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

September 2021

Some Calm, Please!!!

ot hard these days to feel rather buffeted about! After all, there is Afghanistan, Haiti, climate issues – not to mention ongoing covid adjustments because the virus continues to mutate. Seems every day there is a list of stuff to feel blown around about. It is exhausting, I think. Hard to find some peace and calm.

Up at Lake Champlain this summer, however, there was a wonderful moment that reminded me of a deeper truth and reality that I want to remind all of us about.



Even when there is stuff blowing us around, there are still places of calm. One place where we can always go find a sense of peace and calm is God. Somehow, in the complexities of life, God is always present trying to remind us that s/he is BIGGER, more powerful, and more pervasive than anything about which this world can try to shake us.

And so, this September, we begin a new program year in the midst of some windy times: globally, nationally, and not to mention maybe just personally. But we have each other, an awesome faith community, and the knowledge and assurance that our God is right with us –sheltering arms outstretched sharing with us his unending love and care as well as the relief that she is actually so consistent and reliable that we can really breathe and relax.

Nowhere better to find that btw than in church on Sunday. Whether in person or on Zoom, it is there that we can find the sustaining calm we seek to

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renew our strength and courage. Through music, word, and a meal - we connect with each other no matter where we are - but especially we connect with God.

So I trust that no matter how buffeted about you may feel. No matter how discouraged you might feel. No matter how angry you might feel. No matter how tired or discouraged you might feel at any given time,

you will still spiritually seek out and see places of calm so you can feel restored by our God and to be reminded that he is actually as BIG as we need to handle anything!

See you at church!

— Flo Ledyard, Rector



Worship

Worship at St. B's

Join us for worship! Through Sunday, September 12, we worship in the Church at 8:00 and 10:00 am. Please wear a mask. You can also join us for our 10:00 am worship on Zoom.

On September 19 we celebrate St. Bartholomew's Day. Beginning that date, our worship times will change to 8:00am (in the Church) and 10:30 am (in the Church and on Zoom).

Here's how you can join us on Zoom — at 10:00 am through September 12 — and <u>at 10:30 am</u> beginning September 19:

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: (301)-715-8592

AND, you can come early to have some fun at our Zoom Coffee Hour.

"Take Out @ St. B's"

On Saturday, September 4, 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 Sunday, September 5, and on St. Bartholomew' Day, Sunday, September 19, 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.



A Back-to-School Blessing

will take place on <u>Sunday, September 5</u> for all students, teachers, and anyone involved in education. Have a school-related item (backpack, pencil, book, etc.) available for the blessing!





Blessing of the Animals

ark your calendars for our Annual Blessing of the Animals Service on Saturday, October 2 at 4:00 pm. Watch for detail!

Available Online

On Our Website:

- ~ "A Moment of Peace and Quiet" a digital devotion.
 - ~ Recordings of St. B's worship services.

And on our "Music at St. Bartholomew's -Baltimore" YouTube Channel:

- ~ Virtual Choral Evensong (recorded June 13)
- ~ The 14th edition of Bach at St. Bartholomew's

Thank you . . .

to The Reverend Thelma Smullen for her steady guidance and wisdom throughout the summer.

And Thank You to
The Reverend Carole Robinson Douglas
and
The Right Reverend Robert Ihloff
for joining us for worship.



Worship Service in Celebration of

Caribbean Heritage Month in the State of Maryland



Theme: Celebrating Caribbean Contributions

Sunday, Aug 29, 2021 10:00am - 11:00am

Attend in person (mask required)
or via Zoom

<u>Guest Preacher</u>: Rev. Sylvia McDonald-Kaufman, of United Church of Christ, Washington, DC

Hosted by: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Rev. Florence Ledyard, Rector Rev. Thelma Smullen presiding Church web site: http://www.stbs-md.org/



In person (mask required):

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 4711 Edmondson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21229

Via Zoom:

https://zoom.us/j/7641738777?pwd=d05KWmJPZ0ZZaH ImUlpRK2NiOFp6UT09

> Meeting ID: 764-173-8777 Password: 703085

Caribbean Elected Officials in Maryland:

State Senator Arthur Ellis (Jamaica),
Del. Gabriel Acevero (Trinidad & Tobago),
Del. Regina Boyce (Barbados and Jamaica),
Del. Joseline Peña-Melnyk (Dominican Republic),
Del. Jheanelle Wilkins (Jamaica)

Remember to wear your Caribbean colors!

Planning Committee:

State Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (Ret.), Amb. Curtis Ward, Del. Regina Boyce, Inez Haynie Dodson, Dr. Elaine Simon, Rick Nugent, Willicent McLeod, Sharon Pulliam, Owen Charles, Dr. Maxine Clarke, Bentley Hunte, Rev. Noel Godfrey, Chris Davis, Heather Edwards

Need some singing in your life? Good news . . .

A note from Ted Davis, St. B's Organist and Choirmaster

Dear friends,

Are you missing choir as much as I am? Do you miss being part of that St. B Choir sound? The fellowship? Praying with song?

Good news: your choir council and I have been working on some plans for the months ahead, taking care to recognize the challenges these times present us, and realizing plans may change. Where we stand today, here's what we're proposing:

Thursday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.

Begin weekly gatherings, initially outdoors (weather permitting) by the Bishop's garden. By October 14, we'll move into the church where we can distance and mask, and offer a streaming remote option.

Sunday, December 12, 4:30 pm

Present an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. At the moment, we're thinking this may be our first "public performance" post-covid (but it's possible we might think about some Sunday morning anthems earlier. TBD.)

So, will you join us? It would be very helpful to hear from you, whether you could be joining us on Thursdays, and if you are available on Sunday afternoon December 12.

