



The APOSTLE

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

November 2020

THANKS . . . FOR WHAT!

The other day I had a "grouse" day. It is an old, intriguing Ledyard family-used term.

When you were not having a great day but it wasn't singularly awful, and you were mumbling and complaining — someone would finally pipe up and ask "What are you grouching about?" (Which was actually kinda irritating in and of itself!)

So the other day was a "grouse" day. Nothing was awful but nothing was great. Everything was just off.

My dog was in ADDDDDD mode which is impossible to ignore and made working difficult.

I decided to slice off my finger while slicing a piece of bread — well, just a wee bit.

My Zoom background decided to be fuzzy and weird. Not to mention an entire Word document that is now playing hide and seek somewhere in my computer — and I am not winning.

And the world beyond my shut-down home also was full of other irritating stuff.

I still haven't heard if my ballot has been received.

The election is fast approaching and so the pretty awful partisan news is even more ramped up.

COVID-19 is also ramping up and people — real people — are losing people they dearly love or jobs — and people just feel powerless.

So I had a total grouse day and wasn't feeling very optimistic, grateful, or thankful. In fact, when I did prayers at the end of the day, when I try to remember what I am thankful for that day — all I could mumble and say was "Thanks . . . For What!"

Ever have those days? Grouse days?

Scripture is full of characters who had grouse days: Cain, Moses, Jonah, David, Peter, a Samaritan woman, Pharisees, Paul — a long list of some stellar characters!

Sometimes their grouse days were about life in general but often it was about God, to be honest. Imagine — a grouse day about God! Because if things weren't going very well, it was not unusual to complain to and about God.

But even if they were grouching about God, they never turned away — and stunningly neither did God. At no point, when people were grouching about life or whatever they did not like about God, did God turn away from them! Instead, somehow in the middle of all the reasons to grouse, God reminds us that we actually have a lot to be thankful for.

November is the month when we designate a day of Thanksgiving. And we will do the same at St. B's on the 26th.

But maybe we can also recognize that there really are way more things to be thankful for — even when we are having a "grouse" day. Things like a God who

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loves us no matter how we are behaving. Things like a faith community that gathers on Sunday to greet each other, share prayer concerns, and rejoice that we care about each other — no matter what. Things like a world still full of people who are kind and considerate and wear a mask and stay compassionately distanced to protect others. Things like . . . well, I bet you have a list, too.

So, Thanks . . . for what? Thanks for a lot.

I encourage you to grab hold of the things you are thankful for so that in the days to come when you feel more like grouching than rejoicing — you can remember that God will always be there.

And so will St B's!

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

☞ Worship

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.

“Take Out @ St. B's”

On Saturday, October 31, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, we will once again be serving “Take Out @ St. B's.” If you would like to be able to have Eucharist the next day during worship, please feel free to stop by the Church, and, at the red back door, someone will be there to greet you and give you the communion kits you need, as well as a piece of paper explaining how to care for them.

Daylight Saving Time ends
on Sunday, November 1.
Remember to "Fall Back!"



Remembering the Departed on All Saints' Day

Have you lost someone you love over the past year?
Every year during our celebration of All Saints' Day
(this year on Sunday, November 1),
we pray for all of those near and dear to us who departed this life
since the previous All Saints' celebration on November 3, 2019.

*To add someone to our remembrance, contact the Church Office
(410-945-7263 or office@stbs-md.org) with the names you would like
to have read by no later than Sunday, October 25.*

Join us on Zoom for A Day of Giving Thanks

at 10:30 am
on Thursday, November 26.



Coming Soon:

"A Moment of Peace and Quiet"

A digital devotion available on our website.

Pandemic

Shared by Janet Aldrich

This poem went viral on the internet within days after poet Lynn Unger wrote it on March 11. Her foresight into things to come so soon after schools and businesses shut down is uncanny. I believe many of us have experienced many of her imperatives in recent months; we have certainly become somewhat adaptable in forming new community. Many of us are looking ahead to the holidays, wondering what they will look like this year. In whatever way our plans proceed, let's remember that God's plan is for us to remain open and all-embracing of a Love that does not take off time only for the holidays but embraces us each and every day!

