



## *A Message from Rev. Margaret +*

### **Here Comes Summer**

I want us to carry something with us when we are going to the beach or traveling over the summer –PRAYER! Actually, prayer fits so well during these days when we are slowing down a bit and, perhaps, doing some reflection.

GIVING THANKS FOR SUMMER *Author unknown*

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun

and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me

and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,

and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence

and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me

a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Note: Our VBS will Aug 3-7 , 5:00-7:30 p.m. Registration info will in the E-Pistle and the Bulletins.





## June Worship and Events at St. Alban's

### Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist Services:

Sunday, June 1 and 8

- 8:00: Rite I – Spoken
- 10:00: Rite II

### Sunday 15 Summer Schedule Begins\*

- 8:00: Rite I – Spoken
- 9:00: Rite II

\*Note: Sunday, June 22, we mark our 65<sup>th</sup> year at St. Alban's with one service at 9:00 A.M. with a brunch following the service.

To view, Sunday morning services click the following link: St Alban's Church Salisbury  
<https://www.youtube.com/@stalbanschurhsalisbury9651/streams>

### Wednesday Midday Services – 12:00 Noon

Monday, June 19, 5:30 p.m.: Litany for our Nation/ Light Supper

*You are invited to join us as we mark 65 years of Worship and Ministry at St. Alban's.*

*1960 – 2025*

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**Saturday, June 21: All ages are welcome to join us from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., for an opportunity to visit with friends and enjoy light refreshments.**

**Sunday, June 22 (One Service): Join us for our Saint Alban Feast Day Eucharist, at 9:00 A.M., followed by a brunch reception.**

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***R.S.V.P. by June 7: For either or both events to     Dee Rinehart, Senior Warden,  
at [deerinehart43@gmail.com](mailto:deerinehart43@gmail.com)***



## Auction Parties –

May boasted two more parties, hosted by the Grims and the Wests. These parties were offered at our November Auction. The annual event raises money for outreach. That means that all funds raised go out of the church doors to local, national, and international charitable giving.



## The Kentucky Derby Party

Don and Sandy Grim hosted the Kentucky Derby party, complete with fancy hats, picking winners, a supper crowned with pecan pie and a great time. A delightful time was had by all.





## The Party on the Porch

The West's auction "Party on the Porch" was held Saturday, May 24. We celebrated a cool start to summer with chicken and steak fajitas, many salads, and *Tres Leches* cake. Some adventurous party goers (Shelly) even went kayaking despite the cooler temps!



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## Family News – Congratulations!



Natalie Milligan, granddaughter of Sandy Grim, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Delaware, with a bachelor's degree in English. She was recently inducted into the Alpha of Delaware Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa.

In her senior year, Natalie was one of four students selected for the Stroman Fellows program (a partnership with Susan Stroman, UD English and UD Theatre). At the end of the year, they each wrote a full-length play that was read publicly at the UD Play Festival.

Natalie hopes to pursue a career in playwriting.



## Pizza and Pennies

**Shelly Madsen**

Over 20 people stayed after church on April 27 to count coins and have a pizza lunch. Over \$500 was collected. There was a vote and the proceeds will be given to H.O.P.E. H.O.P.E strives to increase the health outcomes for the homeless and low-income communities in Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester County. They assist with access to health care, basic needs, feeding programs and more. Deb Rossi, a member of St Alban's, is the executive director.

Thank you to everyone who collected their coins during Lent and or wrote a check!





From Chris Howard, a student at  
West Virginia University, now home  
for the summer =-

4/20/25

Dear St. Alban's family,

I am writing to share some happy news: last night, at the Easter Vigil, I was received into the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden, Bishop of West Virginia.

While many things ultimately factored into this decision, I know the journey would never have begun without the warm welcome I received ~~when~~ when I began attending St. Alban's. I thank you for all the love, and I ~~also~~ thank God because I know you strive to share that same love with all who come through the door.

