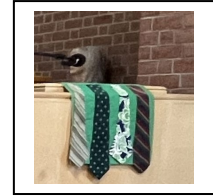
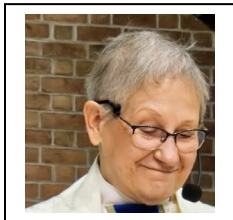


## Father's Day at St. Alban's



### From our Interim Rector



### Belonging that leads to Transformation

Where do you belong? What does that “belonging” look like to you? How do you know when you do belong?

This morning, I remembered a book by Greg Atkinson that I read some years ago, entitled *Secrets of a Secret Shopper: Reaching and Keeping Church Guests*. At that time, the parish I served was working intentionally on the spiritual gift of hospitality. As I read, I realized quickly that many things Atkinson wrote about don't fit well in most Episcopal parishes. In fact, many things he mentioned fit better with non-denominational, “mega” churches. Yes, I have visited churches with a team of parking lot “ministers” and half a dozen greeters to let me in the front door, or “guest services” (as in a desk in a huge lobby.) But I have never experienced these at any Episcopal church before.

However, Atkinson touches on practical things like SIGNAGE, FIRST IMPRESSIONS, WELCOME, etc., with a special focus on a visitor's first impressions. Will their first visit also be their last visit? First impressions matter—whether for a small or huge church.

Since I joined St. Alban's for this interim journey, I have talked to a number of folks, and many share about how welcomed they felt when they arrived. Numbers don't lie, and so when I read some parish data from 2025, I was so glad to see one set of numbers. In 2025, 15 new people arrived at St. Alban's. You lost two, to death or folks moving away, but that means a net gain of 13 souls. Just as wonderful as that data is, these folks who have found St. Alban's as a community that welcomes, where they can belong, have already jumped into ministries of all kinds. Obviously, they have found people with gifts for ministry; now they are adding their own particular gifts to the parish.

As others find St. Alban's, I encourage each one of you to look around—for example, at the Exchange of the Peace—and if you see a face you don't recognize, please greet that person at the Peace, then circle back after worship to ask if you can walk them to our fellowship time.

One of the people who reviewed the aforementioned book on Amazon said this: **“One of the key elements that I've begun to implement is looking at everything as if I am not a part of my church but rather a first-time guest - from signage to appearance to volunteers.”** First time guest. Hmmm. . .

This week, I invite you to reflect on ways that St. Alban's can deepen our hospitality and welcome to anyone who visits for the first time. May we all work together to make sure that their first visit is not the last one, and that next year, we'll need more tables for Coffee Hour!

(P.S. If you are interested in reading Atkinson's book, it is available online.)

Faithfully, Sheila+

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## July Worship and Events

### Summer Worship Schedule (June 7-August 30):

- **8:00: Rite I – Spoken**
- **9:30: Rite II**

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

- **July 3 and 4 – Office Closed**
  - **July 12 – Fellowship - Dinner at Lighthouse Sound**
  - **July 13 – Prayers for Our Nation and Light Supper – 5:30pm**
  - **July 21 – No regularly scheduled Vestry Meeting**
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### Meet our Interim Rector

by Sharon Walsh

The Rev. Dr. Sheila McJilton has known since she was a child what she wanted to be. When her father, a Southern Baptist preacher, asked her about this, she said, “I want to be a preacher like you.” His response was, “Honey, girls can't be preachers.” Fortunately, he was very mistaken.

Sheila was born in Kingsport, TN, the oldest of three children. Her sister Karen, recently deceased, was 18 months younger, and her brother Kyle was five years younger. As a result of her father's vocation, the family moved fairly often, living in Siler City, NC; Hickory, NC; and Asheboro, NC. Her mother was an elementary school teacher.

Sheila began college at Mars Hill College in western North Carolina, which she attended for two years. Music performance was her major. There, as in high school, she enjoyed participating in theater and choral work. She met her husband and got married after her second year in 1973. They moved to Salisbury that summer, and Sheila finished her degree in English at Salisbury State University (now Salisbury University) in 1975. While attending



SSU and until the birth of her son Woody in 1978, she worked in the McJilton family business and very popular local restaurant, the Tony Tank Inn. Sheila and her husband divorced in 1983.

Her first career was in sales, selling Met Life Insurance, and radio advertising for WQHQ and WICO, former local radio stations. She eventually entered management at WQHQ. Even though she was a successful salesperson, she did not feel contented or fulfilled and sensed she was being called to something else.

