



Reason, Season, or Lifetime

by Brian A. "Drew"
Chalker

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.



When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person.

When someone is in your life for a **REASON**, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like godsend and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their wake is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.

Some people come into your life for a **SEASON**, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life.

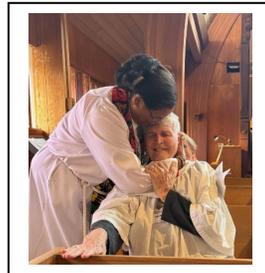




Submitted by Sandy Grim and Kim O'Grady

Reformation Sunday – October 26

Rev. Margaret's last service in Salisbury was celebrated at Faith Lutheran Church. Both the Faith and the St. Alban's congregations came together for worship and fellowship. You might notice red clothing in the photos.



November Worship at St. Alban's



Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist Services:

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

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

- **Sunday, November 2: All Saints' Day_ Light candles for your loved ones and enjoy the memorial photographic display.**
- **Monday, November 10, 5:30 P.M.: Prayers for Our Nation Evening Prayer Service, soup following.**

Event: November 23, 8:45 A.M.: ANNUAL MEETING and Conversation with the Vestry

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From Vestry Dee Rinehart, Senior Warden

This month, the Vestry news earlier in the Herald because we are stepping into new territory. When a rector leaves, the Vestry becomes responsible for the life of the parish. Of primary concern for me in my role as Senior Warden, was to obtain supply clergy to celebrate the Eucharist with us on Sundays and Christmas Eve. That has been accomplished through the end of the year. We will welcome familiar faces at the altar.

Christian Education will resume in Advent, with the use of *The Living Compass*. Information will be shared soon about this opportunity. Sandy Grim and Chuck Porter have stepped into this role.



Shelly Madsen, the Care of Neighbor Liaison, will oversee the

discretionary Fund, used to help people in need in our community. This restricted fund is used to assist people in our community who need help with groceries, rent, or other immediate need. You can make contributions to this fund with a check written to St. Alban's, earmarked for the Discretionary Fund. Shelly's normal portfolio includes our parish outreach: our Faith Partner – WiHi, Chesapeake Housing, H.O.P.E., Joseph House, the Little Free Library, H.H.E.H., the Fall Auction, and gleaning with the Society of St. Andrews.



Arlene White, our Junior Warden, is the Liaison for Parish Communications. That is a huge job. It includes the weekly "E-pistle," "The Herald," the bulletins, the Facebook Page, the webpage, and editing of all parish publications. Communications are important in normal times, and in this interim period we will try to expand our scope in this area. We will keep our webpage current so everyone, including priest search for a new congregation, can learn about us. Arlene will also oversee the building-use by the community.





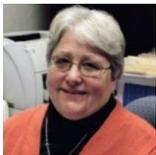
Sandy Grim has been the Worship Liaison. Her committee will continue to plan weekly and seasonal worship at St. Alban's. Her committee usually meets to plan for the season ahead. Supervising worship services lands on Sandy's shoulders.



Jeremy Cox is the Internal Property Liaison. If something is amiss: a leak, a plumbing or electrical issue, door or lock issues, or lighting Jeremy is the one to contact. We all can help, when noticing problems, by alerting Jeremy.



Walt West is the Grounds Liaison. You will read about the Fall Clean-Up later in this newsletter. Walt and Jim Cockey have been preparing the soil for our community garden. (We will let our neighbors know about this resource during the winter.) Jim has secured a small grant to help with the preparation.



Nancy Linck is the Finance Liaison. She works with the Finance Committee to monitor the funds of the parish. In addition to our Operating Account, St. Alban's has other, accounts with restrictions, for example, the Memorial Account, the Hodgeson Account, and the Endowment Fund. Now, the Finance Committee is working on the 2026 Stewardship Drive. This is the time of the year that all of us are asked to contribute with our tithes and talents to St. Alban's. Based upon our contributions, the Finance Committee will construct the income and expense budget for the coming year. Please keep in mind that soon we will establish a Search Committee, charged with advertising, soliciting applications, interviewing, and recommending a Rector candidate to Vestry. Then negotiations begin. Compensation is a large part of the negotiations. The bulk of our annual income comes from personal pledges during the Stewardship Campaign; building users contribute only a small part. I thank those of you who



have pledged already and ask that those of you who haven't done so to complete your pledge to St. Alban's.



Chuck Porter is the Member Care Liaison. When someone needs meals or transportation for medical appointments or treatments, Chuck facilitates those services. Chuck is the early service contact, and Dee Rinehart is the contact person for the later service. Pastoral Care is a vital ministry, and we want to address these needs in our congregation. If you or a family member is to be hospitalized, needs a priest, or a friend in the waiting room during a loved one's surgery, please contact Dee Rinehart, (410)251-2749. Sandy Grim will assume leadership of the Prayer Group and introduce new initiatives. It is important that we know of prayer and pastoral needs. Please contact us, and we will do our best to make sure the needs are met.



