

## **From our Interim Rector: Gather. Transform. Send.**



Dear friends in Christ,

Last Sunday, a number of “St. Albanites” made a pilgrimage to Old Green Hill Church for the annual summer worship there; we enjoyed worship that included the sacrament of Holy Baptism. All of us renewed our baptismal vows from the Baptismal Covenant (on pp 304-305 of the Book of Common Prayer.)

One of the questions in the Baptismal Covenant is this one: “Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?”

Another one is: “Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?”

Our answers are the same: **“I will, with God’s help.”**

On many occasions, I have asked faith community leaders this question: **“What makes the Church different from the Rotary or any other community organization?”** Any civic or business organization—whether it’s the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, PEO, or service sorority/fraternity—does good works. They reach out to people, or respond to people, who have particular needs. That is all good. All good.

However, what makes the Church different? Some of the answer lies in another document in the prayerbook: An Outline of the Faith (pp 845-861). Specifically, I refer you to the section titled “The Church.”

Q: What is the mission of the Church?

A: **The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.**

Q: How does the Church pursue its mission?

**A: The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and proclaims justice, peace, and love.**

Q: Through whom does the Church carry its mission?

**A: The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.**

So, given all this. . .and throw in there that St. Alban's is its own particular incarnation of the larger Church AND that you are in an interim time, how do we pursue that mission best? How can we best proclaim the justice, peace and love of Christ, using the gifts offered by folks at St. Alban's?

Every faith community has unique ways that we can GATHER people. Why? So that their hearts, minds, and actions can then be TRANSFORMED. Then we SEND God's people out into the world to be and to act as God's loving and transforming presence.

Yet the challenge is this: **How can we GATHER in an intentional way?** This faith community so appreciates the "family feel" of those who gather; at the same time, any organization that is not growing is dying. No organism stays the same. It's either growing, or it's dying. So, if St. Alban's is to grow in its identity and mission, we must be intentional about that first thing.

I have already met a number of folks here who came because someone else INVITED them to come—either to worship, or to an outreach project, or to a social gathering. I am hopeful that as fall approaches, and (outside) folks' sense that it's a good time to do something new (like worship at a church where their hearts, minds and souls can be nourished, where they can feel like they BELONG), you might think of someone you know whom you could invite to come with you.

We return to our 8:00 and 10:00 worship times on **Sunday, September 6**. The wardens (Dee and Arlene) will lead you in some diocesan-directed video and conversation between the services on September 13, at 8: 45. (I am on vacation from Sept. 1 – 21.) So please give some thought to the single person or the couple or the family you think would be encouraged to come with you to worship. (NOTE: A couple of those amazingly delicious coffee hour snacks would get ME here!)

Remember the old TV series "Cheers"? Here was a place "where everybody knows your name." We all want a place where we are loved, regardless of our quirks, and a place where we feel like we belong. No doubt you know someone who would love that feeling of belonging at 302 St. Alban's Drive. Reach out to that someone this week or next week. You won't regret it, and my bet is that neither will your invitee.

Faithfully, Sheila+

## **September Worship and Events**

### **Worship Schedule):**

- **8:00 A.M.: Rite I – Spoken**
- **10:00 A.M.: Rite II**

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

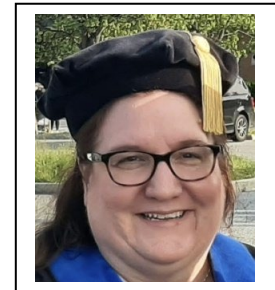
- **September 5 – Celebration of Life for Beth Jones 10:00a.m.**
- **September 6 - Return to 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Services**
- **September 10 - Lunch Bunch – Green Hill at 12:30p.m.**
- **September 13 – Doughnuts with Vestry – 8:50a.m.**
- **September 14 – Prayers for our Nation, 5:30p.m. with supper to follow**
- **September 20 – Worship and picnic with Faith at St. Alban's**
- **September 22 – Vestry Meeting, 7:00p.m. - This is an open meeting. All are welcome.**

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## **We Remember and Celebrate**

**Dr. Elizabeth “Beth” Carol Jones**

**Join us as we celebrate her life on September 5, at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow the service.**



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## **Lunch Bunch**

We will gather at the Green Hill Country Club at 12:30p.m., on Thursday, September 10.

How well do we know each other? Be prepared to share 2 tall tales and one truth about yourself. We will try to guess which is which.

Please let Muffet know by September 8 if you will attend, as she needs a number for the reservation.

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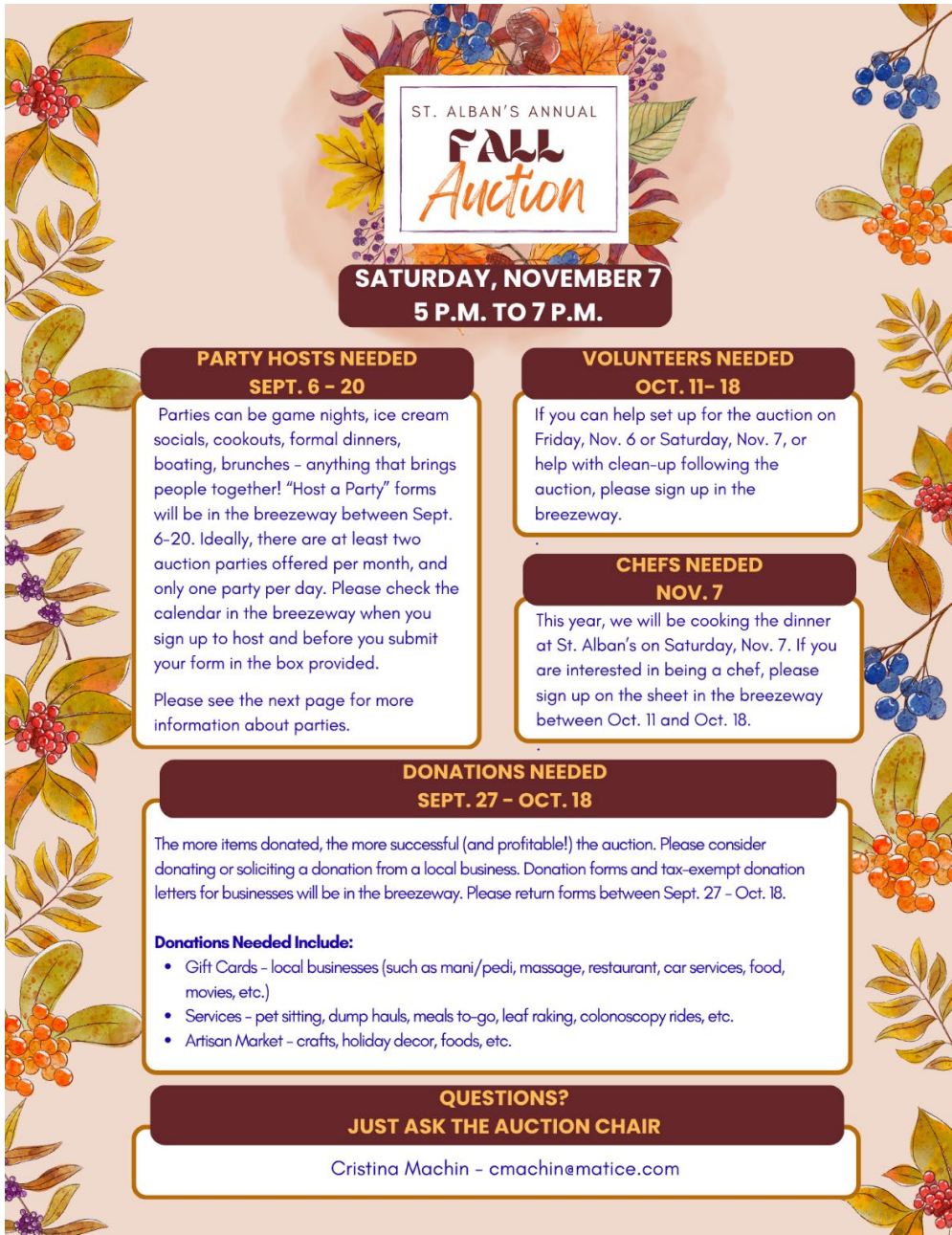
## **Paddling Club**

Ready to paddle now that it is getting cooler? Experienced paddler Stan Shedaker, who has vast knowledge of great places to go in the area, is gathering cell phone numbers of those interested in spontaneous day paddles. With the winds and weather being an issue, he will let everyone on the list know the evening before and where to meet. Stan has generously offered to bring up to 3 extra

kayaks for those who let him know of their need, and Muffet has 2 kayaks she can loan to anyone that can come get them at her home.