Here in Morgantown, the Lord has blessed me and led me to be involved with three wonderful faith communities. I attend Trinity Episcopal Church every Sunday, where I ~~also~~ have also begun to find great community. I am also involved with Cru (not the rowing kind, though I do actually row on the club team). Though Cru is a much more evangelical group than I am used to, God has used them to connect me to a community of believers my age and help me grow more comfortable sharing my faith. The third ~~the~~ community I am involved in is probably the most exciting. I have had the privilege of being involved from the very beginning of the creation of a brand new Episcopal Campus Ministry here at WVU. I serve on the Vestry, under the leadership of the wonderful Father Paul Costelli. Though small, we have already seen promising growth. Within the Diocese, we became an official worshipping community in the fall, incorporated under St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of students and universities. I am excited to see ~~at~~ how the Holy Spirit works through this new ministry.

To all who have sent me cards throughout the year, thank you. It means a lot to hear from home. If anything got returned to sender because I forgot to check my mail, sorry! I'll repay you with a hug in a few weeks. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody soon.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

Chris

p.s. don't worry,  
Jen, I still  
get volun-  
teered  
to serve in  
church here.

## Your Vestry Updates

### April Vestry Highlights

Our Vestry meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The minutes are approved at the next regular meeting. So, the synopsis of the meetings will always appear in later newsletters.

The Vestry met on April 22, 2025.

**Treasurer:** Operating Checking March 31 – Debit: \$18,537.65; Credit: \$15,146.82; Balance: \$30,493.57

**The Rector:** Margaret reported that we were getting a \$5000 stipend from Interfaith Power & Light, from a grant that they have from NOAA.

**The Senior Warden:** The Vestry Goal, proposed at the last meeting, was reviewed and affirmed: Vestry Goal: *Encourage two-way communication within the congregation and the community*; the June 8 Brunch with the Vestry was proposed and approved; summer worship schedule: June 6 – August 31; 8 and 9 A.M. services; on June 22 there will be 1 service at 9 A.M. to mark 65 years for St. Alban's.

**External Property:** Spring Clean-up date is – 5/17 8-noon

**Internal Property:** Fire Marshall performed inspection; air conditioning check-up is due; Society of St. Andrews was given a key too Parish Office to facilitate mail handling; battery recycling bin is in parish hall

**Finance:** St. Paul's Berlin and St. Alban's will perform each other's audits; stewardship plans are underway; review of building use cost will be ready for May meeting

**Fellowship:** Auction date set – 11/1; at next meeting – 5/18 – subcommittee chairs will be determined; Nancy Linck is working on Pride Parade; parish picnic postponed until fall because June activity calendar is full.

**Worship:** Stations of the Cross are stored safely in Joy Room; next meeting – 5/8; Summer schedule will be interrupted by Green Hill Sunday – 8/24 – only 8 A.M. at St. Alban's

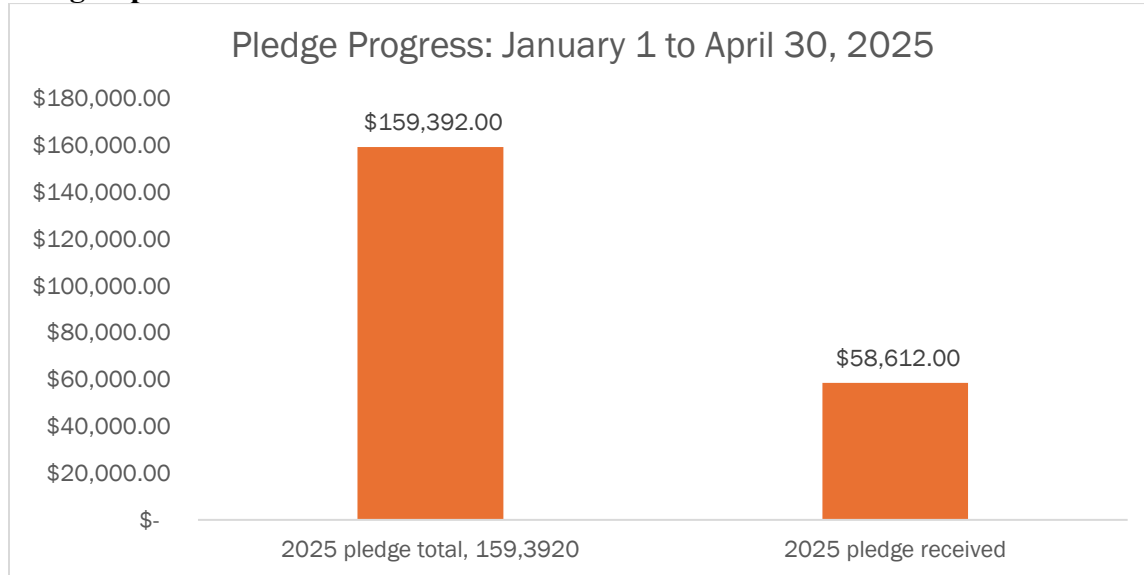
**Communications:** Webpage – Omnitech Pro will host website; Photos of parishioners on parish sites should be posted with permission; welcome bags now include cards with seeds and church photos

