

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

## for the week beginning November 29, 2020



- Sunday** Join us at 10:00 am when we “Zoom” into worship.  
At 8:00 am, **Weed and Worship** takes place. Schedule your time and garden space with Celeste Thurston ([jazzedupct@comcast.net](mailto:jazzedupct@comcast.net)) — or just show up!  
At 1:00 pm, the **Choristers** gather via Zoom.  
**Children’s Word for Kangaroos!** The Kangaroo Class (for children age 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meets with Cyndy Compton on Zoom from 5:00 to 5:30 pm. If you have not yet received a Spark Story Bible for your child to use or the Zoom link for the Kangaroo Class, please contact Steve Miller ([stmiller@umbc.edu](mailto:stmiller@umbc.edu)) or Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)).  
**Youth Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets via Zoom** on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. We’re taking a break this week for the Thanksgiving holiday but we’ll be back next Sunday. Please contact Youth Group Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark ([peaceclark1@gmail.com](mailto:peaceclark1@gmail.com)) for the link to join. Come for fun, fellowship, and faith. And invite a friend!
- † **Monday through Saturday** at 12:00 noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). †  
*If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)).*
- Monday** **Episcopal 102** meets via Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We’re discussing the Top 100 Stories (more or less) in the Bible, story by story, and look at each story through the lenses of Relationship, Redemption, and Faithfulness. Sound intriguing? Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact Carol Burnside at [shinyredtruck@msn.com](mailto:shinyredtruck@msn.com) or text/call at 410-440-7394.  
At 7:00 pm a **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom.
- Tuesday** A **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom at 11:45 am.  
At 4:30 pm, youth from the Diocese of Maryland in grades 6—12 gather via Zoom for a weekly **Online Youth Group**. Information and a registration form are available at <http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>.  
**Children’s Word for Elephants!** The Elephant Class (for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets with Miss Jo Anne on Zoom from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. If you have not yet received a Spark Bible NRSV for your child to use or the Zoom link for the Elephant Class, please contact Steve Miller ([stmiller@umbc.edu](mailto:stmiller@umbc.edu)) or Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)).
- Wednesday** At 7:00 pm, two **Sankofa Circles** meet.  
Also at 7:00 pm, the **Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees** meet via Zoom. Please contact Jean Storrs at [aandj@mindspring.com](mailto:aandj@mindspring.com) or 443-798-1439 if you would like to join this group.
- Thursday** The **Pastoral Care Committee** meets via Zoom at 1:30 pm.  
At 7:00 pm, a **Sankofa Circle** meets.  
The **St. Bartholomew Choir (for older youth & adults)** gathers via Zoom at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Please contact Ted Davis ([ted@stbs-md.org](mailto:ted@stbs-md.org)) or the church office for more information.

### *Community Notes ...*

We are grateful for all the **Pledges** made to St. B's. If you have not yet sent in your Treasure or Time and Talent pledges, you may find copies of the pledge cards in your bulletin. They are also available on our website. Or contact Maggie ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message.

86% of adults who join congregations attend for the first time because someone invited them!  
**Invite A Friend or Neighbor to St. B's Zoom Worship.**

“A Moment of Peace and Quiet,” a digital devotion, is now available on St. B’s website.

The **40 West Office** is scheduled to be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for food and financial help on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets will be given out at the office door. Masks are required and there will be limited seating inside the office. The Center is also open on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm by appointment only for help with utility turn-off and evictions (for clients living in Zip Codes 21229 and 21207). Call 410-233-4357 to schedule an appointment.

**St. B’s Christmas Mart** — An Outreach Benefit — is open! The St. B’s Black Friday Sales Page is LIVE! Before you think of the mall, or even Amazon, think St. B’s! We have a variety of items - jewelry, clothing, books, movies - all kinds of gifts. We take Paypal and can arrange for pick-up and cash payment if necessary. [https://www.facebook.com/St-Bs-Christmas-Mart-an-Outreach-Benefit-106215134643444/?view\\_public\\_for=106215134643444](https://www.facebook.com/St-Bs-Christmas-Mart-an-Outreach-Benefit-106215134643444/?view_public_for=106215134643444).

The **Choir School of West Baltimore**, a free music enrichment program for boys and girls in grade 3 and up, under the direction of Choirmaster Ted Davis, will be launching soon. Contact Ted for more information or to schedule an interview: [ted@stbs-md.org](mailto:ted@stbs-md.org) or 410-945-7263.

In preparation for Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 29, a few **hand-carved Advent Wreaths** (that were donated to the Flea Market) are available for sale for \$10 each. While the wreaths appear to be carved out of wood, they are actually Corian. They have candle holders that fit standard taper candles and say “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” on them. Please let Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) know if you are interested in purchasing one.

**Creation Care Tip:** During heavy storms, water from roofs and pavements runs off so quickly that it overwhelms the drainage system, causing flooding as well as contaminated overflow to enter streams and the Chesapeake Bay. These are the three goals of storm water management: **soak, delay, and spread**. Trees and green space, rain gardens, rain barrels, permeable surfaces, and cisterns all help water to drain more slowly.

### *A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...*

**December 13 FAITH FORUM** gathers from **9:00 to 9:45 am** via Zoom. Join Ann Boyd for a discussion about “Coping with the Pandemic: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” The Zoom link for Faith Forum will be included in Flo’s weekly email message and the Sunday morning email reminder. Faith Forum is scheduled on the second Sunday of the month. Please join us!

Join members and friends of the St. Bartholomew Choir for **Virtual Choral Evensong** at 4:30 pm. A traditional pattern of prayers, hymns, and choral music creates a moving and captivating experience of meditation and reflection. Check the church web page ([www.stbs-md.com](http://www.stbs-md.com)) for log-in information.

### **December 24 Christmas Eve**

At 4:00 pm, the **Children’s Pageant (with Holy Eucharist)** takes place on Zoom.

**Music for the Season** begins on Zoom at 10:45 pm, prior to the **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist** at 11:00 pm.

### **December 25 Christmas Day**

At 10:30 am, **Christmas Day Holy Eucharist** will be offered.

**December 27** On the First Sunday after Christmas join us on Zoom for a **Service of Christmas Lesson and Carols and Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 am

A blazing beacon moment of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ !