



The APOSTLE

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church ... A Christian Community of open minds, open hearts, and open arms.

April 2021

Betwixt and Between

I used to think that when Jesus was dead and buried, he stayed that way until Easter morning when he was raised from the dead. I used to think his dead body just remained in the tomb awaiting resurrection. Not necessarily so!

In more orthodox Christian traditions there is the notion that Jesus actually took off to Hell where he grabbed hold of Adam and Eve by the scruff of the neck and hauled them out and up to redemption and heaven.



Our own Apostles Creed says "He descended into Hell." Early and medieval Christian poetry, liturgy, and song refer to this as the Harrowing of Hell.

In this amazing act, Jesus wins back the earthly paradise lost by Adam and Eve and gives us all eternal life. And if he can redeem A & E, I am pretty sure he can redeem us, too.

Some theologians, old and new, have expressed misgivings about this story and some even refuse to recite the line about the descent into Hell when they say the Creed. But I think the message is way too awesome to ignore. It's a pretty clear statement.

There is no place any of us might find ourselves consigned to that God will not come find us and lead us into God's joyous awesome presence! All the scars that cover us, all the wounds that we have inflicted on others, all the pain that we carry, none of that will matter in the end. All our crud will be cleansed, the wounds we received or inflicted will be healed, and our fears relieved as well as our tears wiped away. Nobody gets left behind. Jesus grabs the scruff of necks!

Of course, we still live today betwixt and between. Regardless of what Jesus did during Holy Week, we still live in the betwixt and between of Holy Saturday. Full of hope and trust in God's assurances but still . . .

And it has been a year of betwixt and between, hasn't it!

But this Holy Saturday, I will pray that wherever you feel consigned to at the moment, you will trust that your betwixt and between does not go unknown or

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unnoticed by Jesus. And that our perception of all Holy Saturdays in which Jesus is just a dead body in a tomb isn't necessarily so. That when we think he is absent, he is actually up and about looking for us, ready to grab all of us by the scruff of the neck. I pray that this Holy Saturday or any time you feel you are

in a Holy Saturday time, you will take a deep breath and trust that Jesus will enter into whatever hell we feel we are in and grab hold of us — all of us.

Wow! What a different betwixt and between!

— *Flo Ledyard, Rector*



Zooming Together for Worship at St. B's

Please join us on Zoom each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Here's how:

This is the link

<https://zoom.us/j/7641738777?pwd=d05KWmJPZ0ZZaHlmUlpRK2NiOFp6UT09>.

or you can go to your own Zoom page and use this info:

The Meeting ID: 764 173 8777

The password: 703085

or you can call in using this number: (646)558-8656.

AND, you can come as early as 9:00 am to have some fun at our Coffee Hour.

“Take Out @ St. B's”

On Saturday, April 17, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, we will once again be serving “Take Out @ St. B's.” If you would like to be able to have Eucharist during worship on April 18 at 9:30 am (before our Annual Meeting at 11:00 am), please feel free to stop by the Church, and, at the red back door, someone will be there to greet you and give you the communion kits you need.

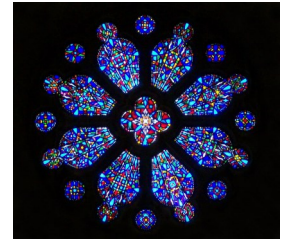




Devotions

“A Moment of Peace and Quiet” — a digital devotion, is available on our [website](#).

You can also find [Virtual “Choral Evensong”](#) for Lent and a copy of the [service bulletin](#) of our website at <https://stbs-md.org/music/>.



Lent at St. B's

During Lent, we prepare for Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection. These six weeks between Wednesday, February 17 and Saturday, April 3 are a special time in our calendar for *prayer, reflection, formation, and service*.

We are worshipping together in spirit, vocally and visually, via Zoom. Information is available on our website at <https://stbs-md.org/>. Please check the service times and join us.

Special Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday (March 28) Blessing of the Palms and Passion at 10:00 am.

Maundy Thursday (April 1) Foot Washing, Eucharist, & the Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 pm

Good Friday (April 2) Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 pm.