Kim O'Grady is the Fellowship Liaison. Her committee plans all the activities that keep us having fun together. At this time, everyone is focused on the Fall Auction, this weekend, but we will soon be in Advent, and our Soup Lunches begin. Look for news of recent S'Mores and Dogs in this Newsletter. Watch for news of upcoming events and join in the fun.

Greg Glass, our long-serving Treasurer, is currently preparing Muffet Reath to assume the responsibilities of the position beginning in January. Thank you, Greg, for your faithful and expert handling of parish financial obligations and reporting. We welcome Muffet. Please take time to thank Greg and Muffet when you see them.

I give thanks for the people I serve with on our Vestry. Each of them works a portfolio to keep our congregation a vibrant place. Please see if there is a way you can help in any of the areas described above and offer to help in the work of the people in our parish. Our meetings are open, and we invite you to come to learn about our work.

CONNECTION CIRCLES

We each are part of "circles," people we connect with, are close to, care about, and care for. During this interim period, I want to use the idea of circles to make sure we stay connected, feel cared for, and everyone is included. Look around you in church. Who are you glad to see each week? Who would you miss if you didn't see them for a couple of weeks? Would you be willing to make a phone call to say, "Hello" and check to see if all is well?



I am asking for a small group of people from our congregation to get Connection Circles going. Please contact me if you think this is a clever idea and would be willing to participate.

Dee Rinehart

Fall Fellowship



Fun times and fellowship! On Sunday, October 5, we gathered in the Deer Harbour pavillion for an afternoon of yard games, kayaking, roasting hot dogs and s'mores, and great conversation.



The Dirty Dozen (or so) participate in the St. Alban's Fall Cleanup



Saturday October 25th was our scheduled fall property cleanup day. Participants included Steve Crabill, Julie Crabill, Bob Payne, Jim Isaacs, Howard Doak, Mary Doak, Jim Gottschalk, Harry Hoke, Gary Stiegler, Muffet Reath, Stephanie Shultz, Rod Layton, Katherine West, and Walt West. Brush pile removal and heavy limbing (thereby creating more brush piles) were the planned projects. The two large shrub stumps by the breezeway doors were dug up and removed.

Walt West



When you buy gift cards through P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) you will be providing happiness all around you! Who does not love getting a gift card??? And every gift card bought through our program, gives a percentage back to support educational funds for women. There is no cost to you and your support allows P.E.O. to provide scholarships, grants and loans to women working hard to achieve their dreams through further education.

Order now and shop Black Friday with gift cards or be done early with your Christmas shopping!

Please see Jenny Buchanan or Cristina Machin in the Parish Hall, on November 2nd and November 8th to place an order!

Thank you for your support!

Cristina Machin

Call to the St. Alban's Annual Meeting

November 23, 2025, 8:45 – 9:30 A. M.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of our Parish. At this meeting we will:

- Elect Vestry Members
- Elect Alternate Delegates to the 2026 Diocesan Convention
- Share the plans for the Stormwater Abatement Project
- Share the work of the people of St. Alban's in the church and outside our doors.
- Examine the financial status of our parish



- Have time for questions and answers

Please plan to attend. We want to hear your concerns and ideas.

Diocesan-Wide Meeting

The Standing Committee is collaborating with Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's staff to host listening and sharing sessions as we reflect on our identity and connections within the diocese. All members of the Diocese of Easton are encouraged to participate in the first session on November 15, at Christ Church, Kent Island. We hope that St. Alban's members will participate.

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YOU ARE INVITED!!

Gather, Listen, Connect!

November 15, 2025

9 am - 3:30 pm

Refreshments and lunch will be served.

Christ Church, Kent Island

830 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD

Registration is now open and will close on November 8th.

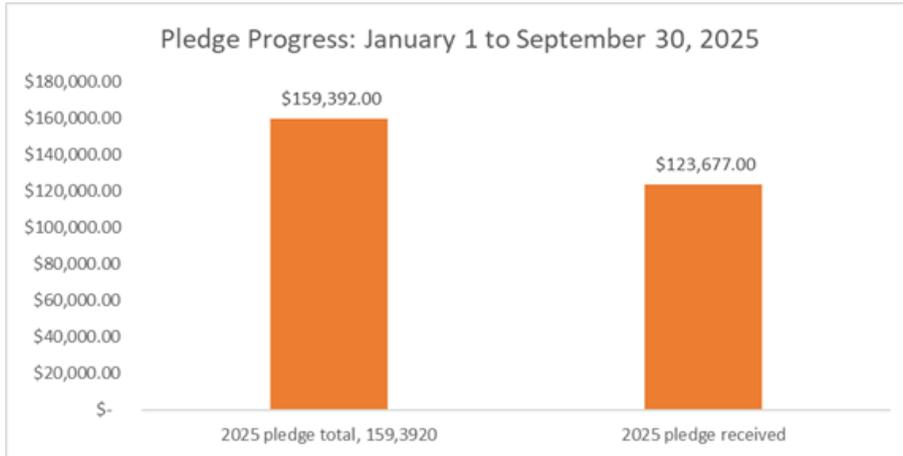
Please share this invitation with your parish.

