



# The APOSTLE

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

Summer (June/July/August) 2021

## BEING CAST OFF

Well, he is gone. Jesus has left.

What a rugged time it has been for the disciples. First, Jesus is executed in an excruciating manner. No doubt they think they will be next given Rome's lack of compunction to eliminate any opposition.

Then, all of a sudden, he is arisen – and right there in front of them. And they can touch him and eat with him. OMG. I mean really – how unexpected is that!

But now he is gone, Jesus has left. He has ascended back to be with all the heavenly assortment of characters.

So now it is their turn. It is their turn to be and do what Jesus has trained and prepared them for. Are they fully ready? Of course not. Are they scared? No doubt. But is it important that they step up now? Absolutely – or it will all be for naught. Part of Jesus' time on this earth was to reteach God's real intent for his/her creation and to prepare some peeps to rise and carry on the ministry. So, it is now their time to scatter and be the disciples God needs and Jesus has called, trained, and commissioned.

Wonder if there was any bated breath among the assorted heavenly characters?

I suspect there still is – for we are God's disciples for right now! Are we fully ready? Probably never will be. Are we sometimes scared and unsure? I know I am. But is it important for us to rise? Imagine if we do not. Imagine the world, our world, if we do not rise to be God's sweet, scared, and reticent disciples. Not sure I want to be in a world without our efforts.

Thankfully, Pentecost has come. Which means the Holy Spirit has come. Which means we are actually not alone as Christ's disciples. God is actually right back here with us no matter where we are. God is with us when we are feeling not ready to be Christians. God is with us when we are actually kind of scared to be a disciple and whatever that might entail which is generally more than we actually want it to be. Regardless, God is with us. All thanks to the Holy Spirit.

So we can actually scatter about and spread ourselves around planting new seeds of faith wherever we land. It's like a dandelion in a way. Once the flower is finished, it turns white, ready for its seeds to be blown about to land and plant new possibilities.

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## ☞ Being Cast Off

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When we were younger (well, actually I still do) we would pick these flowers and delight in blowing the seeds off and away.

That is what the Holy Spirit does for us: picks us up and blows us about to be a source of new possibilities wherever we land – to spread the truth of God!

And boy, does the world ever need us right now!

So I hope this summer, the Holy Spirit will blow us all about – even if it is just a few steps out the front door.

And maybe we can trust the wind to send us where we might just be the right person with the right thing to say at the right moment.

Maybe the Holy Spirit will give us the courage to be Christ's disciples just like she did for Peter, Paul, Bartholomew, Priscila, et al. And – just once or twice or maybe even three times in honor of the Trinity we will rise to God's hopes and bated breath expectations. Imagine what a world that would be!

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

## ☞ Worship

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### Summer Worship at St. B's

**8:00 am worship returns** — in-person outdoors in the Courtyard. Bring a chair and a mask. (You may choose to wear your mask or not — unless you are near someone who is medically compromised for whatever reason or if someone asks you to please wear a mask.)

**10:00 am worship** continues on Zoom.

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 early to have some fun at our Coffee Hour.

### Welcome to St. B's!

We welcome **Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and Pastor Alex Stone**, our wonderful neighbors, who are using our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons for their Zoom worship at 1:30 pm.

# This Summer and Flo

After some wonderful yeasty and thoughtful discussion awhile back, the Vestry and I have agreed to the following:

In a couple of years, it will be time for another sabbatical for me. These are exquisite times for some extended rest but also to relish even more attention to my spiritual life AND to read – lots of wonderful stuff about the Scriptures, theology and church dynamics or whatever else will be helpful for our time together as a faith community.

In a supportive and hopefully wise alteration, instead of taking it all at once – I will take it in yearly partial doses. For this I am grateful.

So I will be gone from mid-June (my last Sunday will be June 13) and back, at the latest, by Sunday, September 5 — hopefully to return with some new insights and ideas.

In the meantime, I am delighted to say that The Reverend Thelma Smullen, The Reverend Carole Robinson Douglas, and Bishop Bob Ihloff will be at St B's for worship — each on their own days. Additionally, we will delight occasionally in the preaching skills of The Reverend Ann Boyd and our Intern Steven Smith.

Pastoral care will remain as thick as possible. Ministry opportunities will continue. And plans for the fall and a new program year will evolve as we continue to navigate this evolving year.

As during previous sabbatical times, I know God will watch over all of us per usual. But mostly I am so thankful for a faith community that is strong and solid with exceptional leadership. Makes all kinds of things possible - including a bit of sabbath time this summer . . . for all of us in one way or another, I hope.

Flo

## “Take Out @ St. B’s”

On Saturday, June 12 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 June 13, 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](#).