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.
And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.
Promise this world your love—
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

~~ Lynn Unger



An Annual Meeting — on Zoom!

by Angel Jackson

Once again modern technology came to our rescue during these unprecedented times. The Annual Meeting, traditionally held in May of each year, was conducted via Zoom on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Corinne Bowmaker, our amazing and dedicated Senior Warden, facilitated the event. An estimated 110 people Zoomed into the meeting.

The features of Zoom provided an opportunity for all members of St. B's, who were remotely attending the meeting via computer or tablet, to participate in a vote to approve minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting and the 2019 Annual Reports. These items were mailed to all members for their review prior to the meeting. This virtual vote is considered an official record. (Regrettably, the technology did not allow those attending by phone to participate in the voting.)

In his role as Chair of the Finance Committee, Michael Haynie presented a financial report that included an end of 2019 fiscal summary and a brief review of the 2020 budget previously approved by the Vestry. Cynthia Wagner reviewed the 2019 Stewardship efforts.

An update on the status of Project Jigsaw was delivered by Reverend Flo. All progress regarding planning and fund-raising have, unfortunately, been halted because of Covid-19. Therefore, at the turn of the year, a careful re-evaluation will be conducted to determine if the initial plans will still address the

church's needs that may emerge in a post-pandemic environment, or decide if amendments are needed. Parishioners were able to submit questions via the chat feature in Zoom. Many thanks to the work of Patrick Mellin and Michael Mountain, chat monitors and tech-superstars!

Well-deserved recognition was given to out-going members of the Vestry: Dan Chambers, Patrick Mellin, Heather Neil, and Patricia Williams. At the start of the pandemic, these individuals graciously extended their time on the Vestry to ensure continuity and continuation of the decision-making process during these stressful times.

A slate of new Vestry members was presented, and the vote to approve was unanimous. The new members are: Mercedes Hill, Nicete Moodie, Gordon Piché, and Celeste Thurston. Ben Smith was also approved to continue in his role as the young-adult member.

The meeting concluded with sincere gratitude and acknowledgement given to Corrine Bowmaker as the out-going Senior Warden. Corrine has served with excellence and distinction for multiple years in a leadership role. Because of her dedication to St. B's, she has planned to continue her participation as a volunteer on several committees.

— Angel is Senior Warden

Upcoming Vestry Meetings

Since the Vestry is currently meeting on Zoom, they have decided to divide their single monthly meeting into two shorter meetings. The Vestry now normally meets on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

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.

Know Someone Who Likes to Sing?

by Ted Davis

While it's not the same as singing together, virtual choir practices have been one of the ways we at St. Bartholomew's have been working on innovating for pandemic times. In place of in-person choir rehearsals, we have been holding virtual practices on Thursday evenings. With a core group of four singers gathered in the church (masked and distanced), others singers are joining via Zoom from their homes. Virtual participants are muted, thus not heard by others, but hear the voices coming from those gathered in the church, thus creating the experience of singing with a community virtually.

This arrangement makes for a golden opportunity to try singing with us, without leaving your home (or even being heard)! Please contact our director (ted@stbs-md.org) or the church office to learn how to log in via Zoom. All are welcome.

— Ted is Organist and Choirmaster



Do You Know A Child Who Likes to Sing?

by Ted Davis

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 very soon. 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.

If you know a child who might enjoy such a unique opportunity, or if you have the ability to contribute financially to this exciting program, please contact ted@stbs-md.org for more information

— Ted is Organist and Choirmaster



Small Groups at St. B's: Have You Tried Sankofa Circles?

by Diane Mountain

St. Bartholomew's Sankofa Circles are small groups that meet for spiritual growth and fellowship. What a powerful way for us to stay connected in the midst of a public health crisis that keeps us separated in many ways. Not gathering in person, working from home, maintaining physical distance from others — for me, it has been hard to maintain a sense of community over the past 7 months.

