for a long time. After Friday afternoon check-in and a bit of exploration, some appetizers and beverages, we had supper together, a Friday night session, and then fellowship time around the fireplace or on the porch. Saturday activities included three study sessions; three good meals; hikes to the mountain-top cross or Seven Springs; fossil collection; free time in the afternoon for a visit to the apple orchard, antiquing, or reading; more before-supper libations (apple cider now included); and late evening Trivia, songs, games, or just visiting - and more snacks. On Sunday morning after breakfast, we gathered for the Holy Eucharist at the Shrine or the enclosed Chapel, one more session or more time in nature, packing up, and the famous Shrine Mont Sunday lunch of fried chicken and accompaniments, and pecan pie. (Rod Layton was always serenaded with "Happy Birthday" during a meal by all who were in the dining room.) Many of us came home with Showalter's apples and cider, as well as Shrine Mont's apple butter and books from the center's bookstore. More than those things, we came home with deepened relationships, spiritual recreation (that is rEcreation), and wonderful memories.

Please talk with any of us you recognize from these 1980s photos. You will help us recall treasured memories of special times together in an extraordinary place.

Dee Rinehart





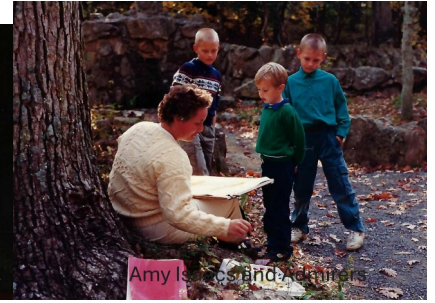
Jane Morgan, Harold Vance, Margaret Drew, Joan Fulgum



Jane Pettit & Peter Karas



Mary Kay and Blake Benn



Amy Isacks and Admins



Connie and Kids searching for Craft Supplies



Pat Layton, Bill Benn, and Joan Demko



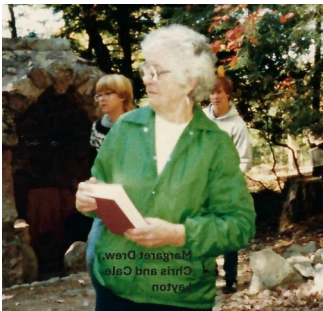
Blake Benn, Jim and William Cockey, and Bob



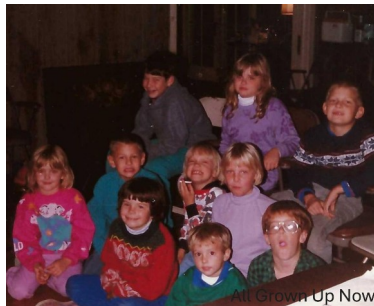
Dee Rinehart & Louise Layton



The Demkos



Margaret Drew, Chris and Cal Layton



All Grown Up Now



Fr. Peter, Fulgum, Jim Isacks and more



The Youth



Evening Gathering



Bill and Ruby Hilt



Sunday at the Shrine



Bob and Ruby Hilt

Simply Fun!

See You at the St. Alban's Auction!

November 2, 2024 5 pm

All About the Auction

What's the Schedule?

Saturday, November 2

5:00 - 5:45 - Dinner

5:45 - 6:30 - Silent Auction

6:30 - Dessert Buffet

7:00 - Auction Check-Out

Can't Come for Dinner?

If you didn't RSVP for dinner but you'd still like to attend the auction, please arrive by **5:45**. There will be a \$5 entry free that will include dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Auction Beneficiaries

HOPE - Help and Outreach Point of Entry

- Serves the unsheltered community and low-income at-risk individuals and families

SOSA- Society of St. Andrew

- Gleaning fields to provide food for those in need

RDF - Rector's Discretionary Fund

- Funds available for the rector to help those in need

WiHi - Wicomico High School

- Our faith-based partner school



Silent Auction

Artisan Market, Gift Cards, Services

- Bid on crafts, homemade treats, and holiday decorations!
- Bid on a gift card from many local businesses!
- Bid on services offered by parishoners!

Auction Questions? Ask Chairs

**Shelly Madsen
Cristina Machin**



Simply Fun!

Parties! Parties! Parties!