And, God willing, I look forward to finding ways we can sing together again.

Peace,

Ted



Imago Dei

shared by Amanda Harris

Every time they call you he
I am a child churned by a crowd,
bewildered to find the hand
I hold is that of a stranger

Why— when you reach for us — Do we tie tiny anchors to the tips of your breath

I pull free the hitch, feel you rise in a momentary lift like that first time at the fair when my heart leapt from its cage

I manage loose an anchor, but someone ties another I loosen again, faster now, and cling to you, buoyant, the casts of our corporality shrinking like playthings in the ballooning distance

~~ LAUREN LISA NG
@laurenlisang

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 June 29, 2021:

- Vestry Members reviewed the Treasurer's report.
- The Taskforce Groups met in break-out groups to discuss their focus post-covid and to examine how the website may assist with their mission.
- Rev. Flo joined the meeting for an Executive session to obtain input on an issue.

At their meeting on August 17:

- Dave Murray reviewed the repairs needed to the slate roof and gutters for water control. Vestry
 members approved a motion to address the repairs.
- Vestry members discussed the need for a lawn tractor and options for lawn maintenance and snow removal.
- Vestry members approved the Treasurer's report as presented.

At their meeting on August 24:

- Mary Helen Sprecher and Steven Smith provided an update on Flea Market plans.
- Vestry members approved a motion to appoint an Alternate Lay Delegate to the Diocesan Convention.
- Taskforce Committee Leaders shared the Taskforce's current plans and recommendations for the fall.

The next regular meetings, scheduled on September 21 and 28, 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.



Join a small group this fall!

We'll be organizing Sankofa Circles again in October. These small groups meet weekly to share prayer, fellowship, and spiritual reflection. It's a great way to connect with others in our parish family, even during these times when we are so often keeping our physical distance from others. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!





Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat January 28—30, 2022

At the Inn at Claggett Buckeystown, Maryland

Men's Retreat

Dates have been set for the for the next Men's Retreat February 11—13, 2022

At the Inn at Claggett Buckeystown, Maryland

From the Daughters of the King

by Glorius M. Sullivan

Our Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King – Chapter No. #926 – The Margaret Rollo Chapter – was organized on September 25, 1988 and we will be celebrating our 33rd year at St. Bartholomew's this year!

We are a quiet, faithful, steadfast group of women at St. B's. Our primary goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others through prayer, service, and evangelism.

As we begin a "new program year" in September, it will still be not quite "normal." The Daughters cannot offer Prayers in the Chapel on the first Sunday each month, our outreach project will be less a "hands on" than previously; no Lay Eucharistic Ministers can visit parishioners at home or in nursing homes, we Daughters will continue to gather via Zoom instead of in person for our meetings, and I am not sure (yet) how or if our annual year-end "Quiet Day" can take place.

But what I am sure about is this – that our prayers will continue, that our service to others will continue, and that evangelism will continue – no matter what. It is who we are. Our Daughters serve at St. B's and elsewhere – helping others, listening to others' needs and concerns, and doing what we can to support others. I am reminded of a line in a hymn – "And they'll know we are Christians by our Love..." God's love for us, mirrored in our love for others. As in Bishop Curry's book – Love is the Way.

Our Chapter meets via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month. We share the names of those who request our prayers, and those we know who need our prayers. Each of us prays individually each day – for known and unknown persons, for needs that are known to us, for peace in our hearts and peace in this world, for families, friends, neighbors, for those in authority to make right decisions, for comfort for those suffering from COVID-19 and the Delta variant and their families, for those who have died and those that mourn, for those that are frustrated and angry and hurt and need to be heard, for help in dealing

with current difficult circumstances, for wisdom and strength, for persons affected by current disasters like fires out West and storms and hurricanes, especially in Haiti, and war and its aftermath in Afghanistan. Yet even in the midst of strife, we continue to praise God for his many blessings – each and every day – for life itself – and for the gift of his Son to us, and we give thanks for the gift of each new day, for doctors and nurses and essential workers, for precious time with our families and friends, for the sight of a beautiful flower or the song of birds in the morning, for the warmth of the sun, for a welcoming smile, for the understanding of a friend, for a listening ear to hear our frustrations, for the rain that keeps our lawns green instead of brown – and we pray for quiet time – knowing that God hears all our prayers – and that we must make time in our prayers for our listening to hear God's voice to us. And then, time to wait and watch and listen, for He knows our needs, and He will answer. Prayers abound every day – all the time.

Yes, things look different and we do some things differently now, and yet some things are the same. Prayer. Service. Evangelism. Your special prayer requests are always welcome! You can call or email your prayer requests to me with the subject line "DOK Prayer Request" (410-644-8110 or chgl@verizon.net). As always, your prayer requests will be held in confidence by our Daughters. So,

"May the light of love shine on you, May the spirit of God enfold you, May the Lord of all bless and keep you as you walk hand in hand with Him."

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

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?

Education and Faith Formation

by Flo Ledyard

How well do you know and understand God?

If you are like me, probably not well enough! It is an ongoing journey. Sometimes it is easy to just absorb what I can at Sunday worship or maybe off an *Apostle* article. Not bad, but hardly very thick.

What I do know is that a relationship with God isn't any different than any other relationship: if it is a relationship that matters, then it takes some effort to get to know each other.

AND what fun it can be to do exactly that. To learn about God and our faith can be exciting, stunning, and intriguing. It's amazing what learning about our faith can do to make our faith stronger and more potent.

That's why we encourage all ages to be involved in our education offerings – from our smallest characters to our oldest. Learning about our faith just makes it more fun.

So the Kid's Council is working on programs for our younger members and any friends they want to bring. You can read about our some of our plans on page 12.

Our D-Group is plotting out another wonderful year for our youth and any of their friends. Details are on page 13. Be sure to check out the photos from our Summer Service Day on pages 14 and 15.

And our Adult Formation Team has also planned some great topics and ideas. Check them out on page 16.

Finally, The Reverend Carol Burnside will be leading two sections of Episcopal 102: "Scripture" (where we explore some of the stories of the Bible) and "Church" (where we talk about what it means to be an Episcopalian). Watch for details in the weekly "What's Happening."

— Flo is St. B's Rector

An Update on Plans for Children's Word and the Cribbery, Fall 2021

by Kobey DeVale and Steve Miller

We are happy to announce that after a summer hiatus, Children's Word will return early this October for our youngest Christian Formation learners!

Current plans are tentative—if this pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we need to be flexible—and include holding both Kangaroo (pre-school to grade 2) and Elephant (grades 3-5) classes in a hybrid format to accommodate both our children who are on site and those attending from home. Plans are to continue with the hybrid format for as long as it best serves our parents and children.

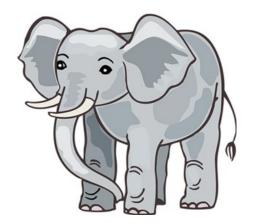
Here are some additional details about the Fall 2021 Children's Word relaunch. We will continue to use the Spark curriculum we have used the past 3+ years, and children will receive "Fun Boxes" each month full of supplies for class, plus other goodies to help get and keep them excited about learning God's Word. Our launch date is October 3, with classes led by parishioner volunteers and held concurrent with the 10:30 am service, during the time from the reading of the Gospel through the passing of the peace—the same timeframe classes were held before the pandemic.

Currently we are not aware of demand for the Cribbery for care of our littlest parishioners during the 10:00/10:30 am service, so we will keep this ministry on hold, and Miss Dona and volunteers will not return for the time being. However, the Cribbery will be back in operation as soon as there is need. So please let us or Maggie know if you are the parent of a preschooler and would like to place your little one in the care of Miss Dona while you attend service.

Please also let Kobey DeVale (kdevale@devale.net) or Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu) know if you have questions about Children's Word or would like to be involved in any way with this important ministry—planning, teaching, helping in the classroom, or otherwise. We would love to have your help, and to have you as part of the Children's Word team!

— Kobey and Steve are a members of the Kid's Council





D-Group Plans for Fall

by Steven Johnson

This summer has been full of family vacations, amusement parks, swimming, camping, and other family activities that we have not been able to enjoy over the past 2 years. This summer has truly been a family reunion, as folks have been able to re-connect with folks they have been only able to meet with via Zoom, and other videobased outlets.

During this summer, D-Group has been on pause to allow a break for families to do the wonderful outdoor activities that summer provides. We have been able to meet, from time to time via Zoom for check-ins and even been able to meet at St. B's for service projects!! We have some exciting news for this upcoming school/D-Group year.... We have 4 new D-Groupers coming into the fold!! Let's welcome these new folks and shower them with love and acceptance.

If you're wondering what D-Group is... D-Group is an avenue that allows young people to come to know Christ by forming their own relationships with Him through community service and spiritual awareness. We incorporate these values through Bible-based activities. We would love for your Middle School or High School youth to join us!! Sundays @ 5:00 pm!!

I am pleased to offer the following report of youth activities:

- We are planning to kick off our new year on September 19th with a "pop-up" outdoor D-Group meeting. D-Groupers will be able to meet with their youth leaders and each other for a few moments, pray, have a few snacks, and just enjoy the beauty of God's outdoor creation!! Please keep an eye on email for more guidance on how we will meet for the new year, whether virtual or in person.
- Luke Chapter 14 challenges us to become disciples after Christ. We are expected to chase after Christ with our hearts so that way we can reflect his love and care for humanity.
- We have been challenging ourselves to have a better relationship with Christ thru prayer. We have been getting our youth more comfortable, having a conversation with God. We just used the simple "open convo" approach. If Jesus is our savior, friend, and confidant, then why should our prayers (conversations) with him reflect anything less than a relaxed, but respectful tone?? The youth have been more willing to VOLUNTEER to pray during our meeting times.
- Before we wrap up, we have AMAZING youth leaders to keep this train running. Choooo- Chooo!!
 Kathie and Marty Clark and Amanda Harris we thank you without ceasing for the things you do for our youth!! Blessings on you!!

We ask that if you have young people in grade 6-12, get them involved by reaching out to anyone on the youth ministry team. My name is Steven Johnson, (Youth Minister) I can be reached at 443-254- 0915.

God's Peace be with you!!

— Steven is Coordinator of Youth Education

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St. B's Youth — Picking Up Litter . . .



and Packing Food for 40 West



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Adult Education and Faith Forum

by Flo Ledyard

We think it will be fun to cover topics in 4 different areas this year:

The Bible
Spirituality and Spiritual Practices
The Arts
and Local History

So to that end:

September 26th - Heresies and How to Avoid Them with Flo Ledyard

Most of us are probably a heretic, to be honest. Most of us probably have a belief that is not quite accurate. Come and see.

October 10th - Heresies Part Two with loe Twist

October 24th – Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep with Nicete Moodie

This is a wonderful anthology of poetry by African Americans since 1945. Come listen and explore creative voices.

November 7th - Labyrinth with Janet Aldrich

The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice that is a way to explore an idea or issue in a disciplined but soft way.

November 21st - Some more Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep with TBA

<u>December 5th - The DuBois Circle with The Reverend Canon Sandye Wilson</u>

The DuBois Circle is the oldest Black women's organization in Baltimore. It was founded in 1906.