But God calls us to build and strengthen that community. God's kingdom requires connection, not separation. I have a wonderful children's book in my library that talks about God existing “in the spaces in between” — in the relationships that we form and nurture between individuals and within diverse groups of people. I love that image!

So I hope you seriously consider joining one of the Sankofa Circles that will be meeting in November and December. Our Sankofa Circle ministry has adapted to meet the limitations we have today. With the on-line format, groups are generally meeting for shorter periods (compared to previous in-person gatherings). The best thing about meeting virtually is

that it's possible to join from wherever you are! Each group has its own individual character, but in general, we include prayer, discussion of the previous week's sermon and scripture readings, and time for fellowship.



Groups will be meeting at the following times:

Monday 5:30 pm

Tuesday 11:45 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm (two groups)

Thursday 7:00 pm

We plan to add more Sankofa Circle meeting times! Please send an email or call Maggie Caldwell in the church office: 410-945-7263 or mcaldwell@stbs-md.org. Let us know what time(s), and what day(s) of the week, you would be interested in.

The St. Bartholomew's mission statement calls us to be a “vibrant faith community” — Sankofa Circles help support that mission! Will you join in?

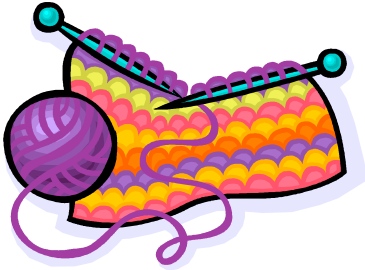
— Diane is a member of the Sankofa
Circle Planning Committee

Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

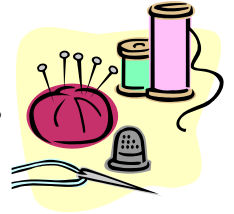
by Jean Storrs

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.



The Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees meet together via Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month 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.



For the
Women’s Retreat!
 Mark your calendars for the Women’s Retreat with Flo Ledyard and Katharine Armentrout on Zoom!

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Our theme is Tikkun Olam
 תיקון עולם



An Autumn Prayer with the Daughters of the King

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

There's a chill in the air these autumn mornings that makes me smile and put on a warm sweater. The tree tops are afire with beautiful colors of yellow, orange, and red, and the fallen brown leaves rustle in the wind and swirl in their dance. The annual flowers in my garden are offering their last blooms and the fall chrysanthemums are beginning to bud. There is an excitement in the air of new beginnings – the stores are packed with new school supplies and fall decorations, there is pumpkin “everything” in the bakery and bread aisles at the grocery store, our program year at St. B's is getting started again, and there is a sense of anticipation – of preparing for what comes next. So, what does come next?

It's been a hard last seven months, dealing with COVID-19, no doubt about that. We have lost family and friends to its terrible grasp, and missed hugs, kisses, and gathering for holidays, birthdays, and vacations, and just being with one another, while venturing carefully, fully masked, into the grocery stores and other businesses, as we have need and are able. I know the problems many are facing – the fires and storms, the lost jobs and needs for food for so many folks - and I hear and heed the warnings of the upcoming flu season and possible second wave of the coronavirus...

And yet, there is that anticipation – that look to the future and making of plans that we want to share with each other. We are not alone – not ever. We keep in touch with our families and friends, we call and check up on each other and rely on each other to run errands, to take care of each other's needs. And we rely on our faith in God. Everyday – every day – there is prayer – our time spent with God, giving thanks, welcoming the gift of a new day and new opportunities, asking for strength, for help, for understanding, for knowledge, for what we can do for others. That is what I know is next – now and always.

I like to pray this prayer at this time of year. It reminds me of who and whose I am.

An Autumn Prayer (written by Bob Hostetler; posted in “Power of Prayer” on the *Guideposts* website)

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and
turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So design my own fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.
In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

The Daughters pray for ourselves and the needs of others. Let us know if there is a special need for prayers for you or your family or friends. It's one of the most important ways we serve.

— *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?

Jesus Constantly Withdrew!!!

