



The APOSTLE

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

May 2021

Who's the Trainer!

When I bring a new dog into my home, I have grand ideas about how to love and train said dog. The list is clear and robust. One of the items is "who is allowed on what furniture when" - as in, I am allowed on everything. Dog not so much. Mostly this is because some day I would like my house to not be draped in sheets and blankets.

However, within months this particular part of the training descends into chaos. Mostly because every dog I have had has the capacity to slink up on beds at night once I am asleep and climb up on other furniture with stealth whether I am in the house or not. Oi vey.

Brook, my red bone and tree walking coonhound, is especially adept. And she likes to be on multitudinous pieces of furniture. Beds, couches, chairs - all over the house at any given time.

BUT I have finally figured out one motivating reason. She likes to follow the sun. My dog is a sun worshipper! So, she is on daily quests to go find and bask in the sun - and any place where she can, there she will be.



Which got me to thinking. If she is a sun seeker and worshiper - even if it means resting on the actual floor - maybe I should be too. Maybe we all should be.

Of course, in this case, I am referring to the SON. And what a perfect season to be embracing such a daily quest.

This May we are still in the Easter season. This time of the church year, we greet spring, new growth, longer days and the joy of sunshine. No wonder we also embrace this season of the year to greet the resurrection, embrace new life beyond death and delight in the joy of God's ultimate triumph.

(Continued on page 2)

Inside

- 2 Worship
- 4 Music
- 6 Vestry
- 8 Community Formation
- 10 Christian Formation
- 16 Commitment to Ministry
- 22 Mission
- 27 Prayer List

Who's the Trainer!

(Continued from page 1)

So maybe Brook is actually training me – training us!
Oi vey.

BUT I think she shows a path worth considering.
Maybe it is wise to be a SON SEEKER. I invite each
of you to allow this season to be filled with
opportunities to seek Jesus daily. To literally go find a
moment to bask in the sun and yet to imagine the gift

of reveling in the risen Son. Imagine the relief and joy
of feeling the warmth of God's love and promises
fulfilled for you, those you love, this world. We so
need that right now I think.

So, thanks to a stealthy slinky dog for showing us a
path to a truth worth basking in!

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

Worship

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, May 22, 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 The Day of Pentecost (May 23) and Trinity Sunday (May 30), 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.



Many thanks to all who helped make our Holy Week
and Easter Worship happen:

for those who planned, prepared, rehearsed, and recorded;
for those who served during our worship services, including the
“Virtual St. Bartholomew Choir” and our Tech Vergers;

for those who invited someone to celebrate with us.

Even though we were not able physically to gather for worship
(except for our outdoor Easter Sunrise Service),
thanks to Zoom technology, distance was not a barrier,
so we were able to welcome friends and family members
from near and far to join with us.



Thank you!



Devotions

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

Music Events at St. B's

by Ted Davis

Bach at St. B's—Season 14

This represents the 14th edition of an annual series presented by organist & choirmaster Ted Davis. This year's edition features six mini-concerts over two weeks, including some lunchtime and Sunday evening concerts, each 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.

Some of the concerts have already premiered, and can still be viewed on YouTube. Those premiering in the month of May are:

- 🎵 [Sunday, May 2 at 7:00 pm](#)
- 🎵 [Tuesday, May 4 at 12:15 pm](#)
- 🎵 [Friday, May 7 at 12:15 pm](#)

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.

Links to each concert may be found on the church web site: www.stbs-md.org and our Facebook page: <https://fb.me/e/1hBZ9I8K8>.



Music Events at St. B's

Join Us for Choral Evensong

Invite a friend, whether near or far, to join us for Choral Evensong on YouTube Live on Sunday June 13!

This sublime musical liturgy, with its history of nearly 500 years, has been called one of Anglicanism's gifts to the world. And your friends in the St. Bartholomew Choir have been working diligently to prepare this unique virtual version. As a faith community, we are called to 'pray without ceasing.' 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.

While the service will be available to view after the live stream, there is a particular potency in praying as a community together, so we hope you will join us for the live stream from wherever you are. Check the [church web page \(https://stbs-md.org\)](https://stbs-md.org) for connection information.

— Ted is St. B's Organist and Choirmaster



The solemnity
and beauty of *Virtual*
Choral evensong

Sunday, June 13
4:30 p.m.
join us via YouTube Live

Led by members and
friends of the
St. Bartholomew Choir

St. Bartholomew's
Episcopal Church
Baltimore, Maryland

A Poem

shared by Janet Aldrich

This well-known poem of e.e. cummings speaks so loudly to gratitude to God (for all of the below!) that it doesn't even come with a title (or limiting punctuation!)! If it doesn't speak to the Power of the Spirit to breathe Life and gratitude into Life itself, then my ears and eyes are shut! I love that God and nature DO awaken our ears and open our eyes to the "gay/great happening illimitably earth" and to "tasting touching hearing seeing/breathing," which are our human—"merely being"-- ways of responding to the Spirit, and thereby communing with God. Does this all seem "unimaginable" to you, dear friends? Oh, no, stay tuned! Pentecost will be here in the very month of May, swooshing in perkily, with only exclamation points for punctuation!!! When the Spirit comes calling, offer an "infinite which is yes!"

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

~~ e.e. cummings

Upcoming Vestry Meetings

Since the Vestry is currently meeting on Zoom, they have decided to divide their single monthly meeting into two shorter meetings. The Vestry now normally meets on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled on April 27, followed by the Vestry Retreat in May.

