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

November 2021

Giving Thanks

by *The Reverend Ann Boyd*

Greetings from Vermont.

I write from my home office in Vermont, looking at green hills dotted with yellow, orange, and red trees, a light mist obscuring the full impact of this fall season. From this perch, I prepare and deliver lectures for a couple of graduate courses at Hood College, communicate through email and attend some meetings through Zoom.

When Fran and I bought this house, the plan was to spend our summers here and reside in Maryland during the academic year until it was "time to retire." But the day after our purchase of the house, the COVID shut down changed everything. Church and the college went to Zoom, and the relational solidarity we so need in our lives demanded finding new creative ways to be "together." Estimates made early in the pandemic proved incorrect as months turned to years and seasons came and went. In response, our plans changed. Living in two places was not as attractive as we imagined. So, in January 2021, we sold our Frederick home and moved the rest of the furniture to Vermont. Hood administrators decided all faculty had to return in person for the 2021-2022 academic year, which led to my decision to officially retire from the faculty after 45 years of teaching. For the second time, (first as a priest mandated by the age-rule, and second from the faculty spawned by financial pressures at Hood due to lost revenue during shut-down) I have "retired." The things I love most about Vermont include environmental policies, social solidarity (often typical of rural areas), four full seasons, and proximity to some special people who have acreage in my heart.

My daughter and grandsons remain in Maryland or southern Pennsylvania, so it is likely I will be physically present at some future date. I cannot "leave" St. B's entirely because you are part of my journey. I do give thanks to God for the solidarity of community spirit the parish embodies, and the social justice addressed and advocated by the parish. It has been a privilege to serve with Florence and Thelma who supported and shaped my years as a parish priest. I am grateful for the years of worship with you, the laughter and tears, the journey of faith in mutual ministry. You have a place in my heart and always will.

Ann+

— *Ann is a Clergy Associate at St. B's*

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☞ Giving Thanks

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An addendum from Flo:

So many reasons to give thanks — even when sometimes it seems hard to find them these days.

One of the best thanks to give is for the ability of a faith community to transcend any previous assumptions — such as, we all had to be on site in the same physical place. We know this is just not true anymore. Now we can be like seeds scattered in the wind, blown all about, but still deeply connected.

Ann Boyd has brought us her faithfulness, a distinctive perspective in the pulpit, words of wise teaching, and a steady pastoral presence. AND despite her and her wife Fran's move to Vermont — we still get to keep her part of St B's. Why? Because seeds scattered can't go far enough!

So episodically we will still get a glimpse. For that I suspect we all give thanks. I certainly do.

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

☞ Worship

Worship at St. B's

Join us for worship! We worship in the Church at **8:00 and 10:30 am**. Please wear a mask and practice compassionate distancing. **You can also join us for our 10:30 am worship on Zoom.**

Here's how you can join us on Zoom at 10:30 am:

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, October 30, 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, October 31, Sunday November 7 (All Saints' Sunday), and on Sunday, November 21 (The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King), 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.

Daylight Saving Time ends
on Sunday, November 7.
Remember to "Fall Back!"



Remembering the Departed on All Saints' Sunday

Have you lost someone you love over the past year?
Every year during our celebration of All Saints' Sunday
(this year on Sunday, November 7),
we pray for all of those near and dear to us who departed this life
since the previous All Saints' celebration on November 1, 2020.

*To add someone to our remembrance, contact the Church Office
(410-945-7263 or office@stbs-md.org) with the names you would like
to have read by no later than Wednesday, November 3.*

Join St. Bartholomew's and Mt. Olivet for
A Day of Giving Thanks
at 10:30 am
on Thursday, November 25
in the Church or on Zoom.



Available Online . . .