She participated in weekly classes in Education for Ministry with Father Doug Girardeau and Amy Isaacs from 1988 to 1992. During that time, she began to test out the possibility of entering the ordination process with Bishop Elliott Sorge. When he retired, she completed the discernment process with Bishop Martin Townsend. By 1994, she had begun her search for a theological seminary. During 1994-95 she worked with her Discernment Committee at St. Peter's and in fall 1996, she enrolled at Virginia Theological Seminary, completing her studies in 1999.

Her first assignment after seminary was at Christ Church, Kent Island, as Associate Rector with Father Bud Shand, now interim Bishop for the Diocese. She stayed there four years before becoming priest-in-charge at St. Paul's, Centreville, MD, for two years. She next served as interim rector at St. David's in Wilmington, DE for 18 months. She was called to St. Philip's in Laurel, MD as Rector in 2007, where she served for over 14 years. During her time at St. David's and St. Philip's, she loved mentoring five seminarians, each of whom she remembers fondly, especially the last one, Robert Bunker. After his two years as her seminarian, Robert became her Associate, and while Sheila underwent surgeries, chemo, and radiation for breast cancer in 2021, he shouldered most of the parish responsibilities, for which she was deeply grateful. She smiles when she relates that Father Robert became Priest in Charge after her retirement, then was called as the rector of St. Philip's.

Sheila and her wife Pat Hendrickson have been together for 40 years. Both enjoy travel having been on trips to Scotland, England, Germany, and France, where Pat once lived for a year. Sheila works out at a gym 4 or 5 days a week and walks as part of her health regime. During Covid, she taught herself to quilt by watching YouTube videos and found it to be a valuable contemplative practice. She does some creative writing and likes the New York Times word games.

After this interim assignment ends, she would love to take a cruise to Alaska on a small ship. She also adds wistfully that she hopes to finally and fully retire.

During her time at St. Alban's, she wants the congregation to be "really intentional" and do thorough preparation for the interim period. She hopes to have monthly gatherings about the

interim period in the fall so that our time with her will be as productive and effective as possible.

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## Profiles of Our 2026 Graduates

by Sharon Walsh



### Maddie Raygor

#### **What will you remember most about Salisbury University, your alma mater?**

Spending time with friends and meeting new people

#### **What activities did you participate in outside of your studies?**

I played club soccer for one year and worked all four years of college at Starbucks. One year I also worked in a physical therapy clinic.

#### **What are your immediate future plans?**

I'll be working and spending time with friends this summer. In the fall I will begin the three-year doctorate program in physical therapy at UMES.

#### **What are your long-term plans?**

I'd like to do short-term physical therapy travel contracts, save some money, and eventually open my own physical therapy clinic.

#### **What are your favorite ways to spend leisure time?**

Running and spending time with friends

#### **What accomplishment(s) give(s) you the most pride and satisfaction?**

Graduating magna cum laude from SU

#### **What would people be surprised to know about you?**

I like running in local races and have won a handful of 5Ks.



**Alex West**

**What will you remember most about Loyola University Maryland, your alma mater?**

I had two or three professors in accounting who were the best teachers I've ever had but also wonderful people. Studying abroad was also a highlight. In my junior year, we had the whole month of April for spring break, and I was able to study in Newcastle, England, and travel around England as well as Italy and some other countries.

**What activities did you participate in outside of your studies?**

I participated in a program called VITA helping people with incomes under \$50,000. My fellow VITA members and I would file taxes and provide tax advice for our clients. I also played indoor intramural soccer along with a lot of pickup sports and was in the Baking Club and Youth Socialist Club.

**What are your immediate future plans?**

I'm leaving June 13 for a trip to Italy with my family. Then on July 1, I'm moving to the New York City area, probably Brooklyn. I start work in public accounting with Price Waterhouse Coopers on July 10. One of my professors helped me find a training position with them after my sophomore year, and I had a paid internship at the firm after junior year. Then they offered me the job.

**What are your long-term plans?**

Career-wise, I'd like to move from public accounting into finance. I also hope to do more traveling abroad.

**What are your favorite ways to spend leisure time?**

Watching soccer, hanging out with my friends mostly to play pickup soccer and basketball games, and playing Guitar Hero. I also enjoy listening to all kinds of music.