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

An Annual Meeting — on Zoom!

by Michael Sarbanes

St. Bartholomew's held its Annual Meeting on April 18, 2021 via the technological gift of Zoom. Angel Jackson, our dedicated Senior Warden, facilitated the meeting. An estimated 90 people joined the meeting.

All members of St. B's who were remotely attending on computer or tablet were able to participate in a vote to approve minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting and the 2020 Annual Report, which had been emailed to members for their review prior to the meeting. Both items were approved unanimously. This virtual vote is considered an official record. (Regrettably, the technology did not allow those attending by phone to participate in the voting.)

In his role as Chair of the Finance Committee, Michael Haynie presented a financial report that included an end of 2020 fiscal summary, and a brief review of the 2021 budget previously approved by the Vestry.

Deirdre McElroy, as outgoing chair of the Funds Committee, provided an overview of the funds over the year, which overall showed strong growth. The congregation expressed profound thanks to Deirdre, and outgoing Funds Committee member Sandy Woodcock for their wise stewardship. The congregation also welcomed new Funds Committee members Henri Oliveros and Bonnie Kutch.

Dave Murray provided an update on Project Jigsaw. With a challenge grant from the Knott Foundation in hand, work is scheduled to begin soon in the undercroft to abate asbestos and address longstanding drainage issues. Dave thanked the over 45 congregation members who have helped over the past few weekends to clear the undercroft and church offices in preparation for this work. Another major workday is scheduled for April 24 to move all of 40 West into the Parish House. The undercroft and office areas will be off limits while the asbestos removal is underway. Dave indicated that these improvements when completed should give use the

best air quality we have had in the Undercroft. He also reported that these measures will provide significant savings down the road in the ultimate price tag of Project Jigsaw. The chat was replete with profuse thanks from congregation members to Dave for so ably coordinating this complicated process.

Rev. Flo reviewed the current status of thinking about Onsite Plans for worship. She described three different governance structures that we are paying attention to: The State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, and Diocese of Maryland. Currently, Baltimore is experiencing a spike in cases. St. Bartholomew's also consults exceptional expertise that exists within the congregation including Rev. Ann Boyd (virologist) and Dr. Charles Flexner (immune disease expert at Johns Hopkins). Rev. Flo emphasized that this is a matter of constant attention and prayer for her, the Wardens, and the Vestry, with the goal to come back in person as quickly as is consistent with evolving health guidelines. An informal voluntary poll was conducted to see which parishioners have had at least one vaccine and it appeared that the large majority of those in attendance had at least begun the vaccination process.

She indicated that the next step under consideration is an in-person 8:00 am service outdoors, similarly to how we did the Easter "sunrise" service. The 10:00 service would continue to be online for the near future. She also indicated that when we do ultimately come back to fully in-person services, it would be important to consider how to offer the opportunity for people to worship from far away, as many have begun to do during the pandemic.

The congregation also offered a large round of applause to outgoing Vestry members: Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins, Verna Harrison, Michael Mountain, Ben Smith, and Tim Wolf. We are inexpressibly grateful for their service and wisdom on behalf of the congregation!

(Continued on page 8)

An Annual Meeting — on Zoom! *(continued)*

(Continued from page 7)

A slate of new Vestry members was presented, and the vote to approve was unanimous. The new members are: Joshua Crockett, Aleah Mohamed, Margaret Schotto, and Steve Smallman. (There was not a young adult member nominated this year). These new Vestry members bring a wide range of experience and perspectives to the Vestry and we are thankful for their willingness to serve.

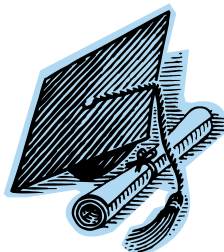
Parishioners were able to submit questions via the chat feature in Zoom and these were answered in the chat or by Rev. Flo and Senior Warden Angel Jackson.

Michael Mountain ably monitored the online chat. The membership also thanked our exceptional Tech Vergers who have made it possible for the worship and the life of the congregation to move forward during the pandemic. These include: Gary Alston, Patrick Mellin, Nicete Moodie, Michael Mountain, Brian Rosenberger, and Steve Smallman.

— Michael is Junior Warden

Seeking Graduates!

Do you know of any **high school or college graduates** in the St. B's community? We would like to learn about them so that we can celebrate and acknowledge their accomplishments.



We look forward to including your information in the Summer edition of *The Apostle*. Please include the name of the graduate, the name of his or her school, date of graduation, and upcoming plans — by Saturday, May 15.

From the Daughters of the King

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

'Tis the time for Spring – leaves unfurled on trees, flowers blooming, teasingly warm breezes, birds singing! Lawn mowers are whirring and neighbors are once again greeting each other and talking, with masks, glad just to be together. As I write this, COVID is once again spiking in our city and state and the oft asked question — “Did you get your shot yet?” — is part of most conversations. We know we are not “out of the woods” yet, but hope increases with the news each day of how many more folks have received the vaccine.

It's lovely to be able to sit quietly on the front porch again and take it all in! My spirit rises with these warm sunny days! In this Season of Easter, I am grateful for life itself — this daily life and all its joys of creation and the treasure of family and friends, and I am profoundly grateful for the gift of life given us all by the Resurrection — a gift so awesome that words to describe it are hard to find. Instead of words there is a sense of knowing the meaning of Love.