Easter Day (April 4)

Easter Vigil: We gather in person (**just this once!**) outdoors in the Courtyard at 7:30 am (weather permitting). Bring a chair; wear a mask and warm clothes. With the sun/Son rising, Christ will lead us to a glorious celebration of his resurrection.

Easter Service: Our worship will be available on Zoom at 10:00 am. Bring your communion kit or have a cracker and a glass of some liquid ready. We'll sing and rejoice that God has changed everything forever!

Virtual Music Events Coming in April & May

Details coming soon to our Website and Facebook Pages!

by Ted Davis

While we sit tight for what we hope is the final stretch of pandemic protocols, we will be presenting music in the way we can safely: virtually! Keep your eyes peeled and watch our various online spaces for more details.

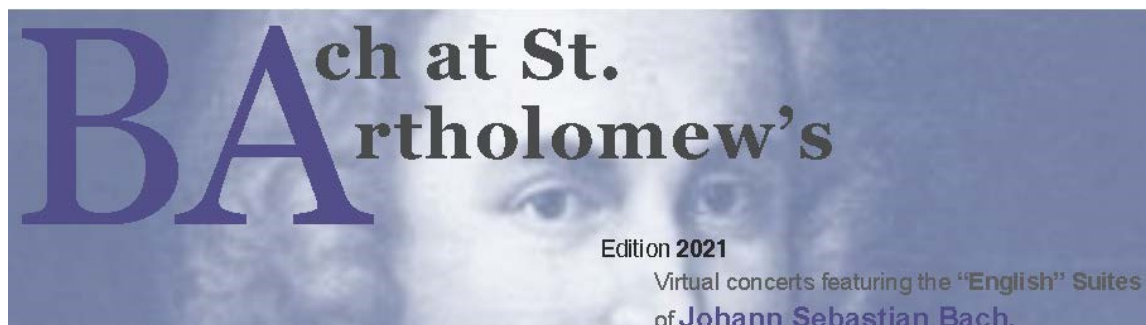
Shortly after Easter: A concert by the Resident's Own Baroque Orchestra of Washington.

These talented musicians recently assembled (masked and spaced!) in the nave of St. Bartholomew's to video record a concert of music by the giants of the Baroque era. Enjoy sumptuous and virtuosic favorites by none other than Antonio Vivaldi, G.F. Handel, J.S. Bach, and Jean-Phillipe Rameau.



In late April/early May: Bach at St. Bartholomew's 2021.

This represents the 14th edition of an annual series presented by our organist & choirmaster Ted Davis. This year's edition will feature six mini-concerts over two weeks, including some lunchtime concerts, and Sunday 'matinees,' all featuring one of Bach's six "English" Suites performed on harpsichord. These delightful collections of 18th-century dance music are sure to infuse some cheer in any listener's day.



All virtual events will be available after their initial release time, for anyone who can't catch them until later! Our "virtual offering plate" will be made available, and all contributions will support future music events and our parish outreach fund.

Again, watch for updates online, as well as upcoming editions of the weekly "What's Happening."

— Ted is St. B's Organist and Choirmaster —

April Easter “Morning Person”

shared by Janet Aldrich

The Church calendar rarely follows our Apostle deadlines to a tee, so you get a taste of Easter at the tale end of Lent, for April's Easter issue! This poem speaks for itself, for the surprise Mary felt at the tomb, for the ways early spring mornings dawn earlier and earlier with each passing day, sending us all into a feeling that maybe we each could be a morning person, no matter our proclivities. I, for one, overlook the poet's (er, and the Bible's) suggestion that Eve bounces out of Adam's side rather than the two bursting onto the scene at the exact same moment. Because there are indeed a couple of weeks left in Lent when this issue goes to print, I will refrain from echoing the poem's last word, "H-----!", here, leaving you to welcome it into your dance at your own pace, to finish the poem when you are ready!

Morning Person

God, best at making in the morning,
tossed stars and planets, singing and dancing, rolled
Saturn's rings spinning and humming, twirled the earth
so hard it coughed and spat the moon up, brilliant
bubble floating around it for good, stretched holy
hands till birds in nervous sparks flew forth from
them and beasts—lizards, big and little, apes,
lions, elephants, dogs and cats cavorting,
tumbling over themselves, dizzy with joy when
God made us in the morning too, both man
and woman, leaving Adam no time for sleep so nimbly was Eve
bouncing out of his side till as night came everything and
everybody, growing tired, declined
down in one soft descended Hallelujah.