**What accomplishment(s) give(s) you the most pride or satisfaction?**

Graduating from Loyola



**Jonathan West**

**What will you remember most about UMBC, your alma mater?**

I loved the sheer number and diversity of student organizations.

**What activities did you participate in outside of your studies?**

The Cyber Defense Club which was based on system administration. I was also involved in a competition team, a separate arm of that group, which traveled across Maryland and once to Chicago where we did quite well. These activities helped me learn what I was good at.

**What are your immediate future plans?**

Our family leaves June 13 for a 10-day trip to Italy. It's my first time out of the country and a whole new experience that I'm really looking forward to. When we return, I'll be job hunting for an IT position, probably as a "help desk" person.

**What are your long-range plans?**

Within the next several years, I'd like to be living independently in a large city, and within 10 years, moving from an entry level IT position to be responsible for a system known as "Active Directory."

**What are your favorite ways to spend leisure time?**

I'm a digital artist, hiker, and biker. I once rode 50 miles in Furnacetown 50.

**What accomplishment(s) give(s) you the most pride or satisfaction?**

The first happened when I was in high school and auditioned for the All-Shore band for tympani. There were about 10 other people competing for one spot, and I was elated when my band director called me to say I had been selected. Next, graduating from UMBC, especially after taking difficult 400-level courses, felt like a great accomplishment.



## **Trystian Ting**

### **What will you remember most about Delmar High School, your alma mater?**

My friends

### **What activities did you participate in outside of your studies?**

I was in the Drama Club at school but have been taking Japanese lessons at the Delmar Public Library for a couple years. I was born in Japan, so I'm interested in the language. I also play Dungeons and Dragons.

### **What are your immediate future plans?**

I want to find a summer job and then enroll at Wor-Wic in the fall and eventually transfer to a 4-year school. I want to major in mechanical or electrical engineering and minor in computer science.

### **What are your long-term plans?**

My plans include more education, building a car or plane, and making a personalized AI.

### **What are your favorite ways to spend leisure time?**

Swimming, hanging out with family and friends, playing on the computer with friends. (I don't enjoy doing this alone), watching Anime, and working on projects. I've built several PC (personal computer) towers. I love cats and have had over 10 during my life.

### **What accomplishment(s) give(s) you the most pride or satisfaction?**

I completed AP Stats with a score of 3. I also passed two college-level courses, Calculus and Chemistry, offered at my high school by Wilmington University.

### **What would people be surprised to know about you?**

I have had chronic stage 3 kidney disease since birth.

## Outreach with Chesapeake Housing Ministry

by Shelly Madsen

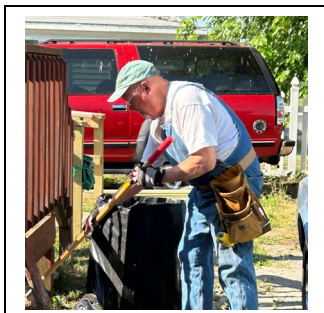
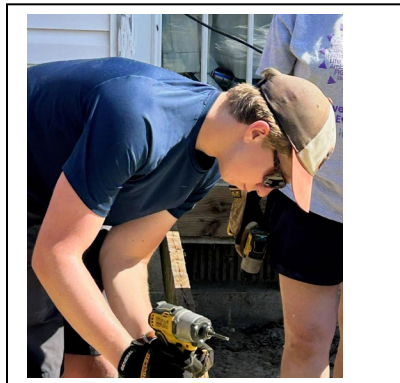
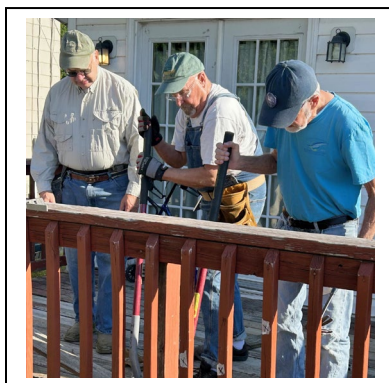
On June 6, a dedicated group of St. Alban's volunteers came together to rebuild a porch for a local couple, providing them with safer access to and from their home. Despite temperatures climbing above 90 degrees, the team worked enthusiastically and enjoyed the opportunity to serve neighbors who both face mobility challenges.



A special thank you goes to **Erica, Jim, Donald, Charles, Ron, George, and Chris** for their hard work and commitment to this project. Their efforts will help make daily life safer and more accessible for the homeowners.