This prayer is one I like to pray as I sit on the porch in the morning and watch the sun rise —

Early morning prayer

I come before you, O Lord.
As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me.
As the birds sing may your love flow out of me.
As the light floods into this new day,
May your joy shine through me.

I come before you, O Lord
And drink in this moment of peace,
That I may carry something of your hope, love and
joy
Today in my heart.
Amen.

(Prayer courtesy of www.living-prayers.com)

We Daughters are continuing to read Love is the Way – Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry with Sara Grace. Our Prayer Card Ministry will resume this month, and our thoughts are stirring on how we might help others, and we are praying - that never ceases.

These are difficult and painful times – asking God for strength and help and hope and giving thanks for our many blessings is one way we can respond and make a difference. We Daughters continue to keep our parish family, our families and friends, and the world, in prayer every day. We pray for those dealing with COVID and those affected by its far-reaching consequences. We pray that respect for each and every person is both given and received. We pray for peace in our city neighborhoods as well as peace throughout the world. The gift of prayer – that time with God - makes a difference in our lives and in the lives of those for whom we pray.

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?

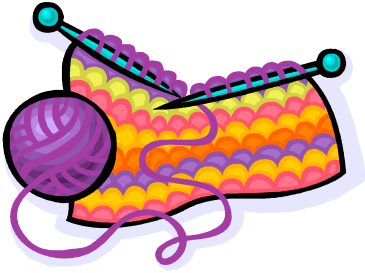
— *Glorius is President of the Margaret Rollo Chapter
of the Daughters of the King*

Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

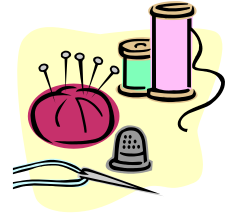
by Jean Storrs

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

by Steve Miller

With all of us attending St. B's virtually over the last year, it might be easy to forget that our youngest worshipers are learning and growing in Christ through their Children's Word classes. We no longer see them leaving service just before the Gospel reading then returning before we exchange the Peace like we did in the Before Times, but they ARE meeting outside of our Sunday morning service. And they are having lots of fun while they explore Bible stories that mirror the lessons we all focus our attentions on during Sunday morning worship.

Our Kangaroos (pre-K to grade 2) meet with Miss Ebony at 5:00 pm on Sundays. During the past month they have focused on the death and resurrection of Christ. They engaged in a lot of discussion about Holy Week and how Jesus gave his friends a special way to remember him through the Last Supper. The Kangaroos discussed ways that they remember people

when they don't see them very often. They also discussed the different ways they celebrate Easter and how grateful they are about the Good News that Jesus lives in all of us today. They also talked about how they could all relate to the disciple Thomas, because just like him they sometimes have a hard time believing in things they can't see.

Due to changes in the daily schedules of our Elephant teacher and parents, our Elephants (grades 3-5) are now meeting with Miss Jo Anne at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays, instead of 7:00 pm. Like the Kangaroos, our Elephants have also been pondering Jesus' death and resurrection and what it means to them. They have discussed a lot about how God walks with them and works in their lives and how Jesus loves and forgives. Miss Jo Anne reports that there have been a lot of great questions and sharing of ideas in her class, especially during Lent and the weeks after Easter. As

Children's Word *(continued)*

usual, the Elephants have been learning through doing arts and crafts; one fun activity that everyone enjoyed this past month was making a collage out of newspaper and magazine cut-outs to show what they thought the Holy Spirit looks like. Maybe we can get photos of this and other artwork the Elephants and Kangaroos have done lately, to share in the next Apostle update!

We welcome all of our pre-K through fifth graders, and their friends, to join our Children's Word classes at any time, whenever they can. Miss Jo Anne reports that she has had lots of friends of her usual attendees

join her class, and that she and everyone else has really enjoyed having them. If your child has not yet attended but would like to check out the Kangaroo and Elephant classes, please let Maggie know and she will get you on our email list, which means you will get a warm reminder every week with Zoom link to the class meeting. Miss Ebony and Miss Jo Anne look forward to sharing their love of Christ and sense of fun with all the Kangaroos and Elephants out there, both current and prospective!

— Steve is a member of the Kid's Council



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!

Sundays— **The Brunch Bunch**

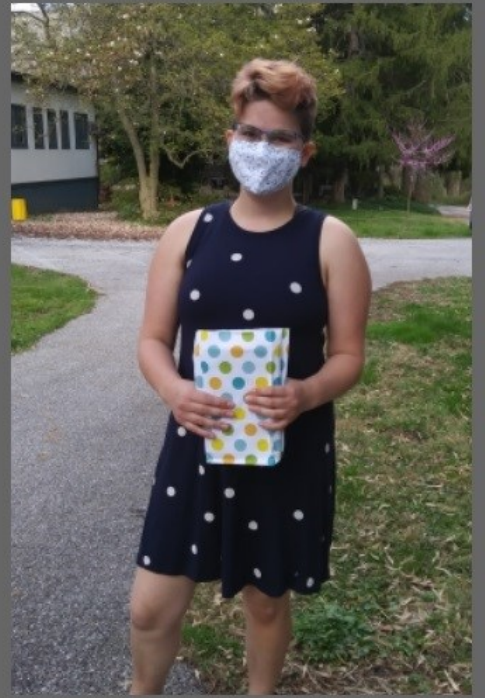
The Sunday Brunch Bunch, for all students and youth workers in the Diocese of Maryland, gathers on Sundays from 12:30 — 2:30 pm for fun, fellowship, and formation with guest speakers, special prayer practices, and games to play. Please sign up for a [weekly reminder here](#). Use this link to join: 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