~~ Vassar Miller

Vestry Highlights

During this time of pandemic and quarantine, the Vestry decided to divide the monthly Vestry meeting into two meetings. Shorter meetings on Zoom are preferable than a longer meeting. The Vestry now normally meets on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

At their meeting on March 16, 2021:

- The Vestry discussed responses to the Lenten session on the history of St. Bartholomew's Church.
- Rev. Flo reported on the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Annual Conference.
- The Vestry reviewed agenda items for the church's Annual Meeting in April.

At their meeting on March 23:

- Dave Murray provided an update on Project Jigsaw and the repair of the sewer lines.
- The Vestry discussed agenda items for the annual Vestry retreat.
- The Vestry reviewed the current slate of nominees for the Vestry and recognized the contributions of the outgoing Vestry members.

The next set of regular meetings, scheduled on April 20 and 27,
will take place via Zoom, both beginning at 6:30 pm.

All Vestry meetings are open, and all members and friends are welcome to attend.

The **Annual Meeting** takes place on **Sunday, April 18.**

That day we will hold one service only at 9:30 am,
to be followed by the meeting at 11:00 am.

Both the worship service and the Annual Meeting
will take place on Zoom.



From the Daughters of the King

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

During Lent, have you walked with the Daughters at the Stations of the Cross? This year, our walk was a virtual one, via computer or phone or tablet. It was and is an important time to be together, even virtually. We could not be inside the church nave, moving station to station, and sharing the readings and literally walking with others as a group, next to each other, on this journey. Right now, being with others is still difficult – it is our desire to be together, but it’s difficult, something we have to stop and think about – things like:

Even if I have gotten my COVID shots, have those I want to be with gotten theirs?

Are we safe enough, even with having the shots and with masks, or double masks?

It has been a long, long year. But the weather is getting warmer, the crocuses are peeking out of the ground, and the daffodils in their yellow array are waving in the March breeze, the hydrangea bushes are budding and the birds are singing their morning anthems, and – Easter is coming!

And now we come to another walk – a walk though Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to Holy Saturday and onto Easter – the Day of Resurrection. Take each day and reflect on its significance in Jesus’ life, and in ours, and walk toward a joyful and life-affirming Easter Sunday.

Here is a reflection I found for Good Friday:

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood’s slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;
Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon--
I, only I.

Yet give not o’er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.

(by *Christina Rossetti, public domain*)

We Daughters are continuing to read Love is the Way – Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry with Sara Grace. And we are getting ready to resume our Prayer Card Ministry and thinking about what could be our outreach ministry focus this year. And praying, that never ceases ...

We hold our friends and family in prayer, including our parish family, and those whose needs we know and those whose needs we don’t know. We pray for those dealing with COVID and those affected by its far-reaching consequences. We pray for peace everywhere – here in our city neighborhoods as well as peace throughout the world. We have sent prayers of lament – sometimes long and loud – and prayers of thanksgivings to God – and we do this daily – and quite often many times a day – because prayer makes a difference in our lives and in the lives of those for whom we pray. God hears all prayers from all of us, always.

The Motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King

For His Sake

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

— *Glorius is President of the Margaret Rollo Chapter
of the Daughters of the King*

Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

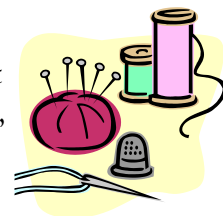
by Jean Storrs

The Prayer Shawls craft shawls and prayer squares to give to parishioners and 40 West clients in need of comfort. The shawls are a tangible hug folks can keep with them all the time—a tangible reminder of our love and care for them, and God’s love and

care for them. Knitters and crocheters of any age and ability are welcome.



St. B’s Sewing Bees gather for crafting and fellowship. Any sort of handwork is encouraged—knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, etc.



The Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees meet together via Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

For more information about the Prayer Shawls and St. B’s Sewing Bees, please contact Jean Storrs at 443-798-1439 or aandj@mindspring.com.

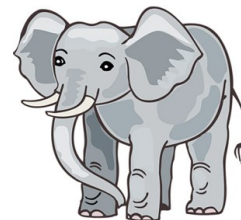
Children’s Word

Children’s Word classes meet on Zoom — and ALL children are welcome!



Our Kangaroo class, for children age three through second grade, meets on Sundays from 5:00 to 5:30 pm.

And our Elephant class, for children in third grade through fifth grade, meets on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:30 pm.



Please contact Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) for the Zoom link. It’s always a good time for your child to join our Children’s Word family!

 **GROUP SCOOP**

Get Ready for Youth Events!

St. B's D-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. Gather for fun, fellowship, and faith. Invite a friend!

Maundy Thursday, April 1—Watching with Jesus

D-Group gathers at 9:00 pm for a **Virtual Watch with Jesus**. Come for a lesson, games, a Virtual Watch, a movie, and then bedtime at 2:00 am on Friday.

Sundays— The Brunch Bunch

The Sunday Brunch Bunch, for all students and youth workers in the Diocese of Maryland, gathers on Sundays from 12:30 — 2:30 pm for fun, fellowship, and formation with guest speakers, special prayer practices, and games to play. Please sign up for a [weekly reminder here](#). Use this link to join: <http://bit.ly/sundaybrunchmd>.

Saturday, April 17— Happening Preview Day: "Faith Has No Bounds"!

At the Claggett Center from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Diocesan youth staff will run a COVID-19 safe day that will highlight chosen aspects of the weekend retreat. Youth Talks/Testimonials, Small Groups, No contact games, Prayer, Adult Mentors. For youth in 8th to 12th grade.

Saturday, May 15— New Beginnings Preview Day: "Dig a Little Deeper Into Your Faith"!

At Camp Wright from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Diocesan youth design team will run a COVID-19 safe day that will highlight chosen aspects of the weekend retreat. Youth Talks/Testimonials, Small Groups, No contact games, Prayer, Adult Mentors. For youth in 5th through 8th grade.

There is no charge Happening or New Beginning Preview Day. A registration form for Preview Day can be found on the Diocesan Youth website (<http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/>) or [here](#).

Faith Forum — For Adults and Older Youth

by Flo Ledyard

I suspect we all understand that it is important to be a lifelong learner. We are always learning about stuff — even sometimes when we don't want to! But mostly, it is just part of being human.

So I trust we all know how important it might be to continue to learn about our faith. The Christian faith is not simple — tho sometimes we just want it to be so. But it is not. It is as thick and intriguing as we would want it to be so that it is strong and deep enough to support and sustain us.

BUT it takes us seeking out ways to learn. Faith Forum is one such way.

This month it will happen on Sunday April 11 @ 9am.

The topic is **Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**

Hmmmm. Not an easy question, but one I bet some of us have asked on occasion.

This will be a grand chance to hear from The Reverend Thelma Smullen but also from each other as we question, conjecture, and explore why.

And it will happen on Sunday April 25 @ 9am.

The topic is **That Little Voice**. (You can preview it [here](#).)

This is a short video about what we hear and how we react — or don't. Have you ever heard someone make a racist comment but you have just kept quiet? Maybe we need to talk about how to find our voices, instead. Led by our Rector, we will listen to the video, share some times we might not have spoken up, but also, hopefully, think about how we might respond more faithfully.

You are invited!

— Flo is St. B's Rector

Faith Forum (for adults and older youth) at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Spring, 2021

Sunday mornings—9:00 to 9:45 am
via Zoom

- ◆ February 14 Thomas Bray (Flo)
- ◆ February 28 What is Lament (Ann Boyd)
- ◆ March 14 How to Lament (Corinne Bowmaker, et al)
- ◆ March 28 The History and Journey of Women's Ordination (Joe Twist)
- ◆ April 4 Easter (no Faith Forum)
- ◆ April 11 Why did Jesus have to Die (Thelma Smullen)
- ◆ April 25 That Little Voice: a video
- ◆ May 9 Native American Spirituality (Cynthia Wagner)
- ◆ May 23 What Have We Learned this Year — About Anything!

The Good News of God

by Michael Haynie and the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to thank each of you for your financial commitment to St. Bartholomew's for this fiscal year 2021. The first two months of this year are very encouraging as we are significantly ahead of budget projections for pledge income by almost \$32,000. Open Plate income is up to budget projections by almost \$2,000 dollars year-to-date. Our net income through February is a whopping \$29,792.85 in the black. I have not seen this financial performance at this stage in decades at St. Bartholomew's.

I am sharing this with you as usually we spend time overseeing and speaking about deficits; it is important we have opportunity to see the good the fruits of our labor. It is still early in the year and we all must remain vigilant and faithful to church, God, and each other.

There is so much to do from capital improvements to our properties to the continued outreach we are renown for — to the sick and needy whose numbers have grown substantially over the course of the last year. St. Bartholomew's can so much use an "outstanding year." (God knows this.)

We are continually reminded how faith is rewarded. There is no doubt God is giving us a financial sampling of this in the moment.

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

—Malachi 3:10

The Finance Committee continues to offer prayers for our church, greater community, those who are suffering, and those who have entered into the kingdom of heaven. We look forward to bringing more of the Great News of God in the near future.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

—Hebrews 12:28-29

May we all stay vigilant and faithful.

Amen

Finance Committee members include:

Mike Haynie, Chair

The Rev. Flo Ledyard, Rector

Angel Jackson, Senior Warden

Michael Sarbanes, Junior Warden

John Schroeder, Treasurer

John DeVale, Assistant Treasurer

Bonnie Kutch, Vestry Rep.

Dick Parker, Vestry Rep.

Gordon Piché, Vestry Rep.

Corinne Bowmaker

Drew Brown

Bates Churchill

Robin Murray

Financial Position as of February 28, 2021

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

February 28, 2021	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Total Income	70,547.59	48,613.91	126,560.49	97,227.90
Total Expenses	(44,733.47)	(51,258.76)	(96,767.64)	(102,517.74)
Difference	25,814.12	(2,644.85)	29,792.85	(5,289.84)

Spring is Here!

by Leah B. Kulp

Enjoy spring's arrival! It is time to take nature walks and start working in the garden. Good for the body and for the soul! Although visitor centers in federal and state parks remain closed, trails are open for walking, biking, and horseback riding. I know of two nature trails that are paved and wheelchair accessible: Avalon Area of the Patapsco River State Park, and Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel.

"Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory."

— Excerpt from "Prayers of the People," March 14, 2021 Zoom worship

News about Monthly Litter Cleanup

We are meeting (come rain or come shine) in the church parking lot every third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to noon to pick up litter along the 40 West corridor. Supplies are provided but wear masks and gloves. All are welcome to join us in getting exercise in the fresh air while maintaining social distancing among friends and new acquaintances!

In our February event, some hardy souls arrived the day after a snowfall topped with ice. As we couldn't see the litter under the snow nor dig it out from under the ice, we met but didn't stay. We will maintain the regularity of meeting every third Saturday, however, and events will not be rescheduled based on weather. Use your discretion about participating during adverse conditions!

Weed Control

Consider using this recipe for spraying unwanted weeds found between bricks and cracks in the pavement. Unlike commercial weed killers, it doesn't harm either bees or bugs that birds eat. Moss, grass, and broadleaf weeds will die and turn brown, making them easy to pull them up:

- 1 gallon white vinegar (4% acidity, as used in cooking)
- 2 cups Epsom salts
- ¼ cup liquid dish detergent

Mix and pour into hand sprayer. (Although the instructions for my plastic sprayer say to avoid using vinegar and Epsom salts in it, I have not noticed any adverse effects when I empty the solution and rinse the sprayer immediately after use.)

— Leah is Chair of the Creation Caretakers

Property Updates

by Dave Murray

Undercroft Asbestos Removal and Drain Installation:

Work is now underway to clear out the Undercroft in advance of the work to remove all asbestos and install a new drainage system on the lower level. This work is scheduled for May 10-June 30. The 40 West operation will move to the 1st floor of the Parish House.

On March 9 & 13, we removed part of the undercroft ceiling in order to expose the pipes wrapped in asbestos. By exposing the pipes, we saved a lot of money we otherwise would have paid the asbestos removal company. This work entailed removing dropped ceiling tiles and parts of the framing, taking them to the Youth House for storage, cutting out the old ceiling and wood supports, moving everything out of the way, then putting it back after cleanup, and hauling the choir chairs and Ted's platform over to the Youth House basement. We also broke apart and took to the dump a large and small cabinet, the old and broken bi-fold doors, an old wooden table, and the wood supports from the ceiling. In addition, we moved stuff from the Parish House to the Youth House, food racks from the undercroft into the Parish House, and helped Celeste sort out the furniture and boxes in the garage. And we finished with time to spare!!

I want to thank everyone who volunteered. It was a great effort! See the photos.

Thanks to Ben Barone, Gordon Bowmaker, Doug Brookman, Marty Clark, John DeVale, Mark DeVale, Susan Goering, Scott Houghton, David McClellan, Steve Miller, Dave Mountain; Robert Prince, Michael Sarbanes, John White, and Bruce Woodcock; AND to Bonnie Kutch and Gay Warshaw who provided lunch.

Now YOUR Help is Needed!

Feeling left out? Don't worry, on April 10, 17, and 24 we have to move everything in the Undercroft to either the garage, Youth House, or Parish House. Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; lunch will be served. All staff offices and the furnace room must be cleared out before May 1. We need a **parish family effort** to move EVERYTHING! Please let Dave Murray 443-690-6296 or drmur@verizon.net know when you will help.

— *Dave is a co-chair of Project Jigsaw and a member of the Property Committee*

Preparing the Undercroft



More Property Updates

by Dave Murray

Sewer Problems and an Elusive Manhole:

We continue to experience slow toilet drainage in the church due to a clogged sewer line somewhere beyond the Parish House towards the City main line that runs behind the Youth House garage. After four tries, the City located their manhole, 12 inches under bamboo growing near the corner of the Youth House garage.



We then determined that the Parish House sewer line emptied into the manhole and verified it was clear and working. The Church line did not empty into the manhole which meant it connected to the Parish House sewer line somewhere between the Parish House and manhole. The City crew, using a divining rod system, located the Parish House sewer line, the Church sewer line and the location where the Church line connected to the Parish House line.

Our next step is to dig up the spot where the 2 pipes intersect to see if we

can clear the clog and get the church sewer working again. That could be enough of a fix until Project JIGSAW replaces the entire system.

If we can't locate the clog, then we'll have to pursue 1 of 2 options: replace the 1" line with a larger 2" line, or abandon the 1" line and reroute the drain from the courtyard manhole into the Parish House basement and connect it to the 4" parish house sewer line. More to come....



Outreach News

by Kim Flash

KIVA CONTINUES

If you have an interest in participating in our Kiva Micro-Lending Committee, which is the international “arm” of Outreach support, our next meeting is scheduled by Zoom for Wednesday April 7, at 7:00 pm. Contact Kim Flash for more information.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Please continue to support this vital neighborhood organization that St. B's is in partnership with. See information in the weekly “What’s Happening” for food supplies needed at MBK to give daily lunches to those in need in the Irvington community.

— Kim is Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee

Irvington Peace Park

by Michael Sarbanes

Owned by St B's and managed by St. B's members who live nearby, the Irvington Peace Park is an oasis in the Irvington neighborhood. It provides a quiet spot for reflection or a place for neighborhood children to enjoy the outdoors.

This year the Peace Park has hosted a weekly food sharing of organic produce sponsored by Baltimore Gift Economy (run by a one-time Hope Harbor family). It continues to provide flexible outdoor space for neighborhood residents, including an outdoor birthday party held by two young mothers who were themselves among the original group of children who participated in the original design charette for the Peace Park 15 years ago!



Other activities included a Thanksgiving cleanup involving about 20 neighborhood volunteers to clear the abandoned space across the street from the Peace Park, and a Neighborhood Giving Tree where residents could sign up to provide a gift or identify a child who might need a Christmas gift during this past long December.