Our next volunteer project is scheduled for **September 12**. Anyone interested in joining the team is encouraged to contact **Shelly Madsen** at [shelly\\_madsen@yahoo.com](mailto:shelly_madsen@yahoo.com) for more information.

Since its founding in 2010, **CMH** has completed more than **1,000 home-safety projects**, helping reduce slips, trips, and falls while enabling people to remain safely in their own homes. St. Alban's is proud to have participated in at least a dozen of these projects and looks forward to continuing this important ministry of service to our community.



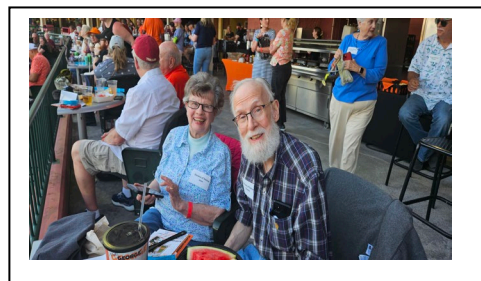
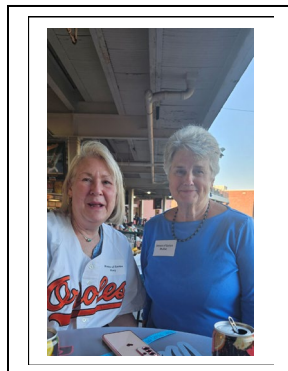
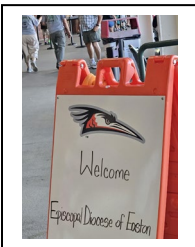
## Recent Home Dinner Group by Shelly Madsen

Shelia joined the Schultz/Isaacs, Grim, and Madsen/Glass dinner group on June 20. This time we met at Stephanie and David's home in Delmar where we enjoyed a delicious vegetarian meal and tour of David's amazing garden. Everything looked like it was thriving. Even the two paw-paw trees were bearing fruit. There was no advance coordination, but it looks like a message was sent out that the women should wear their favorite pink shirt!



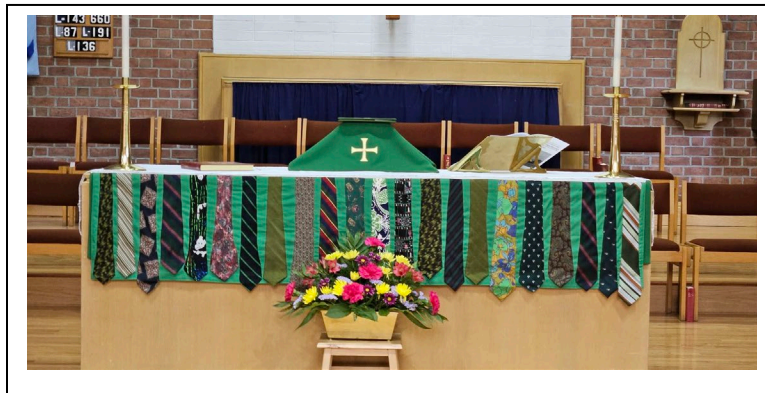
## The Diocese of Easton Goes Out to the Ballgame by Kim O'Grady

St Alban's joined fans from around the Diocese for a beautiful night of Shorebirds baseball on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Could Episcopal Power have resulted in the Shorebirds winning?





Here's a closer look at the altar for Father's Day. Many of the ties used in the hangings were worn by Bill Benn



In honor of Father's Day, brown sugar drop cookies, and Oreo bon bons were available for all fathers and father figures. The sweet treats were labeled with some great dad jokes.



## Parties Won at Last Year's Auction

### Party on the Porch!

By Katherine West

On June 6, the Wests hosted the "Party on the Porch" auction party. We enjoyed a grilled kebab dinner and delightful conversation with new and veteran members of St. Alban's.





## Spamelot Dinner

by Shelly Madsen

Last summer, Kathy Slaughter challenged Greg to host an auction party that featured Spam. Challenge was accepted and the party took place on July 27 featuring seven different dishes, all including Spam: musubi (Spam sushi), pizza rolls, mac & cheese, pineapple, glazed kebabs, cauliflower fried rice, and kale salad. Even the dessert, chocolate chip peanut butter cookies, contained Spam. There was a Spam trivia game in which Sheila excelled, and we laughed while watching some historic Spam TV commercials.