**Care of Neighbor:** WiHi needs boys' clothing; the little library is well-stocked; two Lenten lunches provided funds for Joseph House; food was prepared and then delivered to the Joseph



House on 4/9; Chesapeake Housing Mission Spring Project is scheduled for 5/10; penny roll ingathering set for 4/27; new photos placed on bulletin board 4/14

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**Pledge Update:**

37% of pledges received; 33% through the year.

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## Celtic Version of the Lord's Prayer

Holy One beyond all names  
Eternal Wellspring  
May love rise again in us today  
With food for every table  
Shelter for every family  
And reverence for every life.  
Forgive us our failings in love  
And free us from all falseness  
That the light of our souls may shine  
And the strength of our spirits endure  
For Earth and all its people  
This day, tonight, and forever.

Amen

-John Philip Newell







## Senior Warden, Dee Rinehart

Two important events are in the June calendar. The first takes place on **June 8**, between the two services. The Vestry wants to have a conversation with you over brunch, at **9 A.M.** The Vestry goal is to encourage two-way communication with the congregation and the community. We learned recently that although we have a warm welcome, we do not always communicate effectively to encourage new people (and people who have been with us for a while) to learn about our traditions, regular events, and special parish-wide projects. So, we invite you to share with us ways in which our communication can improve. It is important to all of us that our members and visitors feel welcome and comfortable in joining in the life of St. Alban's. Please plan to join us for brunch on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Your participation is important to us.

The invitations have gone out for our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We plan two events, a social gathering on **Saturday, June 21, from 4-6 P.M.** and one service on Sunday to observe the Feast of St. Alban and our 65<sup>th</sup> year of worship and ministry. Saturday evening will offer cheese, beverages, and a time to visit with good friends, some of whom we do not see every Sunday. **On Sunday, June 22**, we will celebrate as one congregation, at **9 A.M.** Bishop Marray will join us, and we will have a brunch following the service. All ages are welcomed at these events.

We ask you to let us know whether you will attend ([deerinehart43@gmail.com](mailto:deerinehart43@gmail.com) or 410-251-2749.)



Margaret Drew, a St. Alban's Saint for many of us.



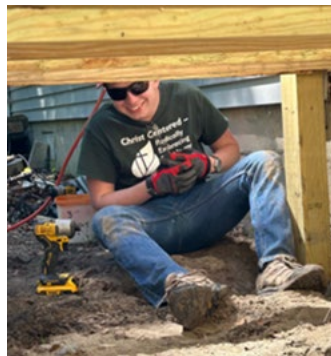


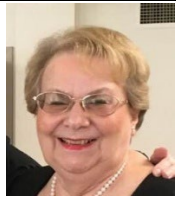
## Care of Neighbor - Joseph House - Shelly Madsen, Vestry Liaison

The Chesapeake Housing Mission (CHM) is a non-profit Christian organization committed to building safer, healthier homes for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Their mission is to foster independence and well-being by providing free accessibility modifications for those facing mobility challenges, particularly seniors and disabled residents who wish to age in place. They specialize in wheelchair ramps, grab bars, handrails, and other fall-prevention measures to enhance mobility and prevent injuries.

