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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church ... A Christian Community of open minds, open hearts, and open arms.

September 2020

RED SKY

There is an important adage among sailors: *Red sky at night, sailors delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.* It is important because it is actually generally true. There have been a couple of times when I noticed a pretty red sky in the morning, chose to not go sailing, and when a storm passed through was really glad for adage!

On the other hand, a pretty red sky at night is not only beautiful but has its own sense of calm.

So, there is a ferry that runs on Lake Champlain from the town of Essex, which is where I am, to Charlotte, Vermont. It is a blessing. Aside from the fun of traveling by ferry back and forth, it also makes the journey a lot easier and shorter.

The other night I managed to catch the last ferry of the day from Vermont. Phew. And as we pulled away, the sky was stunning. (So stunning that even the Captain came out to take a pic!)



So this stunning red sky overlooking the Adirondack Mountains was breath grabbing. But it was also soul grabbing. It so clearly embodied the presence of the

divine — our massive creator who is a God so huge that it sometimes is just beyond our imagination. This sky, this exceptionally red sky, was captivating and calming. *Red sky at night, sailors delight.*

But it also turns out that this adage is not just a sailing thing. Farmers use it and I suspect lots of others do also.

Which got me to thinking about us — St B's.

It is easy right now (at least for me) to feel that the sky is redder in the morning — whether it literally is or not. The world just feels like “red morning skies” are the norm. That I am always looking at stormy times. It is exhausting and unsettling.

But then I look at St Bartholomew's Church and what do I see? Rich deep red evening skies. And my breath is grabbed.

We have choices spiritually. We can either live with the disconcerting image of morning red skies — or we can live with the power of massively red night skies. I know that storms are inevitable — however you define them. And I know that it is easy right now to feel the ever immanent presence of another storm.

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But I also know that the power of our God is very ever-present, our faith community (wherever we live) is strong and whole (not perfect but pretty awesome), and that we can choose to see God's outrageous red night skies if we look up. And in so doing, we can find some relief and calm as well as hope for a new day.

We are about to start a new program year. A new beginning. And yep, it is complicated by some significant stormy weather. But what I am sure of is that God is massively present casting red night skies

over us to call us to remain confident as we find ways to sail this year — to be God's holy people and to continue to do the ministry we have been called to do.

It will remain different, I suspect, for a while. But with the joy and assurance of **red night skies**, I trust we will find our path and navigate whatever lies ahead. Because our God is that huge! May your breath be grabbed by joy and hope and promise.

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

40%, Nope, But

by Flo Ledyard, Rector

Rest assured, I spend lots of energy determining where and how we will worship. Of course that is actually true all the time - but it has been REALLY true since last March.

I am frequently awash in gratitude for the efforts of so many to help us find the sweet worship that we have been able to embrace at this time. AND I am awash in your collective participation, good humor, and perseverance as we remain a worshipping community — gathered, thanks to Zoom, from a lot of places around the country.

But I still wonder about gathering on-site for worship.

To that end, this summer the Wardens and I have continued to discuss if and when. To help in this effort, I have met with members of our parish who are skilled medical personnel and have knowledge about this virus. I have met with the Worship Committee. And it has been a topic for Vestry conversation as well.

For the immediate future we will not have on-site worship. All 3 groups have unanimously agreed that it is not worth the risk.

Here are my thoughts:

40% of all people with the virus are asymptomatic. That means they do not even know they are sick. Which also means that they could come to church unknowingly, not show a temp, and yet be a bearer of this disease. The best wisdom to protect and contain this virus is a mask and remaining distant. So we shall.

So Nope, no on-site worship for the moment. However, that can change because things regarding this virus can change. So we will continue to reassess. Promise.

But, we have found a path to sharing Holy Communion!

The agape meal is awesome. And it is kinda fun to think about sharing the meal that the earliest church would have had when they gathered — long before we developed our “Eucharist” meal. But I also know how central and important the sacrament of Holy Communion is. Soooooo we have figured out a way to be able to share that sort of meal as well.

40%, Nope, But (*continued*)

Thanks to our Altar Guild leader, Gay Warshaw found a source for a small container that will have a piece of gluten free bread in the bottom and wine in the top: all sealed and in a plastic shaped chalice!

Ergo our first opportunity for this added dimension to our worship will be on September 20 when we celebrate St Bartholomew's Day.

Here is how it will work. On the previous Sunday, we will consecrate a lot of these small kits. Then the following Saturday, they will be on a table in the parking lot for you to come drive by and pick up what you need for you or your family — or even a neighbor who wants to join us. (The actual time and location to be announced so stay tuned.)

So that on the next day — Sunday the 20th — when we are gathered for worship, you can have consecrated bread and wine to consume. But we will also continue the Agape Meal.

A pretty nice chance to have a choice as we continue to be a faith community sharing worship and the gift of a meal — in whatever form you prefer or can manage.

Once we have this experience, we will figure out what's next.

So while it is 40%, Nope — it is also But. But what I do know is that we will continue to be blessed by God, continue to gather and worship and rejoice that we are an awesome group of Christians who delight in each other, who God delights in as well, and that we will remain thoughtful, safe and creative!

I will also send out a letter to you all with a fuller understanding of this decision. So keep an eye out.

In the meantime, here is another other worship note:

On Sunday, September 6, we will have our annual Back to School Blessing. No matter how or where you will be involved in school this year — if ever we should be blessing that endeavor — it is this year. So on that Sunday, all of you who are involved in any kind of school in any kind of way — have something that is a symbol of that effort with you (a pencil, a book, anything) and we will robustly offer a prayer for some awesome learning this year.

An intriguing year, but an awesome God and an amazing parish. Pretty sweet!

— Flo

Zooming Together for Worship at St. B's

Please join us on Zoom each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Here's how:

This is the link

<https://zoom.us/j/7641738777?pwd=d05KWmJPZ0ZZaHlmUlpRK2NiOFp6UT09>.

or you can go to your own Zoom page and use this info:

The Meeting ID: 764 173 8777

The password: 703085

or you can call in using this number: (646)558-8656.

