

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning January 24, 2021



## Sunday

Today we welcome **The Right Reverend Robert Ihloff** for an Episcopal Visitation. Join us at 10:00 am when we [“Zoom” into worship](#).

Before we worship, though, at 9:00 am, Michael Soderstrand leads us in a **Faith Forum** conversation about **Christian Unity** on [Zoom](#).

**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

The Church Office is closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Episcopal 102** meets via Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We’re exploring the *Daily Office* section of [The Book of Common Prayer](#). Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact Carol Burnside at [shinyredtruck@msn.com](mailto:shinyredtruck@msn.com) or text/call at 410-440-7394.

The **Worship Committee** meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

## 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>.

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

**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, a **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom.

## 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>.

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.

## Saturday

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](mailto: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!

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?**

## Community Notes ...

**St. Bartholomew's MLK Day Food Drive – Re-Imagined!** Due to the pandemic, St. B's will not be able to do a neighborhood food drive, as is our usual tradition on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. However, the pantry shelves at 40 West Assistance and Referral still need stocking. Support our hungry neighbors and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by giving a financial contribution to 40 West. Funds will be used to purchase food at bulk rate from the Maryland Food Bank. In return, you'll be entered to win one of six raffle prizes! Please see the additional details on our [website](#)! AND please share the flyers with others who might be interested in helping end food insecurity in West Baltimore.

**The Zoom Town Hall Meeting with Baltimore City Council Member Kristerfer Burnett has been rescheduled.** 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 on Wednesday, February 10, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.** Please submit questions about this topic which you'd like to ask Mr. Burnett to [office@stbs-md.org](mailto:office@stbs-md.org) by Monday, February 8.

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 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.

[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.

**The 40 West Assistance and Referral Center** is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for food (for anyone in need) and financial help with utility turn-off and evictions (for clients living in Zip Codes 21229 and 21207).

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

**February 10** A Town Hall Meeting with Baltimore City Council Member Kristerfer Burnett takes place via Zoom from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

**February 17** Ash Wednesday worship takes place on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

**February 21** 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. Lent is a particularly good season to carve out a moment for prayer. And evensong—prayer in song—has a special aura that many report is soul-enriching, and a lovely way to close the weekend and spiritually fortify for the week ahead. Check the church web page ([www.stbs-md.com](http://www.stbs-md.com)) for log-in information.

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