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

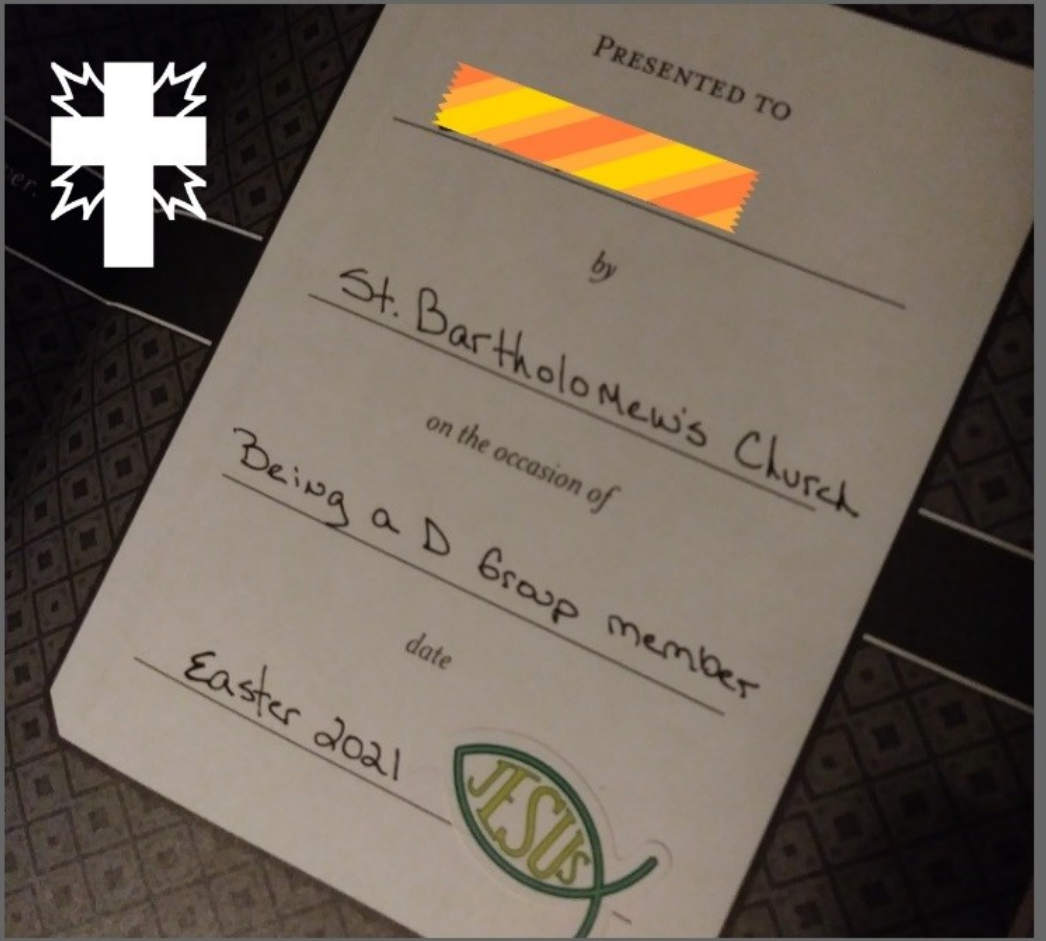
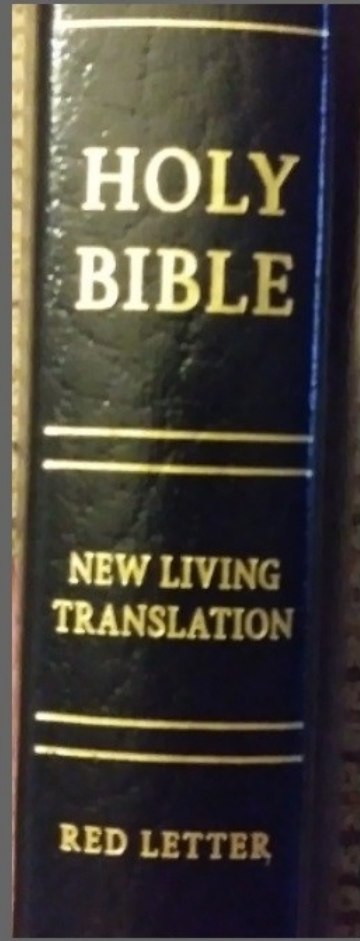
At Camp Wright from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Diocesan youth design team will run a COVID-19 safe day that will highlight chosen aspects of the weekend retreat. Youth Talks/Testimonials, Small Groups, No contact games, Prayer, Adult Mentors. For youth in 5th through 8th grade.

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

D Group in the Parking Lot!



Bibles and Donuts and D Group — Oh My!!!



St. B's Peeps at Happening Preview Day at Claggett



Adult Learning Possibilities

by Flo Ledyard

Christian Formation is not just for kids! As adults it is just as important for us to continue to learn about our faith and its place in our lives. Understanding what it means to be a Christian is a life long journey.

During the month of May, we will be offering two Sunday morning possibilities.

On May 9th, we will explore **Native American Spirituality**. Our indigenous peoples have such a rich and distinctive perspective. Led by Cynthia Wagner, this will be a wonderful chance to broaden our horizons.