AND, you can come as early as 9:00 am to have some fun at our Coffee Hour.

Worship Service in Celebration of Caribbean Heritage Month in the State of Maryland



Theme: Unity in a time of adversity
Psalm 133: 1-3

Sunday, August 30, 2020
10:00am - 11:00am, via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/7641738777?pwd=d05KWmJPZ0ZZaHlmUlpRK2NiOFp6LUT09>
Meeting ID: 764 173 8777
Password: 703085

Guest Preacher: Bishop Stanley Murray,
Pastor, Baltimore Central Church of God
Hosted by: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
Church, Rev. Florence Ledyard, Rector
Church web site: <http://www.stbs-md.org/>



Nature of the Occasion - Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Ambassador Curtis Ward
Scripture Readings - Del. Regina Boyce and Inez Haynie Dodson

Hymns:
Jesus Shall Reign where'er the Sun
The Right Hand of God
Lift Every Voice and Sing
All People that on Earth do dwell

Caribbean Elected Officials:
Del. Gabriel Acevero (Trinidad & Tobago), Del. Regina Boyce
(Barbados and Jamaica), Senator Arthur Ellis (Jamaica),
Del. Joseline Peña-Melnik (Dominican Republic),
Del. Jheanelle Wilkins (Jamaica)

Planning Committee:
Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Amb. Curtis Ward, Del. Regina Boyce, Inez Haynie Dodson, Sharon
Pulliam, Owen Charles, Dr. Maxine Clarke, Millicent McLeod, Heather Edwards

Back-to-School Blessing

The **Back-to-School Blessing**
will take place on Sunday, September 6
during the 10:00 am service

for all students, teachers, and anyone involved in education.

Bring a pencil, a book — something school-related — to Zoom Worship!



Blessing of the Animals

Mark your calendars for our Annual Blessing of the Animals Service on Saturday, October 3 at 4:00 pm. Watch for detail!

Music at St. Bartholomew's

by Ted Davis, Organist and Choirmaster

And the song continues....

COVID has thrown a wrench in our lives in so many ways. For the choirs of St. Bartholomew's, as you might imagine, the word 'disruptive' hardly covers it. We are, however, nothing if not resilient, and plans for the Fall are taking shape. While we have much to iron out, and plans are subject to being changed, we are far from shut down!



Do you know a child who likes to sing?

We are excited to announce a new program in residence at St. Bartholomew's, the **West Baltimore Choir School**. This is a new enrichment program for children and youth in the community that we hope to launch in October. Choir school will offer many exciting opportunities, including musical training and mentoring. Initially, this will be conducted virtually, with online mentoring sessions and piano lessons, as well as access to a music and Christian education curriculum called *Voice for Life*. When on-site activities can commence safely, we plan to transition into weekly rehearsals, monthly social activities, and other team-building opportunities.

Ordinary Time

Shared by Janet Aldrich

Though we are certainly not living in ordinary times, we are still in thick of the Church's Ordinary Time, which carries us into summer, a season extraordinary only in that it lingers 'til late September! We are losing track of days for unusual reasons amid "a calendar of loss" this year, but may "the faithful seasons" keep us mindful of God's longing to lay us bare in creative, holy collaboration and to fill our lungs with the breath of the Holy Spirit. ~~~ JDA

Days come and go:
this bird by minute, hour by leaf,
a calendar of loss.

I shift through woods, sifting
the air for August cadences
and walk beyond the boundaries I've kept

for months, past loose stone walls,
the fences breaking into sticks,
the poems always spilling into prose.

A low sweet meadow full of stars
beyond the margin
fills with big-boned, steaming mares.

The skies above are bruised like fruit,
their juices running,
black-veined marble of regret.

The road gusts sideways:
sassafras and rue.
A warbler warbles.

Did I wake the night through?
Walk through sleeping?
Shuffle for another way to mourn?

Dawn pinks up.
In sparking grass I find beginnings.
I was cradled here.
I gabbled and I spun.
And gradually the many men inside me
found their names,

acquired definition, points of view.
There was much to say,
not all of it untrue.

As the faithful seasons fell away,
I followed till my thoughts
inhabited a tree of thorns

that grew in muck of my own making.
Yet I was lifted and laid bare.
I hung there weakly: crossed, crossed-out.

At first I didn't know
a voice inside me speaking low.
I stumbled in my way.

But now these hours that can't be counted
find me fresh, this ordinary time
like kingdom come.

In clarity of dawn,
I fill my lungs, a summer-full of breaths.
The great field holds the wind, and sways.

~~ Jay Parini

Vestry Highlights

During this time of pandemic and quarantine, the Vestry decided to divide the monthly Vestry meeting into two meetings. Shorter meetings on Zoom are preferable than a longer meeting. The Vestry currently meets on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

At their meetings on August 18 and 25, 2020 meeting, the Vestry:

- Received an update on parishioner access to Zoom
- Learned of a new Lawler Family donation
- Reviewed and discussed the decision to not open physical church for worship
- Received Updates from the Funds Committee, Kid's Council, and Flea Market Operations
- Discussed the Annual Meeting Zoom Plan
- Approved the Slate of New Vestry Members

The Vestry currently meets via Zoom on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The October meeting, however, is scheduled to take place during the Vestry Retreat.

The next set of regular meetings, scheduled on November 17 and 24, will take place via Zoom, both beginning at 6:30 pm.

All Vestry meetings are open, and all members and friends are welcome to attend.

**The Annual Meeting will take place via Zoom in October.
Please watch for details!**

∞ Community Formation

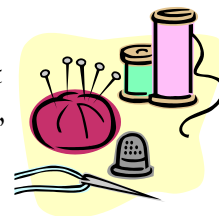
Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

by Jean Storrs

The Prayer Shawls craft shawls and prayer squares to give to parishioners and 40 West clients in need of comfort. The shawls are a tangible hug folks can keep with them all the time—a tangible reminder of our love and care for them, and God's love and care for them. Knitters and crocheters of any age and ability are welcome.