On Our [Website](https://stbs-md.org/media/) (<https://stbs-md.org/media/>):
~ "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

Advent Is Coming . . . and YOU Need a Wreath

by Mary Helen Sprecher

Advent begins on November 28 and St. B's is taking orders now for those who want one of the beautiful Corian® Advent wreaths handcrafted by Don DeVale (father of John DeVale). Because we will do a special lighting of the candles each week of Advent, you'll be able to follow along and join in at home on our Zoom services. What a wonderful way to celebrate the season! Wreaths are \$15 each and can be picked up at the church. Limited supplies are available because each is handmade. Wreaths are beautiful "as is" or they can be decorated with holly, evergreens, etc. for a festive look. Please let us know if you are interested in a wreath by emailing Maggie Caldwell at mcaldwell@stbs-md.org.



Choir School of West Baltimore

Do you know a child who likes to sing?

A new free choral and music education program at
St. Bartholomew's Church, 4711 Edmondson Avenue,
Baltimore, MD 21229

(church membership at St. B's or any faith-based organization is not required)

Open to all children in grades 3 - 8



- Professional vocal training. No previous training required.
- Piano lessons
- Development of leadership and social skills
- Opportunities to perform in the community
- Engagement in music appreciation and a wider world
- Having fun and making new friends

After-school and weekend classes start soon. Tuition-free.

If interested, contact Dr. Ted Davis, 410-241-1585 or ted@stbs-md.org

Fall Choir Rehearsals in the Bishop's Garden Under the Stars



Virtual Advent Lessons and Carols Is Coming December 5

by Ted Davis

Invite a friend, whether near or far, to join us for Advent Lessons & Carols on YouTube Live on Sunday December 5!

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. Advent is a particularly good season to carve out a moment for prayer. And Advent Lessons and Carols has a special aura that many report is soul-enriching, and a lovely way to close the weekend and spiritually fortify for the week and season 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 *Advent*
Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 5
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

The Labyrinth in Autumn

Shared by Janet Aldrich

When Maggie wrote to alert me to another Apostle poem deadline, I replied, "Already?! Time flies!" It does indeed, even as days shorten and nights lengthen in seasonal balance, still providing us with generous, never-changing 24 hours to fill as we will. We can "slow" [our perceptions of] time in numerous ways with spiritual practice: from how we choose to prepare and ingest our food to opting for a big, meaty book at bedtime rather than an eye-spinning television program; or taking ambling walks in nature rather than runs on the treadmill. A labyrinth is a remarkable journey of exploration to be experienced slowly (no shortcuts!): along its inward and outward path "comes stillness, a falling away/of running through the day.../until the center...settles..." This poem on the cusp of a faith forum on labyrinths (November 7) and at the edge of the season of Advent (November 29) invites us to breathe in slowness with a few simple steps. Enter in!

The Labyrinth in Autumn

In the movement of my feet along this path
comes stillness, a falling away

of all my plans and failures
and small successes,

of running through the day,
swimming through the dark waves of night,
floundering,
going down,
coming up,

and so I walk this labyrinth path,
breathing in
the sound of wind among leaves,
breathing out
a hum of thread unwinding,

my days and nights quieting
to these simple steps

that wind and circle around a center
until the center settles within myself.

~~ Kay N. Saunders



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 September 28:

- Dave Murray updated the Vestry on the water bill and roof repairs. He continues to follow up with the city on the water bill. A roof contract has been signed.
- The Vestry reviewed the Treasurer's report.
- The Vestry confirmed their willingness to help with Stewardship phone calls.

At their meeting on October 26:

- John Schroeder presented the third quarter Treasurer's report.
- The Vestry reviewed the Diocesan Assessment in preparation for a December vote.
- Rev. Flo explained the theological issue she is addressing with changes to the 10:30 am service closing. Vestry members provided feedback.

The next regular meetings, scheduled on November 16 and 23
will take place via Zoom, both beginning at 6:30 pm.

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

The **237th Convention of the
Diocese of Maryland**
takes place on Saturday, November 13.

St. B's will be represented by our
Rector Flo Ledyard,
our Deacon Neva Brown,
and Lay Delegate Laura Brady.
Our Alternate Lay Delegate is Jason Benkoski.