St Alban's has been doing volunteer build projects with CHM for many years. Our spring volunteer project was on May 9, and we built a small deck and set of stairs. The Salisbury homeowner, Ms. Hudson, has severe arthritis and is greatly appreciative of having safer access to her house. Thank you to the volunteers who donated a morning of their time. It was great to have four new volunteers, including Chris and Erica Howard, Jim Gottschalk and his friend Scott, as well as long-time volunteers: Jim Cockey, George Demko, Howard Doak, Charles Dimola, and Shelly Madsen.

**Please save the date! Our next volunteer date is October 4, and first-time volunteers are always welcome. No construction experience is required, and all tools are provided.**





**Communications** - Arlene White, Junior Warden and Vestry Liaison

**Directory Update** – We will soon be sending out a sheet with updated and new information for the DIRECTORY. Please correct the information in the copy you have or use the New Members page for additions. If you only have an electronic copy, please consider saving the new page as a new file.

**Nametags** – The nametag rack has been updated and re-alphabetized – if you have been challenged to find your old nametag in a new spot. That just means we’re growing!

**Announcement of Activities Form** – Based on discussion during our Vestry Retreat, we are working on an ANNOUNCEMENT format for activities to be used moving forward.

**Welcome Bags** now have a Welcome card with a seeded leaf that can be planted (as part of our creation work) and several sheets of pictures of activities at church throughout the year. Please help to make our visitors feel welcome by saying “hello,” asking them to fill out a visitor’s form on the podium in the parish hall and letting the Vestry Person of the Day know too.

**Website** –OmniTech Pro is currently hosting our website. We are looking forward to setting up a meeting with Jeremy Heslop to discuss updating and / or redesigning our website. If you would like to get involved with this project and / or work with uploading information, please let Arlene White know (afwhite@salisbury.edu / 410-251-0584).

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*“I want to be among the coalition of the faithful. I want to be among those working for the change we need now. That’s the decision with which I need to align my life every day.”*

The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*







**External Property/Creation Care - Walt West, Vestry Liaison**

## St. Alban's Clean Up Day – May 17

We began in the rain planning what could be done and eating donuts! The rain lessened and we began working with many more joining us including a few of our new members.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came, clipped, raked, weeded, you name it, all to clean up our church grounds!!

Photos by **Rev. Margaret+**





**Finance** - Nancy Linck, Vestry Liaison



## **SALISBURY PRIDE FESTIVAL**

This year's theme, "Stronger Together;" honors the resilience, unity, and spirit of the LGBTQIA+ communities across the Eastern Shore and beyond. We reflect on our progress while marching boldly toward a brighter, more inclusive future.

The Salisbury Pride Parade and Festival brings our community together with live entertainment, local vendors, vibrant exhibits, food trucks, and fun for all ages.

**Jun 28, 2025, 2:00 PM – 6:30 PM -- Parade begins at 3 PM -- Downtown Salisbury, MD**

Signup sheets for parade and working booth will be available in breezeway on Sunday. Park in the parking lot off S. Division Street behind the Mayor's Firehouse Offices. For information, please contact or text Nancy Linck at 410-430-8519.



**Worship** – Sandy Grim, Vestry Liaison

You may have noticed the room next to the Faith room and wondered what it was. a room with a few chairs, couple of stands and some plants. What happens in that room? Why is it there? Who uses it?

The Worship Committee has discussed uses for this room and how it could benefit parishioners. We would like to share some of our thoughts and appreciate your feedback and input as well.



Prayer Room – a dedicated room where parishioners can spend quiet time for prayer, meditation, reflection, etc. A place where you may be alone to connect with God.

Small group / Bible studies.

Group prayer – a place for small groups to pray together.

Margaret could visit with parishioners or visitors other than her office.

We discussed adding a small library consisting of devotional books and copies of the Book of Common Prayer and the Bible.

Currently there is a Grief Group which meets there periodically. There may be other interests such as this.

Please contact Margaret or a member of the worship committee (Mike Mathers, Linda Torbert, Veronica Tomanek or Sandy Grim) with your ideas and/or comments. **“Spiritual life is not a human endeavor. It is rooted in and orchestrated by the Holy Spirit. Every spiritual achievement is created and energized by God.”**

## Memories of 65 Years

During this year, we will continue to share memories. You are invited to contribute yours.