# Bach at St. Bartholomew's

by Ted Davis

## Bach at St. B's—Season 14

Our recent Bach at St. Bartholomew's featured our own Ted Davis performing the six delightful "English" Suites on harpsichord in six mini virtual concerts. All six concerts are available on our YouTube page ("[Music at St. Bartholomew's-Baltimore](#)"), and will continue to be available through the summer. So you still have time to enjoy them and share them with music-loving friends and neighbors.

A link to the concert series program is available with each video. This program includes instructions of how to make a contribution to our "virtual offering plate," which supports our music events and parish outreach funds.



# 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 at 4:30 pm!

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

# Do You Know a Child Who Likes to Sing?

by Ted Davis

We are excited to announce a new program in residence at St. Bartholomew's, the **West Baltimore Choir School**. This is a new enrichment program for children and youth in the community that we hope to launch in the fall.

Choir school will offer many exciting opportunities, including musical training and mentoring. Opportunities include mentoring sessions and piano lessons, as well as access to a music and Christian education curriculum called *Voice for Life*, as well as monthly social activities and other team-building opportunities.

If you know a child who might enjoy such a unique opportunity, or if you have the ability to contribute financially to this exciting program, please contact [ted@stbs-md.org](mailto:ted@stbs-md.org) for more information.

— Ted is St. B's Organist and Choirmaster



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# Warm Summer Sun

shared by Janet Aldrich

*No matter how much time we have for summer sabbath in the coming months, no matter what time we go to bed (daylight, still, or waiting for darkness?), no matter where the warm winds lead us, and no matter our walk in life, this poem becomes a prayer of the Holy Spirit, blowing us here and there, inwardly and outwardly, in Dark times and in Light, even when we are unaware. Blessings to all during The Apostle's summer sabbatical!*

Warm summer sun,  
Shine kindly here,  
Warm southern wind,  
Blow softly here.  
Green sod above,  
Lie light, lie light.  
Good night, dear heart,  
Good night, good night.

~~ Mark Twain



## 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 April 27, 2021:

- The Vestry Committee welcomed new members.
- John Schroeder, Treasurer, provided his Quarterly Report.
- Vestry members discussed St. B's activities as a community hub, including plans for a vaccination clinic and summer program at the Peace Park.

At their meeting on May 25, 2021:

- The Vestry reviewed the plans for the Juneteenth Covid-19 vaccination event.
- Rev. Flo updated the Vestry on the status of onsite worship and plans for the summer.
- The Vestry approved a motion for the creation of a homeownership support fund.

The Vestry Retreat is planned in June.

The next regular meeting, scheduled on June 22,  
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.



# Congratulations, Graduates!!!

**Auggie Anderson**, son of Jenni Williams, graduated from Frostburg State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business/Marketing/Graphic Design. While he is unsure of future plans, Auggie is keeping busy working in delivery and sales.

**Maggie (Magdalena) MacDonald**, daughter of Saville Janney and Luis MacDonald and sister of Becca MacDonald, is graduating this Spring from Clark University in Worcester, MA. She will be receiving a B.A. in Economics and Social Change. Future plans include Graduate School at the same college.

**Megan Sullivan McPhillips**, daughter of Kim and Tim McPhillips and granddaughter of Chuck and Glorius Sullivan, will graduate on June 4 from Red Lion Area Senior High School in Red Lion, PA. She will be attending Millersville University in the fall, and plans to study marine biology.

**Collin Molony**, son of Brigit Molony, graduated from The Catholic University of America with a Masters Degree in Library Science.

**Jennifer Nonn**, daughter of Katherine and Mike Nonn and sister of Nicholas Nonn and Jessica DuLaney, graduated from the University of Maryland Nursing School in Baltimore with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is preparing for the NCLEX-RN Exam in June. Jenn is applying for positions in Maryland hospitals to work in the Emergency Department.

**Greta Olsen**, daughter of Derek and Meredith Olsen and sister of Hannah, graduated from The Catholic High School of Baltimore. She was accepted to New York University (her top choice!) and offered a generous scholarship to study Music Technology.

**Zoe E Przybyszewski**, daughter of Dana Przybyszewski and sister of Zach, graduates from Westminster High School on June 3. She will be attending Carroll Community College where she will be in the Hill Scholars Honors program. For now, she has chosen nursing like her grandmother.

**Jack Schroeder**, son of John and Sara Schroeder and brother of Jessica, graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with B.S. in Health, Physical Education, and Exercise Science. He will next apply for admission to pursue a graduate degree in Physical Therapy.