... for the **Women's Retreat!**

with Flo Ledyard and Katharine Armentrout

We'll be gathering in person in the Parish House and on Zoom
Friday and Saturday, January 28 & 29, 2022

Our theme is "The Edge of the World: Return, Stay, Go"

A Celtic Perspective

... for the **Men's Retreat!**

led by The Reverend Rick Larabee

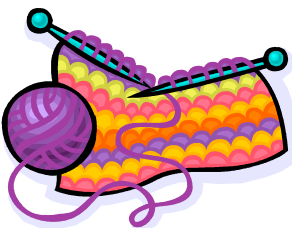
At the Inn at Claggett, Buckeystown, Maryland
February 11–13, 2022

The theme is "Reconnect, Regather, Restore"

Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

The Prayer Shawls Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish House and on Zoom. We 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.

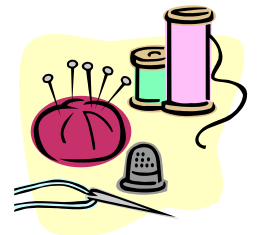
Please contact Leigh Snowden at lsnowde1@msn.com for more information or for the Zoom link.



St. B's Sewing Bees meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Hardy home for crafting and fellowship.

Any sort of handwork is encouraged—knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, etc.

For information about the St. B's Sewing Bees, please contact Sharon Selleck at scobleselleck@gmail.com.



Children's Word

by Kobey DeVale and Steve Miller

Children's Word is back at St. B's! Our Kangaroos (preschool-2nd grade) and Elephants (grades 3-5) now meet for ~30-40 minutes each week in the Undercroft and via Zoom, between the reading of the Epistle and the passing of the Peace, to learn the lessons adolescent and adult parishioners are learning from the Gospel and sermons. They are also learning more about the Church and how and why we worship the way we do, thanks to Reverend Thelma, who has created a wonderful new series of 3-4-minute videos called "We are the Church" that each week teach about a different aspect of our church and/or worship service.

For their opening meeting, the Kangaroos and Elephants met in a combined-class, hybrid welcoming session on October 3 that introduced them to each other and to their new teachers, Kobey DeVale and Steve Miller, and volunteer helpers Kathie Clark, Lex DeVale, and Mark DeVale, in addition to Children's Word Tech Verger John DeVale.

We first learned from Kobey's "Who Are You" video the many different ways that Jesus has been depicted in art through the years, demonstrating that we all don't see Jesus (or anyone for that matter!) in the same way. Then to help us all get to know each other better, we each made and shared a "who am I" craft piece containing a non-glass mirror and decorated with things we like and that say something about who we are. Thanks to "fun box" deliveries that include



everything that is needed for class (see the photo for an example), all students can participate, whether they are attending virtually or in person.

In subsequent weeks, the Kangaroos and Elephants have met for a gathering session during the first 10-15 minutes of class before splitting off into their two age-group classes. These gathering sessions begin with opening prayer, then a "We are the Church" video and discussion of the church topic highlighted by that video, sometimes together with an activity related to that topic. Reverend Thelma's first videos have been about the altar and the various things that might be found there. You will be delighted to know that even BEFORE they saw the first video, our Kangaroos and Elephants were able to name almost everything that appears on the altar during our services (can you?). They learned that the altar is just like a table that we set with place mats, food, and drink, and to reinforce this idea, Kobey led them in making place mats annotated with things that are important in their lives.

In their separate classes, our Kangaroos and Elephants have been reading age-level versions of our Gospel lessons, including the story of the rich man who asked Jesus how to get to heaven, and the story of how James and John asked Jesus to have special places next to him in heaven. They explored these stories with activities like building clay camels and trying to fit them through the hole of a

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Children's Word (*continued*)

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plastic needle (not so easy...), and by talking about generosity and priorities. The Kangaroo and Elephant students have all been great! The biggest challenge has been squeezing everything we want to do within the brief time we all have together.

All children age 3-10 (preschool-grade 5) are welcome and encouraged to join us, as are any and all parishioners who would just like to sit in or help out.

If your child has not yet participated in Children's Word but would like to, whether in person or via Zoom, please let Kobey DeVale (kdevale@devale.net), Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu) or Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) know so that we can plan ahead and get fun boxes full of learning and other fun supplies to them in advance.