St. B's Sewing Bees gather for crafting and fellowship. Any sort of handwork is encouraged—knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, etc.



Both the Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees will be joining together via Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning on September 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

For more information about the Prayer Shawls and St. B's Sewing Bees, please contact Jean Storrs at 443-798-1439 or aandj@mindspring.com.

**Join the 40 West Churches for
Community Prayers for
Our Neighborhood & Our Nation**

**Friday, September 11th 5:30 pm
Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church Front Lawn
4640 Edmondson Ave Baltimore 21229**



Will follow COVID Courtesies with masks and social distancing

Prayer. Service. Evangelism.

by Glorius M. Sullivan

Our Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King – Chapter No. #926 — The Margaret Rollo Chapter — was organized on September 25, 1988 and we will be celebrating our 32nd year at St. Bartholomew’s this year!

We are a quiet, faithful, steadfast group of women at St. B’s. Our primary goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others through prayer, service, and evangelism.

As we begin a “new program year” in September, it will look a lot different from last year. The Daughters cannot offer Prayers in the Chapel on the first Sunday each month, our outreach project will be less “hands on” than previously; we Daughters will continue to gather via Zoom instead of in person for our meetings, and I am not sure (yet) how our annual December “Quiet Day” will take place.

But what I am sure about is this — that our prayers will continue to take place, that our service to others will continue to take place, and that evangelism will continue to take place — no matter what. It is who we ALL are.

Our Chapter meets via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month. We share the names of those who request our prayers, and those we know who need our prayers. Each of us prays individually each day — for known and unknown persons, for needs that are known to us, for peace in our hearts and peace in this world, for families, friends, neighbors, for those in authority to make right decisions, for comfort for those suffering from COVID-19, for those who have died and those that mourn, for those that are frustrated and angry and hurt and need to be heard, for help in dealing with current difficult circumstances, for wisdom and strength, for persons affected by current disasters like houses exploding and terrible tornados and storms. Yet even in the midst of strife, we continue to praise God for his many blessings — each and every day — and for the gift of his Son to us, and we give thanks for the gift of each new day, for doctors and nurses and essential workers, for the sight of a beautiful flower or the song of birds

in the morning, for the warmth of the sun, for a welcoming smile, for the understanding of a friend, for a listening ear to hear our frustrations, for the rain that keeps our August lawns green instead of brown — and we pray for quiet time — knowing that God hears all our prayers — and that we must make time in our prayers for our listening to hear God’s voice to us. And then, time to wait and watch and listen, for he knows our needs, and He will answer. Prayers abound every day — all the time.

Our Daughters serve — every one of us — at St. B’s and elsewhere — helping others, listening to others’ needs and concerns and doing what we can to help. However, that’s not exclusive to Daughters of the King — the church building may be closed for now — but not the “church” —the People of God — we are all there 24/7. Same with evangelism — I am reminded of a line in a hymn — “And they will know we are Christians by our Love...”

Yes, things look different this year, and yet some things are the same. Prayer. Service. Evangelism. Your special prayer requests are always welcome! You can call (410-644-8110) or email (chgl@verizon.net) your prayer requests to me with the subject line “DOK Prayer Request.” As always, your prayer requests will be held in confidence by our Daughters. So,

“May the light of love shine on you, May the spirit of God enfold you, May the Lord of all bless and keep you as you walk hand in hand with Him.”

— Glorius is President of the Margaret Rollo Chapter of the Daughters of the King

The Motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King

For His Sake

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

We Are Trying to Figure It Out

The Adult Formation Committee is having confabs trying to figure out how to have a robust Adult Education Program during this complicated time. We have questions — like when should we offer stuff and in what format. We want to continue to explore intriguing topics but do not want to further exasperate our Zoom duration tolerance!

We may not have all the answers yet, but we have been musing over the summer.

So we will have some Faith Forum stuff — ergo stay tuned.

We also are working on a wonderful actual *curriculum* called Christianity and Racism. We want to explore the complicated relationship of Christianity and racism, the history of racism in the USA, but also the less well-known history of amazing people of color, our own personal stories, and finally, the ways that racism is still present and how we can take steps more in line with our baptismal vows. An intriguing opportunity for our multicultural community!

So lots of discussions even though we are not fully formed. But our formation as adult Christians is critical to our spiritual development and growth. Ergo, we will figure this out and stay tuned!

D-Group = Leaning and Having Fun

by Steven T. Johnson

I hope this message finds you well!! This Summer has been fast moving, even though we are still practicing “Safer at Home” measures. Since being at home, we have still been meeting with our young people!! Zoom has provided us the ability to see faces, eat together, talk together, laugh together, and most of all, discuss and learn about the goodness of our Lord and Savior!! How amazing is this?? Over these past few months we have explored, asking ourselves; Are our compasses calibrated?? When using a compass/navigation device, if the tool isn't calibrated you will be given false coordinates/directions; the probability of ending up in an undesired place is very high!!

This works the same with us as Christians. If our spiritual and moral compasses are not calibrated using Christlike principles and methods, we could end up missing our ultimate destination; Heaven!! This takes us deep into self-reflection; who are we really?? Are we a reflection of Christ, through our actions, words, attitude etc? Biblical advice tells us that if we

trust the Lord, and follow him, he will direct our paths, Proverbs 3:5-6 This means..... We will always be calibrated, and will be given directions by the chief architect, the master navigator, Jesus Christ!!

As a D-Group, we have also explored several virtual scavenger hunts!! These are things you, too, can do at home—finding random items that most folks have and having the participants be the first ones to bring those items to the screen. Words games and Christ-centered YouTube videos have also been used to help keep our young people engaged.