**Benjamin John James Smith (Ben)**, son of Amanda Harris and brother of Marilyn Smith, will be graduating from Howard High School on June 2. He will be attending Towson University in the fall.

**Maria Trovato**, daughter of Dana Harris-Trovato and Frank Trovato and sister of Geneva Trovato, graduates with Honors this week from University of Maryland with a double major in Journalism, and Government and Politics. Her future plans are undecided.

**Sophie Waterman**, daughter of Chris Waterman and Eleanor Danko-Waterman, and sister of Mary Claire and Beatrice Waterman, is graduating from Oregon State University with a BS in Geography and Geospatial Science and a minor in Public Health. After graduation she will be driving across the country with her family to move back to Maryland. She is actively looking for employment in her field and hopes to find something that matches her skills



# Welcome!

by Bryan MacKay

**A**lmost every week, even in these pandemic times, new faces join us for Zoom worship here at St. B's. Some are visitors—members of our extended families, friends visiting from out of town, even sojourning Episcopalians in Baltimore for a time looking for a place to worship—but many become a more permanent part of our congregation. Every few months, we take the time to note those in our midst who are new here, but have become active parts of our worshipping community. This month we welcome Peggy McMillan and Mary Hamlin Spencer & Bill Spencer!

*Bryan is Chair of the Newcomers Committee*

by Peggy McMillan:

## **Why St. B's? Why Now?**

Hello! I recently decided that I would like to join St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church community. I had been praying about it for quite a while. Although I was a member at another Baltimore church, I saw inequities there I did not like, and the whole all-male priesthood thing did not sit well with me either.

In August 2019 I started to work at 40 West as the director. I was introduced to many St. B members and gradually got to know them as volunteers in various capacities at the church. But it was the experience of moving 40 West from the undercroft to the Parish House on April 27<sup>th</sup> that closed the deal.

Dave Murray had arranged to have volunteers and lunch available. Little did I know that 35 St. B's individuals from all walks of life would show up to make quick work of the move. I did not hear any grumbling or resentment at giving up their Saturday morning. As we all sat down to lunch and filled the tables, I experienced overwhelming joy sitting within this community of saints. That is when God nudged me to ask to be a part of St. B's and to have a permanent place in this amazing community of people. I look forward to getting to know all of you as I worship with you and work with you. Thank you for this gift you have given me.

## **What can I offer St. B's?**

I look forward to getting to know the St. B's community and where I can offer my gifts. I like to garden and prune, and to participate in activities that conserve our natural resources to save our earth and its inhabitants. I like to kayak and hike. I think St. B's will be a good fit for me, and I for it.

by Bryan MacKay

Mary Hamlin Spencer and Bill Spencer are not new faces at St. Bartholomew's, but they are happy to be back among friends old and new. Mary was the much-beloved organist and choir director between 1993 and 2001, when she, Bill, and son Gilbert moved to New Hampshire. When they returned a few years later to be near family, Mary took a similar post at Epiphany Timonium. Although her professional duties prevent them from attending St. B's on most Sunday mornings, we have seen their smiling faces episodically, especially at musical events. Bill and Mary have always considered St B's their church home. They "want to support a great church doing good work".

Bill now earns money doing IT work, but he is a musician at heart. He is a Peabody grad, and has an undergraduate degree in bassoon. When he met Mary, however, he had put the instrument aside, and Mary never heard him play until 2007! Bill has a PhD in orchestral conducting, and serves with the Hopkins

## Welcome! (*continued*)

Symphony and previously with the Frederick (MD) Orchestra. When you speak with Bill, you'll be impressed with his voice; he was an announcer at the old WJHU classical radio station. He looks forward to doing more lay reading at St. B's.

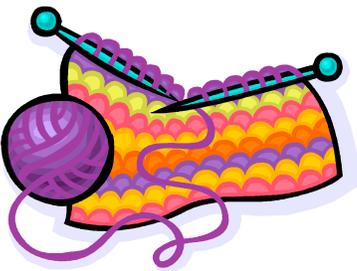
Folks who haven't seen Mary since her tenure at St. B's may be interested to know she is now an Alexander technique teacher (google it!), a certification requiring three years and 600 hours of training. "I love it!" she says.

We welcome Mary and Bill to St. B's, again and forever!

## Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

by Jean Storrs

**T**he 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.



**S**t. 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 have been meeting together via Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We'll be taking a break during the summer and look forward to regathering in the fall.**

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](mailto:aandj@mindspring.com).