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



The Cribbery

(providing child care for infants and children up to age 5)
**will be open on Sundays from 10:00 am—12:00 pm
beginning November 7.**

We're looking for volunteer parishioners to work with Dona McIntyre, our Cribbery Caregiver, on Sunday mornings.

If you are willing to help care for our youngest parishioners occasionally, please contact Kobey DeVale (KDeVale@acm.org) or Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu), Kid's Council members.

What's Going on with D-Group?

"Let your light shine"



Matthew 5:14-15



More D-Group!



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Get Ready for D-Group!

St. B's D-Group meets on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. We met outdoors at the Youth House while the weather was nice. And now we're meeting on Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com). Gather for fun, fellowship, and faith. Invite a friend!

Weekly Online Gathering

Youth in 6th grade through recent high school graduates are invited to join friends from around the Diocese at the **Weekly Online Gathering** on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Come for games, check-ins, prayers, and fellowship! Come for any or all! We're at <https://bit.ly/episcotime>.

Faith Forum Topic for November

by Flo Ledyard

Faith Forum is a fun and intriguing Sunday morning event. It is intriguing because the topics are varied and unique. It is fun because we get a chance to share our thoughts and questions with each other - no matter the topic.

So if you are interested in whatever is being presented, you can join on Zoom at 9:15 am on every other Sunday morning for an intriguing and fun 45-minute confab.

Here is what we will be exploring in November:

November 7th - The Labyrinth

The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice. It is a distinctive manner of prayer that provides a path (literally) to explore whatever idea or question is catching your attention or is concerning for you.

Often it is done on a large outdoor-created labyrinth. But that is only one example. There are other ways, too.

Led by Janet Aldrich, come learn about this spiritual practice and how this opportunity might be a sweet path for you - wherever you are!

On November 21st - Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep - Part 2

Based on an exquisite anthology of poetry by African Americans crafted since 1945, this is an awesome opportunity to hear the voice of God in some fresh and distinctive ways.

Poetry is a wonderful vehicle for hearing God that can break through our prose-deaf ears.

Led by Nicete Moodie, we just enjoyed part one as we discovered poetry's allure but also where it is so prominent in the Scriptures. Maybe even adding some ability to listen with fresh ears.

So come back or visit this once and let the song of poetry catch your attention.

— Flo is St. B's Rector

Here are some additional Adult Formation offerings:

Episcopal 102 (Scripture):

We meet via Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We're exploring some of the stories of the Bible. Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact The Reverend Carol Burnside at shinyredtruck@msn.com or text/call at 410-440-7394, or email Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) for the Zoom link.

Episcopal 102 (The Episcopal Church)

This group meets via Zoom on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. What does it mean to be an Episcopalian? If you are not an Episcopalian, this is a great opportunity to figure "us" out. If you are an Episcopalian, this is a great opportunity to remember why! Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact The Reverend Carol Burnside at shinyredtruck@msn.com or text/call at 410-440-7394, or email Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) for the Zoom link.

Creation Caretakers' Continuing Series about Trash: About Recycling Household Batteries

by Leah Kulp

Two good reasons not to throw batteries into household trash:

- Some types of batteries contain hazardous materials (mercury, lithium, and other scarce metals).
- Useful materials can be reclaimed from any battery and new products manufactured from them.

Disposal of Rechargeable Batteries is Regulated

You probably know that you cannot throw used rechargeable batteries from electronic devices or power tools into the trash:

By federal and state law, used nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd) batteries, used small-sealed lead-acid (SSLA) batteries, and rechargeable batteries from phones, laptops, cameras, and power tools must be recycled because they contain hazardous materials. (Damaged lithium-type batteries may even cause fires).

Merchants who sell devices containing these types of batteries are required to recycle used batteries for free. Baltimore City and Baltimore County will not accept them in either household trash or single-stream recycling, but they do accept them at City of Baltimore's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Drop off Centers and at Baltimore County's three drop-off facilities.