On May 23rd, we will gather to think about **What We Have Learned This Year**. It has been quite a year. Lots of opportunities to learn lots of stuff - whether we wanted to or not! So what have you learned? What have others learned? A fun and intriguing time to share with each other, continue to learn from one another and see what's what.

So join us on **Sunday Mornings for Faith Forum**. We gather on Zoom at 9:00 am. The Zoom link is on our website: <https://stbs-md.org/adult-formation/>.

— *Flo is St. B's Rector*



News from Creation Caretakers

by Leah Kulp

Good News!

As reported in a previous “What’s Happening,” Easter has come to the Patapsco River: According to Dan Rodricks’ commentary published on Good Friday, April 2, 2021 in the *Baltimore Sun*, biologists have found silver alewives and river herring swimming upstream from the dismantled Bloede Dam! These small fish provide food for bass, cod, seals, and osprey, as well as other big fish, mammals, and birds. A relic from the historical mill industry, dams once provided power to the mills, but also cut off access to spawning grounds for fish, thus decimating their populations and upsetting the Chesapeake Bay’s food chain. **Hallelujah to the River’s Resurrection!**

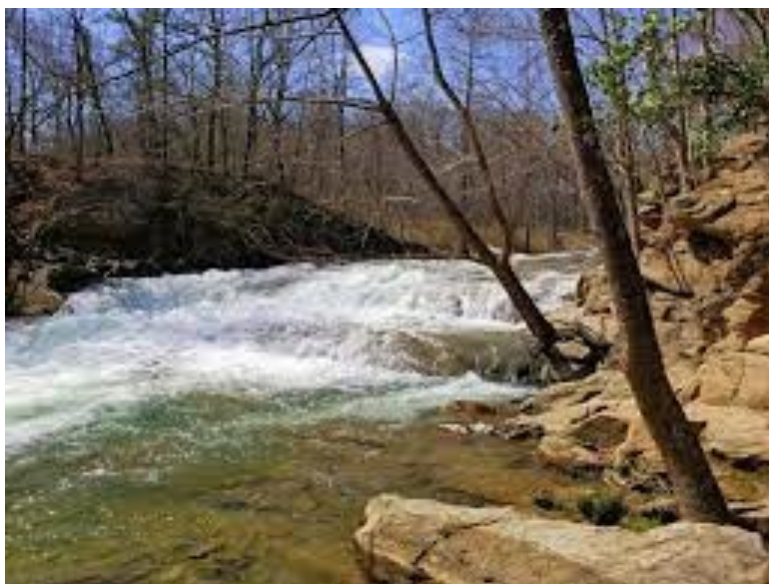
Recommendation: Landscape with Native Plants

Consider planting native plants in your garden. You can buy them locally from Herring Run Nursery, a Blue Water Baltimore program. Since natives have co-evolved with native insects, they provide food for baby birds and pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, and they are easy to grow because they come from here. Attractive native flowers include Eastern columbine, black-eyed Susan, butterfly weed, and cardinal flower; attractive shrubs and trees include summersweet, beauty bush, service berry (shadbush), dogwood, redbud, and chokecherry. Learn more at the Maryland Extension website: <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/topics/native-plants>

Ongoing Monthly Litter Clean-Ups

Seventeen volunteers participated in our March 20, 2021 clean-up. For the foreseeable future, we will hold monthly litter clean-ups on every third Saturday from 10:00 am to noon, meeting in the church parking lot. This activity has attracted St. B’s parishioners (including youth), 40 West Assistance and Referral Center volunteers, the youth group from St. Agnes and William York Churches, and parishioners from Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church. Supplies are provided; wear a face mask. Meet new people! Exercise outdoors!

— Leah is Chair of the Creation Caretakers



Property Updates

by Dave Murray

Plans are being made to have all asbestos removed from the undercroft and a new drainage system installed around the perimeter of the lower level during the May 10 to June 30, 2021 timeframe. To accommodate this work, the entire undercroft must be vacated. So, on Saturday, April 10, 39 folks showed up to help move the staff offices and Hope Harbor office to the garage and Youth House. It was quite an effort and everyone seemed to have fun. (Please see the photos below and on pages 18-19).

Additional thanks to everyone coming to help move the entire 40 West Operation over into the Parish House on Saturday, April 24.

This work is partially funded via a Challenge Grant of \$15,000 from the Knott Foundation. The rest of the work will be paid via Project Jigsaw funds transferred to the 40 West account. With this funding in place, 40 West can count the cost of this work towards their State of Maryland Matching Grants that were secured in 2018/19 for JIGSAW. Both the asbestos removal and the drainage system were part of the JIGSAW project.

On another note - The Church sewer line still needs to be fixed. So far, the City has located their manhole near the rear of the garage and we're working with Abbott's Plumbing on a fix that hopefully ties the Church into the Parish House sewer line, which then drains to the City sewer.

Wanted:

- ✓ A good contractor who can rebuild the Youth House front porch.
- ✓ A tile person to retile the entire undercroft floor.

If you have recommendations, please send them to Dave Murray.