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming gathering as we navigate transition in the Diocese of Easton. On November 15th, join us as members from across the Diocese of Easton come together to share their experiences. Come to listen, pray & connect with your fellow Episcopalians on the Eastern Shore!

As we plan for a meaningful event, please note that attendance will be capped at 200 participants - so register early! If you have trouble registering, please email [Beth Devenny](mailto:Beth.Devenny) or call Beth at 410-822-1919 x2309.

We look forward to seeing you there.





78% of pledge received; 75% of the way through the year.

The Bacalao Auction Party

The Bacalao Auction Party was held on October 11, hosted by Cristina Machin and Kevin Justice. From the salted bacalao to a table full of fellowship (we ate the bacalao, that is why it's not pictured!)

Cristina Machin



Worship Committee Report - October



Sandy Grim

The worship committee met October 22, 2025.

Megan Caten has decided to take a break as EM. She will serve at the 8 AM service 11/2 and 11/16. Sandy will contact the other Eucharistic Ministers for coverage for the remaining services for November and December and will send out a revised schedule.

Germaine Marshall will also join the EM list.

We will be using wafers for both service during November and December.

Dee will conduct EM/Worship Leader refresher training December 6 at 9 AM.

Advent

- We will be using Track 2 for the services.
- The hangings will be blue; we will use 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle for the Advent wreath.
- Mike Mathers will continue the tradition of Mary and Joseph's visits to parishioners' homes.
- We will be offering the Living Compass series, Living Well through Advent and will meet to discuss between the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

Christmas

- Greening of the church (coordinate with fellowship) after the 10 AM service on 12/21. Altar guild will set up for Christmas Eve 12/23.
- There will be one service for Christmas Eve at St. Alban's (10:30 PM). The Rev. Laura Dorsey will be the celebrant. There will be no Christmas Day service at St. Alban's.
- 12/28 The first Sunday after Christmas / Lessons and Carols (discussed having a cookie exchange for coffee hour after the 10 AM service – coordinate with fellowship). Dee will invite Faith Lutheran for joint service.
- 1/4/26 – Second Sunday after Christmas.

Epiphany

1/11/26 – Epiphany (Mike Mathers will distribute the blessed chalk).

The next meeting will be held in January 2026.

Supply Clergy Dates



(Sundays – Two Morning Services – 8:00 (Rite I) and 10:00 (Rite II))

November 2025

2: The Rev. Charles Osberger

9: The Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm

16: The Rev. Laura Dorsey

23: The Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm

30: The Rev. Sheila McJilton

December 2025

7: The Rev, Laura Dorsey

14: The Rev. Nathaniel Pierce

21: The Rev. Laura Dorsey

24: The Rev. Laura Dorsey – 10:00 P.M.

28: The Rev. Sheila McJilton

For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Memories of Souper Seniors, December 16, 2015

Donna Parks wrote. "We had a great turnout for Souper Seniors! So glad to have you with us. I think we broke the record with 32 people!"



From our Outreach Partners

From the Help and Outreach Point of Entry Facebook Page

Help and Outreach Point of Entry (H.O.P.E.) is launching a Mini-Pantry to bridge the gap between hunger and help.

Donation Tips:

Please consider both ready-to-eat items for homeless clients and family-style items for those with limited kitchens.

For Homeless Clients (no cooking required):

- Pull-top cans of soup, ravioli, or stew
- Tuna or chicken salad kits
- Peanut butter crackers or granola bars
- Fruit cups or applesauce
- Bottled water or shelf-stable juice
- Utensil packs & napkins

For Low-Income Families (limited cooking resources):

- Pasta, rice, or instant potatoes
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Canned meat, beans, or vegetables
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Cereal & shelf-stable milk

Every small act helps — and every meal brings HOPE to someone's day. 🧡

Easy meal kits (Dollar Tree has great \$1 staples!)

Dollar Tree ingredients:

- Pasta Night: Boxed pasta, canned sauce, canned veggies
- Breakfast Anytime: Instant oatmeal, fruit cups, shelf-stable milk
- Quick Comforts: Canned chicken or tuna, rice, canned corn, taco seasoning



From the Society of St. Andrew - Delmarva Facebook Page

“We love Society of St Andrew- Delmarva! I had no idea we had 900 extra lbs. of squash- dude...!”



Sometimes you volunteer, and sometimes you are “volun-told.” Big Thanks to my dad! Rev. **John Wright** is almost always willing to lend a helping hand and I am all the better for it. Thank you to **Dittmar Family Farms** for your generosity. We were able to distribute over 900 pounds of delicious farm fresh squash to those in need. We are truly blessed with your wonderful family farm in our community!

Please, remember to make your pledge!



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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