From Muffet Reath, Treasurer

## Short Form Income/ Expense May 2026

		May 26	Budget	Jan - May 26	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
	<b>Income</b>					
	Pledges	17,078.65	13,926.00	93,681.48	69,634.00	167,120.00
	Plate Offering.	1,913.92	1,000.00	10,442.78	5,000.00	12,000.00
	Other Income	765.93	1,182.00	6,682.99	5,910.00	14,925.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,758.50</b>	<b>16,108.00</b>	<b>110,807.25</b>	<b>80,544.00</b>	<b>194,045.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>		19,758.50	16,108.00	110,807.25	80,544.00	194,045.00
	<b>Expense</b>					
	Salary and Salary-Dependent Exp	3,570.08	4,111.46	17,279.64	17,400.53	63,235.00
	Apportionment Diocese of Easton	1,772.58	1,772.58	8,862.90	8,862.90	21,271.00
	General and Administrative	1,036.50	1,377.67	5,408.38	7,496.31	17,350.00
	Property	6,175.04	4,200.01	29,338.31	20,424.96	51,250.00
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>12,554.20</b>	<b>11,461.72</b>	<b>60,889.23</b>	<b>54,184.70</b>	<b>153,106.00</b>
		7,204.30	4,646.28	49,918.02	26,359.30	40,939.00
<b>Other Income</b>						
	Grant Income	-1,030.31		2,639.69		
	Other Interest	3.67		20.60		
	Clearing Transfers In - Income	-		-44,252.72		
	<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>15,902.17</b>		<b>-41,592.43</b>		
<b>Other Expense</b>						
	Net change in Endowment Value	-6,323.76		-11,557.96		
<b>Total Other Expense</b>		<b>-6,323.76</b>		<b>-11,557.96</b>		
		-9,578.41		-30,034.47		
		<b>-2,374.11</b>	<b>4,646.28</b>	<b>19,883.55</b>	<b>26,359.30</b>	<b>40,939.00</b>

Summer months involve vacations and visits from families and friends. We encourage taking time to “re-create” and revel with relatives and friends. As you enjoy the summer, please remember to keep your pledges current. As you can see above, our operating budget is a tight one.

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## Vestry Updates



Senior Warden, Dee Rinehart

### 1. Licensed Lay Ministry Training, June 6:

#### **Eucharistic Minister Licensure Training Participants- June 6, 2026 – 9am-Noon**

Trainers: Laura Dorsey and Dee Rinehart

#### **New Licenses:**

- Betsy Gravenor-Stacey – All Hallows, Snow Hill
- Stephanie Shultz - St. Alban's, Salisbury

#### **Refresher Participants:**

- Nancy Linck - St. Alban's
- Megan Pomeroy – St. Alban's

#### **Eucharistic Visitor Training Participants – June 6, 2026 – 1-3:30pm**

Trainer: Dee Rinehart

#### **New Licenses:**

- Sandra Grim – St. Alban's, Salisbury
- Linda Torbert – St. Alban's Salisbury
- Michael J. Wheatley – St. Paul's Berlin

#### **Refresher Participant:**

Nancy Linck, St. Alban's

### 2. Kitchen Oversight

We need a person to oversee the kitchen, monitoring supplies, checking the cleanliness of the kitchen, and scheduling periodic cleaning sessions to maintain our Health Department Certification.



**Junior Warden/ Communication Liaison, Arlene White**

## July 2026 – COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

– Arlene White – [afwhite@salisbury.edu](mailto:afwhite@salisbury.edu) / 410-251-0584

### 2026 St. Alban's Directory Update –

By the time you read this, you should have received your 2026 directory electronically. You can save a copy on your devices or print a copy. This version has been formatted to fit 8.5 x 11 pages. We have tried to double-check the information submitted, but if you find an error or omission, please let me know as soon as possible. We will send out updated information when a critical mass of corrections has been received, or every 6 months – whichever happens first. SPECIAL THANKS to Muffet Reath for formatting, Dean Dedicatoria and Jeremy Cox for photos, Amy Isaacs, and Stephanie Shultz for proofreading and all of you who submitted your current information.