As the school year approaches, let's remember to encourage our young people to do well and strive for success as they once again delve back into their scholastic studies. Last, but not least, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Amanda Harris and Marty & Kathie Clark for their amazing leadership and partnership — you guys are rock stars!!

— Steven is Coordinator of Youth Education





GROUP SCOOP

Get Ready for D-Group!

St. B's D-Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets via Zoom on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Be on the lookout for the date of our next gathering! Please contact Youth Group Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com) for the link to join. Gather for fun, fellowship, and faith. Invite a friend!

Planning for Children's Word

by Steve Miller

Like many other programs and enterprises around the globe, educational programs for our younger ones at St. B's were thrown for a huge loop by COVID-19. As a consequence, Children's Word has been on hiatus since mid-March. But the Kid's Council has been working with our teachers and we are very happy to report that Children's Word will be back this fall, with Spark-inspired Zoom classes led by Miss Ebony and Miss Jo Anne. We have not yet determined when these sessions will be held, but they will be weekly, they likely will be 30 minutes each (Kangaroos, age 3-first grade; Elephants, grades 2-5), and probably will be held on a weeknight. Stay tuned for more details!

— *Steve is a member of the Kid's Council*

Financial Position as of June 30, 2020

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

Financial Position as of 6/30/20

	6/20 Actual	6/20 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$36,141.21	\$41,583.33	\$252,321.20	\$249,500.02
Prior Years Pledges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,805.00	\$0.00
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$2,175.00	\$2,416.67	\$24,573.62	\$14,499.98
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Christmas)	\$20.00	\$291.67	\$1,830.00	\$1,749.98
Altar Guild Income	\$175.00	\$525.00	\$1,568.00	\$3,150.00
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$590.00	\$999.98
Special Projects Income	\$0.00	\$1,333.33	\$0.00	\$8,000.02
House Sale Income	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Endowment Fund Disbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Div	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.58	\$0.00
Total	\$38,511.21	\$47,066.67	\$294,263.40	\$282,399.98

Ministry Expenses

Diocesan Pledge	\$5,311.08	\$6,248.33	\$35,615.48	\$37,490.02
KIVA MicroLoans	\$245.89	\$329.47	\$2,345.89	\$1,976.78
Communication Ministry	\$64.99	\$129.67	\$398.36	\$777.98
Daughters of the King	\$55.00	\$20.83	\$55.00	\$125.02
Education Ministry	\$179.99	\$583.33	\$654.49	\$3,500.02
Youth Pilgrimage	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Library	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$50.02
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$705.52	\$1,500.00
Landscape	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$500.02
Music Ministry	\$105.00	\$597.92	\$1,071.36	\$3,587.48
Newcomers Ministry	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$63.72	\$249.98
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$225.00	\$262.67	\$1,798.80	\$1,575.98
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$500.00	\$433.33	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.02
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ministry	\$7,693.73	\$2,916.67	\$24,187.13	\$17,499.98
Safety & Security Committee	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$125.02
Special Projects Expense	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$999.98
Special Projects-Net	\$0.00	\$1,083.33	\$0.00	\$6,500.02
Stewardship Ministry	\$0.00	\$87.50	(\$244.14)	\$525.00
Worship Ministry	\$271.16	\$41.67	\$271.16	\$249.98
Vestry	\$0.00	\$133.33	\$28.64	\$800.02

Financial Position as of June 30, 2020 *(continued)*

Operating Expenses				
Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$182.62	\$208.33	\$1,286.95	\$1,250.02
Altar Guild Expenses	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$1,275.21	\$3,150.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$95.83	\$0.00	\$575.02
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$6,662.00	\$2,075.00	\$19,833.25	\$12,450.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$50.02
Office Expenses	\$741.94	\$1,437.50	\$6,067.03	\$8,625.00
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.02
Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (Property)	\$0.00	\$236.25	\$0.00	\$1,417.50
Telephones and Utilities	\$2,964.23	\$3,742.18	\$22,967.87	\$22,452.92
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$27,681.33	\$28,750.57	\$167,112.16	\$172,503.44
Total	\$53,133.96	\$51,101.20	\$291,993.88	\$306,607.26
Net Income w/o Depreciation	(\$14,622.75)	(\$4,034.53)	\$2,269.52	(\$24,207.28)
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income with Depreciation	(\$14,622.75)	(\$4,034.53)	\$2,269.52	(\$24,207.28)

Notes on Income and Expenses:

- Pledged Offerings YTD appear **\$2,821.18** more than budgeted YTD -pending resolution of open plate income.
- Total income was **(\$8,555.46)** less than budgeted for the month of June.
- We are showing a net loss of **(\$14,622.75)** for the month of June and a net gain for the year of **\$2,269.52**.
- Altar Guild Income YTD was more than Altar Guild Expenses by **\$292.79**.

YTD expenses include flowers, wafers, wine, candles.

- Education Ministry includes Godly Play, Youth & Faith Forum expenses and Tracts.
- Parish Life Expenses include Hospitality supplies.
- Music Expenses include substitute organists, sheet music, organ repair and guest musicians.
- Pastoral Care Expenses include child care salaries & expenses for our Parish Nursing Program.
- Property Expenses YTD Includes R&M of the church, parish house and grounds and cost of maintenance contracts and security contracts.
- Stewardship YTD total reflects income from initial offering for envelopes.
- Accounting Expenses include payroll preparation expenses, audit expenses and bank fees.
- Insurance (Property/D&O) YTD reflects the sum of our quarterly payments for our policies.
- Office Expenses reflects the cost of copier rental, supplies, postage and computer support.

Financial Position as of July 31, 2020

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

July 31, 2020	Current Month		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Income	32,754.58	47,066.67	327,017.98	329,466.65
Total Expenses	(39,169.37)	(51,101.20)	(331,163.25)	(357,708.46)
Difference	(6,414.79)	(4,034.53)	(4,145.27)	(28,241.81)

A Tremendous Gift!

by Corinne Bowmaker

St. Bartholomew's Church has recently been blessed with a generous gift from Ann Lawler in memory of her parents, Pat and Norman Lawler. The gift is in the amount of \$30,000 and is to be used as the Vestry sees best for the benefit of the church. This gift memorializes and celebrates two long-standing and faithful members of St. B's, part of a legacy family who helped enrich our parish immensely for many years.

