

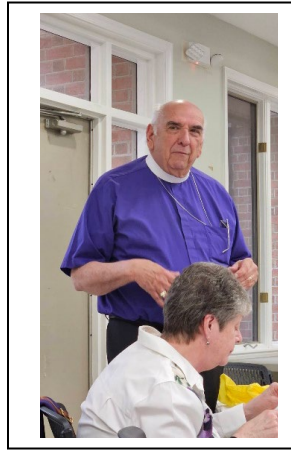


## April 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Alban's, a Day to Celebrate

The Right Reverend James J. Shand and his wife, Lynn visited St. Alban's, and welcomed five people into the Episcopal Church, Jani and James Gottschalk, Pati Peskett, and Stephanie Shultz from St. Alban's and Mac Conner from St. Paul's, Berlin. Always happy to share a meal, we shared two, the Holy Eucharist and a brunch between our two services. Thank you to Kim O'Grady, Maggie O'Grady, and Jeremy Cox for the photographs.



## Brunch: Thank you to all who made this possible!



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## May Worship and Events

### Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist Services:

- 8:00: Rite I – Spoken
- 10:00: Rite II
- 9:00: Sunday School – All ages – Faith Room

To view, Sunday morning services click the following link: St. Alban's Church Salisbury

<https://www.youtube.com/@stalbanschurchofSalisbury9651/streams>

- Saturday, May 9 - Spring Clean-up -Inside and Outside: 8:00 A.M.
- Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day -Chocolate for Moms
- Monday, May 11 - Prayers for Our Nation followed by a soup supper: 5:30 P.M.
- Saturday, May16 – Wardens and Treasurers Meeting, Trinity Cathedral, Easton: 9:30 A.M.
- Sunday, May 17 – First Sunday for our Interim Priest and Coffee with Sheila between services
- Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost
- Tuesday, May 26 – Vestry Meeting: 7:00 P.M. – The congregation is welcome.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M., June 7 -August 20

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### Community Events

- **Sunday, May 3 – The Beth Israel Congregation’s Annual Holocaust Memorial Day: 2:00-4:00 P.M.**
  - **Thursday, May 7 – Salisbury Area Prayer Breakfast, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center: 7:00-9:00 A.M.**
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### Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor Licensure Training

On Saturday, June 6, St. Alban’s will hold training for those who wish to be licensed to serve as a Eucharistic Minister (E.M.) and Eucharistic Visitor. (E.V.) The E.M. training runs from 9:00 A.M. until noon. The E.V. training runs from 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. (Those seeking the E.V. training must be experienced E.Ms..)



After the training, a license will be issued by the bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority for a period of 3 years. The parish priest and veteran licensed lay ministers will shepherd trainees as they begin to serve in their ministries at the altar and in sharing the service and Eucharist with those who are confined by illness.

The E.M. assists with the Eucharist at the altar as directed by the priest. The E.V. is commissioned and sent by the congregation to share the elements of the Eucharist in health care facilities or homes.

There is a book required before each session, each authored by Beth Ely. Dee Rinehart will provide the books. Both are short but provide valuable resources.

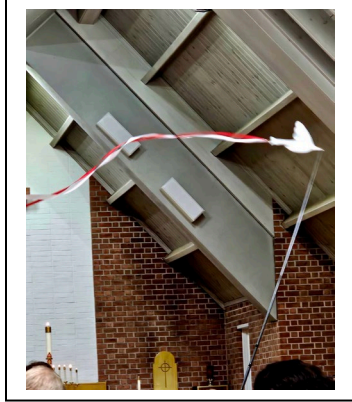
- For the E.M. training: *The Cup of Salvation: A Manual for Eucharistic Ministers*
- For the E.V. training: *A Manual for Eucharistic Visitors*

Please contact Dee Rinehart with questions and to register for the training. ([deerinehart43@gmail.com](mailto:deerinehart43@gmail.com) or 410-251-2749) Please **register by May 16.**