Email Stan with your cell phone number at [adrenalinehigh@comcast.net](mailto:adrenalinehigh@comcast.net) if you are interested in joining this group of fun seekers. The paddles will likely be about 2 hours each and bring lunch if you like. (Stan Shedaker - [732-425-6454](tel:732-425-6454))

## Auction News



ST. ALBAN'S ANNUAL  
**FALL Auction**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**PARTY HOSTS NEEDED  
SEPT. 6 - 20**

Parties can be game nights, ice cream socials, cookouts, formal dinners, boating, brunches - anything that brings people together! "Host a Party" forms will be in the breezeway between Sept. 6-20. Ideally, there are at least two auction parties offered per month, and only one party per day. Please check the calendar in the breezeway when you sign up to host and before you submit your form in the box provided.

Please see the next page for more information about parties.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
OCT. 11- 18**

If you can help set up for the auction on Friday, Nov. 6 or Saturday, Nov. 7, or help with clean-up following the auction, please sign up in the breezeway.

**CHEFS NEEDED  
NOV. 7**

This year, we will be cooking the dinner at St. Alban's on Saturday, Nov. 7. If you are interested in being a chef, please sign up on the sheet in the breezeway between Oct. 11 and Oct. 18.

**DONATIONS NEEDED  
SEPT. 27 - OCT. 18**

The more items donated, the more successful (and profitable!) the auction. Please consider donating or soliciting a donation from a local business. Donation forms and tax-exempt donation letters for businesses will be in the breezeway. Please return forms between Sept. 27 - Oct. 18.

**Donations Needed Include:**

- Gift Cards - local businesses (such as mani/pedi, massage, restaurant, car services, food, movies, etc.)
- Services - pet sitting, dump hauls, meals to-go, leaf raking, colonoscopy rides, etc.
- Artisan Market - crafts, holiday decor, foods, etc.

**QUESTIONS?  
JUST ASK THE AUCTION CHAIR**

Cristina Machin - [cmachin@matice.com](mailto:cmachin@matice.com)



## ALL ABOUT Parties!

### PARTY SIGN-UPS SEPT. 28- OCT. 19

**Sign up for parties when you submit your dinner reservation. This is how it will work:**

- Between **Sept. 28 - Oct. 19** - Dinner RSVP and Party Request Ranking Forms will be available in the breezeway.
- You may sign up for as many party spots as there are people in your household. Single folks may sign up for a plus one if they wish.
- Turn in your dinner reservation and your ranked party request form by **Oct. 19**.
- Party applications will be placed in numerical order. The party committee will draw a random number and the corresponding application will receive its first party choice. The application will move to the bottom of the stack.
- The same process will continue with one application at a time receiving a party spot until all parties are filled or all application requests are honored.
- On the night of the auction (**Nov. 7**), you will see which parties you have won and pay for them when you check out.

#### Auction Party F.A.Q.s

**What if there are still party spots available the night of the auction?**

- There will be posters at the auction listing available party spots. You can enter your name (one chance per party) to fill any open spots. Names will be drawn randomly to fill those spots on the night of the auction.

**What if I can't attend the auction? Can I still sign up for a party?**

- Absolutely! Just fill out the ranking form in the breezeway. You do not need to attend to auction to win a party spot.

### QUESTIONS? JUST ASK THE PARTY CHAIR

Arlene White - [afwhite@salisbury.edu](mailto:afwhite@salisbury.edu)

You will hear more frequent news about our Fall Auction as Saturday, November 7, grows closer.

This is our major fund raiser for outreach each year. All proceeds from this event are donated to local non-profits and the Rector's Discretionary Fund. You will be learning about this year's recipients soon.

**Litany for the Nation**

Sandy Grim

Two years ago, Pat Layton and Dee Rinehart, concerned about the health and polarization of our community and our country, discussed offering a setting that focused on common human needs, peace and prayer.

Praying for our nation can be delicate, particularly if it aligns too closely with one political side which could divide our congregation. However, the litany prayed here emphasizes basic human needs and shared values. It balances two vital themes, gratitude and repentance. We give thanks for freedom, diverse heritages, and natural beauty. We ask for forgiveness for our divisions, injustice and pride.

The Litany for Our Nation reinforces our responsibility to one another, the community, our country and the world. As we navigate these stressful times our faith is our light, bringing us together, focusing our hearts on God and his desire for justice and peace for all. We pray to become better neighbors and to build a society where everyone is important and can thrive. At the last litany we met in the back of the nave. Dee arranged the chairs in a circle, and it had an even greater impact on each of us. Afterwards we gathered in the parish hall for soup, bread and fellowship.

We invite you to join us on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the nave. The service is approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Please stay after the service to share soup and fellowship in the parish hall. Nourish your spirit, invite and pray for our neighbors and enjoy the company of others.

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**SAVE the DATE!**

Kim O'Geady

Sunday, September 20th, after the 10 o'clock service, join us for our parish picnic, along with Faith Lutheran. Weather permitting, we will be outside. So don't forget your chairs and any yard games you may have.

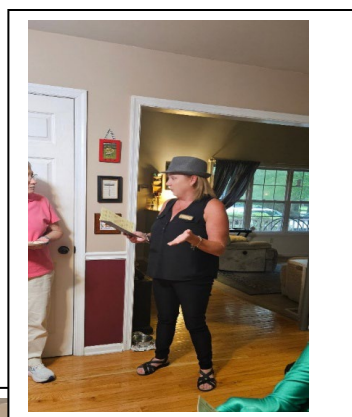
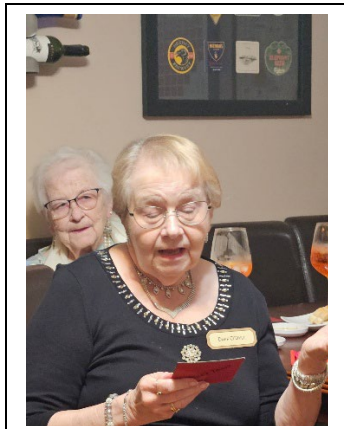
We are asking for a \$5 donation to go towards the purchase of Dayton's chicken. Signup sheets will be in the parish hall. We are looking for side dishes (serving 10+), potato chips (4 bags), drinks, and help with set-up and clean-up. Faith Lutheran will be bringing desserts.

Please sign up with the number attending (even if you are not able to bring anything) so we can get a head count for the chicken. You can also contact Kim O'Grady, (pkogrady3@[yahoo.com](mailto:yahoo.com) or 410-251-2786). Please RSVP by September 14th.

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## “Clue” Auction Party

Jennifer and Jeremy Cox hosted a clue Auction Party. Good company and costumes made it fun. Those attending were Megan Pomeroy, Sam Hotton, Mary Kay Benn, Kim O’Grady, Maggie O’Grady, the Rev. Sheila McJilton, and Arlene White.



## Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer Cox

Dr. Cox received the 2026 Distinguished Faculty Award from her colleagues at Salisbury University. A full professor in the Journalism Department at S. U., Jennifer is the author of the book, *Feature Writing and Reporting in the Digital Age*.

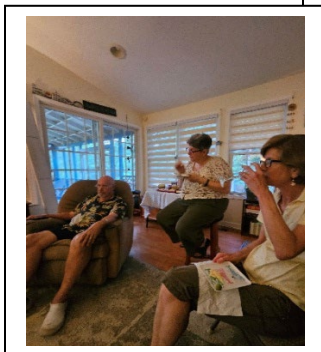
We are so proud of you, Jennifer!



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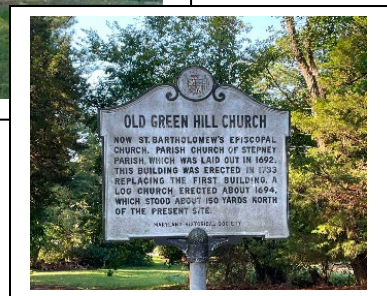
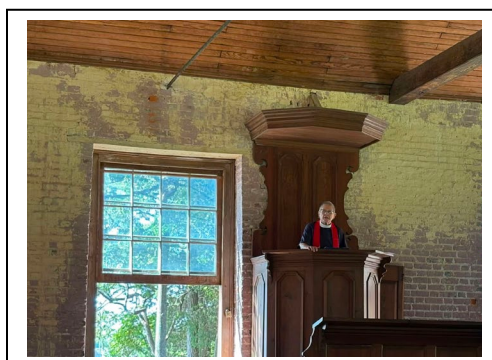
## “A Taste of Summer” Auction Party

Cristina Machin and Kevin Justice hosted a dinner with Spanish cuisine. Guests were Maarten Pereboom and Ruth Baker, Jim and Jani Gottschalk, the Rev. Sheila McJilton, and Harry and Dee Rinehart.