Pat Lawler was a lovely lady who served as the Assistant Treasurer and was a member of the Daughters of the King. Norman served on the Vestry and is remembered as an excellent Vestry member who asked the important questions. The Lawler family has kindly given us the annual Scottish bagpipers with their participation in the church service and a show of music and dance afterwards. It is always wonderful to see the Lawler family come to St. B's on that special day wearing their tartans.

We thank Ann profoundly for this sustaining gift in memory of her wonderful parents, especially in this time of pandemic and heightened need.

— Corinne is Senior Warden

Ways to Give to St. B's

by Deirdre McElroy and Bonnie Kutch

Our Pledge and Open Plate donations are used to finance the day to day operations of our beloved St. B's and represent just a portion of the Operating Budget. Did you know that there are several other opportunities to provide financial support for our congregation's Mission?

Online Giving – For More than Just Pledges

Our online giving website at <https://www.acionlinegiving.com/2924> is the easiest way to access Pledge and Open Plate Giving, but also directed donations to Project Jigsaw, the Clergy Discretionary Fund, our Music Ministry, and even gifts to the Endowment Fund. The website accepts payments from either a credit card or bank account. Alternatively, a check made payable to St. Bartholomew's, can be mailed to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 4701 Edmondson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21229.

Donations can be made directly from Investment funds by check, but these should include both your name and the designated fund (Pledge, Project Jigsaw, Endowment, etc.) or you can contact John DeVale at devale@computer.org to alert him of the donation.

Donate Securities (Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, ETFs)

Donating appreciated securities can be a great way to fulfill your charitable intent. You may fulfill your pledge, donate to the Endowment, make an unrestricted gift, or help Project Jigsaw. Not only may you receive a tax break for the value of the securities, but you will also avoid paying any capital gains taxes on the appreciation. This can be a highly effective financial planning tool and you are encouraged to discuss this with your financial advisor or tax planner to understand how this will work for your specific situation.

Forms of securities accepted generally include stocks, bonds, physical certificates, and both exchange-traded funds and mutual funds. To make a gift, please contact your current advisor and provide them with the following information for the St. Bartholomew's receiving account: Name of Account: St. Bartholomew's Church LPL Financial DTC # 0075 Account #7033-5252.

You or your advisor can contact the church's financial advisor, Chris Shematek, at 410.309.4200 or chris.shematek@lpl.com to provide further information on completing your donation.

Planned Giving – Bequest Gifts to St. Bartholomew's

For those who are interested in remembering St. Bartholomew's in their wills through Planned Giving, you can make a bequest gift by designating St. B's as a beneficiary on your insurance policy, annuity, bank account, investment account, or retirement account. You could also revise your will to include a Stewardship Gift to St. Bartholomew's.

Stewardship

While we often think of good Stewardship as our annual pledge and our gifts of time and talent, there is also a tremendous opportunity to support the future of St. B's through gifts to projects with a long term vision, like Project Jigsaw or through unrestricted gifts to our Endowment Fund, which supports our church's mission in perpetuity.

Questions? Feel free to contact The Reverend Florence Ledyard, Rector; Corinne Bowmaker, Sr. Warden; Deirdre McElroy, Funds Committee Chair; John DeVale, Assistant Treasurer; or Bonnie Kutch, Vestry Member and Funds Committee Member for more information.

— Deirdre is Chair of the Funds Committee;
Bonnie is a member of the Vestry and
a Funds Committee Member-at-Large

What Does Stewardship Look Like at St. B's?

by Corinne Bowmaker

In some ways, you'd never know that St. B's is in the midst of a pandemic. It's obvious that the church building sits quiet and empty, awaiting our eventual noisy and happy return. But our worship, ministries, meetings, and small groups continue and flourish. Much work is being accomplished in new ways. We're adapting and for the most part haven't slowed down much at all.

Our worship is live on Zoom and continues being uniquely "St. B's." Our coffee hour beforehand brings us together. We've had Sankofa groups meet on Zoom, choir chats, all kinds of committee meetings, and even a Community Conversation after the death of George Floyd that was attended by 150 people. From that conversation, action has sprung with new initiatives on a number of fronts involving different groups. The Gospel Justice Group has been busy with their planning for improving the relationship between our district's police force and the community. Outreach is working on voter registration. Adult Formation is planning a curriculum on Racism and Racial Justice with topics including Christianity and Racism, Black History in America, Black Achievements in Arts and Culture, Oral History and Personal Stories, and Racism as it Exists Today.

The Flea Market Committee did an amazing job of carefully planning how the Flea Market could safely be held this year and they are collecting goods to sort and sell. It'll take careful logistical planning but as most of the market will be outdoors and spread throughout the campus, it is workable.

Food drops and distributions are happening regularly outside in the parking lot. This continues to be an important ministry for the community. We have many volunteers who come to help us from the Maryland Food Bank and Mt. St. Joe's High School.

Landscape and Property Committees have also had their hands full and done a lot of work this summer. A dangerous tulip tree was removed from the courtyard area. Bamboo is being cut down to prevent it from engulfing the garage and our front bank has been trimmed back. The slate roof of the church was repaired and the leaky Tower Room roof underwent a full repair and overhaul. Toilets were replaced and bathrooms spruced up in the Parish House. The ceiling in the Parish House above the Faith Forum area started to cave in and it was rehung. Thanks, Dave Murray!

The Kid's Council is meeting to plan Sunday School in the fall as it will move to a virtual platform. It's a big transition. The Youth have been meeting on Zoom throughout the summer.

Jigsaw has been quiet for a few months as we regrouped and dealt with the immediate matters of worship, checking on each other, and moving everything onto Zoom. But it will be gearing up this fall and you will see movement forward!