All About PARTIES - Auction Night

- When you arrive at the auction, check the party boards to see which ones you have won.
- As a reminder, some parties fill very quickly. Just as in prior years, you may not get all, or any, of the party spots you requested.
- During the night of the auction, you will have a second chance to “win” a party spot with a party ticket. There are a few parties that still have spaces available. These parties will have corresponding boxes. If you are interested in attending any of these parties, you can put ONE lottery ticket per box per party. (Write your bid number and the number of people in your household on the ticket before putting it in the box.)
- Winning names will be drawn shortly before the silent auction starts.
- You'll pay for the parties you won at checkout.



Turned in a party preference form, but not attending the auction?

You will receive an email on November 3 notifying you of any parties that you have won and details of how to pay.

Once the church receives your prompt payment, you will receive your party reminders.

Closing Time!

Auction Check-Out - 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Cash or Check ONLY - Thank you!

Introducing Paulette Primus

By: Sharon Walsh

Although she was born and raised in nearby Berlin, Paulette Primus (pronounced **prime-us**) couldn't wait to leave it behind and see more of the world. As an adult, she has lived in a variety of places like California, Hawaii, Rhode Island, New Orleans and the Virginia Tidewater area. However, after being widowed in 2015 and then totally isolated by the Covid epidemic, she decided to leave her Roxbury township home (near Morristown, NJ) where she had lived for 23 years. She realized it was time to return to the Eastern Shore to be closer to her family. She has a sister, nephew and cousin in the Salisbury area and several other relatives in Berlin.



She has two biological children, a son and a daughter, and three “bonus” (or step) children, from her second marriage.

Seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren complete the family. They are scattered across the country in Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Ohio, and D.C. Some years ago, when watching the TV program, *Finding Your Roots*, she was surprised to learn that she is related to the author, Ta Nehisi Coates, who was featured on the show. She realized that his mother was one of her cousins when she was growing up in Berlin. She is also a relative of Charles Albert Tindley (1853-1933), a well-known theologian and composer. He founded Tindley Temple UM Church in Philadelphia and wrote “I Shall Overcome” which was later changed to “We Shall Overcome,” an anthem of the Civil Rights movement.

Paulette started her career as a teacher on a naval base in Rhode Island. When the base closed a year later, she and her family moved to Virginia where teaching jobs were very scarce. She took a job with Sears thinking it was temporary, but the company had other ideas. They sent her to management training and then to positions in New Orleans and rural Louisiana. Later, on a lark, she applied for a position with South Central Bell. She got the job and loved working there until the company was broken up. She then worked for UPS as a Business Analyst until her recent retirement and move to Salisbury.

Growing up in Berlin, Paulette attended Tyree AME Church. In New Orleans, she worshipped at Plymouth Rock Baptist Church. After they moved to NJ, her husband encouraged her to find a church they could attend together. He had heard the rector of Church of the Redeemer speak at an event and had been very impressed by him, so Paulette decided to go hear him for herself. She loved his sermon and felt warmly welcomed by the congregation, so she went back a second Sunday. That clinched it, and Church of the Redeemer, an Episcopal church, became her church. She searched for a similar church after she arrived in Salisbury and found St. Alban's. She likes that it closely resembles her former church in its outreach, friendliness, and overall philosophy. At both churches she says, “You can come hungry, and they feed you emotionally and spiritually.”

Paulette enjoys working in the yard of her beautiful home in Nithsdale where her interior decorating skills are also evident. She is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the same one to which Kamala Harris belongs. She attends its monthly meetings in NJ and participates in social outreach activities such as collecting and distributing food for those in need, painting playground equipment, and cleaning up community areas. She also enjoys traveling, which includes one of her friend's “destination birthday” celebrations every year.

Paulette's warmth, wit, and sparkle make it easy to get to know her and will no doubt help attract others who come to St. Alban's looking for a church home.