Why????

by Joe Twist

Continually **Jesus withdrew** from people, daily life activities, and the demands of his ministry to be alone with God. **Jesus'** solitude and silence is a major theme in the Gospels. His ongoing, intimate relationship with his Abba/Pappa/Father was the source of his compassion, wisdom, and power that we see it throughout the Gospels.

I don't know about you, but I find it very hard to withdraw from the activities of daily life. There are so many things pulling at us.....our jobs.....our families.....our homes.....even our church.....let alone TV....books....music and even the Ravens!!!

Why did Jesus with draw?.....Why was it a common practice for him?.....Why should it be a constant part of our life?

We can explore this together at our

Virtual Faith Forum

Sunday, November 15, 2020

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Here is the link:

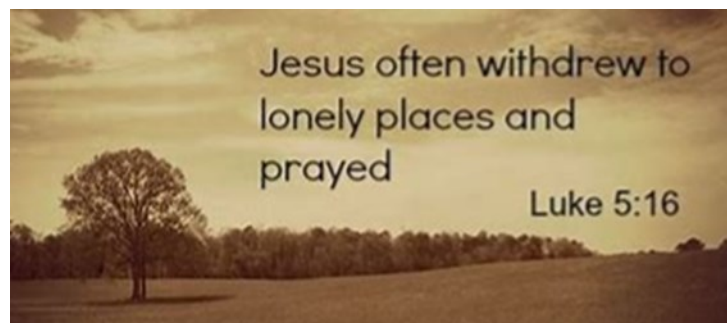
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Meeting ID: 272 062 8602

Passcode: 1972

Dial-in Number 301-715-8592

— Joe is a member of the Adult Formation Committee



10/4

Breakfast for dinner!



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D-Group

LOVE

Scripture Break

38 For I am convinced that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 39 Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither authorities nor powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



 **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. 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!

Here is the menu for our November gatherings:

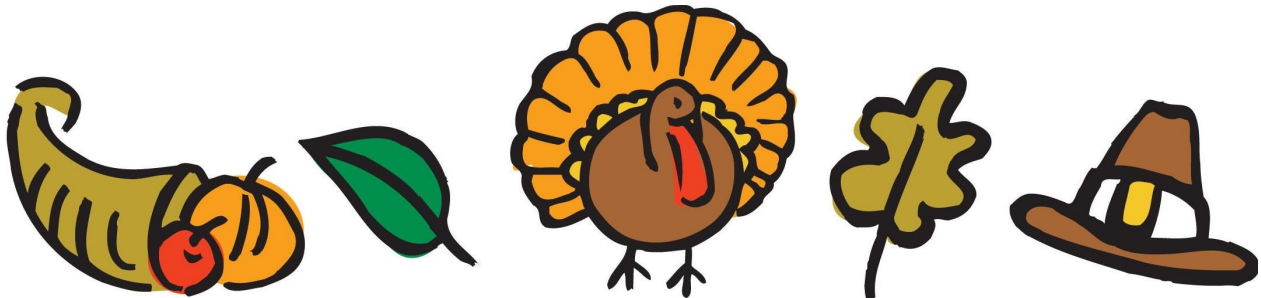
11/1 – Favorite sandwich and chips

11/8 – Vegetarian

11/15 – International/MultiCultural (Ex. Italian, Mexican, Asian, etc.)

11/22 – Pasta

(11/29—Thanksgiving weekend—no meeting)



Come to Children's Word!

Hop by on **Sundays at 5:00 pm** for
St. B's Kangaroos' Children's Word!
Join Ms. Ebony and other kids
age 3 through 2nd grade!



St B's Kangaroos' Zoom Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84009465921?
pwd=MFNhOUxXZzIXMFNrQ0hOQWY2U1VGUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84009465921?pwd=MFNhOUxXZzIXMFNrQ0hOQWY2U1VGUT09)

Meeting ID: 840 0946 5921
Passcode: 703085



Zoom in on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm** for
St. B's Elephants' Children's Word!
Join Ms. Jo Anne and other kids
in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade!

St B's Elephants' Zoom Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83676511396?
pwd=UXZjV3dRTFFhYTBWRVBQTnl0MGdTdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83676511396?pwd=UXZjV3dRTFFhYTBWRVBQTnl0MGdTdz09)

Meeting ID: 836 7651 1396
Pass code: 698388

Come for some **time together** to chat about **Jesus!**
And of course have some **FUN!**
Invite a **friend** to join!!

News from the Creation Caretakers Team: Collaborations & Environmental Justice

by Leah B. Kulp

1. We are getting linked in to the diocesan effort on environmental justice:

Environmental justice consists of these kinds of issues (and many other economic inequities):

- Why are there proportionately fewer shade trees in Baltimore City in modest-income neighborhoods than in wealthier ones? (Shade trees help moderate the radiation of heat from pavements during the summer.)
- Why are private companies illegally using alleys in some poor City neighborhoods to deposit trash like furniture, mattresses, and construction debris?
- Why are trash landfills around the country disproportionately located near low-income communities?
- Why does the United States ship trash overseas to poorer countries?
- Why are ranchers in drought-stricken Chihuahua in revolt because the Mexican government is sending water from the Colorado and Rio Grande Rivers to Texas? (Article by Natalie Kitroeff of the New York Times reprinted in the Baltimore Sun Friday, October 16, 2020)

More about environmental justice can be found in the book *The Story of Stuff (How our obsession with stuff is trashing the planet, our communities, and our health – and a vision for change)* by Annie Leonard (2010).

The diocese has linked us to Nina Cardin and Genny Nesslage, a postulant of the diocese and Intern for the Maryland Campaign for Environmental Human Rights. They have invited us to a Zoom series in progress on Environmental Justice Training. More collaboration with the diocese is forthcoming.

2. We are in the process of arranging a litter clean-up campaign with the St. Agnes and William of York youth group to hold a pick-up litter event on the Route 40 corridor. Peggy Cummings, a 40 West Referral and Assistance Center volunteer who is serving to enlist the 40 West community in doing community outreach, is our contact for this endeavor.
3. We have been in contact with Kristerfer Burnett, the Baltimore City Council's representative for District 8, St. B's district. He is eager to help us with environmental concerns to obtain assistance from the Department of Public Works on litter abatement and to liaise with other civic organizations over environmental concerns.

— Leah is Chair of Creation Caretakers

St. B's Financial Status and Your Pledge

by Michael Haynie

Below is St. Bartholomew's 2020 Financial Status as of 30 September.

	APPROVED BUDGET TOTAL YEAR	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL
TOTAL INCOME	\$564,800	\$423,600	\$426,748
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$613,214	\$459,911	\$438,726
DEFICIT	\$ (48,414)	\$ (-36,311)	\$(-11,978)

We are currently reflecting a deficit of **-\$11,978**. As you see from the chart above, the **budgeted** deficit we had planned for year to date is more than four times that amount. The significant decrease in the deficit is attributed in part to excellent stewardship of our finances as well as an infusion of cash with our application for a Payroll Protection Program loan. The ongoing pandemic has reduced operating expenses such as utilities significantly as well as curtailed certain ministries from operating as usual. Additionally, the diocese pledge was reduced for this current year by the Bishop. What is amazing is the continued support of pledgers in honoring their commitment as well as non-pledgers in contributing generously to open plate. It will still take tremendous effort and faith for each of us to examine our faith and our own financial situation to determine if we can give more. Pledging and open plate giving are the significant revenue opportunities. Please consider Pledging for this year, it is not to late. Pledge envelopes for 2020 are available by contacting John DeVale : jdevale@devale.net.

	BUDGET PLEDGE AMOUNT FOR THE YEAR	YEAR TO DATE EXPECTED PLEDGE BUDGET AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL PLEDGE AMOUNT
Current Pledges	\$499,000	\$374,250	\$369,393

We understand that not everyone gives 'proportionally' throughout the year and that some may be expecting to make most of their pledges in the last quarter of the year. As you receive and review your current or latest statement indicating the status of your own pledge commitment, we ask that you prayerfully consider your ability to realize your full pledge commitment to St. B's for the year.