Plans are underway for a summer learning/art camp for neighborhood children which would focus on beautifying that same vacant lot. These activities are being planned and led by two teens who live on the same block at the Peace Park — Zola Purville and St. B's member Christina Sarbanes.

— Michael is St. B's Junior Warden and is one of the Collins Streamside Community neighbors who helps manage the Peace Park.

Happy Spring! and, We're Moving (Temporarily)!

by Peggy McMillan

By now, if you are ever around St. B's, you may have noticed a lot of activity in the undercroft. The reason for this is the undercroft spaces and the other office spaces will have asbestos removal and installation of a drainage system in May and June. Great news, right?

Yes, it is. For this to be done, 40 West will move temporarily (the estimate is for two months) into the Parish House by Saturday, April 24th. We plan to open to our clients that Monday, April 26th. Our hours and ministry to our neighbors remains the same – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10:00am to 1:00 pm – just in the building next door for now. We are thankful to Dave Murray and his crew of volunteers who are helping us to move and preparing the undercroft for the work to begin in that area.

In addition to our regular hours, we will also continue to host the Maryland Food Bank "Pantry on the Go" monthly food distributions beginning April 27 and continuing through October. These "POG" monthly food distributions, and of course our pantry, are open to all in need of food.

Along with the Pantry on the Go, we will have snack bags to give out this time. The Zion Church in the City of Baltimore, located in the center of the city at 400 E. Lexington Street, donated 100 pre-packaged bags of pudding or fruit, Vienna sausage, fruit juice, peanut butter crackers, and a spoon to 40 West.



Mr. Louis Bringman, member of Zion Church and Hunting Ridge resident, delivered these bags to the Center on Monday, March 15.

Neighbors helping Neighbors – it's what we do.

With gratitude to all of you,
Peggy McMillan

— Peggy is the Director of the 40 West
Assistance and Referral Center

*Your prayers are requested for
members and friends of St. B's ...*



Lucy Marshall; Doris Haughey; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Wyvetta Dupree; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Peter Griffin; Jon Davis; Young Sam; Michelle Haynie Madison; Mary Warfield; Ayodele House; Tom Cover; Jim Wright; Kathleen DeVale; David McClellan; Dana Przybyszewski; Larry Bucher; Michele Pearson; Melody Pitts; Tim Wolf; Steven Johnson; James Graham; Cathy Brookman; Lydia Sampson; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Hope Harbor partner families; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; John and Jean; Nathan; Sue Goodall; Amanda Ash Freeland; Kyle Yoder; John Mountain; Diane McPhillips; Ron Blouin; Mary Warren; Michael Pizarro; Robin Kaspar; Patricia Martin; Priscilla W.; Carlson T.; Clay Shiflet; David Liscinsky; Joyce Stanley; parents of Kevin Markle; 65-year-old John; Laurel Vincenty; Juanita and Jim Schmitz; Chip Lee; Alan Varner; Nathan Battle; Karen Lee; Brian Campbell; Gart Kosaku Westerhout and family; Aminata Kabia; Sara Fox Robinson; Sean Fitzsimmons; Dan Toomey; Gerry Ash; Timmy Johnson; Rick and Janet M.; Gary and Cary Jackson; Sybil Imani; Cheryl Horton; Kevin, Janice, and their family; Barry and Peggy McCormick; Cathy Cain; Lynne Cain; Joan Clinton; Denise Kirkley-Cain; Dan Barr; Jaxson Avery Madison; James Cooper; Gregory Morton; Pamela Stanton; Pushpa Sokhey; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time..

Refreshing the Prayer List

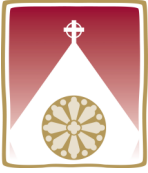
We will be creating a fresh Prayer List on Easter Sunday, April 4. If you wish to have a name remain on the Prayer List, or if you wish to add a name, please email the Office (Office@stbs-md.org). Thank you.

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

**The deadline for the May issue of
The Apostle is Thursday, April 15.**

Please e-mail articles to mcaldwell@stbs-md.org.

To submit typewritten or handwritten material, place it in Maggie Caldwell's mailbox outside of the Church Office. All articles must include a contact name and email or phone number. Publication of *The Apostle* is on the last Sunday of the month.



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