Button cell or coin batteries, used in high-end watches, hearing aids, and remote key fobs for vehicles may contain small amounts of silver, mercury, cadmium, and lithium. Jewelers, doctor's offices, and car dealerships almost always recycle them for you when you get them repaired.

Nevertheless, you may still find yourself with a used one you don't want to keep...

Single Use Batteries Are Disposable

According to Call2Recycle, "there is currently no national stewardship solution to allow for free recycling of single-use batteries, except in Vermont." Since 1996, hazardous materials (such as lead) have been phased out of their manufacture. Both Baltimore County and Baltimore City accept household single-use alkaline batteries in household trash (not recycling bins). Such batteries (9-volt, AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) power all kinds of devices around the house, such as toys, TV remotes, clocks, and smoke detectors. Consumers use a lot of them. Caution: because even used batteries carry a faint charge, tape the terminals in a 9-volt battery before throwing them into the trash.

So otherwise, into the trash, out of sight and out of mind, right? Not so fast!!

Reclaiming Useful Materials

There are useful materials in all batteries! According to Call2Recycle, batteries can be used to manufacture flatware, pots and pans, and even new batteries. Scarce metals (such as lithium) and steel can be reclaimed from batteries, even single-use alkaline batteries. As consumers, doesn't it make sense for us to recycle and reuse scarce resources?

Creation Caretakers have done a little research about how consumers can recycle batteries. You can mail them (and many other types of used household things) through the post to recyclers, but it's expensive. (As for me, the cost is prohibitive). Another way is to tote used articles to local merchants that will accept them. For electronics and their rechargeable-type batteries, several local merchants accept used ones for recycling (Home Depot, Best Buy, Lowe's, ACE Hardware, and Office Max come to mind). However, these outlets do **not** accept single-use batteries for recycling.

About Recycling Household Batteries (*continued*)

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Loophole for Trashing Single-Use Batteries

Creation Caretakers has discovered two merchants who will accept limited quantities (50 at a time?) of single-use alkaline batteries for free: MOM's Organic Market and Batteries Plus Bulbs. In bulk quantities, Batteries Plus Bulbs would charge \$1.50 per pound. Even our government trash collectors will not recycle single-use batteries, but these merchants will do small quantities for free. They both operate at multiple locations throughout our area.

My Dream for the Near Future

That when St. B's parishioners drop off their used batteries at church, volunteers deposit collections of them in local recycle bins available at MOM's Organic Market, Batteries Plus Bulbs, or some other local collector.

Consulted References:

Earth911 Home Battery Recycling Guide

Call2Recycle.org

Baltimore City: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services>

Baltimore County: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/publicworks/recycling/>

Home Depot website: homedepot.com

Batteries Plus Bulbs website and phone call to

Reisterstown store: batteriesplus.com

MOM's Organic Market website:

momsorganicmarket.com

— Leah is Chair of the Creation Caretakers



A Note from the Landscape Committee

by John White

There are changes happening all over our campus!

In addition to all the work that was done in the Undercroft, the front hill has been cleaned out. Landscape fabric and mulch are now in place and some perennials have been planted.

Also, the Rudbeckia (black-eyed-susans) on either side of the Church entrance have been cut back & mulched.

— John is co-chair of the Landscape Committee

Some Property Updates

by Dave Murray

On Saturday, October 9, 35 folks joined together to move the 40 West operation and the furniture for all 4 St. B's staff offices back into the newly renovated undercroft.

The 40 West offices officially reopened on Wednesday, October 13. Work is still continuing on the staff office level so the offices will probably reopen in a phased manner as work completes and the offices get organized for business.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who pitched in to help with the move on October 9!! It was quite an effort.

Other items of interest:

- Scott Houghton has been working to fix the various door closers in the church.
- Durable Slate is now under contract to repair the church and parish house/kitchen roofs. A date has not yet been set for the work to begin.