# Small Groups Meeting This Summer! Join a Sankofa Circle!

by Diane Mountain

In June, we will be organizing new signups for Sankofa Circles at St. Bartholomew's. This is an important opportunity for us to build community within our St. B's family. For more than a year, many of our interactions with other people in the world have disappeared, or become hugely different (screen life instead of real life!) — but our need for spiritual connection and growth is still the same. This summer, I hope you'll consider joining a Sankofa Circle to explore that spiritual growth for yourself.

We use the term "Sankofa Circles" to describe small groups that meet during the week for discussion of the previous Sunday's sermon, fellowship, and prayer — not too different from the way that the earliest Christians met together to share their faith and build community. The Sankofa bird is a symbol that describes forward movement while remembering, honoring, and carrying the past with us. The word itself comes from the Twi language of Ghana, and translates roughly to "go back and get it" (according to Wikipedia).

Because this is a transition time in terms of health protocols and what people are comfortable with, our summer Sankofa Circles will be very flexible! We are working with leaders now to identify the times and dates that groups will meet. Specific start dates will be up to each group; some Sankofa Circles have already been meeting during the spring months.

Sankofa Circles will continue to meet via Zoom, but some groups may decide that they are comfortable meeting in person. Here are next steps:

- If you are new to Sankofa Circles and interested in learning more, please contact Maggie Caldwell in the office at [mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).
- Once we have more information on group meeting times and dates, we will send out an email to the congregation, and directly contact everyone who has expressed interest.

For those of you who have never tried Sankofa Circles, and for all previous participants, I hope you will consider this amazing opportunity for getting to know each other and sharing God's love. I look forward to walking together through this transition time as a community of faith.

— Diane is a member of the Sankofa Circle Planning Team



# From the Daughters of the King

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

With an errand to do, I went out into the early morning chill — being careful to check for any cicadas — and was greeted with birds chirping, the sun shining, the grass a vibrant green carpet, the trees full with their leaves ever so gently swaying, the flowers offering their myriad colors to greet the day — I was surrounded by their beauty. I felt such a lifting up of my spirits and smiled as I welcomed the day.

The weather is turning warmer, more folks are getting vaccinated, and COVID restrictions are being lifted, and there is the hope and joy of actually being with family and friends again! Good news in our community and families — of babies being born — or on their way! — graduation dates set, weddings being planned, families talking about moving — all these new beginnings brought joy and gave me a sense of “all is right with the world (again)”! It is so right to give thanks to God for the new day and its beauty and for being here to enjoy times with family and friends!

But sometimes, when I start a busy day, I need this prayer as a reminder:

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,  
And heavier came each task;  
“Why doesn't God help me?” I wondered.  
He answered, “You didn't ask.”

I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on gray and bleak  
I wondered why God didn't show me  
He said, “But you didn't seek.”

I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys in the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
“My child, you didn't knock.”

I woke up early this morning,  
And paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

*(author unknown)*

We Daughters are continuing to read Love is the Way – Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry with Sara Grace. We are looking forward to meeting together in person, as I know many folks are, now that COVID restrictions are being loosened. And as always, we are praying — that never ceases.

Days begun with prayer — asking God for strength and help and hope and giving thanks for our many blessings — prayer always makes a difference. As Daughters, we pray — for needs known to us and those known only to God, for our parish family, families, friends, for peace and hope — and we give thanks always for God's many blessings. 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*

# Children's Word Update

by Steve Miller

With late spring/early summer and the great cicada invasion of 2021 as backdrop, it is time for the final Children's Word update of the academic year. Our Kangaroos and Elephants have done an amazing job of transitioning to Zoom meetings with their Children's Word teachers, Miss Ebony and Miss Jo Anne, over the last 7+ months, and now they will all take a break from their virtual fellowship and learning until we re-gather in some fashion come September. The final meetings of this season will be Sunday, May 29 for the Kangaroos (pre-school to grade 2) and Tuesday, June 1 for the Elephants (grades 3-5).

Even as we transition toward the summer break, there is still much to report from our Children's Word classrooms. In the past month Miss Ebony's Kangaroos have been talking about the Great Commission of Jesus to his Disciples and spreading the good news. In one session they engaged in a virtual message game and learned a little about the old game telephone. They talked about how we all learn about God, who teaches us about God, and how we can let others know that God loves them. The Kangaroos said that they learned about God at church and from Miss Ebony in Children's Word. The Kangaroos also engaged in conversation about the Good Shepherd, how he takes care of us, and the people he places in our lives to help take care of us. They identified their parents and family members that help take care of them, and they said a prayer for those who God has placed in our lives to be our good shepherds. The Kangaroos have been very excited about learning the word and learning ways that they can help others and also share the good news.

Meanwhile, Miss Jo Anne's Elephants have also been quite busy. They have talked a lot about how Jesus loves us and died on the cross for our sins, focusing on

the events of Psalm Sunday and Easter, namely the death, burial, and Resurrection of Jesus. They have also had good discussions about what Jesus means to each of us in our lives on a daily basis. The Elephants learned that Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us under any circumstance. In one class, the Elephants made pictures of what Jesus means to them; some drew pictures of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins, and some drew hearts and expressions of love. They have been praying out loud, and Miss Jo Anne is overjoyed by the growth she has seen in her charges, especially their growth in Christ.

The Kid's Council of St. B's is very grateful for the loving guidance provided by our Children's Word teachers, especially during these challenging times. We are also very grateful for the dedicated parents and grandparents of our Kangaroos and Elephants, who have not only kept their young ones engaged, but have also sometimes stepped into the breach to take over a virtual class or two when the need has arisen. And finally, a big Thank You goes out to Maggie Caldwell and Kathie Clark, who have provided the organizational magic behind our Zoom meetings.

Looking ahead to the fall, we can't wait to see how our returning Kangaroos and Elephants will have grown over the summer, and to welcome new younger ones into the Children's Word family. Remember that all are welcome and encouraged to be a part of our community, and to live, learn, and grow in Christ in this special way. Please be on the lookout for info from Maggie this summer about how we will do Children's Word in the fall, and how your child can join us. And in the meantime, we wish everyone a wonderful summer!

— Steve is a member of the Kid's Council

# St. B's Peeps at "New Beginnings Preview Day" at Camp Wright



# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

## ***Get Ready for Youth Events!***

**St. B's D-Group**, for those in grades 6—12, has been meeting via Zoom on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Our regular meeting schedule has ended, but watch for summer plans! Please contact Youth Group Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark ([peaceclark1@gmail.com](mailto:peaceclark1@gmail.com)) for information. 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 during the school year 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, June 19— Summer Service Day*

Come join other youth (8<sup>th</sup> grade and older) and young adults from the Diocese of Maryland for a one-day service project. We will be gathering at St. Bartholomew's from 8:45 am to 2:00 pm to assist the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center in packing bags of groceries to feed the local community and help the environment by picking up trash on the ground of the church which sits on a busy bus route. The cost is \$5; lunch is provided. Register at [https://episcopaldioceseofmaryland.formstack.com/forms/serviceday\\_consentform](https://episcopaldioceseofmaryland.formstack.com/forms/serviceday_consentform) or [here](#).

Many thanks to all who helped make Christian Formation happen this year:

for those who planned and prepared;

for those who presented and taught;

for those who helped with technology so anyone, anywhere, could participate;

and for everyone of any age who joined us.

*Thank you!*



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# Community Solar and St. B's

by Leah Kulp

## What is Community Solar?

The U.S. Department of Energy defines community solar as any solar project or purchasing program, within a geographic area, in which the benefits of a solar project flow to multiple customers such as individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and other groups. In most cases, customers are benefitting from energy generated by

*As quoted 5/10/21 from website [www.energy.gov/eere/solar/community-solar-basics](http://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/community-solar-basics)*

## What is the Status of Community Solar in Maryland?

A minority of states have sponsored community solar, and Maryland is one. An online search of the term "community solar Maryland" reveals ads from four commercial, independent community solar providers. To subscribe to a community solar project, you must apply first, but your application may be denied if the energy needs of potential subscribers exceed the capacity of the solar arrays under the provider's control. For example, in 2019 Creation Caretaker team members applied for residential community solar but were rejected, so they installed solar panels on their house roof instead. If you are interested in community solar for your residence, be sure to submit applications to multiple providers. A demand for more off-site solar panel arrays, represented by your applications, ensures that more arrays will be built in the future.

## Can St. B's Join a Community Solar Project?

Through Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake, St. B's learned of the Solar Energy Initiative of Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church inviting other churches to submit January 2020 electric bills for a cost-saving analysis conducted by Sunrise Solar Company of Chesterfield, Maryland. A group of approximately 20 churches could become a new community solar entity in which members would purchase electricity from Sunrise Solar at a reduced rate from a "solar farm" that Sunrise Solar would build on 9 acres located in Howard County. Dave Murray from the Property Committee has jumped on this opportunity, and St. B's is now entered on the ground floor for the prospect of acquiring green energy without the expense of installing solar panels on the church campus. Stay tuned ...