So.....these activities mentioned are but a part of what is going on and reflect a vibrant church. We thank you for keeping up your pledges through this "coronatide" as work progresses and we continue to maintain our buildings and grounds. Unfortunately, the bills don't stop. Some parishioners have moved to on-line pledging to make it easier. You can access how to do that on our website and if you have any questions, you can contact our Assistant Treasurer, John DeVale. Thank you for understanding the need for pledges to continue as you are able as we navigate this pandemic time, yet are also undertaking exciting new initiatives!

— Corinne is Senior Warden

Weed Warriors and More!

by Celeste Thurston

The grounds are looking much better thanks to a small weed warrior team, led by John White. The Dethridge twins, Alex and Ben, have been learning to drive the tractor to pick up debris from the weeders and take it to compost. (Note to the parish: When I inquired what the boys may be looking for at the Flea Market, Ben said “drivers manuals.” So word to Connie — the spark has been lit!)

Drew Brown, Dave Murray, Sharon Selleck, Patricia Smith, Jennifer Stone, and Celeste Thurston have been the main crew trying to keep mother nature in check. We discovered poison ivy is our main weed and found an outside maintenance man who deals with that as environmentally safely as possible. Once that work is complete, we will get back to major pruning on the front bank.

We made the Bishop’s Garden a special ivy control area, and the side pocket gardens are where thistle and loosestrife are the foe of the gardener.

We had 3 trees removed — a hollow tulip poplar that was in the court yard, a dead one at the back of our lot, and one that came down in a thunderstorm into the Youth House back yard. ***

John and Dave have worked tirelessly to assess the grounds and do major maintenance on anything that had become a safety issue. So if someone could hide,

if it obstructed a walkway or entrance, or if it was old and could fall, they have been pruning hard while you have been away — you will notice the difference!

Wildlife is loving the extra space — many bunnies, squirrels, deer, and the occasional fox wander by.

We have high hopes of transplanting items in the fall to add color and beauty to areas in need. We look ahead to fall to add clean-up days where Celeste and John will create distanced jobs for each area.

*** So fun fact in the State of MD — If you don’t let your neighbor know and put something in writing that a tree on their property looks like it will hit your property, when the tree falls it is your insurance and deductible that covers the accident.

So folks, take a look around your homes — does your neighbor have any ivy-covered trees, or older split trunk trees, or trees that lean toward your home? We know the numbers of many arborists that could come take a look. It may be time to assess trees and get a letter prepared.

— Celeste is Co-Chair of the Landscape Committee

Creation Caretakers— News from the Green Team

by Leah B. Kulp

On August 11, the Creation Caretakers, the Landscape Committee, and a 40 West Assistance and Referral Center representative held a Zoom meeting to discuss collaborating on green team activities for the fall. We plan to contact neighborhood organizations for collaborating on a litter clean-up event to be held in mid or late October. We have contacted City Council representative, Kristerfer Burnett, who offered suggestions for collaborating and free clean-up supplies donated by the City: trash bags and Department of Public Works (DPW) trash collection on the day of our clean-up; and disposable gloves and grabbers from BMore Baltimore.

Coming soon: a litter clean-up date event mid or late October on a Saturday morning, 9:00 – 11:00 am or for a rain date, on a Sunday afternoon 1:00 – 3:00 pm, depending on the City's DPW schedule. Stay tuned!

— Leah is Chair of the Creation Caretakers

A St. B's Property Update

by Dave Murray

There's always stuff to do to maintain our property and facilities — here's a short list:

- + The slate roofs were repaired — they needed approximately 130 slates.
- + The Bell Tower roof was replaced and the drain enlarged.
- + The church boiler is being repaired now for winter use.
- + The supports holding the drop ceiling in the Faith Forum area of the Parish House came apart and the ceiling had to be reattached.
- + The Parish House 1st floor restrooms have been renovated.

We'd like to begin work on the exterior of the Youth House this fall and also need help maintaining the landscape. If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Dave Murray (drmur@verizon.net), Celeste Thurston (Celeste_Thurston@comcast.com), John White (JFWhite58@gmail.com) or Maggie (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee

News from the Outreach Committee

by Kim Flash

Summer tends to be a slower season for Outreach news, but we wanted to keep the parish in the loop on a few events and happenings.

Thanks to the parishioners and friends of St. B's and 40 West, our two summer **food drives** to stock the pantry shelves of 40 West went well, and we brought in several hundred pounds of food to help those in need. We don't know yet when the next drive will be, but keep your eyes peeled for an announcement in "What's Happening" for the next time your help is needed.

Keep your **thank you letters** coming! See the separate article about writing letters of thanks to essential workers and those who are helping us so much during the pandemic.

Also, please see the separate article about how September's **Flea Market** will look and be different from past years, due to the pandemic. As you know, this event is the primary fundraiser for the Outreach budget, and all funds from the Flea Market go to support the needs of our community. A group of people have been working tirelessly to make this event as safe (and still fun) as possible. Consider giving of your time for this important event!

Finally, after this spring's Community Conversation, the Outreach Committee has resolved to take on a project that will reflect the **importance of voting**. Details are unfolding, but if you are interested in participating in a committee to discuss and plan, please contact Kim Flash at keflash7@gmail.com

— Kim is Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee

The Flea Market is Coming!

by Mary Helen Sprecher

The Flea Market is less than a month away! Here are the basic facts...

- This year's Flea Market, to maximize profits and help minimize crowding, will take place on successive Saturdays in September. **Please watch for an all-parish email on September 2 listing dates, departments and times of the sale.**
- Our departments (meaning the categories in which we sell items) are: Housewares, Jewelry, Electric & Electronic Goods, Clothing/Accessories/Linens, Collectibles, Seasonal, Toys/Games, Books, Furniture and Sporting Goods.
- We are in need of volunteers to work the days of the Flea Market; no experience needed! Senior members of the Flea Market staff will be present to help out. Masks are required!
- St. B's is committed to maintaining a healthful atmosphere. Unlike in previous years, our departments are spread in various places across the campus and items for sale will be spaced so that shoppers can keep their distance from one another. We will also control how many individuals are in any given department at one time. We have been working to maintain a standard of cleanliness and will be providing hand sanitizer and masks to everyone who shops. (No mask or face covering = no shopping!)
- The committee is working hard to assure that we have enough volunteers to staff each date.