### St. Alban's Website –

We continue to edit pages on the website. Several of you have reached out to let us know about pages that you think need updating. Thank you for your help and please continue to do that, letting Mary Doak and/or me know. If you have current photo that we could post, please send them to Mary at [<marydoak@gmail.com.>](mailto:marydoak@gmail.com)

**Summer schedule** continues in July with an 8:00 a.m. service using Rite I and a 9:30 a.m. service using Rite II. Fellowship time is between the services this summer from 8:50-9:30 a.m. While we do tend to slow down a bit at church during the summer, there will still be lots of opportunities to get together for worship and fellowship. Please keep reading your E-Pistle and Herald during the summer months! This is also a time when we often have visitors so please wear your name tags during church. Please let me know if you need one.



**Care of Neighbor Liaison, Paulette Primus**

**CHESAPEAKE HOUSING MISSION:**

- **Shelly Madsen** spearheaded ramp construction project
- Ramp completed 6/6/26
- Next project 9/12/26

**H.H.E.H. (Heart and Hands Ending Homelessness):**

- Operations have ceased until fall

**H.O.P.E. (Help and Outreach Point of Entry):**

- No Report

**THE JOSEPH HOUSE**

- No Report

**JUNETEENTH:**

- Collaborated with **Nancy Linck**
- **Date:** June 20, 2026; **Time:** 3P-7P
- Received a resounding NO, without reason, for our participation four days before event
  - Vehemently responded to their decision; received no response
  - Plans to aggressively pursue next year

**UNITY DAY**

- Collaborating with **Nancy Linck**
- **Date:** June 27, 2026; **Time:** 4P-8P
- All systems are go
  - St. Alban's assigned a site [for canopy]
  - Exact location [for canopy] to be provided 6/24/26

**LITTLE LIBRARY:** Confirmed the Library is well-stocked when I volunteer on Mondays

**PRIDE PARADE:**

- Collaborating with **Nancy Linck**
- More info to come as date approaches

**FAITH PARTNER, WICOMICO HIGH SCHOOL:** No report

**S.O.S.A. (SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW):**

- Gleaning Events:

- Potatoes: Near Laurel DE – 6/26, 6/29, 7/6; 8A – 10A
  - Looking for volunteers to glean the Farmer's Market each Saturday from 11:30A-12P, June-November, rain or shine
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**External Property Liaison, Walt West**

**Parking Lot Re-Striping.** Parking lot repainting will occur when the weather permits early in the morning to avoid interfering with the regular parish schedule.

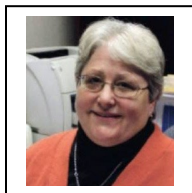
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**Fellowship Liaison, Germaine Marshall**

**Summer Fellowship Events:**

- July 12 Dinner at Lighthouse Sound = RSVP Sharon Walsh by July 9
  - August 5 – Red Roost Dinner
  - August 16 – Auction Committee Meeting
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**Finance Liaison, Nancy Linck**

**Annual Audit**

The annual audit is completed, and St. Alban's is following Episcopal Church practices.

**2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- **Where:** St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 302 St. Alban's Drive, Salisbury
  - **When:** Saturday, August 1, 2026, 9:30 am- 3:30 pm; Snack and Lunch will be included
  - **Who:** Children from first to fifth grade and children three years to pre-school
  - **Volunteers needed - over 13 years old, please:** Everyone invited to volunteer (play) where they want!
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**Internal Property Liaison – Jeremy Cox**

## **A New Era in Climate Control Arrives!**

Just in time for the summer heat, St. Alban's has gotten a total makeover of its heating and air-conditioning systems – thanks to a big financial assist from a long-ago benefactor.

Wicomico Heating and Air Conditioning submitted the lowest bid and was chosen to perform the work. The project started in May with the installation of small Samsung heating and air units in the two bathrooms in the office corridor hallway. Then in June, the real work began – placing three large units on the roof to provide climate control for the rest of the building.

The units are powered by a combination of natural gas (supplied through underground pipes) and electricity. In all, it cost a little north of \$70,000 That money came from the Hodgson Fund. You can refer to the June Herald for a great synopsis by Dee Rinehart about who Richard Hodgson was and how this fund came to exist. But the important thing to know is that it can be used to finance capital projects around the church, and that's what happened here. So, although Mr. Hodgson passed away in 1971, his spirit lives on.

Here are some questions and answers to help you better understand the HVAC project:

Why was it needed?

The old units were old. And they were breaking down. A lot. This past winter, we had to call in repairmen several times and spend thousands of dollars just to get the heat up and working again. We were told, in fact, that the boiler was probably one more crack-up away from being beyond repair. The aging system in the all-purpose room may have been able to soldier on for a little while longer (and we do mean “little”), but it just made fiscal sense to replace it at the same time.

