

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning January 3, 2021



- Sunday** Join us at 10:00 am when we “Zoom” into worship.
Bishop Bob Ihloff leads us in a Faith Forum conversation on Zoom at 9:00 am: **“Baptismal Covenant, A Divided Nation, and the Role of the Church/Us.**
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 **40 West Board** meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm.
At 7:00 pm a **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom.
- Tuesday** **Bible Study** with Thelma Smullen and Chuck Sullivan meets on 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 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, the **Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees** meet via Zoom. Please contact Jean Storrs at aandj@mindspring.com or 443-798-1439 if you would like to join this group.
We celebrate a **Celtic Feast of the Epiphany** on Zoom at 7:30 pm, with musicians Celeste and Andy Thurston.
- Thursday** The **Pastoral Care Committee** meets via Zoom at 1:30 pm.
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.
- Saturday** “**Takeout @ St. B’s**” will be distributed on the Parking Lot near the red door between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm for those who would like to have Eucharist during worship on January 10 and 24. Offering envelopes (for those who have pledged) will also be available for pickup at this time.

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.

It is estimated that there are 78 million people in the USA who, due to past experiences or current yearnings, are ready to be welcomed into the life of a local congregation.
So why not Invite A Friend or Neighbor to Zoom Worship This Week?

[Recordings of St. B's worship services](#) — including sermons — are available on the [St. B's website](https://stbs-md.org/) (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.”)

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.

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 ...

January 16 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.

January 23 Hope Harbor sponsors a **Virtual BINGO Fundraiser** from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-bingo-tickets-133794080697>.

January 24 Michael Soderstrand leads us in a **Faith Forum conversation about Christian Unity** on Zoom at 9:00 am.

We welcome **The Right Reverend Robert Ihloff** for an Episcopal Visitation at our 10:00 am worship.

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: _____ !