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee



Moving Day:



Undercroft to the Garage & Youth House



Financial Position as of March 31, 2021

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

Financial Position as of 03/31/21

	31-Mar	03/21 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$37,828.96	\$42,125.00	\$154,037.60	\$126,375.00
Prior Years Pledges	\$100.00	\$291.67	\$3,080.00	\$874.97
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$1,060.00	\$2,500.00	\$8,056.85	\$7,500.00
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Christmas)	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$825.00	\$1,050.00
Altar Guild Income	\$193.00	\$525.00	\$343.00	\$1,575.00
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Special Projects Income	\$25.00	\$1,333.33	\$25.00	\$4,000.03
House Sale Income	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Endowment Fund Disbursement	\$0.00	\$555.58	\$0.00	\$1,666.78
Other Income - PPP loan forgiveness	\$62,500.00		\$62,500.00	
Interest & Div	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$250.03
Total	\$102,306.96	\$48,613.91	\$228,867.45	\$145,841.81

Ministry Expenses

Diocesan Pledge	\$5,983.17	\$5,983.17	\$17,949.51	\$17,949.51
KIVA MicroLoans	\$493.83	\$333.33	\$1,335.61	\$1,000.03
Communication Ministry	\$244.00	\$129.67	\$432.00	\$388.97
Daughters of the King	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$62.53
Education Ministry	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Youth Pilgrimage	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Library	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$25.03
Archives	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$25.03
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$250.03
Landscape	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$100.00	\$250.03
Music Ministry	\$0.00	\$416.67	\$130.00	\$1,249.97
Newcomers Ministry	\$0.00	\$7.58	\$0.00	\$22.78
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$442.51	\$735.00
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$364.00	\$450.67	\$1,070.00	\$1,351.97
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ministry	\$1,364.50	\$2,916.67	\$3,728.64	\$8,749.97
Safety & Security Committee	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$62.53
Special Projects Expense	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$499.97
Special Projects-Net	\$25.00	\$1,166.67	\$25.00	\$3,499.97
Stewardship Ministry	(\$21.00)	\$87.50	(\$234.00)	\$262.50
Worship Ministry	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$67.00	\$124.97
Vestry	(\$727.50)	\$133.33	(\$727.50)	\$400.03

Financial Position as of March 31, 2021 (continued)

Operating Expenses				
Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$226.33	\$250.00	\$1,056.21	\$750.00
Altar Guild Expenses	\$775.90	\$525.00	\$1,138.00	\$1,575.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$47.92	\$0.00	\$143.72
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$6,919.00	\$2,250.00	\$13,838.00	\$6,750.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$25.03
Office Expenses	\$514.22	\$1,437.50	\$2,494.06	\$4,312.50
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$750.00	\$1,000.03
Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (Property)	\$0.00	\$241.67	\$0.00	\$724.97
Telephones and Utilities	\$6,035.43	\$3,431.88	\$18,225.80	\$10,295.64
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$28,286.07	\$29,929.55	\$84,929.75	\$89,788.79
Total	\$50,732.95	\$51,258.76	\$147,500.59	\$153,776.50
Net Income w/o Depreciation	\$51,574.01	(\$2,644.85)	\$81,366.86	(\$7,934.69)
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income with Depreciation	\$51,574.01	(\$2,644.85)	\$81,366.86	(\$7,934.69)

Notes on Income and Expenses:

- Total Pledged Offerings YTD (current & prior year) were **\$27,662.60** more than YTD budget.
- Total income was **\$53,693.05** more than budgeted for the month of March and **\$83,025.64** more than the YTD budget.
(Note: income includes \$62,500 from PPP loan forgiveness)
- We are showing a net gain of **\$51,574.01** for the month of March and a net gain YTD of **\$81,366.86**.
- Altar Guild Income YTD was less than Altar Guild Expenses by **(\$795.00)**.
YTD expenses include flowers, wafers, wine, candles, and Easter lilies.
- Education Ministry includes Godly Play, Youth & Faith Forum expenses and Tracts.
- Parish Life Expenses include Hospitality supplies.
- Music Expenses include substitute organists, sheet music, organ repair and guest musicians.
- Pastoral Care Expenses include child care salaries & expenses for our Parish Nursing Program.
- Property Expenses YTD Includes R&M of the church, parish house and grounds and cost of maintenance contracts and security contracts.
- Stewardship YTD total reflects income from initial offering for envelopes.
- Accounting Expenses include payroll preparation expenses, audit expenses and bank fees.
- Insurance (Property/D&O) YTD reflects the sum of our quarterly payments for our policies.
- Office Expenses reflects the cost of copier rental, supplies, postage and computer support.

Springtime and everyone's thoughts turn to Strawberries!

by Dave Mountain

Hunting Ridge Presbyterian, our neighbor church across the road, is in the process of planning their (mostly virtual) annual Strawberry Festival, to be held as a weeklong event culminating in a one hour "show" that premieres on YouTube on Saturday, June 5th. They would like to add some local creativity to the festival, and are soliciting the talents of people interested in providing some appropriate entertainment.

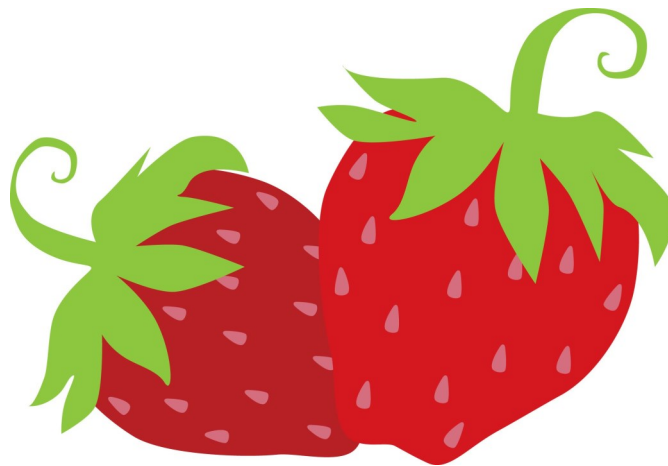
Elizabeth Woodson, the organizer for this, is asking people to create a short (3-7 minute) video that relates to strawberries, the arrival of spring and/or summer, or the joy of community festivals. Pick your favorite creative genre – reading a poem, describing a painting, music, even a gardening how-to video – whatever suits your talent and interest!