What is happening to the boiler room now?

Workers shut the old boiler down, according to EPA standards. The boiler frequently leaked. So, we're getting an estimate for pumping out some of the remaining excess water below the floor. Once that's done, this largely unfinished space will be used for storage.

Is the work done?

Yes. And no. The lion's share of the work is behind us, but we'd like to replace the unit that services the sacristy and the organ equipment (especially important if you want it to stay in tune). That unit has working air, so we're good for the summer. But it needs heat, so we'll get that work done before winter sets in. (Don't worry – Veronica has been consulted!)

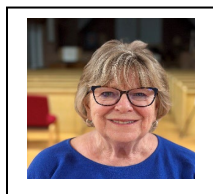
How will the new system be maintained?

We're moving forward with a service contract to ensure that we get timely seasonal tune-ups and repairs as needed.



**Member Care Liaison, Chuck Porter**

- 6 parishioners received eucharistic visits in May.
- One parishioner received meals from members of the congregation as scheduled through the Meal Train.



**Worship Liaison, Sandy Grim**

**Worship Meeting - June 7, 2026**

The meeting opened with prayer. In attendance were Sheila+, Mike Mathers, Linda Torbert, Sandy Grim.

### **Pentecost – Trinity Sunday**

Suggestions for next year: give the readings, with breaks to the readers ahead of time; instead of reading at the lectern, each would read from their seats.

## Upcoming Dates:

- June 21** Feast of St. Alban and our 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish. This is also Father's Day; Mary Kay Ben asked if we could use the "tie" hangings on that Sunday.
- August 23** Green Hill Sunday – Sheila+ will be preaching / St. Alban's rotation this year: responsibility for altar guild and music
- August 30** Blessing of the backpacks
- October 4** Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Blessing of the animals – Sheila+ would like to also have a separate service on Sunday afternoon on the labyrinth (parishioners may bring their pets). Details to follow
- November 1** All Saints' All Souls' Day – Sheila+ and Mike  
Beginning mid-summer until advent we will be exploring liturgies for variety; Veronica will change the service music to reflect this.

## Discussion

Reformation Sunday – the past three years there has been a joint celebration with Faith Lutheran at Faith, followed by a fellowship meal. Sheila+ will discuss with Dee and Arlene.

## Other

Veronica will be away on June 7 (Bob Payne is covering), July 5 (Howard will run the organ), July 19 (Bob will cover) and July 26 (Howard may be running the organ). She anticipates having a group sing on July 12 and either August 9 or 16.

Return to regular hours September 6 (8 AM Rite I / 10 AM Rite II)

Next meeting – October to discuss Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (date TBD)

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## **Independence Day – July 4: Collect of the Day (BCP pp. 190, 242)**

*Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## From our friend, Debra Rossi:

Please help if you can. H.O.P.E. serves about 90 people each day, and the heat wave may draw new friends to their Cooling Center. If you have some time to volunteer, that would be welcome as well.

## HELP US KEEP OUR COOLING CENTER OPEN!



Due to the extreme heat forecast, HOPE Day Shelter will be open as a cooling center to keep our community safe.



**FRIDAY, JULY 3**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 4**



**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

 Serving anyone needing relief from the heat.

**YOUR DONATION PROVIDES:**

-  Air-conditioned day shelter
-  Free bagged lunch
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-  Restroom access
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**H.O.P.E.**  
Help and Outreach Point of Entry  
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*Every donation helps provide meals, cold water, and a safe place for our neighbors to escape the heat.*

*Thank you for helping us serve our community!*

## From our current Prayers of the People at St. Alban's Parish, Salisbury

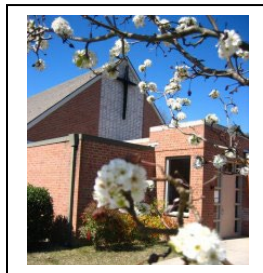
We pray for our brothers and sisters all over the world. We pray for those who struggle to put food on their tables or pay their rent or buy gas. . .for school children who go hungry at night, for those who are abused or neglected in any way. . .for anyone in an abusive home. .for those who live in fear of deportation, especially the children. . .for those who are without shelter or enough food.

**All: We ask this in Jesus' name.**

**Come, worship with us at 302 St. Alban's Drive, at 8 or 9:30 A.M. You will find a warm welcome**

## *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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