At the same time you look to complete your pledge commitment for 2020, St. B's is beginning to look toward 2021 which will be challenging from a budget process as we do not know what to expect or when we may be able to return to worship in our physical space. Please begin to consider what you will be able to give towards pledging for 2021. It will be so important we communicate early so we can properly plan our finances for the year 2021.

Our budget begins and ends with your pledges. Please prayerfully consider what you can give for 2020 to support the ongoing ministries at St. B's.

St. B's Financial Status and Your Pledge (*continued*)

NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO GIVE THEIR PLEDGE BY WAY OF STOCK DONATIONS!

For those members who prefer to donate stock to fulfill their pledge, please be aware that due to recent increased federal regulation the volume and complexity of paperwork necessary to perform the transfers makes this process very time consuming. Please start the paperwork as early as possible! If you have any questions about the new regulatory process and how long this process may take, please contact John DeVale, our Assistant Treasurer, (jdevale@devale.net) for more information.

Lord, I thank You for what You have given me, so many blessings that I cannot begin to count them, they are without number. Lord, I pray that You would develop in me a giving heart that glorifies You, a cheerful heart that desires to give back to You a small measure of the over-abundance that You have poured into my lap. Amen

— Michael is Chair of the Finance Committee



Financial Position as of September 30, 2020

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

Financial Position as of 9/30/20

	9/20 Actual	9/20 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$35,657.21	\$41,583.33	\$369,393.11	\$374,250.01
Prior Years Pledges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,805.00	\$0.00
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$1,690.00	\$2,416.67	\$30,857.72	\$21,749.99
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Christmas)	\$10.00	\$291.67	\$1,840.00	\$2,624.99
Altar Guild Income	\$210.00	\$525.00	\$2,066.00	\$4,725.00
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$835.00	\$1,499.99
Special Projects Income	\$8,182.29	\$1,333.33	\$8,182.29	\$12,000.01
House Sale Income	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$6,750.00
Endowment Fund Disbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Div	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$768.67	\$0.00
Total	\$45,749.50	\$47,066.67	\$426,747.79	\$423,599.99

Ministry Expenses

Diocesan Pledge	\$5,311.08	\$6,248.33	\$51,548.72	\$56,235.01
KIVA MicroLoans	\$377.86	\$329.47	\$3,222.61	\$2,965.19
Communication Ministry	\$64.99	\$129.67	\$593.33	\$1,166.99
Daughters of the King	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$250.00	\$187.51
Education Ministry	\$63.50	\$583.33	\$794.48	\$5,250.01
Youth Pilgrimage	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Library	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$75.01
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$705.52	\$2,250.00
Landscape	\$130.96	\$83.33	\$130.96	\$750.01
Music Ministry	\$540.00	\$597.92	\$1,761.36	\$5,381.24
Newcomers Ministry	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$63.72	\$374.99
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$225.00	\$262.67	\$2,383.80	\$2,363.99
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$500.00	\$433.33	\$3,800.00	\$3,900.01
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ministry	\$13,718.85	\$2,916.67	\$41,528.97	\$26,249.99
Safety & Security Committee	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$187.51
Special Projects Expense	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$459.23	\$1,499.99
Special Projects-Net	\$8,182.29	\$1,083.33	\$7,723.06	\$9,750.01
Stewardship Ministry	\$0.00	\$87.50	(\$244.14)	\$787.50
Worship Ministry	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$271.16	\$374.99
Vestry	\$0.00	\$133.33	\$28.64	\$1,200.01