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## Pentecost

By Sandy Grim



Pentecost is a major Christian holiday, celebrated fifty days after Easter and marks the end of

the Easter season. It comes from the Greek word *pentēkostē*, meaning, “fiftieth.” The liturgical color is red to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit (tongues of fire). We celebrate the birthday of the church and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, we will celebrate the diversity of the Holy Spirit by reading Acts 2:1-11 in different languages to highlight the story of the disciples speaking in tongues. During the service we will renew our baptismal vows reaffirming our faith and commitment to serving God. The congregation will be sprinkled with baptismal water as a reminder of our vows. Parishioners are encouraged to wear red, orange, or yellow to commemorate the feast.

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## St. Alban's Community Garden Workday -Saturday, April 11, 2026

By Jim Cockey

On Saturday, April 11 the St. Alban's Community Garden team welcomed 13 National Honor Society volunteers from Wicomico High School, led by their teacher and NHS advisor, Ms. Geneise Fleming. They came to help us dig up the ground of our revitalized community garden and to earn the community service hours required by the Board of Education. We also attracted them with donuts and coffee in the morning, and pizza for lunch. The food was paid for by one of the grants the garden received.

Walt West used his forest fire fighting and park ranger skills to teach them how to safely work together in a work line. We had prepped the planned beds 6 months ago with black plastic and cardboard, hoping to kill all the wire grass. Most of the wire grass was dead or dormant, but it was still tough. Every lick with a mattock met strong resistance. Walt and the students worked hard and cleared a lot of land for garden plots.

The church has about \$4000 in grant money for the project. Walt is leading a crew to build a storage shed for tools and materials on the north side of the building, on the pavement by the original church entrance. We are having a drip irrigation system installed. Irrigation will be automated, so no one will have to come out to irrigate by hand. In addition to digging out the

weeds and wire grass, we will incorporate composted chicken manure and add any needed soil amendments based on soil analysis. We will have seedlings, seeds, mulch, and tools available.

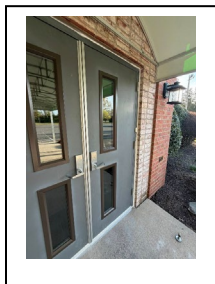
We are promoting the community garden to our neighbors at the Parkside Apartments on Beaglin Park Drive and Glen Avenue, as well as to our parishioners or anyone else who may be interested. We will have an informational and registration meeting on Saturday, April 25 at 10:00. We are asking for a token registration fee to promote serious engagement. If you are interested in a plot, but can't make the meeting, contact Walt West [loggerhead.west@gmail.com](mailto:loggerhead.west@gmail.com) or me. ([james.cockey@gmail.com](mailto:james.cockey@gmail.com)).

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Bluebird Boxes were cut, constructed, and installed. We expect more Episcopalian bluebirds.

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## New Entrance Doors Installed

By Jeremy Cox

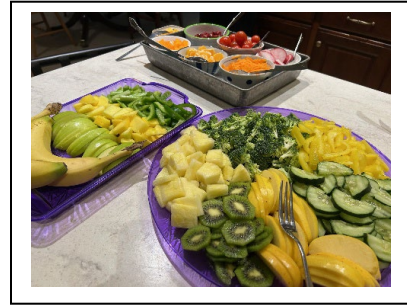
Thanks to Clark and Sons for their excellent work. Yes, we are going to paint them **red**. We are just waiting for the final part of installation to be complete. More information to follow,

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## St. Alban's Dinner Group

by Shelly Madsen

The Madsen, Glass, Schultz, Grim, and Isaacs Dinner Group gathered for their second meeting on April 12. Jim and Amy Isaacs graciously hosted the evening, which featured a creative and interactive salad bar. They provided a variety of lettuces, proteins, and a “build-your-own” dressing station with assorted oils, vinegars, and seasonings.



Guests contributed to the meal by bringing salad additions in assigned color themes, making for a vibrant and delicious spread. Conversation flowed easily throughout the evening, covering a wide range of topics—from sand art therapy and gardening tips to fond memories of time spent at Shrine Mont.