Hunting Ridge is asking for submissions to be made by mid-May, so they have time to curate the videos for the festival. You can submit them directly to Elizabeth at elifwoodson@gmail.com; be sure to cc David Mountain (davidjmountain@ieee.org) and let Elizabeth know you heard about this through Saint Bartholomew's.

There are also looking for people who have video/editing skills, graphic design gifts, or experience in social media promotion.

You can learn more about our neighbor church at <https://huntingridgechurch.org/>.

— Dave is Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee



“Bmore2gether” with KIVA

by Margaret Schotto

The KIVA group met in January after a lengthy break due to COVID-19 and chose 4 individuals/groups to lend to. Unfortunately, due to complications, the funding did not make it to those groups. We met again on April 7 to choose new groups to provide our outreach. We meet bi-monthly to designate funds for micro-loans lent to a wide variety of people and countries. This month we loaned to the following folks:



‘Oto’ota from Patangata, Tonga. She and her husband run a fishing business but they hire a fishing boat. She applied for a loan of \$2625 to purchase a new fishing boat so that her husband will freely use it for their business and they can also rent it out. ‘Oto’ota sorts and packs the fish and other seafood that her husband catches into plastic bags and sells it at the local fish market.

Nuvia from San Gabriel, Ecuador is a 41-year-old mother of two older boys who live in a borrowed house. Her children are studying in secondary school and university. She works raising and selling cattle and requested a loan of which we contributed \$1375 to finance the purchase a pair of young bulls. She will raise them for a few months before selling them and will continue rotating and selling to get earnings with which she can provide her children with what is needed.



Norcafé Peru is a coffee cooperative sourcing high quality “green” coffee from nearly 500 smallholder farmers in the Andes and Amazon regions. They have asked for a total loan of \$50,000 which we decided to contribute \$6,000 towards. This loan will help to provide higher incomes and cultivation training to coffee farmers. They are UTZ certified which includes “no deforestation of primary forests” and “protection of ecological diversity” as part of it’s requirements. They have scored an 8.86 out of 10 in the 2019 Forest Landscape Integrity Index which is the 15th best score in the world. That means that 88% of their forest is intact (compared to Germany’s forest only being 22% intact).

If you are interested in joining the KIVA Committee to pick the recipients of St. B’s loans, we will meet next by Zoom on Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00pm. Please contact Kim Flash (keflash7@gmail.com) for more information and to receive the Zoom link. All are welcome!

— Margaret is a member of the KIVA Committee

A St. B's Vaccine Event

by Flo Ledyard and Bonnie Kutch

During the last session of our Lenten series on Christianity and Racism, Daphne Cover and Nicete Moodie presented an unsettling review of ways in which those of African descent have occasionally been the object of less than stellar medical journeys.

As the question was asked about what we could now, the idea was formed for St B's to be an advocate and source for the vaccine. A Task Force was created including Pat Alt, Inez Haynie Dodson, Shirley Nathan Pulliam, Dana Rose and Cynthia Wagner. Also joining are Peggy McMillan, the Director of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center and Deborah McEachran, Pastor of Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church. Quite a team!

Thanks to the ever-amazing contacts that Shirley has, we have been in touch with those who can help us. So we are filling out and submitting the application this week. Hopefully we will be contacted by the National Guard to move forward, establish our dates and begin to support our neighbors on a path to health and safety.

So stay tuned. Pretty exciting mission.

It has been the recognition and desire of this Task Force to reach out to those who will have the most difficulty to get vaccines but also to be a place that is safe and trustworthy.

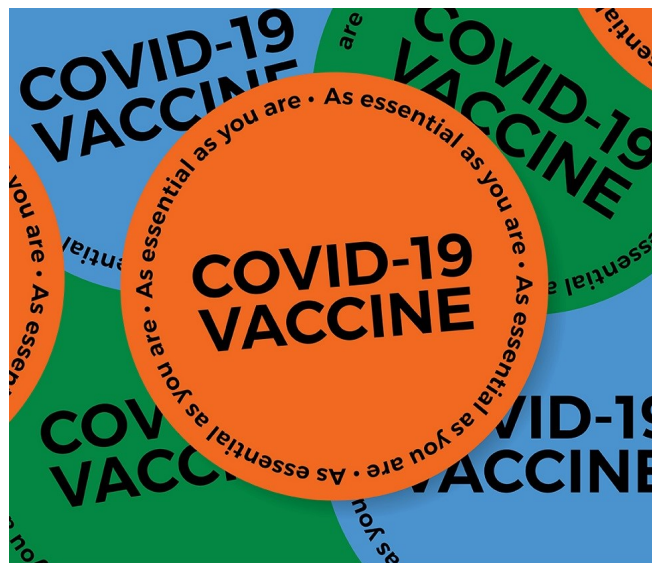
AND thankfully Shirley has the contacts and influence to make this happen.