Blessing of the new vestments and Altar hangings

By: Kim OGrady

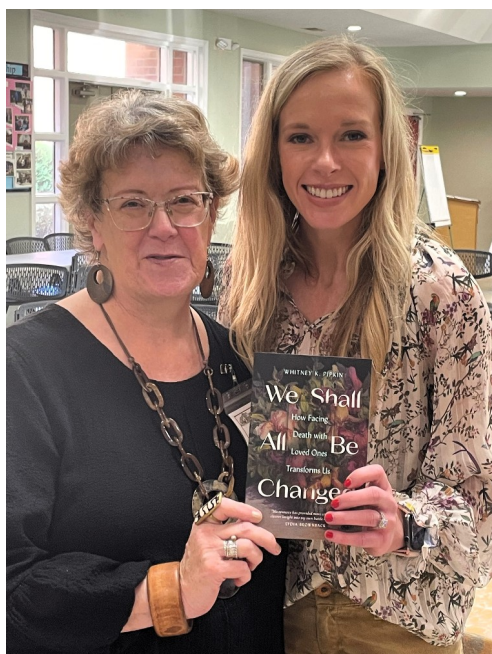


Toby's First Day as an acolyte

October 13, 2024

by: Donna Parks





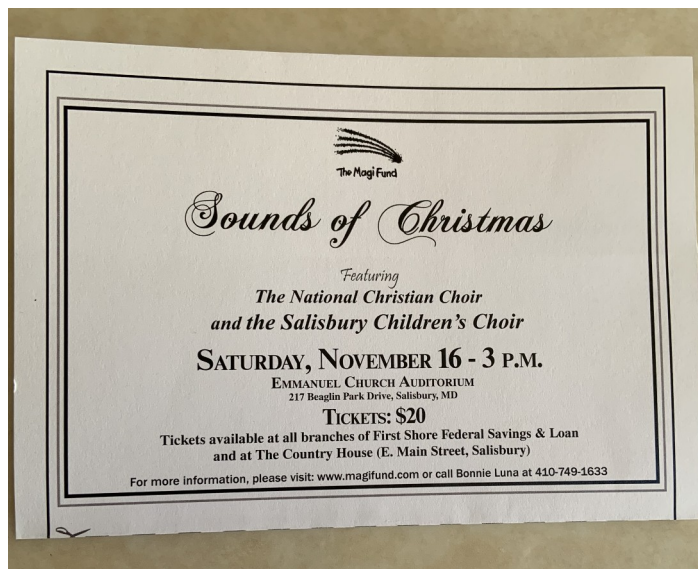
Grief

By: Jeremy Cox, Photos by: Cristina Machin

Virginia-based author Whitney Pipkin led a poignant and moving discussion about grief for us during his book-signing event held on Sept. 28 in the parish hall. About 20 people attended. Congregant Jeremy Cox, Whitney's colleague at the Chesapeake Bay Journal, moderated a conversation about her grief journey and the book that grew out of it, "We Shall All Be Changed: How Facing Death With Loved Ones Transforms Us." The book weaves together the story of Whitney's mother's long battle with cancer with insights from the Bible and theologians. It shows how our Christian faith can help guide us through to the other side of grief. One of the most impactful moments during Whitney's visit was when members of the audience asked her questions about the book and shared their own stories of grief. Many thanks to everyone who brought snacks, helped set up or otherwise assisted in this successful event!

St. Alban's and Community News

Submitted by: Arlene White



School is in session

Unfortunately a lot of these young, hungry minds need nourishment to help them enhance their learning. Our Faith Partner, Wicomico High School (WiHi) needs our help. They are asking for single serve, easy to heat meals and snacks to help fill their pantry. A lot of students walk to school. So they are asking for ponchos or umbrellas. They can also use clear water bottles and feminine products.

Thank you for all of your donations and prayers. If you have any questions, please contact me at pkograde3@yahoo.com.

Kim OGrady

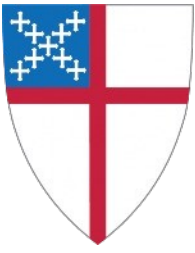
Election Day Prayers

On November 5, you are welcome to come to the church for individual meditation and prayer beginning at 10:00 in the Morning. The Litany for the Nation service will be read at 11:00 A. M., at 1:00 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. In the intervening hours, the Nave will be open for quiet prayer. Join us for a bowl of soup at noon in the Faith Room. Please enter through the glass door and hallway, as there are two user groups that meet on Tuesdays, one at noon and one at 5:30 P.M.

At 5:30 P.M., there will be an Evening Prayer Service for the election and the nation with the Southern Convocation Clergy at St. Alban's.. The congregation is invited to participate.



Shelly Madsen, Greg Glass and Margaret and Jim Brack gathered on Oct. 19 for a beautiful fall evening at the home of Sharon and Ron Walsh. They began with appetizers and drinks on the porch overlooking Back Creek. Their informal dinner followed with a choice of three soups, salad, bread and desserts.



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From Society of St. Andrew - Delmarva

Thanks to Mary and Howard from St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, MD who have picked up more than fifteen hundred pounds of fresh produce from Eastern Correctional Institute in the past two weeks and delivered it to Word of Life Church in Salisbury! We are grateful that our neighbors received fresh sweet potatoes, greens, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, beets, and more because our fantastic volunteers share their time (and truck!) with Society of St. Andrew!

