

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning December 13, 2020



Sunday

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

FAITH FORUM gathers from 9:00 to 9:45 am via Zoom. Join Biologist and Clergy Associate Ann Boyd for a discussion about “Coping with the Pandemic: Mentally, Physically, and Spiritually.” Using her exceptional knowledge about virology, 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) for log-in information.

Children’s Word for Kangaroos! The Kangaroo Class (for children age 3 through 2nd 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) or Maggie Caldwell (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) 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).

Monday

The **Finance Committee** meets via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

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>.

At 6:15 pm, the **Vestry** meets via Zoom.

Children’s Word for Elephants! The Elephant Class (for children in 3rd through 5th 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) or Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Wednesday

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

Thursday

At 4:30 pm, youth from the Diocese of Maryland in grades 8—12 gather via Zoom for a weekly **Online Leadership Program**. Information and a registration form are available at <http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>.

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) or the church office for more information.

Invite A Friend or Neighbor to Zoom Worship!

Saturday 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.

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 (mcalldwell@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 (mcalldwell@stbs-md.org) by Sunday, December 13. Contributions may be mailed to the office or given [online](#).

Christmas Shopping? St. B's first-ever (and with any luck, annual) **Christmas Mart** is up and running! You can find a link to it on St. B's Facebook page: [St. B's Christmas Mart - an Outreach Benefit](#).

Be a part of the **Christmas Pageant** on Christmas Eve during the 4:00 pm service! It will be a virtual pageant with parts recorded in advance. The video will be shared during the 4:00 pm Zoom worship on Christmas Eve. All kids are invited, no matter where they live. Please contact Kathleen Schotto (kmschotto@yahoo.com) with questions and to sign up.

Recordings of St. B's worship services — including sermons — are available on the [St. B's website](#). Look for the “MEDIA” tab under “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.

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

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 via Zoom.

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.

January 30 The St. B's **Women's Retreat** takes place via Zoom on Saturday, January 30, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Flo Ledyard and Katharine Armentrout will lead us as we wrestle with what “Tikkun Olam” means and what is required of us to repair or improve God's world. It would be helpful to know who would like to come, so please contact Maggie Caldwell at mcalldwell@stbs-md.org to add your name to the list. Anyone is welcome, so why not invite a friend — from near or far — to come!

A blazing beacon moment of the week: _____ !