## Yes, We Gathered at the River

St. Bartholmew's, Old Green Hill, is the oldest Episcopal Church in Wicomico County. Founded on the banks of the Wicomico River in 1733, it is the progenitor of the Wicomico Episcopalian Parishes: St. Phillips, Quantico; St. Mary's, Tyaskin; St. Paul's, Hebron; St. Peter's, Salisbury; and St. Alban's, Salisbury. This year's sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Sheila McJilton, Interim Rector of St. Alban's. Each year, on the August Sunday closest to St. Bartholomew's Feast Day, the Wicomico parishes worship together in this historic place. August 23, a delightful summer day, we gathered to celebrate together. Following the service, we feasted on fried chicken, donated by the Red Roost, side salads, fruit, and a wide assortment of cookies on the church's grounds.



## More Photos of Old Green Hill




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## Home Dinner Group

Muffet Reath hosted a home dinner group at her home in August. Guests were Jim and Cathy Cockey, Jim and Jani Gottschalk, Stan and Rachael Shedaker, and Bob Payne.

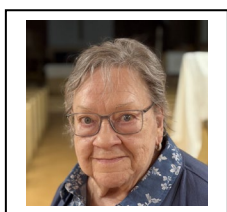


## **Chesapeake Housing Mission Volunteer Opportunity** Shelly Madsen

Please sign up in the breezeway or contact Shelly if you are able to help with our fall Chesapeake Housing Mission volunteer project. We'll be building a small ramp for a couple in Princess Anne on Saturday, September 12. **Tools and training are provided!** Come lend a hand and help make a difference in our community.

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## **Vestry Updates**



**Senior Warden, Dee Rinehart**

### **Doughnuts/Fruit with the Vestry: Diocesan Discernment Committee Video and Discussion**

The Diocesan Discernment Committee seeks information from the Episcopalians in the diocese. The deadline for parish feedback to an informational video presentation and discussion questions is the end of September. We plan to hold our parish session on September 13, at 8:45a.m. We ask you to join the discussion on that day. We will finish by 9:30.

### **Nominating Committee**

As September begins, a nominating committee is being formed. Nominations are sought for election to two vestry positions and two alternate delegates to the 2027 Diocesan Convention. The alternates this year will serve as delegates in 2027. Vestry members serve three-year terms and are eligible to serve a second term. One vestry member has agreed to serve a second term. Usually, we have three vestry positions to fill. If you are interested in serving the parish in one of these capacities, please contact me. Please consider serving as an officer of St. Alban's Parish. It is vital to the health of our parish.

### **Budget Preparation and Stewardship**

The vestry liaisons are working to prepare their budget requests for the coming year. We have property expenses, internal and external property. Among the parish property expenses are electricity, telephone, fuel, lawn care, snow removal, building maintenance, cleaning service, supplies for the bathrooms, and kitchen, Fire Marshall requirements, kitchen requirements for maintaining Health Department certification. Our administration expenses include office supplies, postage, copying and publishing, postage, internet, telephone, and maintenance of the office. The altar guild has expenses for altar furnishings, fuel for the candles, and maintenance of the same. We have two people on the payroll, both part-time. We will have discernment and

search expenses. A rector, full- or part-time, search will involve visits to the locations of the applicants. Then there will be salary and benefits to provide. I have not named all of the expenses, but I wanted to let you know what we are working on as we prepare for a new calendar year in our parish. As we have more information, we will share it. Please see page 19 for the January through July financial report.

This preparation comes as we begin our annual Stewardship Campaign in September. Each of us will be asked to make a monetary pledge for the support of parish ministry and expenses in 2027. Please expect a letter from the parish asking for your continued support of St. Alban's, its mission and ministry. I believe that our parish has an important mission in our community and encourage you to consider what your contribution can be. Our ministry and mission programs are financed by our pledges.



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

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

**St. Alban's ANGEL BRIGADE** - We are looking for people for the months of October, November OR December to read the E-Pistle each week where birthdays and anniversaries are listed. The goal is to send good wishes to at least one person on the list each week. This could be a card, e-mail, text, or phone call - something that would brighten the person's day and add to the celebration. This could be someone that you know very well or hardly at all. If you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Arlene White from the Welcome Committee at [afwhite@salisbury.edu](mailto:afwhite@salisbury.edu) / 410-251-0584 by **noon, Sunday, September 20.**

Below is a description of this type of member care from one of our newest Angels, Stephanie Shultz:

*I am a new member of St. Alban's. After attending for about a year, I was received into the church in April. I had, during that year, been involved in some parish activities. I was a reader, attended the Litany for the Nation to name two. Just recently, I was asked if I would volunteer to be "an Angel". This appealed to me because I like sending notes, cards and letters. It was something I could do from my home on my own time. I did not realize that it would give me a special feeling for the people who have received cards for their birthdays and anniversaries. When I see these people in church, I am so pleased that I have an opportunity to maybe make their special day a little more special. There is a sweet intimacy to share these personal milestones. What a wonderful way to let us connect with the people that I worship with. It is a fine thing to do acts of charity for those in need outside of the walls of your church. It is*

*also important to have an opportunity to bring some little bit of joy to the people I see on Sundays.*

> **FALL Sunday Fellowship** – During our fall schedule, we are back to 2 services – 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with expanded fellowship activities after each service. Building upon this summer's experiences, we would like to propose the following:

Directions for people who **sign up** for fellowship after the 8:00 a.m. service:

- > Please plan to arrive to set up in the parish hall before 8:00 a.m.
- > *Tablecloths* - Check the sign-up sheet in the breezeway to see IF someone has signed up for after the 10:00 a.m. service and is willing to take the tablecloth home to wash it. If not, and you still want to use a tablecloth, then please take it home, wash it and return it to the closet the following Sunday.
- > *Coffee* – Plan to make a carafe each of “regular” and “decaffeinated” coffee.
- > We do have BLUE plastic plates that can be used to support our Creation Care initiative but if you use them, please wash, dry and leave in the kitchen.
- > *Clean up* – If NO ONE has signed up for the later fellowship time, please clear everything before you leave, empty the garbage cans and take out the trash.

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- > *Tablecloths* - Check to see if there is already a tablecloth in use from the 8:00 a.m. service. If not, and you wish to use a tablecloth from the closet, please take it home afterwards, wash it and return it to the closet the following Sunday.
- > We do have BLUE plastic plates that can be used to support our Creation Care initiative but if you use them, please wash, dry and leave in the kitchen.
- > *Clean up* – Please clear everything before you leave, empty the garbage cans and take out the trash. Be sure to check with the Vestry Person of the Day regarding who will be locking the kitchen, the red exterior doors, and the door to the back hallway.

Anyone saving food afterwards:

> There should be plastic bags, plastic wrap, aluminum foil to wrap things before putting food in the refrigerator or freezer. Whether it is Food or DRINK, please complete a label (see container on the door) with 1) your name, 2) name of the item, and 3) date it was placed in the refrigerator or freezer. This allows us to know if food is safe to use.

If you do pull something from the refrigerator OR freezer and it is NOT completely used up, please throw it away.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**Care of Neighbor Liaison, Paulette Primus**

- **CHESAPEAKE HOUSING MISSION:**
  - **Shelly Madsen** spearheading ramp construction project
  - Next ramp build is 9/12/26 in Princess Anne, MD
  - Tools and training are provided
- **H.H.E.H. (Heart and Hands Ending Homelessness):**
  - Operations ceased until fall
- **H.O.P.E. (Help and Outreach Point of Entry):**
  - Needs volunteers – shifts available Mon-Thu 9a.m. – 2p.m.
  - Needs gently used towels
  - Preparing for winter and need blankets and coats
- **THE JOSEPH HOUSE**
  - No Change – Provides lunch once/month
- **LITTLE LIBRARY:**
  - Confirmed the Library is well-stocked when I volunteer on Mondays
  - Book stock needs replenishing - inventory is low
- **PRIDE PARADE:**
  - Collaborating with **Nancy Linck**
  - Coincides with Gay Pride Parade
  - More info to come as date approaches
- **S.O.S.A. (SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW):**
- Gleaning Opportunities:
  - **Salisbury Farmers' Market:** Every Saturday from 8/29 – 11/14/26, 11:30A – 12N:  
Sign up at <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/961308/>
  - **Cherry Tomatoes** near Laurel DE: Every Wednesday from 8/26 – 9/9/26, 8A – 10A:  
Sign up at <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/1005050/>
  - **Corn** near Seaford, DE: Every Thursday from 9/3 – 9/24/26, 8A – 10A:  
Sign up at <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/771556/>
- **WI HI/FAITH PARTNERSHIP:**
  - **Blessing of the Backpacks:** 8/30/26
  - Backpacks must be clear; straps can be different colors

**External Property Liaison, Walt West**

**Parking Lot Re-Striping.** Surface Solutions has graciously waived payment (\$600) for their parking lot restriping work.

From business owner Mark Fillipelli: “Glad everything looks good; you won’t be receiving an invoice. St. Alban’s meant the world to my parents, and I attended there as a teenager. We are more than happy to provide this work to the church at no cost.”

