



Your monthly gift enables both the life-changing work that takes place within the walls of St. Alban's and the immeasurable impact that St. Alban's has on the lives of our neighbors.

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21:1-4



# HOW TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE



You can make your pledge by mailing back your pledge card, using this QR code, or going online to:

www.stalbansdc.org/give/

Questions About Pledging? Email: amandabgilman@gmail.com

# The Gift of Gratitude

Everything that we have is a gift of God: we are given life, health, our families, our homes; we are given skills and passions, capacities for joy and love.

We are given so much, but we sometimes fail to notice God's astonishing bounty and instead get caught up in the small stuff of life. As a remedy, each year, Christians take a fraction of what we've been given by God and return it to God in an act of thanksgiving called a tithe or pledge.

This practice reminds us of our gratitude, makes it real to ourselves, and helps us to place our love of God above all else. We hope that you'll consider making a gift of gratitude this year.

## YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

## St. Alban's Budget

59% (	Clergy & Staff
24%	Building & Grounds
17%	Programs & Operations

#### A New Assistant Rector

This year we successfully called the Rev'd Mark Randall James as our new Assistant Rector for Children, Youth, and Families. The past few years have seen tremendous growth in our family ministries and the Rev'd Mark will support St. Alban's long tradition of Christian formation and strengthen our connection to young families.

# Caring for Our 170-Year-Old Campus

We began the critical replacement of our HVAC system, allowing reliable church operations during the summer. Relocation and final placement of the equipment will be completed this winter.

## Looking Forward to 2026

In the coming year we will:

- Replace our venerable church roofs
- Continue essential campus accessibility and security improvements

# GIVING BACK THROUGH GRATITUDE

# **Serving Our Neighbors**

#### The Workers of St. Albans

St. Alban's gave more than \$300,000 to 20 DC area nonprofits through the incredible work of the Opportunity Shop and the WSA Board. These gifts fed the hungry, housed those experiencing homelessness, gave opportunity to those seeking jobs, and cared for children in our community.

#### **Christ House & Grate Patrol**

St. Alban's parishioners feed our homeless neighbors at Christ House, a 24-hour residential medical facility in Adams Morgan, and through Grate Patrol, a partnership with the Salvation Army.

#### **Hosting Iona Seniors & 12-Step Groups**

St. Alban's hosts Iona: a daily, senior drop-in center in which those over 60 are engaged by warm community, excellent programing and a hot meal. We also host multiple 12 Step groups, including one of America's longest running AA meetings.

#### **Educational Ministries**

St. Alban's is among the primary funders of Hope and Resurrection School in Atiaba, South Sudan, Saviour's Episcopal School in Zarqa, Jordan & the Bishop Walker School in DC. We also pack backpacks of food each week for Tubman Elementary School students facing food insecurity.

#### **Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinners**

St. Alban's continues our long tradition of partnering with nearby congregations to provide fellowship and meals every Thanksgiving and Christmas.

# Within Our Community & Beyond

Hundreds of St. Albanites give of their time to facilitate all that we do each week.

St. Alban's ministries include:

- The Altar Guild
- The Flower Guild
- The Garden Guild
- St. Alban's Choir
- Children's Chapel Leaders
- Godly Play Instructors
- The San Albano Music Ministry
- San Albano Liturgy and Hospitality Committees
- Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers
- Acolytes, Crucifers, Vergers & Ushers
- Baptismal Catechists
- Children and Youth Choristers
- The Handbell Choir
- Youth Ministry Volunteers & Pilgrimage Leaders
- The We Care Pastoral Care Team
- Wednesdays at St. Alban's
- Way of Life Groups
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- The Memorial Lecture Committee
- The Diana Smith Committee
- The Vestry and an assortment of Vestry sponsored committees too numerous to name!