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee

Moving Day—October 9



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Financial Position as of September 30, 2021

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

Financial Position as of 09/30/21

	30-Sep	09/21 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$28,547.46	\$42,125.00	\$355,341.04	\$379,125.00
Prior Years Pledges	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$3,080.00	\$2,624.99
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$1,879.00	\$2,500.00	\$16,183.64	\$22,500.00
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Christmas)	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$1,210.00	\$3,150.00
Altar Guild Income	\$145.00	\$525.00	\$1,896.00	\$4,725.00
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$900.00
Special Projects Income	\$10,341.03	\$1,333.33	\$10,421.03	\$12,000.01
House Sale Income	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$6,750.00
Endowment Fund Disbursement	\$0.00	\$555.58	\$0.00	\$5,000.26
Other Income - PPP loan forgiveness	\$0.00		\$62,500.00	
Interest & Div	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$68.48	\$750.01
Total	\$40,912.49	\$48,613.91	\$451,000.19	\$437,525.27

Ministry Expenses

Diocesan Pledge	\$5,983.17	\$5,983.17	\$53,848.53	\$53,848.53
KIVA MicroLoans	\$221.99	\$333.33	\$3,320.30	\$3,000.01
Communication Ministry	\$90.00	\$129.67	\$1,121.90	\$1,166.99
Daughters of the King	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$19.95	\$187.51
Education Ministry	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$497.66	\$2,250.00
Youth Pilgrimage	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Library	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$75.01
Archives	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$42.40	\$75.01
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$750.01
Landscape	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$115.00	\$750.01
Music Ministry	\$150.00	\$416.67	\$1,758.00	\$3,749.99
Newcomers Ministry	\$0.00	\$7.58	\$0.00	\$68.26
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$560.26	\$2,205.00
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$0.00	\$450.67	\$2,110.00	\$4,055.99
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ministry	\$9,438.85	\$2,916.67	\$34,765.33	\$26,249.99
Safety & Security Committee	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$187.51
Special Projects Expense	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$1,499.99
Special Projects-Net	\$10,341.03	\$1,166.67	\$10,421.03	\$10,499.99
Stewardship Ministry	\$0.00	\$87.50	(\$255.00)	\$787.50
Worship Ministry	\$180.30	\$41.67	\$424.07	\$374.99
Vestry	\$0.00	\$133.33	(\$727.50)	\$1,200.01

Financial Position as of September 30, 2021 (continued)

Operating Expenses				
Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$136.72	\$250.00	\$2,318.81	\$2,250.00
Altar Guild Expenses	\$120.00	\$525.00	\$1,967.35	\$4,725.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$47.92	\$0.00	\$431.24
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$7,203.75	\$2,250.00	\$27,960.75	\$20,250.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$75.01
Office Expenses	\$718.14	\$1,437.50	\$6,151.50	\$12,937.50
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$2,250.00	\$3,000.01
Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (Property)	\$0.00	\$241.67	\$2,607.90	\$2,174.99
Telephones and Utilities	\$1,830.92	\$3,431.88	\$31,058.29	\$30,886.92
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$28,156.46	\$29,929.55	\$257,411.34	\$269,366.09
Total	\$64,821.33	\$51,258.76	\$441,997.87	\$461,329.06
Net Income w/o Depreciation	(\$23,908.84)	(\$2,644.85)	\$9,002.32	(\$23,803.79)
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income with Depreciation	(\$23,908.84)	(\$2,644.85)	\$9,002.32	(\$23,803.79)

Notes on Income and Expenses:

- Total Pledged Offerings YTD (current & prior year) were **(\$23,328.95)** less than YTD budget.
- Total income was **(\$7,701.42)** less than budgeted for the month of September and **\$13,474.92** more than the YTD budget.
- (Note: income includes \$62,500 from PPP loan forgiveness)
- We are showing a net loss of **(\$23,908.84)** for the month of September and a net gain YTD of **\$9,002.32**.
- Altar Guild Income YTD was less than Altar Guild Expenses by **(\$71.35)**.
- 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.