**Community Garden Shed.** Completed! Shelving and hooks have been installed to organize storage of tools, implements and gloves. A sliding pin has been installed at the base of one door to increase stability and security.

**Solar Panel Repair.** Our power generating capacity has dropped off.

- There is an **inverter** dedicated to each solar array. An inverter changes the raw direct current (DC) that the solar energy produces into usable alternating current (AC) electricity. One of our inverters no longer works. It needs to be repaired or replaced.
- Specifically, there is an electronic board component within inverter #3 that has failed. Due to the age of these components, they are no longer carried or supported by the manufacturer. One option is to acquire a replacement board on the secondary market; no warranty, unknown quality, unknown if it will communicate effectively with the other components within the inverter. The Paradise Energy technician does not recommend this solution for these reasons.
- The Paradise Energy technician recommends that we replace the whole inverter. The total cost (parts + installation labor) is \$2793. The Paradise Energy quote document is on the shared drive for review.

**Free Trees.** *Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake* is making a large variety of tree saplings available, free of charge. We have lost 6 of our 49 tree saplings this season, so this is an opportunity to replace them. Our proposed request will be for serviceberry, chokeberry, elderberry, viburnum, witch hazel and winterberry.

**Community Garden.** We have imported one load of wood chips (from a tree service company) to help control the wiregrass that is growing in our proposed garden footprint. The idea is to spread the wood chips---up to 12” deep---to kill off the difficult-to-remove wiregrass. Once the wiregrass is eradicated, the wood chips will be gathered up and used for other purposes. We are working to import a second load of wood chips---deposited close to our area of need, hopefully---to continue this organic grass control solution.

**Courtyard.** One yard of mulch was recently distributed within the courtyard garden beds for weed control and overall visual improvement.

The overall design of the courtyard has remained unchanged for almost 30 years; a landscape design update may be worth considering. *Escapes Outdoor Living* stopped by to assess the area and will provide a basic landscape proposal free of charge. A more detailed CAD-produced design typically costs \$400 to \$500.

Possible changes include the installation of pavers, changing the overall layout, planting a small number of shade trees, and installing a walkway to the courtyard from the parking lot sidewalk. Additional landscape design companies will be contacted to provide us with multiple options for possible changes.



### **Fellowship Liaison, Germaine Marshall**

\*The Month of July witnessed a most wonderful evening of great fellowship, wonderful food, and much laughter at **Lighthouse Sound** in Bishopville.

Sharon

Walsh organized a wonderful event with games and 29 folks participating.

\*The **Red Roost** dinner saw another fabulous turnout with great food and fellowship. Approximately 40 participants attended for a very successful evening! It was a lively evening!

\*The **coffee hour** between services seems to be quite successful, thanks to the volunteers who set up, provide the fare, and clean up. It is always a joy to see the two services come together, however briefly, between services.

\*The **Lunch Bunch** continued meeting during the summer. Muffet Reath, Cheryl Hoke and Sharon Walsh report that a very active social group has engaged in the Lunch Bunch with sometimes as many as 17 folks attending the luncheons at Green Hill Country Club. This is a time of fun and fellowship and all are welcome.

\*The **Fall Auction** kicked off their first big meeting on Sunday, August 16th. Discussed at the meeting were the workings of the auction and ways to participate. As normal, it is requested that a one-time **liquor license be voted** on for the date of the auction. Cristina Machin is once again undertaking the auction which is a very important St. Alban's event.

**Worship Liaison, Sandy Grim**

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

The first Sunday of the month, beginning October 4, continuing through May, there will be one service at 9 AM followed by brunch in the parish hall. The service will alternate between Rite I and Rite II. (Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2)

### **Upcoming Events**

**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

**October 25** Reformation Sunday – joint celebration with Faith Lutheran at Faith, followed by a fellowship meal.

**Internal Property Liaison, Jeremy Cox**

Here is a rundown of this year's unexpected expenses:

- Fellowship hall AC replacement: \$28,050
- 2 Nave AC unit replacement: \$37,808
- Hallway bathroom mini splits: \$8,800
- EASI: replaced igniter on old boiler: \$862
- EASI: leak check: \$320
- VSC: fire hood inspection: \$390
- VSC: extinguisher inspection: \$113
- VSC extinguisher issues corrected: \$321
- Clark and Sons: Two front doors: \$8,940
- Clark: Back door closing problem fix: \$1,790

- Clark: Hallway fire door: \$307

Total: \$87,701 These were capital expenses, covered by the Hodgson Fund.

