

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning December 20, 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 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 **Funds Committee** meets via Zoom at 5:30 pm.

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

Tuesday

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 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).

Thursday

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

Friday

Christmas Day

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

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. The are also available on our website. Or contact Maggie (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message.

[Recordings of St. B’s worship services](#) — including sermons — are available on the [St. B’s website](#) (<https://stbs-md.org/>). Look for the “MEDIA” tab under “WORSHIP.”

That is also where you can find our digital devotion, [“A Moment of Peace and Quiet,”](#) just below the Sunday services.

And a recording of our [“Virtual Advent Choral Evensong”](#) is available on the St. B’s website, on the “MUSIC” page, also under “WORSHIP.” (Scroll down to “Upcoming Events.”)

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.

The main difference between growing and shrinking churches is the word **“invite.”**
Why not invite a friend to St. B’s Zoom Worship next Sunday

Following the June 2 Community Conversation about issues with policing, the Gospel Justice Group (GJG) has been working on developing relationships with the Southwest Police District and with our City Council member, Kristerfer Burnett. GJG is pleased to announce that Councilman Burnett has agreed to attend and participate in a **Zoom Town Hall with St. B's** in January (date TBA). Please submit questions about this topic which you'd like to ask Mr. Burnett to office@stbs-md.org.

NEW ITEMS have been added to **St. B's first-ever (and with any luck, annual) Christmas Mart!** Christmas Mart 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 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.

Take a moment to scroll through the items listed! St. B's thanks you for your business!

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 Saturdays between 8:00 am and noon, but by appointment only. Want to make an appointment? Contact Celeste Thurston at celeste_thurston@comcast.com or Mary Helen Sprecher at mhsprecher@gmail.com.

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 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 mcaldwell@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: _____ !