Sandye Wilson, a member of this organization, who is serving at the moment in the US Virgin Islands, will join us to share about this group's fascinating ministry.

December 19th – The Reverend George Bragg with Corinne Bowmaker

An Episcopal priest, The Reverend Bragg served as the Rector of St James Episcopal Church in Baltimore from 1891 til his death in 1940.

And finally, please note that Faith Forum will meet every other Sunday from 9:15 am to 10:00 am on Zoom.

So lots of opportunities. Hope you will find one or two to catch your attention.

— Flo is St. B's Rector

Paper Plate Calendars

by Sara Schroeder

Each of us has experienced these last 18 months in our own way. If you are like me, there have been sad and disappointing parts, and scary parts, but also a silver lining here and there. One thing that I have noticed is that my sense of time is out of whack. Time is passing differently than before the pandemic. Perhaps it is because so many of the holidays and events that usually help us mark time have been set aside, delayed, or celebrated in a different way altogether. That's the only way I can explain it. I have to stop and think about where we are in the calendar almost every day. The rhythm is gone.

I find myself near the end of the summer, surprised and trying to get my bearings. As the new Chair of the Stewardship Committee, the end of summer brings with it a measure of trepidation because fall is when we prepare to look ahead and to talk specifically and deliberately about our commitments of time, talent, and treasure for the upcoming year. There are preparations to be made and letters to be written and envelopes and stamps to buy and an event to be planned. But that is months ahead, right, and there is plenty of time? Oh, wait.

While this annual event is important to our community, it is not one that should jump out and surprise me. It is a necessary and practical part of our preparations for a new year, but it is only a small part of the way that stewardship is in our conversations and actions and prayers throughout that year. Flo shared an article with me about using the liturgical calendar to keep stewardship in front of us, to use the rhythm of the liturgical seasons to recognize our gifts, how we receive them and how we use them every day. I like that idea because, as I mentioned, I've lost the rhythm.

As I read the article, the picture that came to mind was of the calendar used in our Godly Play program. This wooden calendar was a part of each classroom. It is a circle made from colored blocks and has arrows to help us remember where we are. I recall both of my children coming home with their own version, made from a paper plate. I really need that this year and I hope that it will be helpful to you, too. Keep an eye out for more about this as we get closer to Advent, the start of our liturgical year.

We're making plans for a Sunday in October as the kick-off of the annual Stewardship campaign and every member canvas. St. B's has done a remarkable job in adapting to this new world of compassionate distancing and we will honor that in our October event. We hope to add in some fun, too. You will receive a letter from the committee asking you to consider opportunities to make a commitment to share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and with details to help you communicate that commitment. As in past years, the Stewardship event and letter will be followed early next year by a phone call to every recipient of the letter to ensure that you received it and that you have all of the information that you need.

Finally, if you have interest in joining us on the Stewardship Committee, your gifts of time and talent will be welcomed with open arms!

— Sara is Chair of the Stewardship Committee

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This article is the first of a series of articles about "Trash" from Creation Caretakers

by Evelyn Sangree; edited by the Creation Caretakers Team

Recycling: Repurposing materials that would otherwise be disposed of as trash.

For a two-minute glimpse of problems that crop up in a recycling facility ("materials recovery facility" or MRF) search for "Tangled Up!" on YouTube.com: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDipC5oJG_A Written and produced by the Baltimore County Department of Public Works, the video shows how "tanglers" like plastic bags can foul up the works.

Things you can recycle through curbside pickup: All materials should be clean or lightly rinsed

All materials should be clean of lightly mised

- Plastic bottles, rigid plastic cups, and containers
- Food and beverage cans (tin, aluminum, and steel)
- Paper, including newspapers and envelopes even plastic windows for addresses (If paper is wet, compost instead.)
- Cardboard/paperboard (flatten boxes first)
- Aluminum foil
- Glass bottles and containers
- General Principle: Don't put recycling in plastic trash bags because trash bags themselves can't be recycled. Empty the bags into a recycling can before putting it out on the street.

Things you can't recycle:

- Food/liquid or anything with food/liquid on it (Materials should be washed before being recycled. Greasy portions of pizza boxes should not be recycled.)
- Paper items with a wax or plastic coating (wrapping paper, wax paper cups, wax paper, stickers, receipts, etc.)
- Plastic utensils
- Shredded paper
- Packing peanuts
- Loose Bottle caps
- Light bulbs"
- Pet food bags (They are often reinforced with plastic).

- Rule of thumb: Don't recycle anything that looks like paper, but you can't tear with your hands (such as bags of pet food.)
- Loose plastic bags
- Plastic wrap/film
- Flexible packaging (like chip bags, juice containers, or the plastic sheets put on boxes to display the product inside)
- Broken or sharp glass
- Foam (including Styrofoam)
- Items that can tangle ("Tanglers" include plastic bags, garden hoses, rope, leashes, wire, holiday lights, string, etc. that can jam machinery in recycling centers.)
- Diapers or pet waste
- Household items like clothing, shower curtains, fencing, and furniture
- Medical/hazardous waste
- "Garage" waste, meaning no car parts, scrap metal, tires, propane tanks, etc.

Common recycling myths:

- 1. Even if something shouldn't be recycled, it will be sorted out anyway.
 - Unfortunately, that is not true. An item that can't be recycled, like a plastic bag, can disqualify the rest of the contents for recycling and it will all be thrown into a landfill.
 - Rule of thumb: When in doubt, throw it out in regular trash.
- 2. Recycling arrows on a container means that an item is recyclable.
 - That is not always true. The numbers in the chasing arrows tell you what type of plastic (molecular, resin and bonding) the item is made of, but even within a plastic category, some items may be single-stream recyclable in your locality and other items may not be. Instead of trying to go by the arrows, follow your locality's recycling instructions.

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- 3. Everything recycled must be spotlessly clean.

 Though items should be mostly clean and dry to eliminate mold, they only need to be clean enough to avoid contaminating other materials. Just rinsing them is fine.
- 4. Aerosol cans are recyclable.

This one varies, but most centers will admit empty and dry aerosol cans without the caps. If it isn't empty, an aerosol can could be dangerous and cause fires and explosions when processed at a recycling center.

References:

- ⇒ https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101
- ⇒ https://earth911.com/recycling-center-search-guides/?utm_source=earth911-header

Some Property Updates

by Dave Murray

The Undercroft ceiling has been reinstalled. The Undercroft walls are complete and painted with a primer. Many Thanks to Bryan MacKay, Doug Brookman, Dave McClellan, and Bob Prince for the tireless efforts to ensure the walls were painted and ready for the Flea Market folks to move in!!

Our efforts are now focused on determining what flooring to install. Once the Flea Market is over, we will paint the walls throughout the entire Undercroft, have the floors leveled, install the flooring, then move 40 West and the offices back. Here's a tentative schedule:

9/11	Flea Market
9/11—17	Clear out the Undercroft
9/14—19	Paint the 40 West spaces
9/20—30	Install new flooring
10/1—10/9	Move back 40 West
10/16—23	Paint the office walls & move back offices

The Furnace room has been cleaned, new shelving is installed, and all furnace room stuff has been moved back from the Youth House.

An effort is underway to re-grout and seal the Tower Room porch to help prevent it from leaking rain water into the furnace room.

Durable Slate has been hired to replace the ice guard on the roof near the church rear door, repair the copper flashing around the tower walls where the roof intersects it, and to repair any broken slates on the entire roof. This work should be done in late September.

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee

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Financial Position as of June 30, 2021

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

Financial Position as of 06/30/21

	30-Jun	6/21 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$31,640.96	\$42,125.00	\$267,630.16	\$252,750.00
Prior Years Pledges	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$3,080.00	\$1,749.98
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$1,705.00	\$2,500.00	\$11,946.13	\$15,000.00
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Christ-	****		44.405.00	40.400.00
mas)	\$100.00		\$1,185.00	\$2,100.00
Altar Guild Income	\$155.00		\$936.00	\$3,150.00
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$600.00
Special Projects Income	\$0.00	•	\$78.00	\$8,000.02
House Sale Income	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Endowment Fund Disbursement	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,333.52
Other Income - PPP loan forgiveness	\$0.00		\$62,500.00	
Interest & Div	\$0.00		\$52.85	\$500.02
	\$33,600.96	\$48,613.91	\$347,408.14	\$291,683.54
Ministry Expenses				
Diocesan Pledge	\$5,983.17	•	\$35,899.02	\$35,899.02
KIVA MicroLoans	\$367.74		\$2,646.33	\$2,000.02
Communication Ministry	\$90.00		\$851.90	\$777.98
Daughters of the King	\$19.95		\$19.95	\$125.02
Education Ministry	\$263.48		\$497.66	\$1,500.00
Youth Pilgrimage	\$250.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Library	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$50.02
Archives	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$42.40	\$50.02
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$500.02
Landscape	\$15.00	\$83.33	\$115.00	\$500.02
Music Ministry	\$930.30	\$416.67	\$1,060.30	\$2,499.98
Newcomers Ministry	\$0.00	\$7.58	\$0.00	\$45.52
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$85.70	\$245.00	\$528.21	\$1,470.00
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$312.00	\$450.67	\$2,110.00	\$2,703.98
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ministry	\$2,764.13	\$2,916.67	\$17,192.55	\$17,499.98
Safety & Security Committee	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$125.02
Special Projects Expense	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$999.98
Special Projects-Net	\$0.00	\$1,166.67	\$78.00	\$6,999.98
Stewardship Ministry	(\$10.00)	\$87.50	(\$255.00)	\$525.00
Worship Ministry	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$169.10	\$249.98
Vestry	\$0.00	\$133.33	(\$727.50)	\$800.02

Financial Position as of June 30, 2021 (continued)

Operating Expenses				
Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$145.12	\$250.00	\$1,887.96	\$1,500.00
Altar Guild Expenses	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$1,607.35	\$3,150.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$47.92	\$0.00	\$287.48
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$6,919.00	\$2,250.00	\$20,757.00	\$13,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$50.02
Office Expenses	\$524.44	\$1,437.50	\$4,113.17	\$8,625.00
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.02
Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (Property)	\$0.00	\$241.67	\$0.00	\$1,449.98
Telephones and Utilities	\$1,440.66	\$3,431.88	\$25,838.38	\$20,591.28
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$30,646.15	\$29,929.55	\$171,954.93	\$179,577.44
Total	\$50,746.84	\$51,258.76	\$289,386.71	\$307,552.78
Net Income w/o Depreciation	(\$17,145.88)	(\$2,644.85)	\$58,021.43	(\$15,869.24)
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income with Depreciation (\$17,145.88)		(\$2,644.85)	\$58,021.43	(\$15,869.24)

Notes on Income and Expenses:

- Total Pledged Offerings YTD (current & prior year) were \$16,210.18 more than YTD budget.
- Total income was (\$15,012.95) less than budgeted for the month of June and \$55,724.60 more than the YTD budget.
- (Note: income includes \$62,500 from PPP loan forgiveness)
- We are showing a net loss of (\$17,145.88) for the month of June and a net gain YTD of \$58,021.43.
- Altar Guild Income YTD was less than Altar Guild Expenses by (\$671.35).
 - 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.

The Flea Market is Coming!! The Flea Market is Coming!!

by Mary Helen Sprecher

Have clutter? Getting ready to downsize? Just want to rid yourself of some extra furnishings, knickknacks, or other items? St. B's Flea Market is accepting your donations on Sunday from 8:00 to 11:00 am and Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm through Wednesday, September 1!

We'll give you a donation receipt for your tax purposes. You can just drive up and drop off—we'll take care of the rest. Look for the table in the parking lot near the red back door.

Our Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. (Masks are required.)

(The rain date is September 18)

Of course, we need volunteers! Volunteers to sort items in advance of the sale, and volunteers to sell items on Flea Market Day. No training, skills, or resumé necessary at all. We'll be using the Undercroft for all departments except clothing and accessories (those will still be in the upstairs of the Parish House). If you have kids who needs community service hours, this is a great option.

And on Flea Market Day we need people to set up and break down, people to sell, people to shop, people to clean up, and people to pray for good weather!



First Picks!!! No Crowds!!!
St. B's Flea Market Pre-Sale!

Friday, September 10, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm Parish House and Undercroft ~~ \$5 per Ticket

St. B's Flea Market Pre-Sale is BACK in a big way. If you've been looking for a way to get an early-bird shopping experience (and avoid the crowds), this is your chance!

We'll be offering our pre-sale in clothing, jewelry and accessory items, collectibles, electronics, books, and housewares. For the VERY reasonable price of a \$5 ticket, you can get the great shopping experience.

Masks are required (we want everyone to stay safe!)

You can purchase a ticket in advance or at the door. We'll be selling tickets after church on Sundays and on Wednesday nights (find us in the Undercroft or the upstairs Parish House).

Any questions? Please contact Flea Market Chairs: Mary Helen Sprecher at mhsprecher@gmail.com or 410-419-4543 or Debbie Wacker at dwacker50@gmail.com or 410-636-7751. Thank you!

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic at St. B's

by Cynthia Wagner

The Juneteenth Vaccination Clinic was held on June 19th in St. Bartholomew's and 22 first dose Pfizer vaccine shots were administered. On July 10th, 14 second doses of the vaccine were given. While the numbers were lower than our hopes, our motto was "any vaccinated arm is a success."

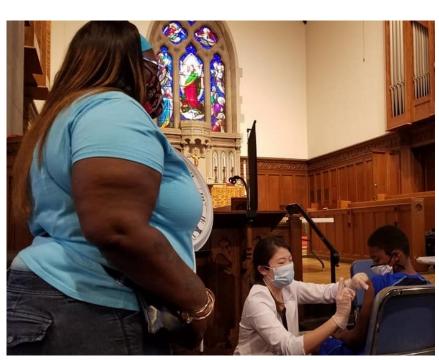
The idea for holding a COVID vaccine clinic at St. B's was inspired by our Lenten conversation about St. B's history. How did our founders' past contribute to the social inequalities that continue to exist today and what efforts can we do to help decrease those inequalities?

A group of volunteers from St B's, co-led by Dana Rose and Cynthia Wagner, included Pat Alt, Inez Haynie Dodson, Peggy McMillian, and Shirley Nathan-Pulliam. We quickly linked ourselves with individuals from the Baltimore City Health Department, the Maryland Association of Nurses, 40-West Assistance and Referral Center, and Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church. The MD National Guard was approving clinic sites and once they approved our location, we were paired with Rite-Aid pharmacy.

When we got our approval from the National Guard, our mission was clear—to get the word out to our neighboring communities about the vaccine clinic. Our St. B's group and volunteers from Hunting Ridge worked hard to spread the word. In total, about 1500 fliers were handed directly to people, given to 40 West clients, stuck in doors, and posted in public spaces in various stores in the region. In addition, emails with the information were sent to Thomas Jefferson Elementary/Middle School, Green Street Academy, and Edmondson-Westside High School.

Both clinic days were held in the sanctuary of St. B's and ran smoothly with plenty of volunteers from St B's, Hunting Ridge, and the Maryland Association of Nurses registering folks, offering water, observing for reactions, and handing out Giant gift cards as an incentive for getting two doses of the vaccine.

Despite the lower than hoped for numbers of vaccines administered, our motto of "any arm is a success" is especially true given the rise of the Delta variant.







Irvington Peace Park Summer Camp

by Susan Goering, Steve Miller, Michael Sarbanes, and Cynthia Wagner

For the two weeks beginning July 5th, the Irvington Peace Park area came alive with activity as 20+ children, ages 5-14, from surrounding neighborhoods were nurtured by camp organizers and volunteers for 4 hours per day of structured and unstructured learning, fun, and community building. Each day began at 9 am with a sharing circle in which everyone got to know a little bit about each other, followed by a game ("shark attack" was a crowd favorite), then recitation of the camp mission statement: "I will seek to build up myself, others, and our community in my actions and words, doing my best to love my neighbor as myself." Every day included tutoring, one or more group learning activities, some free time (to dabble with musical instruments, journal, play games, or run off some energy), healthy snacks, and a nutritious lunch before campers departed. Did the campers have a good time? One told a counselor, "I can't wait to go to bed at night, so I can wake up and come to camp in the morning!"

Here's a little more detail about what our campers did and learned. Cooperation, supportiveness, and positivity were woven into all camp activities, with the goal of providing an enriching and loving environment to all campers. Tutoring was the cornerstone of the camp. There were enough wonderful adult volunteers for children to receive one -on-one (or at most one-on-three) practice with reading and math (and other) skills in a relaxed outdoor setting on the Peace Park lawn. Campers also had lots of other opportunities to learn. Activities

included launching water rockets (an activity guided by personnel from Green Street Academy), investigating living and inanimate things from the Maidens Choice Run (a stream that winds behind the Peace

Park and Collins Avenue), visiting a neighborhood urban farm, learning about animal care from two local vet techs, making and stenciling tie-dye T-shirts, crafting paper and cardboard items in a maker-space, building cardboard houses/forts, and a bird beak activity (led by UMBC Biology Outreach Initiative volunteers) that was a fun way to learn about evolution. Not surprisingly, there were plenty of hot days during the two weeks, and the campers loved cooling off with water play, including battles with water balloons and water launchers.

Campers also played an important role in a neighborhood beautification project extending the Peace Park across the street to an abandoned and overgrown space that is being transformed into a lovely garden. They painted tire planters and used rocks and smooth glass they collected from the stream to create mosaics that will decorate this space.

The Peace Park Summer Camp was organized and run by residents of Collins Avenue, some of whom belong to St. B's, along with a terrific teacher from St. Augustine Catholic School. But the camp would not have been possible without invaluable help from St. B's volunteers, including Janet Aldrich, Larry Bucher, Margaret Engvall, Michael Haynie, Michelle Hardy, and Bonnie Kutch, who volunteered their time, talent, and/or treasure to make sure our Irvington kids had the opportunity to enjoy a camp experience that felt like a window into God's Kingdom.

Plans are already underway for next year's Peace Park

camp, with the possibility of expanding to three 4-day weeks. Stay tuned, and please consider serving as a volunteer next July, or donating to help offset the cost of providing this free camp for our Irvington neighbors.



Irvington Peace Park Summer Camp



Another Incredible Backpack Drive!

by Amanda Harris

Even in the midst of the pandemic, and even for parishioners as generous as those at St. B's, this was an exceptional year!

50 children through the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center and Hope Harbor needed backpacks and school supplies in order to start the new school year off right. The children are in grades Pre-K through 11th grade. Not only did St. B's parishioners meet that need, but donated so much more!! 77 backpacks, and SO MANY school supplies were donated! So, volunteers packed the 50 backpacks, specific to each child's grade-level supply needs.



Those 50 backpacks lined the front and back of the nave, and The Reverend Thelma Smullen blessed them on Sunday, August 15.

AND: an additional 10 empty backpacks, plus boxes of supplies, were taken to 40West for families who may not have been able to sign up in time for the backpack drive.

AND: the additional 17 backpacks plus 10 boxes of supplies were taken to Beechfield Elementary/Middle School for use by the students there. It was wonderful to see the excitement on the faces of the staff at Beechfield, knowing that they would be able to provide for some of their students who needed some extra help. Every single pencil, crayon, notebook, glue stick, backpack, and every other school supply donated will help make students' learning easier to accomplish. Every. Single. Item.



Many thanks to the volunteers who sorted, counted, packed, transported, and delivered backpacks and school supplies to 40 West, Hope Harbor, and Beechfield: Pat Alt, Kobey DeVale, Mark DeVale, Margaret Engvall, Barbara Knauf, Susan Lundin, David Mountain, Sandy Rosenberger, Ben Smith, and Marilyn Smith. And many thanks to the dozen or more parishioners who, after the 10am service, delivered the filled backpacks to the Parish House, to be handed out to the families who signed up for them.

This was another moment of grace in the midst of so many difficulties in our city and our world. Blessings to all involved.

— Amanda is a member of the Outreach Committee

"Bmore2gether" with KIVA

by Margaret Schotto

KIVA Committee meets bi-monthly to designate funds for micro-loans lent to a wide variety of people and countries. Since this group started in 2015, St. Bartholomew's has contributed to 220 loans. Any repayments made by those who receive these micro-loans are then re-loaned to other individuals or groups. While funds deposited by St. B's totals \$24,986, our 220 loans total \$69,875 in lending! We have funded loans in 36 different countries supporting predominately women or single parents in endeavors that will help provide them with a sustainable income after their loan is repaid. At our meeting in June, we chose 4 individuals/groups to lend to and their information is shared below.



Palestine — Muhammad is a hardworking young man who tries his utmost to provide his family with a decent life. He is a 29-year-old, living with his family in a village near Jenin, West Bank. He works in construction which is a

hard job that needs a lot of effort; it's the only source of income for him. He turned to Palestine for Credit and Development FATEN to request a loan to buy construction tools and supplies needed for his work. This will improve his work and enhance his income.

Paraguay — This group is called "Mujeres Unidas" [united women] because that is what they are. The members are friends and neighbors from the city. All of them help each other with the common objective of being able to offer their loved ones better living conditions.

Among them, Carmen stands out due to her enthusiasm and hard work. She is a determined person who does not let herself be defeated and seeks the means to be able to help her family. In the mornings, she works in a private company, and in the afternoons, she does computer work and photo editing.



She is a widow who gets her three children ahead by herself. She wants to give them everything she was not able to have. She requests this loan to buy photography supplies and stationery items, to be able to continue with her work. Note: Although there is only one person in the photo, this is a group loan for 19 women. It was not possible to take a group photo, to avoid gathering people due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Palestine — Ahmed is a hard-working young man, who tries his utmost to provide his family with a decent life. He is 35 years old, living with his family in Jericho, West Bank. He has

a small beauty salon, is very talented in his work, and always wants to improve his business. He turned to Palestine for Credit and Development FATEN to request a loan to buy beauty tools and supplies needed for his work. This will attract more customers and enhance his income.

Brazil — This is Renovar Group. The leader is Fabio, wearing a grey shirt in the photo. He is married, has 2 children, works as a rideshare app driver, and runs a car wash.



He says that he takes great pride in his business because it is this work that gets him income to sustain and give the best to his family. The loan amount will be used to buy a vacuum cleaner, a pressure washer for washing cars, and products for his car wash. In this group: Fabiano, Jean, Maria, Fabio.