### **The St. Alban's Feeling**

Mine isn't a memory of a specific event, but a memory of a feeling. Each service, youth group meeting, choir rehearsal and trip to Shrine Mont had that feeling in common. It was a feeling of warmth, of acceptance, that all were welcome. And that's what ties all of my memories of St. Alban's together.

Submitted by Bryan Zeigler, son of Ray Zeigler and Jane Morgan

## **The solar array is dedicated.**





St. Alban's becomes a parish in 1972.



**ST. ALBAN'S BECOMES A CHURCH.** In a service of institution Sunday the Right Rev. George A. Taylor, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton, second from the right, performed services that officially changed St. Alban's Chapel, Salisbury, to St. Alban's

Church. The chapel had formerly been a part of St. Peter's, but is now an independent church. From left to right are Mrs. George L. McMorris, registrar, Charles L. Elliott, senior warden, Bishop Taylor, and the Rev. Charles T. Mason, Jr., rector. (Times Photo)





## Our Story

The first new mission in the Diocese of Easton in more than a century, St. Alban's Chapel came to be a reality in 1960, created by Salisbury Parish, St. Peter's, and overseen by their Chapel Committee. Among the members of the committee was G. William Truitt, who became our first vicar. During the planning stages, Richard H. Hodgson negotiated the purchase of the land our parish buildings occupy. Mr. Hodgson has since become a major benefactor of St. Alban's and the other Episcopal churches in Wicomico County.

The new chapel was struggling with membership and with finances when The Rev. Guy Butler came to be our vicar. Serving from 1961 until 1965, Father Butler saw St. Alban's through a time when there was a question about the chapel's viability.

In 1966, Charles Mason became vicar. Under Charlie's leadership, the chapel gained its independence from St. Peter's in 1968-69 and parish status in 1971. It is from this time that St. Alban's developed its passion for **social justice**. Father Mason left St. Alban's in 1976.

Since then, our parish has been blessed with growing stability in membership and finances. The Rev. Joseph M. Clark became our second rector in 1977 and served our congregation until 1985. Joe led us into the **servant ministry**. During his tenure as rector, our involvement with twelve-step groups and the Joseph House ministries blossomed. It became apparent that we were outgrowing our space and began to look at expanding our physical plant. Father Clark earned his Doctor of Ministry during his time on sabbatical at St. Alban's.

Our next rector was the Rev. M. Douglas Girardeau, who came to us in the fall of 1987. Doug shared that he was advised to avoid St. Alban's, as we were a church that had worn out its old parish hall by welcoming community groups who needed meeting space. He decided that we just might be the parish for him. The decision had been made to address our "informal communion space," our parish hall, and add an office and choir room before Doug arrived. Doug led us through the construction of our new parish hall, and involvement with twelve-step groups grew as did our involvement with the Joseph House. We had volunteers who worked each week at the facility, and we began to serve a meal once each month to the homeless. During his tenure, St. Alban's became, and continues to be, involved at the diocesan level of leadership. The parish began an involvement with Habitat for Humanity. Between 1997 and 1998, St. Alban's undertook a study and redesign of our worship space to become **accessible to the physically handicapped**. Doug retired in 2000.

Another important person in the life of our parish was Reese Rickards, who came to St. Alban's in 1993 as a member and served as a deacon in our diocese. Reese kept the needs of the world in front of our congregation, and he was instrumental in forming the Diocesan School for Total Ministry. A great storyteller who possessed a great sense of humor, Reese was generous with his time and talents. He lived fully into his calling as a deacon. Aside from his many gifts of the spirit, Reese had gifts with technology and



introduced St. Alban's to the internet. St. Alban's community was strengthened by Reese and Jean's presence among us, and their ashes rest in our columbarium.

St. Alban's called the Rev. Frieda L. Malcolm to be its fourth rector in 2002 during which time she earned her Doctor of Ministry degree. Our parish continued to grow in stability and ministries. Our social justice and servant ministries flourished, and Frieda led us to an awareness of **creation care**. Solar panels were installed as we aspired to become a "Green Church." Vestry meetings became organized around parish goals and mission, and vestry members became accountable for their areas of concentration.

