

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning December 6, 2020



**Sunday** Join us at 10:00 am when we “Zoom” into worship.

**Children’s Word for Kangaroos!** The Kangaroo Class (for children age 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meets with Miss Ebony 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. 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** is taking a break until January 11.

At 7:00 pm a **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom.

Also at 7:00 pm, the **40 West Board** meets via Zoom.

The **Adult Formation Committee** meets at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

**Tuesday** The **40 West Assistance and Referral Center** distributes Christmas food packages and gift cards in the Parish House.

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)).

Also at 7:00 pm, the **Daughters of the King** meet via Zoom.

**Wednesday** At 7:00 pm, two **Sankofa Circles** meet.

**Thursday** 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.

**Friday** A wedding rehearsal takes place in the Church at 4:30 pm.

**Saturday** At 1:00 pm, a wedding takes place in the Church.

## **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.

“**A Moment of Peace and Quiet,**” a digital devotion, is now available on [St. B's website](#).

St. B's welcomes your special offering for **Christmas flowers** for either Memorials (given in thanks for those who have come before) or Thanksgivings for the gifts of this life. Please email Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) by Sunday, December 13. Contributions may be mailed to the office or given [online](#).

Have new neighbors?  
**Why not invite them to St. B's Zoom Worship**

The 40 West Office is open 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.

### Christmas Shopping? Think of St. B's First!

St. B's first-ever (and with any luck, annual) **Christmas Mart** is up and running! It can be accessed on Facebook. Just go to the St. B's page, and by scrolling down the page, you should find a link to the sale. Or you can search for it in Pages under the name of [St. B's Christmas Mart - an Outreach Benefit](#).

A number of great items are listed: jewelry, clothing, individual items and themed baskets that will appeal to a broad range of individuals and families, including children of all ages. Prices are rock-bottom low and absolutely every single dollar benefits outreach.

You can pay by PayPal, or you can pay by cash or check when you come to pick up your item. We offer contactless drive-up pick-up from the Parish House – you can make your arrangements for this once you receive the PayPal invoice for your item.

P.S. – No Facebook account? No problem! We can allow a very small number of people (no more than three) to shop in the Parish House in 20-minute time blocks on selected Saturdays 8:00 am-12:00 noon, and on selected Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm but by appointment only. Want to make an appointment? Contact Celeste Thurston at [celeste\\_thurston@comcast.com](mailto:celeste_thurston@comcast.com) or Mary Helen Sprecher at [mhsprecher@gmail.com](mailto:mhsprecher@gmail.com).

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

**December 13 FAITH FORUM** gathers from 9:00 to 9:45 am via Zoom. Join Virologist and Clergy Associate Ann Boyd for a discussion about “Coping with the Pandemic: Mentally, Physically, and Spiritually.” Using her exceptional knowledge as a virologist, Ann will explain much about COVID, vaccines, and other important information. BUT also she will lead us through ways to cope physically and spiritually as we continue to wait for this pandemic to abate. 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 19** The Creation Caretakers are sponsoring a **Litter Pick-Up** along the Route 40 Corridor from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for volunteers in sixth grade and older. Meet in the St. B's Parking Lot. Do a good deed, get outdoor exercise, and social distance with friends.

“Takeout @ St. B's” for **Christmas Eve or Christmas Day worship** will be distributed on the Parking Lot near the red door between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm.

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_ !**