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

Operating Expenses	9/20 Actual	9/20 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$190.26	\$208.33	\$1,826.54	\$1,875.01
Altar Guild Expenses	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$1,275.21	\$4,725.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$95.83	\$0.00	\$862.51
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$6,919.00	\$2,075.00	\$26,752.25	\$18,675.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$75.01
Office Expenses	\$1,043.04	\$1,437.50	\$8,180.97	\$12,937.50
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$3,250.00	\$3,000.01
Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (Property)	\$0.00	\$236.25	\$2,574.24	\$2,126.25
Telephones and Utilities	\$1,812.52	\$3,742.18	\$27,755.70	\$33,679.46
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$28,255.22	\$28,750.57	\$249,839.41	\$258,755.15
Total	\$67,584.57	\$51,101.20	\$438,725.74	\$459,910.86
Net Income w/o Depreciation	(\$21,835.07)	(\$4,034.53)	(\$11,977.95)	(\$36,310.87)
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income with Depreciation	(\$21,835.07)	(\$4,034.53)	(\$11,977.95)	(\$36,310.87)

Notes on Income and Expenses:

Pledged Offerings YTD are **(4,856.90)** less than budgeted YTD -pending resolution of open plate income.

Total income was **(\$1,317.17)** less than budgeted for the month of September.

We are showing a net loss of **(\$21,835.07)** for the month of September and a net loss for the year of **(\$11,977.95)**.

Altar Guild Income YTD was more than Altar Guild Expenses by **\$790.79**.

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.

Outreach News for the Holidays

by Kim Flash

As anyone who has been around St. B's for any period of time knows, November usually holds some busy weeks for the Outreach Committee and the parish in general as we collect and distribute baskets of Thanksgiving feast food to the clients of 40 West and Hope Harbor partner families.

This year, with the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting our lives, things will look a little different. Thanks to the generosity of the Maryland Food Bank, 40 West will be able to provide Hope Harbor families and many 40 West clients with a Thanksgiving meal. We thank all St. B's parishioners for their help in past years. And know that in these unusual and difficult times for many, our neighborhood friends are taken care of.

For those who feel the holiday isn't complete without providing some help to others, please consider supporting one of our partner organizations, My Brother's Keeper (<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/my-brothers-keeper/>).

Watch this space in December's *Apostle* for information on how our traditional Angel Tree will also be different this year. Since we won't be gathering in the Parish House as the Christmas holiday approaches, we will not be able to distribute names of neighborhood children for whom to purchase gifts. Instead, parishioners will be asked to donate \$25.00 gift cards to Walmart to benefit the children whose families are clients of 40 West and Hope Harbor partners. More information to follow soon!

— Kim is Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee



St. B's Flea Market: We're Giving Thanks!

by Mary Helen Sprecher and Celeste Thurston

We've all heard that people are like tea bags — you never know their strength until they're in hot water. A crew of volunteers for St. B's showed just how strong they all were as they pulled together all summer to put on a Flea Market in what will go down in history as one of the most challenging situations we've ever faced. But they did it — and they did it with smiles on their faces and were, as always, a blazing beacon of God's love.

Our final tally (right now, it's not-so-final because sales are still being made in some cases!) is, according to Kathy Schultheis, \$7,361.23. (That is \$8,182.29 in revenue, not counting the starting cash, and \$821.06 in expenses to date). Expenses, by the way, were things like PPE (which we didn't have in previous years) as well as items such as contractor bags for storage of items.

Thanks to ALL our volunteers who gave so generously of their time — in planning and in execution, from home and at the church, and in thought and in prayer. Thank you to those who donated items and to those who helped carry them in and sort them. Thank you also to those who came and shopped and made all this possible.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for everyone listed. The actual days were a bit of a whirlwind, and we know some people just showed up to do the work and

we may not have captured every name. Please know that every ounce of energy, love, and support was felt and recognized even if not in print. If we forgot anyone, we apologize...

Janet Aldrich, Pat Alt, Christine Bassett-Jellema, Cathy Brookman, Drew Brown, Daphne Cover, Sandy Crute, Helen DePass, John DeVale, Susan & Eber Greene, Pam Hall, Fred Hitchcock, Angel Jackson, Saville Janney, Leah Kulp, David & Debbie McClellan, Steve Miller, Aleah Mohamed, Nicete Moodie, Dave & Diane Mountain, Michael Mountain, Lynn & Paul Murphy, Dave Murray, Gordon & Jane Piché, Michael Raitzyk & Rebekah Gellar, Michelle Reese, Earl and Mary Ann Ruley, Ryan's Relic's (Parkville), Judy Sabalauskas, Lydia Sampson, Kathleen & Margaret Schotto, Sara Schroeder, Sharon Selleck, Patricia Smith, John Smullen, Mary Helen & Steve Sprecher, Jennifer Stone, Celeste & Andy Thurston, Grant Thurston, Joe Twist, Catherine Van Allen, Debbie Wacker, Cynthia Wagner, Kim Weist, John White, Joy Woelfer, Sandy Woodcock, Suzanne Zaremba, and Ray Zeigler & Bryce Kaspar.

— *Mary Helen and Celeste are Co-Chairs
of the Flea Market*

Changes in 40 West

A Note from Peggy McMillan

Dear 40 West Churches and Parishioners,

As I write this note, the **40 West Assistance and Referral Center will be reopening on November 2nd** for food and financial help. Our hours will be as before, **M, W, F, from 10am to 1pm.**

40 West opened on Wednesdays in October from 1-4pm to help with BGE turn-offs and evictions. This help is for residents of 21229 and 21207 city zip codes. **We will continue to be open Wednesdays 1-4pm** for these financial services.

We will be opening with **Covid-19 precautions** in place. These include wearing masks, social distancing, wearing disposable gloves, regular cleaning, and plexiglass shields in place in the offices.

We have **14 new volunteers** for weekday hours, and **4 new MSJ (Mount Saint Joseph High School) volunteers** to pack bags of food on two Saturdays a month.

By November, all **29 outdoor food distributions** from **April 2nd to October 29th** will have concluded. Through October 8th, we gave away **117,079 pounds of food** to **3,062 households.**

40 West received grants this summer:

- Baltimore City Seniors Grant
- MEFP FY '21 (\$2,000)
- SNEAP FY '21
- Keep America Beautiful Grant
- Covid-19 Grant from Md Food Bank

Thank you to all the volunteers who keep 40 West running, and for all of your prayers and support.

Sincerely,
Peggy McMillan, Director

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



Lucy Marshall; Doris Haughey; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; David Schneider; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Wyvetta Dupree; Tony Creek; Mike Knudsen; Lib Shipley; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Tiger Watts; Peter Griffin; Jon Davis; Young Sam; Michelle Haynie Madison; Kate Henshall; Mary Warfield; Amanda Harris and Marilyn and Ben Smith; Ayodele House; Tom Cover; Jim Wright; Dan Chambers; Gordon Bowmaker; Bev Lohr; Kathleen DeVale; David McClellan; Dana Przybyszewski; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Hope Harbor partner families; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; John and Jean; James Cooper; Kathie Goblirsch; Sherry McCollum; Steven Coffman; Pushpa Sokhey; Lance Perry; Anna Miller; Sue Goodall; Jimmy, Terry, and Ashley Beauford; Hyun Brackens, Elizabeth Jefferson; William Edmonds; Lynn Calhoun; Amanda Ash Freeland; Kyle Yoder; Warren Pulliam; Bernie Feely; Brianna; Aminata Kabia; Clay Shiflet; Riley Goddard and her family; Clarice Patterson; Brian and Marcia Legister; Junius Goode; Dick Ridenour; Barbara Blackwell; Arlyce Burton; Kimberley McLean; Mary Demory; Mary McMearn; Andrea Barnard; Barbara Hunter; Elizabeth Hunton; Patricia Gibson; Van Gardner; Marianne; Camille Madison Robinson; Yana Anderson; Heather; the Matthews family; Dewey Ratcliffe and family; Erin Nagle; Scott Armentrout; Richard Ernest Smith; Gregory Morton; Amanda Lee and family; Joan Beilstein; Mason, Ethan, and the Drelles family; Deshon Sanders; Peggy McMillan; John Mountain; Patricia Mountain; Diane McPhillips; Martha Brown; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

The deadline for the December issue of *The Apostle* is Sunday, November 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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