*On behalf of your green team, Creation Caretakers,  
Leah B. Kulp, Chair*

# Property Updates

by *Dave Murray*

Here's what's being planned/completed for the summer months:

1. We move everything back into the undercroft in July after a new tile floor is installed, the walls repaired and painted, and all is cleaned.
2. The Tower Room outside porch will be repointed, cleaned, and sealed. This should stop water leaking into the furnace room below.
3. The Church sewer line was finally fixed on May 5. We need to install a cold patch across the driveway where a new pipe was installed. We also need to rework the landscape to eliminate ruts and grow grass.
4. The Youth House front porch needs to be rebuilt. We'll be getting quotes and lining up work for the fall.
5. We hope to replace the Youth House rear sidewalk from the parking area to the rear porch.
6. We're repairing the closing mechanisms on both the side and front doors of the Parish House.

— *Dave is a member of the Property Committee*

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## Financial Position as of April 30, 2021

— *Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer*

April 30, 2021	Current Month		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Income	32,404.81	48,613.91	261,272.26	194,455.72
Total Expenses	<u>(44,077.34)</u>	<u>(51,258.76)</u>	<u>(191,577.93)</u>	<u>(205,035.26)</u>
Difference	(11,672.53)	(2,644.85)	69,694.33	(10,579.54)

# St. B's COVID-19 Vaccination Event



**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) and July 10<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Start time- 10:00 AM- Duration TBD**

In partnership with Rite Aid we will host two vaccination events on our premises for our neighbors. Rite Aid will provide and administer the Pfizer vaccine to pre-registered individuals ages 12 and above. The first dose will be administered on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and the second dose will be administered on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> for those who received the vaccine on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our goal is to provide the full dose to 100+ people. Pre-registration required.

## **We need your help!**

- Get the word out! The materials will be provided by the St. B's COVID Task Force
  - ◇ Talk up the event
  - ◇ Use social media
  - ◇ Distribute flyers to local businesses
  - ◇ Canvas the neighborhood with flyers (work in groups of 3 or more)
- Encourage our neighbors or yourself to pre-register by calling the St. B's COVID-19 Vaccine line — **(410)241-1585**.
- Volunteer! Volunteers are needed for pre-events and on June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◇ Foot Soldiers-deliver flyers to the neighborhood, **safely in groups**
  - ◇ Cyber Soldiers- post flyers to social media platforms
  - ◇ Registration Day of Events
  - ◇ Hospitality Crew- pre-event and day of events
  - ◇ Logistic Assistance- car and pedestrian traffic
  - ◇ Observers/Time Keepers- Newly vaccinated persons must be observed for 15 minutes. These positions will be staffed by folks with a medical background
  - ◇ Set-up
  - ◇ Clean-up

See the flyer on page 20 (**an electronic copy is available**). Please watch out for additional information regarding this event via email and bulletin. If you have any questions or are interested in hearing more about volunteer opportunities, please reach out to a member of the Task Force.

**Task Force Members**-Pat Alt; Inez Haynie Dodson; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Dana Rose; Cynthia Wagner; Peggy McMillan (Director of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center); Charlotte Wood (MD Association of Nurses); and Deborah McEachran (Pastor of Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church).



# Taking care of your health is part of Juneteenth!

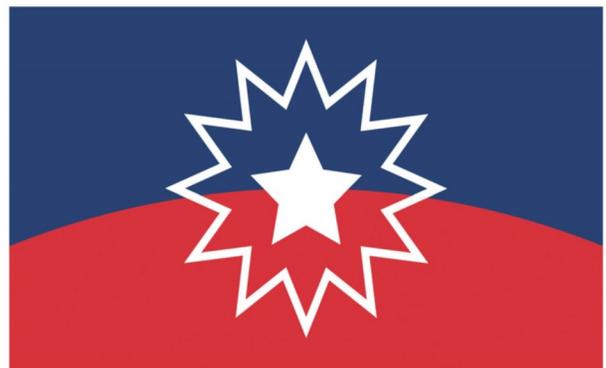
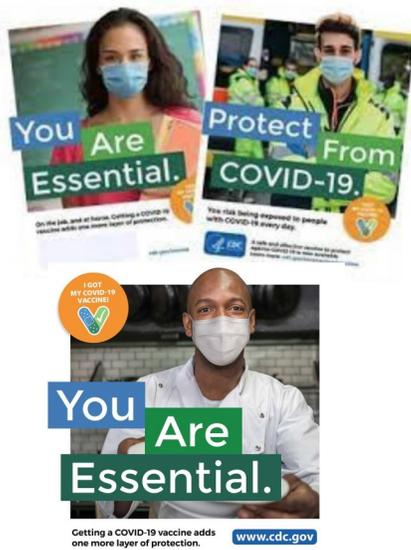
## Free Pfizer COVID Vaccinations Ages 12 and up

**Where:** St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,  
4711 Edmondson Ave, Baltimore, MD. 21229  
In partnership with Hunting Ridge Presbyterian  
Church, 40 West, Maryland Nurses  
Association, Maryland National Guard,  
and Rite Aid Pharmacy

**When:** First Dose: **June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
Second Dose: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Free gift card for your local grocery store after  
completion of second dose.**

**Register:** Call **410-241-1585** for an appointment.



# After Vaccination Recommendations

by Charles Flexner, MD, and The Rev. Ann Boyd, PhD

Here at St. B's Church, we value community as well as the health and well-being of individuals.