Questions? Contact Celeste Thurston at Celeste_Thurston@comcast.com or Mary Helen Sprecher at mhsprecher@gmail.com

— Mary Helen is Co-Chair of the Flea Market Committee

Another Chance to Show Our Thanks!

by Dave Mountain

These are complicated times, when staying safe and physically and emotionally well remain top priorities. So many people in our community help to make that happen, from those who staff our grocery stores to those who shepherd our children through life.

The Outreach Committee would like to take one more opportunity to encourage parishioners to consider writing brief notes of thanks to those who make a difference every day. Here are some local essential service providers:

NEW: Write to your child's teachers, principals, school counselors and the kind people giving out lunches at school sites this summer. If you don't have children, send a note to your nearest school.

NEW: Consider thanking those who work in the funeral industry. This has been a challenging time for many of them, and they are sometimes overlooked when it comes to protective equipment. For the location nearest you, the Red Book Funeral Directory is a good resource. (Redbookfuneraldirectory.com)

And as always, don't forget about:

- Baltimore Southwest Police Precinct; 424 Font Hill Ave, Baltimore, MD 21223
- Giant Food and Pharmacy; 4624 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229
- US Post Office; 340 S Loudon Ave, Baltimore, MD 21229
- Saint Agnes Medical Center; 3455 Wilkens Ave, Baltimore, MD 21229

Don't know what to say? How about:

THANK YOU so much for the essential service you are providing during this troubling time. I am grateful for your dedication and hard work, making sure our community has what it needs. As a member of Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Baltimore, I want you to know we are praying for your health and safety every day of this crisis.

— Dave is Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee



Racism, Policing, and the Gospels

by Charles Flexner

Do the Gospels speak to the issue of racism in our society?

YES! Absolutely!

In Matthew 22, Jesus is asked by the Pharisees which is the greatest commandment. Jesus answers famously: *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”* [KJV Verses 37-40]

What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself, and how can that possibly be as important to Christians as loving God??? Who is your neighbor? And can't we love some of our neighbors less than others!!!!

The Gospels make this crystal clear. Jesus calls upon us to love those around us completely and wholeheartedly, regardless of whether or not they look like us. Incidentally, this passage was a subtle dig at the Pharisees: that Jews needed to love non-Jews as much as they loved each other. At the time this was a radical statement, and it is no less radical today.

The Gospel Justice Group (GJG) was established by Flo in 2018, bringing together a group of parishioners who wanted to explore how the Gospels can help guide our Christian response to divisive issues in our parish and our community. The current membership of the GJG includes Daphne Cover, Charles Flexner (Co-Chair), Amanda Harris (Co-Chair), Tramar Murdock Jennings, Willis Keeling, Heather Neil, Dana Rose, and Michael Sarbanes.

The initial focus of the GJG has been race and racism, and what we can do about racism as followers of Christ. In response to the death of George Floyd, we were asked to consider what we could do to help the parish and surrounding community work through the

troubling and long-standing issues of racism, racial profiling, and violence in community policing practices. A tall order indeed.

So how are we approaching this? With a 3-step process of Discernment, Engagement, and (ultimately) Reconciliation.

Discernment in this case means trying to educate ourselves about past and present relations between our community and our Southwest Police District, as well as what is known about the roots of racism in local and national policing practices. We are also collecting educational resources that might be of benefit to parishioners wishing to learn more about these issues, and what they can do to help (stay tuned). We are fortunate in this regard to have access to parishioners Patricia Smith, a retired member of the BCPD, and T.J. Crews, a newly-minted Baltimore County Police Officer based at Woodlawn, who have met with our group and provided insight into what is happening from the law enforcement perspective.

Engagement means reaching out to local police, including Southwest District Community Relations personnel, as well as our former (Helen Holton) and current (Kristerfer Burnett) City Council Representatives. And two of us – Amanda and Tramar – visited the SW District on a recent Saturday, taking cookies to share with the officers on duty and listening to their stories! In the near future, engagement will include the Route 40 Ministerium and local churches.

Reconciliation implies that a relationship has been ruptured and is in need of repair. We know that to be the case. Parishioners and many members of our community are disheartened and living in fear. On the other side, we have heard that police morale in Baltimore is at an all-time low. What can we do as Christians to help bring these groups together?

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We believe that neighbors engaging with neighbors is the best way to understand each other and begin to heal this rift. Plans include inviting officers from the SW District to meet with groups of St. B's parishioners, and to engage local police — especially younger and newer members of the force.

Discernment, Engagement, and Reconciliation. This is a process that will require all of us working together. Most importantly, this is a process that will require us to love one another as we love ourselves. This is not only the right thing to do, it is what the Gospels command us to do!

The GJG invites all St. B's parishioners to be a part of this process. We are happy to field questions and exchange ideas, so please contact a member of the GJG if you want to know more, or have additional suggestions for resources that we can share.

— Charles is Co-Chair of the Gospel Justice Group, which also includes Daphne Cover, Amanda Harris (Co-Chair), Tramar Murdock Jennings, Willis Keeling, Heather Neil, Dana Rose, and Michael Sarbanes

Lend a Hand

Shared by Celeste Thurston

Found in a copy of McGuffey's Eclectic Third Reader

Lend a hand to one another
In the daily toil of life;
When me meet a weaker brother,
Let us help him in the strife,
There is none so rich but may,
In his turn be forced to borrow;
And the poor man's lot today
May become our own tomorrow.