Outreach to the community and social justice ministries grew. Frieda repeated service as a delegate to the General Convention. In her last years as rector, the parish formed a committee to study the improvement of our organ, as the music ministry at St. Alban's is important. The digital organ enhancement of our existing pipe organ was accomplished in 2018.

The parish became more serious about outreach, and in 2008 we began to have a fundraiser to provide funds for community, national, and international service organizations. Over the years, we raised and donated almost \$100,000. The Very Reverend Doctor Frieda Malcolm retired in the summer of 2018.

The Rev. Margaret S. Brack, our current rector, came to St. Alban's in 2022. Margaret also serves as the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA. Margaret shares our commitment to social justice, servant ministry, care of neighbors, and creation care. The Holy Spirit moves in our parish. Our congregation has discerned and raised four people to the vocational diaconate and four people to the priesthood. Social justice, servant ministry, physical accessibility, and creation care have become part of the St. Alban's identity, and we are open to what the Holy Spirit has in store for us in the future.



Greening the Church



The Students Helping Honduras Chapter Receives Check

## Linda Torbert Remembers

We joined in 1984 and quickly our daughter Alynn found herself in Miss Kim Benn's and Miss Sarah Klingler's Sunday School class. When there was a need for more teachers I participated as a teacher along with Judy Gracey, Mae Esh and others while Alynn was growing up. Once





Alynn became a teenager, I enjoyed helping Carrie Connelly and Jim Cockey with our Youth Group activities. We had such fun times with Halloween parties, spaghetti dinners etc. There were hikes and activities at Shrine Mont as well. I will always cherish those times watching our youth grow up.

I am thankful to be a part of this faith and this community. The liturgy and **amazing** music have always and will continue to nourish my soul. Simply put, it makes me a better person. I wish St. Alban's many more years of love and service to God.

Linda Torbert

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**Ray Zeigler**

Ray Zeigler was hired as organist/choirmaster at St. Alban's in 1967 before we even got fully moved to Salisbury. I joined the choir as an alto. In the mid-1970s, Ray left St. Alban's for a time and played at other community churches.

In 1983 St. Alban's organist position was again vacant. Ray formally applied and was clearly the best choice for the job. By this time, we had divorced but we worked closely together as co-parents of Bryan and Susan.

Fr. Clark and the senior warden at the time asked me how I felt about the situation. "Welllllll, if you hire him, I'll have to quit choir, then continuing," if you don't hire him, I'll have to quit choir."

My absence from choir didn't last long. Ray was gathering a group to sing at Katy Hull's funeral and I volunteered. After all, for him it wasn't about singing for Ray Zeigler, it was singing to the Glory of God.

Submitted by Jane Morgan





## A Story from Carole Wilson

1976, the Bicentennial Year, saw varieties of celebration in most communities in our nation. Many of us created colonial costumes for our families for parades and other celebrations, and Carole Wilson was no exception. She put her seamstress talents to work and created colonial outfits for her entire family. We thank Carole for sharing this story:

July 4, 1976, fell on a Sunday, and St. Alban's was planning a celebratory Eucharist. Scott, Carole, and their daughters wore their colonial attire and came to church, where they felt sure that they would be one family among many dressed in their colonial garb. When they arrived at church for the 10:30 service, they found that they were the only ones who had "gotten the memo." Good humor prevailed, and all turned out well. The Wilson family's patriotic spirit was appreciated by all. She laughs about it still as she remembers the story, albeit many years later.

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## Walking the Labyrinth





## ***Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation***

With these words, we articulate our parish identity. We strive to follow Christ in welcoming all people. We offer baptism and Eucharist to all, as well as the pastoral offices of reconciliation, ministry to the sick, and Christian burial to those who ask. We do not discriminate regarding gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, identity, or mental capacity. Couples requesting marriage are asked to meet with the rector and meet the civil and Episcopal Church requirements. While we do not discriminate based on gender, the clergy may decline to officiate for other reasons.

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