Recent recommendations from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) are ones we think reasonable and appropriate as we all seek to live into a future without COVID-19. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>)

Achieving enough immunity to protect those who might decline the vaccine for any number of medical or other personal reasons is part of why we need over 70% of the community vaccinated. We can demonstrate caring by continuing to advocate for vaccination and simultaneously, respect those who decline. The reason for relaxing requirements is based on evidence that fully vaccinated persons are less likely to have asymptomatic infections and transmit the virus to others. However, we do not know how long the immunity will last or if immunity-resistant variants of virus will emerge as the virus continues to replicate effectively in some regions of the world. No vaccine is 100% effective. There have been breakthrough cases in which individuals became infected with SARS-CoV2 after completing the vaccine doses. The public health recommendations still apply in large gatherings: masks, hand sanitation, and social distancing.

The following recommendations are things you may consider going forward.

- Fully vaccinated means having one dose of J&J vaccine or two doses of Pfizer/Moderna vaccine and allowing two weeks following receipt of the vaccine to develop immunity.
- Fully vaccinated person may return to work after an exposure to an infected person.
- Fully vaccinated persons may move about in the outdoors without masks but should use masks in enclosed spaces with other people.

- Fully vaccinated persons may gather as families or friends in small numbers indoors without masks or social distancing.
- Fully vaccinated persons may visit with unvaccinated persons such as grandchildren at low risk of serious COVID infection without masks.
- Fully vaccinated persons may resume domestic travel without testing or quarantine in a new location.
- No testing is required for travel internationally unless required by the host nation.
- Fully vaccinated persons should continue to take precautions in indoor public settings; this includes, wearing a mask, when visiting individuals not vaccinated who are at increased risk of severe COVID, meeting with unvaccinated persons from multiple households, and avoiding large in person gatherings.
- Always get tested if you experience COVID symptoms.
- Guidance will continue to be revised as we move forward, shifting to fit areas with higher case numbers. Employers may have additional guidance and requirements.
- Pay attention to the impact of COVID in your community. (Are cases going up or down, are there hotspots in your city or community?)

— Charles is a expert in infectious disease at Johns Hopkins Hospital; Ann is a virologist and Professor of Biology at Hood College. Both are members of St. B's.

# The Flea Market is Coming!

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by Mary Helen Sprecher

Okay, the Flea Market is not coming right NOW (the tentative date is Saturday, September 11) but it's time to start thinking about it. If you've been thinking of decluttering, organizing, paring down or anything else – keep St. B's in mind.

We'll start accepting donations in July (firm dates will be announced as we get a little closer) but for now, we ask for three things:

**Please keep us in mind for donations!** We accept goods in a wide range of departments: Furniture, Jewelry, Seasonal, Collectibles, Clothing, (includes accessories and shoes), Electronics (includes anything that plugs in!), Books, Games, Housewares, Toys, and Sporting Goods – Plus, we have a plant sale, a bake sale, and many other features. So if you have it, we can likely sell it.

**We'd love to have you as a volunteer!** We need help in all departments (including unpacking and sorting donations, working the sale on the day-of, plus set-up and breakdown. Don't want to do in-person work? We probably have something you can do from home like cleaning off, polishing, or tuning up things that need a little work here and there.

**We need your prayers for good weather!** We always need good weather but this year, being able to have outdoor sales and open windows will be especially welcome – and healthful! So please keep us on your prayer list!

Questions? Please reach out to Mary Helen Sprecher, Flea Market Chairman, [mhsprecher@gmail.com](mailto:mhsprecher@gmail.com) or 410-419-4543.



# Summer Learning at the Peace Park

by Michael Sarbanes

The Peace Park will help to host a summer learning camp from July 5-9 and July 12-16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Campers will build on academic achievements with tutoring, create a community art project, make music, participate in urban farming, explore the wonders of nature, make friends, and have fun. For Children in Kindergarten through 8th grades. Volunteer staff includes public school teachers and UMBC faculty.

CDC COVID guidelines will be followed. Snack and lunch will be provided. Contributions of volunteer hours, snacks, materials, and money are welcome. It's a community effort!