Outreach Committee News

by Kim Flash

St. Bartholomew's continues to facilitate relationship with the clients of 40 West Assistance and Referral and Hope Harbor partner families. As such, there are two upcoming opportunities for St. B's parishioners:

Thanksgiving Baskets

For decades St. B's has collected baskets (turkey plus all the sides and fixings for a traditional holiday meal) for people in need, and have delivered them to homes just before Thanksgiving. This year, we are fortunate to have the donation of 64 baskets from the Maryland Food Bank and 10 from an anonymous donor. However, in the hopes of not having to turn any family away hungry, St. B's parishioners are encouraged to add to this abundance with our own donations. If you would like to donate a Thanksgiving basket, please alert Glorius Sullivan by email (chgl@verizon.net) by November 7th so that she has an accurate count. Glorius will share further details individually, but know that any basket donated must be delivered to St. B's by 8:30 am ON Thursday, November 18th. (Plan accordingly.)

Please see the flyer on page 23 for ideas of what to include in any donated basket.

Christmas "Angel Tree"

Due to another Covid Christmas, we'll be doing our Angel Tree gift sharing in an unusual way (as we did last year). Rather than taking a tag off a tree and returning a gift to the Parish House, parishioners are asked to donate \$25 Walmart gift cards, which will be given directly to families for Christmas shopping. We ask specifically for Walmart cards (not other stores) because Walmart is on the bus line and has items ranging from toys and household or sporting good, to food. Cards need to be mailed to the church (attention Glorius Sullivan), or delivered to Glorius' home by **December 12th**. For questions, contact Glorius by email or home phone, or contact a member of the Outreach Committee.

— Kim is co-chair of the Outreach Committee





**Thank you for providing a Thanksgiving Basket
Each basket is geared towards a family of four**

Suggested items for the basket include:

Turkey
Powdered mashed potatoes or fresh potatoes for mashing
Canned sweet potatoes
Stuffing mix
Canned or fresh vegetables
Cranberry sauce
Sauerkraut
Rolls
Butter
Turkey gravy
Pumpkin pie filling and pie crust OR a pumpkin pie
Readi-Whip or other whipped topping
Paper goods and utensils
Coffee (instant) & other beverages
Dish soap

******* Don't forget the ingredients for any packages! *******
(such as: evaporated milk, eggs, chicken broth, etc....)

**The list is only a guideline; feel free to supplement/substitute.
Also feel free to supplement with other non -Thanksgiving foods
such as breakfast cereal, fruit, bread, soup, etc.**

**We are requesting that the items be placed in boxes
and the turkey be placed in a large ziplock bag
(to prevent leakage) to make delivery easier.**

**Each box should be labeled with some kind of identifier
(initials, symbol, etc.), the box number and the total
number of boxes (for example: 1 of 4, 2 of 4, 3 of 4 etc.).**

**This helps us to ensure each basket
is delivered in its entirety to the recipient family.**

“Bmore2gether” with KIVA

by Mary Buchanan

KIVA is a nonprofit organization that allows people to lend money to low income entrepreneurs in 77 countries. The mission is to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive.

St. Bartholomew's has loaned through KIVA since 2015. A percentage of the operating budget is set aside for KIVA loans. Our team's name is Bmore2gether. We loan because we want to help our global neighbors start, sustain, or expand a community-based business to alleviate poverty, especially among children and youth.

Over the past six years St. B's has deposited \$24,986 into our KIVA account. When the loans are repaid, we reloan the funds. We have made 225 loans totaling \$73,675!

Recently we loaned \$1,075 to Alaa, a 36-year-old Palestinian woman who owns a small kindergarten. Alaa borrowed \$4,000 from KIVA to purchase supplies and improve the kindergarten.

Abrao is a 31-year-old strawberry farmer from Mozambique. We funded \$1,075 of his \$4,725 loan. The loan will help him expand his production area.

Maria is a member of the Getzmani Group in Guatemala. She is 32 years old and has a husband and 3 children. She requested a loan of \$3,700 to invest in her convenience store and her embroidery business. We loaned her \$1,650.

The KIVA committee meets every other month. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Mary Buchanan at maryhb3820@gmail.com.