It was a joyful time of fellowship, tasty food, and meaningful connection.

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## FALL AUCTION

**2026 Interest meeting**

**Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026- after 8am service and 10 am service**

- Want to know what all the fuss is about with our largest fundraiser at St. Alban's?
- Did you hear about the “parties” that take place all year long because of the Auction?
- Want to have a chance to meet other parishioners, mingle, and support another successful Fall Auction?

Come to our Interest meeting on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cristina will be available in the Parish Hall after 8am service and we will meet in the Joy Room after the 10am service. We need your help to make this another great fellowship event and fundraiser. Don't know what you can do or what this is about? Come to the meeting!

If you cannot make the meeting but are still interested in helping, please contact Cristina Machin at [cmachin@matice.com](mailto:cmachin@matice.com) or talk to her in church.

## Over the Edge for ALICE – Two Opportunities to Help!



Public Schools' Chief Finance and Operations Officer, our own Dr. Brian Raygor, is going "Over the Edge" for United Way's A.L.I.C.E. campaign—rappelling down the fourteenstory Ross Building in Downtown Salisbury on May 8th to support local families.

Every dollar helps. Donate \$25 or more, and get your name on his suit, and rappel down with him in spirit! You can donate in Brian's name at [bit.ly/braygor](https://bit.ly/braygor)



Jean Siers, the Regional Director of the Society of St. Andrew, shares that Alena is going Over the Edge for ALICE. Every dollar donated helps us share forty servings of fresh food with ALICE in our community! At the Society of St. Andrew Delmarva, we are working hard to End Hunger in communities across the Shore. We distribute healthy food from farms and markets to local feeding agencies, such as food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, senior centers and more. In 2025, we shared ten million servings of healthy food with our hungry neighbors across Maryland and Delaware. We were supported by sixty-two generous local farms, partnered with 114 different community-based feeding agencies, and were joined in this effort by 1,500 local volunteers.

Donate here to help Alena raise funds for ALICE.



The drive is 88 percent of its fundraising goal. So, contributions are still being accepted.

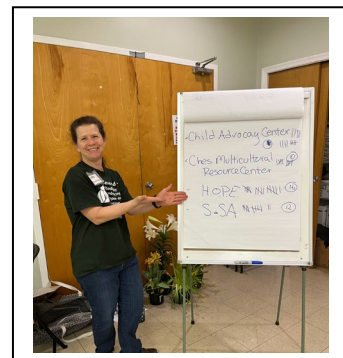


### The Nickles for Nachos

Lenten spare change drive raised just over \$720.

**H.O.P.E.** is the recipient of the funds.

Thank You Shelly, the Fellowship, and Care of Neighbor.





## Congratulations to Debbie Rossi, Director of Help and Outreach Point of Entry. (H.O.P.E.)!

We are proud to share that our Executive Director was nominated for the  
\*\*2025 Outstanding Public Health Leader Award\*\*!

Being nominated by peers in the public health field is an incredible honor and a reflection of the dedication, compassion, and leadership she brings to our community every day. While she did not receive the award this year, the nomination itself speaks volumes about the impact of her work and the difference she continues to make across the Lower Shore.

Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved recognition—we are grateful for her vision and commitment to the mission we serve together!

(We share this from the H.O.P.E.'s Facebook page.)

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## From the Vestry



We are delighted to announce that the Rev. Dr. Sheila McJilton will celebrate her first Eucharist as our interim rector May 17, 2026. The Rev. McJilton will join us for coffee, fruit, and morning beverages between the services that morning. She will explain her role as interim, share the work that we must do as a parish, and answer your questions. We invite you to be part of the worship and discussion on May 17.