Cleaning services cost \$1,250 a month and were \$5,833 through May YTD

This month's interior actions:

- Contacted Clark and Sons about double-checking the hallway fire doors as they failed inspection
  - Fire inspection indicated some exit signs needed to be replaced. Our electrician performed this work.
  - Requested BITS Cleaning proposal for deep cleaning and adding regular cleaning of rector's office to the schedule.
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## Posts from Outreach

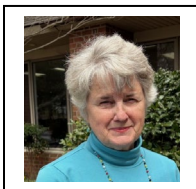
### Society of St. Andrew



“Together, we can End Hunger in our Community. Many thanks to our volunteers from **St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, MD** for helping us pack up this beautiful farm fresh produce from **First Fruits Farm, Inc.** and get it ready for distribution **50ksouls**. It truly takes a village!”  
thank you to Kathy and Nick Madsen and Ani Mathers.



Watch for opportunities to volunteer in this ministry. Sign-up sheets will be available in the breezeway.



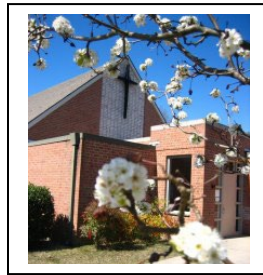
**Muffet Reath, Parish Treasurer**

The January through July report follows on page 19.

|                         |                     |                                |                                 | Jul 26    | Budget    | Jan - Jul 26 | YTD Budget | Annual Budget |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense |                     |                                |                                 |           |           |              |            |               |
|                         |                     | Income                         |                                 |           |           |              |            |               |
|                         |                     |                                | Pledges                         | 9,752.33  | 13,926.00 | 113,949.65   | 97,486.00  | 167,120.00    |
|                         |                     |                                | Plate Offering.                 | 1,876.00  | 1,000.00  | 13,164.78    | 7,000.00   | 12,000.00     |
|                         |                     |                                | Other Income                    | 2,406.45  | 1,182.00  | 10,698.58    | 8,274.00   | 14,925.00     |
|                         |                     | Total Income                   |                                 | 14,034.78 | 16,108.00 | 137,813.01   | 112,760.00 | 194,045.00    |
|                         | Gross Profit        |                                |                                 | 14,034.78 | 16,108.00 | 137,813.01   | 112,760.00 | 194,045.00    |
|                         |                     | Expense                        |                                 |           |           |              |            |               |
|                         |                     |                                | Salary and Salary-Dependent Exp | 8,497.91  | 8,842.69  | 31,585.20    | 32,444.68  | 63,235.00     |
|                         |                     |                                | Apportionment Diocese of Easton | 1,772.58  | 1,772.58  | 12,408.06    | 12,408.06  | 21,271.00     |
|                         |                     |                                | General and Administrative      | 1,135.21  | 1,377.67  | 7,138.34     | 10,251.65  | 17,350.00     |
|                         |                     |                                | Property                        | 4,278.47  | 3,925.01  | 36,061.78    | 30,524.98  | 51,250.00     |
|                         |                     | Total Expense                  |                                 | 15,684.17 | 15,917.95 | 87,193.38    | 85,629.37  | 153,106.00    |
| Net Ordinary Income     |                     |                                |                                 | -1,649.39 | 190.05    | 50,619.63    | 27,130.63  | 40,939.00     |
| Other Income/Expense    |                     |                                |                                 |           |           |              |            |               |
|                         | Other Income        |                                |                                 |           |           |              |            |               |
|                         |                     | Grant Income                   |                                 | 5,000.00  |           | 7,227.00     |            |               |
|                         |                     | Other Interest                 |                                 | 2.24      |           | 25.77        |            |               |
|                         |                     | Clearing Transfers In - Income |                                 | -3,741.47 |           | -77,192.19   |            |               |
|                         | Total Other Income  |                                |                                 | 1,260.77  |           | -69,939.42   |            |               |
|                         | Other Expense       |                                |                                 |           |           |              |            |               |
|                         |                     | Net change in Endowment Value  |                                 | 1,223.46  |           | -11,389.90   |            |               |
|                         | Total Other Expense |                                |                                 | 1,223.46  |           | -11,389.90   |            |               |
| Net Other Income        |                     |                                |                                 | 37.31     |           | -58,549.52   |            |               |
| Net Income              |                     |                                |                                 | -1,612.08 | 190.05    | -7,929.89    | 27,130.63  | 40,939.00     |

***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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