And while we are it, btw Shirley was just accorded a lovely tribute which we want to recognize and rejoice in for her.

On March 24, 2021 Shirley was one of three Marylanders awarded the First Citizen Award by the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Maryland Senate. In presenting the award, he noted that in 1994, her first year in the legislature, she was able to use her expertise and years of nursing experience to secure \$2.6 million for breast care diagnosis and treatment for low income women. This was just the first of a long list of accomplishments during her legislative career. The list of awards honoring her service is equally long.

During the ceremony, many of her former colleagues honored the retired senator with kind words of recognition of her commitment and service. The First Citizen Award, a prestigious honor, is awarded each year to honor Marylanders for dedication and active participation in the process of making government work for the benefit of all.

— Flo is St. B's Rector; Bonnie is a member of the Vestry



May Musings from 40 West

by Peggy McMillan

Happy May, everyone! I hope you enjoy this amazing month as much as I do.

From 'May Day' to Mother's Day to Memorial Day, this month of mmm's offers so much beauty visually and therefore, spiritually. Beauty and spirituality connect and intertwine. Beauty lifts the soul and inspires us, with our thoughts soon flowing with gratitude, praise, and wonder! What an amazing creation we are a part of. What an amazing Creator has shaped us, the earth, and everything within it.

40 West has recently received several very generous gifts. On March 26th, Gregory DiFranco, Cub Scout Pack 1885 den leader, and his nephew delivered 1,015 pounds of food that the members of Cub Scout Pack 1885 collected in the Dickeyville neighborhood and beyond. In turn, 40 West gifted the food to our neighbors in need and as of this writing only five bags remain. Thank you, Pack 1885, for your kindness and generosity!



On March 30th, the Edmondson Avenue Giant grocery store gifted 200 hams to 40 West for distribution! We plan to give out 100 hams on May 25th and another 100 hams on June 22nd during our outside Pantry on the Go food distributions.

The presentation on March 30th was impressive, complete with WBAL, Fox News, a radio station, and photo shoots with the employees.

40 West staff and volunteers continue to work inside during the summer except for the monthly **Pantry on the Go outdoor distributions** which will be held in the parking lot. The dates for POG are: May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, and October 26th.

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



Hope Harbor: A Year of Re-Examination

by Cathy Brookman

Hope Harbor was established in 2010 and has served partner families in their journey toward self-sufficiency since 2013. The past year has been complicated and has resulted in discernment and recalibration. We began 2020 with four new board members from diverse backgrounds and were awaiting the recommendations of a task force that had been directed to consider restructuring options. Our staff worked hard to maintain contact and continuity with our partners amid the restrictions posed by the pandemic. This was very challenging. Based on this, the Board decided that the activities of Hope Harbor would be in a “holding pattern”: we would refrain from taking new partners and volunteers and streamline fundraising events at this time. However, the board also decided to use this time to explore possible partnership opportunities with organizations that have compatible missions. This outreach process is ongoing, with an “exploratory committee” established for this specific purpose.

There have been changes on the board and staff. Completing their three-year board terms this past January were Treasurer Geoff Martiny and Nancy Nicaise. Their contributions were greatly appreciated and will be missed! Stepping into the Treasurer position is the very capable David McClellan. Staff member Sheila Drummond, who provided direct service to families, resigned at the end of 2020.

Following Sheila’s resignation, Anna Williams, Director of Resource Development and Program, assumed dual responsibilities as the Family Outreach Worker in addition to her ongoing position. Anna recently announced that she will be retiring from Hope Harbor in April. She has been with Hope Harbor since its inception, serving as the first Family Outreach Worker in 2013. Anna’s dedication to Hope Harbor has been a steadying, vital force throughout the course of our journey. We are now serving six families. Plans are underway to fill this position and provide continuity for our partners.

Fundraising events were scaled back but, in partnership with 40 West, a successful drive-through crab feast was held. We also enjoyed virtual bingo earlier this year. Through a grant from the Catonsville Women’s Giving Circle, we are sponsoring workshops tailored to partners’ service goals and interests of the larger community. In March, a workshop on the Power of Play was presented by a local play therapist. Three other workshops will be scheduled this year. Please stay tuned for announcements of these workshops. We greatly appreciate the support of the St. B’s community and welcome your participation!

— Cathy is President of the Hope Harbor
Board or Directors





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

Lucy Marshall; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Wyvetta Dupree; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Young Sam; Michelle Haynie Madison; Mary Warfield; Ayodele House; Jim Wright; Kathleen DeVale; David McClellan; Dana Przybyszewski; Larry Bucher; Melody Pitts; Tim Wolf; James Graham; Cathy Brookman; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Kate Henshall; Ronnie Clarke; 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; Amanda Ash Freeland; Gerry Ash; Kyle Yoder; 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; Ricky Walston; Mary Warren; Diane McPhillips; Alison Jones; Williams and Kim Williams; Matt P. and family; Roland Daniels; Angie Arellano; Tony Grayson; 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.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

**The deadline for the June issue of
The Apostle is Saturday, May 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.



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

4711 Edmondson Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21229-1440

office phone: 410-945-7263

**During this complicated time, we worship on Sunday mornings at
10:00 am via Zoom.**

Please visit our website to learn how you can join us!

For more information about our worship or programs, please contact us at **410-945-7263**
or office@stbs-md.org or visit www.stbs-md.org.