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, September 29, 2021, at 7pm. Please contact Mary Buchanan Maryhb3820@gmail.com for more information and to receive the Zoom link. All are welcome!

August Ceasefire

by Brigit Molony

Thank you to all who donated to the Rally on Friday, August 6. We were able to provide hot dogs and snacks to the neighborhood on Edgewood and Edmondson.

One particular poignant point in the rally was when a resident of the neighborhood, whom we had met, chatted, and prayed with extensively on the Ceasefire Prayer Walk in May, joined us. She was thrilled to join the celebration and to chat with the mayor about her ideas for her community. Leftover snacks were brought to an event on Sunday in Harlem Park.

The weekend was a success as we were once again able to bring a sense of hope, love, and light to the city. Resources were provided and neighborhoods were celebrated. The mayor joined us at the rally Friday as well as at other events during the weekend. This movement has made a stir across the world, with a French and a Swiss journalist covering it.

On Saturday, a small group of us, including Margaret and Kathleen Schotto, joined The Reverend Canon Scott Slater, walking through the Brooklyn neighborhoods, praying for peace and for those who lost their lives. If you want more information about Baltimore Ceasefire and how to get involved, please go to the website, https://baltimoreceasefire.com/









Recap of August 2021 Baltimore Ceasefire/ Peace Challenge Weekend

Day 1: Zero murders. 7 life-affirming events.

Day 2: Zero murders. 8 life-affirming events.

Day 3: 1 murder. Join us for his Sacred Space Ritual, 8/11, @ 6:30, in the 3500 block of Springdale Ave. 7 life-affirming events.





Abundance of Blessings

by Glorius M. Sullivan

We at 40 West are grateful for our many, many Blessings!

We are thankful for the generosity of St. B's and friends for the gift of backpacks full of school supplies and the many extra supplies given for children of 40 West clients and Hope Harbor partner families. We thank Amanda Harris and her volunteers — Pat Alt, Kobey DeVale, Mark DeVale, Margaret Engvall, Barbara Knauf, Susan Lundin, Dave Mountain, Sandy Rosenberger, Ben Smith, and Marilyn Smith — who sorted and packed and labeled grade-appropriate bookbags so that all was ready when 40 West staff gave them out on August 16.

We are thankful for a donation of items from St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City on June 29. They had received items from Food for the Poor and were re-distributing them to local pantries. Susan Lundin, our Food Manager, and Gretchen Parry, of St. Agnes and St. William of York, picked up these items.

We are thankful to the Maryland Food Bank for passing along to our agency and other agencies the federal and state pandemic assistance in the form of food grants, capacity building grants for equipment, and their weekly and now monthly updates about the pandemic conditions, regulations, and grants.

We are thankful for food grants from Amerigroup and Catonsville Women's Giving Circle -

And State and Federal programs for BGE and eviction assistance due to COVID -

And our many volunteers who help pack and distribute food and staff the office -

And our Director Peggy McMillan's dedication and her management of 40 West operations -

And the support of St. B's and all our member churches, Board Members, and the community at large -

And grants from the State of Maryland and the Knott Foundation to fix problems in the Undercroft – our permanent location – The start of Project Jigsaw! -

And for the dedication of Nancy Nicaise and Dave Murray – Jigsaw co-chairs, and Dave's work crews -

And John DeVale, who helps us with our computer issues and programs -

And the spring and summer clothes donations we have received for our clients -

And the food donations for our pantry that are beginning to come in again, and for donations delivered to our Center from neighbors and friends during our office hours.

We are thankful that, throughout this pandemic, we have been able to continuously distribute food — by drive-by lines in the parking lot, and currently by getting back to our standard office hours in our temporary location in the Parish House.

We are thankful for ALL of the support — from all of you — and for the opportunity to serve and give back to our community.

We are truly blessed!

— Glorius is Chair of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center, Inc. Board of 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; Mary Warfield; Jim Wright; Kathleen DeVale; David McClellan; Dana Przybyszewski; Melody Pitts; Tim Wolf; Cathy Brookman; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Kate Henshall; Celeste Thurston; Corinne Bowmaker; Peter Lee; Irene Hardy; Pat Shelton; Pauline Houle; Bonnie Kutch; Connie 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; Kyle Yoder; Barry and Peggy McCormick; Cathy Cain; Lynne Cain; Joan Clinton; Denise Kirkley-Cain; Dan Barr; James Cooper; Pamela

Stanton; Ricky Walston; Mary Warren; Diane McPhillips; Alison Jones; Williams and Kim Williams; Matt P. and family; Roland Daniels; Angie Arellano; Susan Clarke; Glenn Wightman; Yana Anderson; Kirk; Camille Gustis; Sue Fralic; Michele Mueller; Diane Allen; Andrea Barnard; Amanda Sanders, Darren and Ingrid; Barbara and Danny Honaker; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un– or underemployed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

The deadline for the October issue of *The Apostle* is <u>Wednesday, September 15.</u>

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.



🥯 Worship & Christian Formation 👒

Sunday Worship & Formation

Through September 12: Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Beginning September 19: Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

The 10:00/10:30 services are also available on Zoom. Please visit our website to learn how you can join us.

Sunday Christian Formation

Faith Forum for Adults and Older Youth: Beginning September 26, from 9:15—10:00 am on Zoom. **Children's Word** for Children Age 3 (by 09/01) — Grade 5: Beginning in October during the 10:30 am

service.

Youth Group for Grades 6—12: Meet on Sundays at 5:00 pm—on Zoom or in person.

Weekday Worship & Formation

Noonday Prayer is said every weekday and Saturdays at 12 noon by parishioners (at home).

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.