For more information, please email [peaceparksummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:peaceparksummercamp@gmail.com) or contact Michael Sarbanes at (410) 303-4846.

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



# June, July, and August at 40 West

by Peggy McMillan

Cicadas, food deliveries, and prayers,  
Drive through Pantry on the Go monthly,  
Prayers for more customers.

Help with BGE turn-off notices,  
Applying for energy assistance and the Fuel Fund,  
Help with reinstating Medicare,  
Prayers for more customers.

Clothing, shoes, baby items,  
New sign above the Parish House door,  
Weather resistant signs strategically placed in the ground,  
Prayers for more customers.

Number of evictions to rise July first and onward,  
Move back to the undercroft in mid-July,  
Gratitude for volunteers throughout the summer,  
Prayers for more customers.

Possibly offer backpacks filled with school supplies in August,  
A sigh of relief from all stretched and stressed-out parents is  
    overwhelmingly heard throughout the land.  
Prayers for the students returning to school,  
the St. B's community,  
the churches supporting our mission,  
gratitude for the many volunteers,  
And prayers for more customers.  
Amen.

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

# St. B's Serving Our Neighbors

by Bonnie Kutch

My Brother's Keeper has been serving our neighbors in the Irvington community since the 1980s. During the COVID-19 pandemic, like many community service organizations, they found that their services were needed more than ever. Not only were they able to continue their meal service, but they were able to continue and expand some of the critical services that they provide:

- ◆ They quickly migrated from serving a hot mid-day meal on site to a 'Grab and Go' bagged lunch service, providing 80 to 100+ lunches each day.
- ◆ A Primary Care Clinic opened on-site in March, offering a full range of preventive health services, and providing their clients with access to clinicians from Ascension St. Agnes Hospital including doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners and dietitians. This brings health care and wellness support right into the community, facilitating access for residents.
- ◆ Behavioral Health and Mental Health Support continues to be provided on site.
- ◆ Job Placement assistance continued through the pandemic. Job readiness and skills training are also available.
- ◆ Mobile vaccine site – in April My Brother's Keeper became the 100<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 vaccine clinic hosted by the Baltimore City Health Department. Working with [Ascension St. Agnes](#) hospital, 49 Moderna vaccines were administered.

St. Bartholomew's, through our Outreach Committee, continues to support their meal service, shifting from cooking and delivering frozen casseroles and providing volunteers to serve on-site meals to using our budget to purchase and deliver grocery items needed for take-away bag lunches. Parishioners continued to donate items, as well. Donations of items that can be used for lunch preparations are always welcome. A list of requested donations includes:

- Mayo Packs
- Mustard Packs
- Sun Chips
- Cookies
- Drinks
- Oranges
- Cheese Crackers
- Potato Chips
- Fruit Cups
- Fruit Gummies
- Carryout Plastic Bags
- Zip Lock Sandwich bags
- 20 Loaves of Bread

My Brother's Keeper would like to share the following upcoming event. Our help is requested to spread the word about the event and for food donations:

- ◆ **Saturday, June 12, 2021 – Health Fair and Cookout** sponsored by My Brother's Keeper in association with Ascension St. Agnes and the Knights of Columbus. Donations of desserts, homemade or purchased, are welcomed. They can be brought to My Brother's Keeper prior to the event.

My Brother's Keeper is located at 4207 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore MD 21229. Their number is 667-600-2950. Donations should be brought to the side door on Augusta Road, near the driveway. There is a doorbell, but please be patient as there is limited staff on-site.

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/my-brothers-keeper/>

The staff at My Brother's Keeper are extremely appreciative of our partnership with them and the support that it provides. As they continue to work to meet the needs of the Irvington community, what we do helps them to succeed. If you would like to know more about St. Bartholomew's support for My Brother's Keeper, please contact Bonnie Kutch at [bonnie\\_kutch@verizon.net](mailto:bonnie_kutch@verizon.net) or Sharon Selleck at [scobleselleck@gmail.com](mailto:scobleselleck@gmail.com).

— Bonnie is a member of the Vestry

*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; Melody Pitts; Tim Wolf; James Graham; Cathy Brookman; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Kate Henshall; Ronnie Clarke; Lee Smink; Celeste Thurston; Jean Black; Corinne Bowmaker; Peter Lee; 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; Susan Clarke; Kevin Mills; 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 September issue of *The Apostle* is Sunday, August 15.**

Please e-mail articles to [mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto: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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**During this complicated time, we worship on Sunday mornings at  
8:00 am outdoors in the Courtyard and 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](mailto:office@stbs-md.org) or visit [www.stbs-md.org](http://www.stbs-md.org).

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