— *Mary is a member of the KIVA Committee*



40 West Volunteer Appreciation

by Peggy McMillan

November, the month of Thanksgiving, is also known as a month to express gratitude. I would like to express gratitude and thanks to the many volunteers who make 40 West possible.

40 West recently moved back to their home in the undercroft which has been renovated to prevent flooding and mold, then painted, and the floors tiled. **Dave Murray and his cadre of St. B's helpers** moved 40 West out of the Undercroft and to the Parish House. Then Dave established and coordinated contracts, created a schedule for the undertaking, painted (with the help of the St. B's crew), performed numerous tasks unseen, and moved 40 West back. Thank you, Dave and crew! (And he kept everything on schedule!)

Thanks to **John DeVale** for all his hours of computer and technical assistance. Without his help 40 West would have been in difficult straits many times. His help is invaluable.

There are numerous volunteers who come to 40 West on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday to spend three hours providing food and other resources to our neighbors. Clothing is in demand for all ages. **Carol Jones** sorts through all the donations of clothing, books, and household items. She displays them on racks and the table in the entrance lobby and they soon disappear!

Drew Brown and **Peggy Cummings** have been trained to work as substitutes for the Intake worker. They verify individuals' eligibility for bus tokens, help with BGE turn-off notices, evictions, or prescriptions. **Cheryl Murdock** works as an Intake worker on Wednesdays and has been with 40 West for many years. Now substitute coverage is more likely possible all three days we are open.

Lynn Murphy is our Monday sub for food or the lobby position. **Sandy Woodcock**, a former 40 West director, volunteers on Mondays and can do any type of work necessary, Intake included.

Pantry on the Go takes 20 or more volunteers to distribute the food successfully.

During the summer months the Maryland Food Bank provides 10-12 volunteers per event. Our local volunteers include **Carol Bailey, Annie Chairs, TJ Cox, Patrick and Peggy Cummings, Peggy Dorsey, Barbara Knauf, Sally Krach, Susan Lundin, Anne Marie MacInnes, Amelia Davis Pearson, and Glorius Sullivan**, to name a few.



There are two sets of volunteers who deserve kudos for perseverance and dedication. The first one is **Carol Bailey**, the former 40 West treasurer for the last 12 years and 2 months. She retired as of 9/30/21. Thank you, Carol, for your expertise and commitment.

The other set of volunteers is **the pick-up and delivery group**. They drive to the food bank 2-3 (or 4) times a month in their own cars and pack them with frozen meat, canned goods, and other items on the 40 West food order. **Gretchen Parry, Larry Wardlow, Tony Young** and are certainly 40 West unseen heroes. Thank you.

Topping the chart of dedication are **Susan Lundin**, who orders food night and day, and **Glorius Sullivan**, who keeps the whole ship afloat. Thank you all for working together so well. Kudos to all!

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

November Ceasefire

by Brigit Molony

It's that time of the year again to celebrate our city, promote peace, and pour love into our communities. This Baltimore Ceasefire Weekend, which runs from November 5-7, we will kick off the festivities with our annual November rally on Friday evening, held on the corners of Edmondson Avenue and Allendale Street from 5:30-7:00 pm. You're welcome to get creative and make posters/signs for this event. Show your love for Baltimore and the Ceasefire movement. We hope to see you there! ♥ Please check the Ceasefire Calendar for other ways to support the Ceasefire movement this upcoming weekend as we continue to work towards peace in our city: <https://baltimoreceasefire.com/calendar>.

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



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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**The deadline for the December issue of
The Apostle is Monday, November 15.**

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

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



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☞ Worship & Christian Formation ☜

Sunday Worship & Formation

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

The 10:30 services are also available on Zoom. Please visit our [website](#) to learn how you can join us.

Beginning November 7, **childcare** will be available for children up to age 5

in the Parish House from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday Christian Formation

Faith Forum for Adults and Older Youth: Alternate Sundays from 9:15—10:00 am on Zoom.

Fall dates include September 26, October 19 & 24, November 7 & 21, and December 5 & 19

Children's Word for Children Age 3 (by 09/01) — Grade 5:

During the 10:30 am service; in church or on Zoom.

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.