**Senior Warden** - Dee Rinehart- [deerinehart43@gmail.com](mailto:deerinehart43@gmail.com) / 410-251-2749**Serious Talk this Time** -

St. Alban's is a congregation that welcomes everyone, we care deeply for one another and strive to make people feel included. We come to St. Alban's because here we find spiritual nurture for personal growth in Christ and can share worship openly with those around us in the pews. We would not knowingly make another parishioner feel unwelcome among us because of their economic or social status, their race, their nationality, or who they support politically. Politics in our country has become extremely divisive. In the current political climate, it can be a struggle to keep from feeling despair and expressing our distress to those around us through prayer and in conversation. Such action is jarring for people who come to church to find solace and spiritual nurture. I pray that we may speak and pray with thoughtfulness and that we remember our Baptismal promise to, "respect the dignity of every human being."

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**Communications Report** – Arlene White, Junior Warden, Vestry Liaison– [afwhite@salisbury.edu](mailto:afwhite@salisbury.edu) / 410-251-0584

- 2026 St. Alban's Directory Update – We have made substantial progress with the TEXT of the directory but are having some challenges with the IMAGES – moving some from the 2024 directory to the 2026 copy and trying to still get some pictures of current parishioners. Our deadline has moved to the end of May.
- QR codes and links – We have experimented some more with inserting QR codes and live links in the E-Pistle to help make information more available and to sign up for activities online. Please let me know if you find these helpful.
- St. Alban's Website – Mary Doak has graciously agreed to work on updating the St, Alban's website. Our first priorities will be to be sure of information about services, current events are up to date as well at the images. If anyone is interested in helping, please let me know.

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**Care of Neighbor** – Paulette Primus, Vestry Liaison

Rector's Discretionary Fund – We granted one request in April for some help with an electric bill, in the amount of \$200. Three grants in aid have been made to date in 2026. The balance is \$3,699.30.

## **External Property** – Walt West, Vestry Liaison

- We accepted a bid to reline the parking lot, as current lines are barely visible.
- Spring Clean-up, May 9, 8am – Projects include weeding, pruning, removing dead limbs, and volunteer saplings in solar panel array. Please bring work gloves and gardening equipment.

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## **Fellowship** – Germaine Marshall, Vestry Liaison

- Lenten Lunches were a success. Thank you to our great cooks and all who participated. Joseph House will receive \$700.
- Attendance was high at the brunches hosted between the Palm Sunday service and the bishop's visit. Thank you to all for the varied delicious dishes and set up and cleanup crews. Wow, that crab casserole!
- Fellowship also provided a nacho bar for the Nickles for Nachos event.

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## **Finance** – Nancy Linck, Vestry Liaison

- The treasure reported that our operating account is in the black heading into the summer months. Thank you for keeping your pledges current.
- The Finance Committee is working on a parish Financial Policy, updated cost analysis of running our parish, and creating a new Endowment Fund Board.
- St. Alban's will host Vacation Bible School this year. St. Peter's and Faith Lutheran partner with us in this effort. This year's program will consist of two sessions. Details will follow.

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## **Internal Property** – Jeremy Cox, Vestry Liaison

- The main entrance of the building now features newly installed doors. An announcement of a painting date will be forth coming. They are indeed going to be painted **red**.
- Wicomico Heating and Air Conditioning won the contracts for the installation of new HVAC systems for the nave and parish hall wings. Work has begun. We are thankful to the funds established by Mr. Herman Hodgson for allowing us to make these improvements.

## Member Care – Chuck Porter, Vestry Liaison

The Angel Brigade will add a program for parish members who are suffering bereavement.

## Worship – Sandy Grim, Vestry Liaison

- Pentecost, May 24 – The congregation is encouraged to wear the colors of flame.
  - Summer Hours - Two services will continue, at 8:00 and 9:30 A.M. **Please note that the second Sunday service time is 9:30 A.M.** The summer schedule will run from June 7 – August 30.
  - Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor Training will be held on Saturday, June 6, in the Faith room. Please contact Dee Rinehart to register.
  - Looking ahead to Green Hill Sunday, August 23 – It is St. Alban's turn to host this year.
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Our world hangs as a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel, a facet of that jewel. And in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. **We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not.**

*Mr Rogers • Artist: The Great Artist*

## *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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