Lend a hand to one another,
When malicious tongues have thrown,
Dark suspicion on your brother,
Be not prompt to throw a stone,
There is none so good but may
Run adrift in shame or sorrow;
And the good man of today
May become the bad tomorrow.

Lend a hand to one another;
In the race for Honor's crown;
Should it fall upon your brother,
Let not envy tear it down.
Send a hand to all we pray,
In their sunshine or their sorrow;
And the prize they've won today
May become our own tomorrow.

Moving Along During the Pandemic of 2020 (If We Build It, They Will Come)

by Peggy McMillan

Nothing prepared me for the generous outpouring of energy and camaraderie that make up 40 West's weekly food distributions. In March and April, confronted with the dire news of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leadership team of 40 West had no idea how we would provide food to our clientele. Where would we find sufficient willing and able volunteers to provide outside food distributions?

Then the Maryland Food Bank announced they could provide us and other food sites the volunteers we needed. This enabled 40 West to re-open with an outside food distribution model in mid-April. We now have provided weekly food distributions from April through July. We hope to extend the outdoor food distributions from August through October.

In all, we have held 16 food distributions (16 days) where we provided 60,804 pounds of food from April 2 through July 28. This food reached 1,983 households with a total of 5,498 people. It equaled 50,670 meals. During this same period in 2019, we provided 44,703 pounds of food to 1,591 households over 50 days. This equaled 37,204 meals.

During April through July 2020, we were awarded \$14,750 for food purchases to feed individuals during the pandemic from the Department of Human Services COVID-19 grant. (This includes \$7,142.00 for the month of August.) We also applied for and received \$15,000 for food purchases specifically for seniors age 60 and over who live in Baltimore City. We have also been awarded two \$500 Giant gift cards from the Maryland Food Bank for food purchases during the pandemic.

We applied for and were found eligible for \$2,000 from the Maryland Food Emergency Program to purchase food. (This is a grant not specific to COVID-19.) We received 3,643 pounds of food from the St. B's Outreach Committee food drives held in May and July, as well as additional individual donations throughout the summer. The Open Church of Maryland provided 807 pounds of unique items for the Senior Food distributions that we were unable to obtain from the Maryland Food Bank.

A non-monetary invaluable contribution organized through the Maryland Food Bank has been ten volunteers each week to help us with the food distributions. Four students from Mount Saint Joe's have also helped with the heavy lifting from June forward. Numerous individuals from St. B's and other nearby churches have consistently helped us provide weekly food distributions throughout the spring and summer.

The 40 West Board is now looking at the feasibility of *safely* opening 40 West this November to be able to serve individuals in need of financial assistance for rent, utilities, and food. We are in the beginning of researching this possibility. We will let you know if and how we will do this when we have figured out the way forward. This is a big step. Please keep us in your prayers for wisdom and guidance. Thank you, community of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, for your generous and continued support.

*The 40 West Assistance and Referral Center
Leadership Team:*

Susan Lundin, Food Manager

Glorius Sullivan, Grant Writer & Board President

Peggy McMillan, Director

40 West and Hope Harbor “Crab and Go!”

by Anna M. Williams

This year, COVID-19 and social distancing have changed how we do many things. One of the things that has changed is how we will host our **6th Annual Crab Feast** — a big fundraiser for 40 West and Hope Harbor!

However, it has not changed our delicious menu and tasty crabs. Monaghan’s Pub and Harris Seafood will once again be the caterers for our yearly crab feast. The food and crabs will be delicious as always. While we can’t enjoy them this year together as a community, you can still purchase a dinner-to-go without crabs, a dinner with crabs, or just crabs.

The dinner will consist of our crab feast favorites — pulled pork, chicken bites, seafood mac and cheese, green beans, a roll and a cookie. This year if you don’t eat crabs please come out and purchase a dinner. If you are a true crab lover and don’t want the dinner, you will be able to purchase a dozen, half bushel, or bushel. If you like both you will be able to purchase a dinner which includes 6 crabs. This year, we have something for everyone.

The date is Saturday, October 24th, 2020 and we will serve from St. Agnes Church-5422 Old Frederick Road. We will practice social distancing and will ask everyone to wear a mask when you come to pick up your order. Tickets will go on sale beginning September 1, 2020. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available via Eventbrite. If you would like additional information or have questions please send an email to: 40westhopeharborcrabfeast@gmail.com

We hope you will support us. Looking forward to seeing you on October 24, 2020

— Anna is Director of Resources and Program for Hope Harbor



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Your prayers are requested for members and friends of St. B's ...



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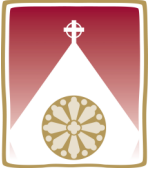
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NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the October issue of *The Apostle* is Tuesday, September 15.

Please e-mail articles to mcaldwell@stbs-md.org.

To submit typewritten or handwritten material, place it in Maggie Caldwell's mailbox outside of the Church Office. All articles must include a contact name and email or phone number. Publication of *The Apostle* is on the last Sunday of the month.



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☞ Worship & Christian Formation ☜

This is our “normal” scheduled for Sunday Worship & Formation

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Sunday Christian Formation

Faith Forum for Adults and Older Youth: 9:15—10:15 am in the Parish House

(During Faith Forum, the Cribbery will be open for children up through grade 5.)

Children's Word for Children Age 3 (by 09/01) — Grade 1: during the 10:30 am service; meet in the Chapel.

Children's Word for Children Grades 2—5: during the 10:30 am service; meet in the Parish House.

Youth Group for Grades 6—12: Meet in the Youth House on Sundays from 5:00—6:30 pm.

During Sunday Worship, **childcare** is available for children up to age 5 in the Parish House
from 10:00 am-12:15 pm.

Weekday Worship & Formation

Noonday Prayer is said every weekday and Saturdays at 12 noon in the Chapel.

An interfaith **Christian meditation** group meets Mondays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm.

During this complicated time, we worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom.

Please visit our website to learn how you can join us!

For more information about our worship or programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263 or
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