

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning December 19, 2021



Sunday

We worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Both services take place in the Church. Please wear a mask and practice compassionate distancing. You can also join us for worship at 10:30 am on ["Zoom."](#)

Faith Forum (for adults and older youth) gathers every other Sunday from 9:15 to 10:00 am on Zoom. Today, led by Corinne Bowmaker, we'll be learning about The Reverend George Bragg – Episcopal Priest, Rector of St. James Lafayette Square, and activist who established the Maryland Home for Friendless Colored Children. Everyone is welcome! You can find the Zoom link [here](#) on our website.

Child care is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm. Please stop by the Cribbery and meet our wonderful fully-vaccinated Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.

On Sunday mornings, children ages 3 to grade 5 are invited to participate in **Children's Word**. During the Sequence Hymn, children follow their teachers to the Undercroft. Children at home may join us on Zoom. Kangaroos (age 3—grade 2) meet in the Rector's Office; Elephants (grades 3—5) meet in the Copier Room. The Elephant class is taking a break today. The [Kangaroo Zoom link is here](#). Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.

The **Greening of the Church** takes place following the 10:30 am service. Please help us hang wreaths and set up the candelabras and aisle torches.

At 1:30 pm, **Olivet Baptist Church**, led by Pastor Alex Stone, worships in the Church and on Zoom. You're invited to join them today for a Christmas Celebration!.

D-Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets in the Parish House on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Come for fun, fellowship, and faith. And invite a friend!

† Monday through Saturday at 12:00 noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). †

If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Monday

Episcopal 102 (Scripture) meets 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.

Tuesday

The **Vestry** meets at 6:15 pm. Everyone is welcome, as always. If you would like to come, please contact Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Wednesday

Episcopal 102 (Church) 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.

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>.

Also at 7:00 pm, another **Sankofa Circle** meets on Zoom.

The main difference between growing and shrinking churches is the word **"invite."**

Why not invite a friend to St. B's next week?

In the Church at 8:00 and 10:30 am and on Zoom at 10:30 am.

Thursday The **St. Bartholomew Choir (for older youth & adults)** gathers in the Church at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Please contact Ted Davis (ted@stbs-md.org) for more information.

Friday **Christmas Eve**
At 4:00 pm, the **Children's Pageant (with Holy Eucharist)** takes place in the Church and on Zoom. **Music for the Season** begins at 10:45 pm, prior to the **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist** at 11:00 pm. Join us in the Church or on Zoom.

Saturday **Christmas Day**
At 10:30 am, **Christmas Day Holy Eucharist** will be offered in the Church and on Zoom.

Community Notes ...

We are grateful for all the **Pledges** made to St. B's. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may find pledge cards in the Tower Room. They are also available on our [website](#). Or contact Maggie (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message.

Be a part of the **Christmas Pageant** on Christmas Eve during the 4:00 pm service! It will be a virtual pageant with parts recorded in advance. The video will be shared during the 4:00 pm worship on Christmas Eve (both in the Church and on Zoom). All kids are invited, no matter where they live. Please contact Kathleen Schotto (kmschotto@yahoo.com) with questions and to sign up.

Christmas ornaments, handcrafted of white Corian®, are available for \$10 each. All proceeds benefit Outreach projects. Please contact Maggie (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) if you are interested in purchasing an ornament.

From the Creation Caretakers: One Water Partnership at Stillmeadow Community Fellowship's PeacePark (5110 Frederick Avenue in Irvington) invites you to join them for an interfaith [Winter Solstice Walk](#) today from 1:00-2:30 pm. Explore the local ecosystem while engaging in spiritual practices highlighting different faith traditions. Feel free to bring your favorite environmentally-themed prayer or reflection. The walk will last about an hour with light refreshments provided. There is paved parking available; the trail itself is mulch and is steep in places. Please bring water and dress warmly. Walking shoes or boots with treads and perhaps a walking stick are recommended. Register at <https://bit.ly/3pePVRn>.

As the cold weather sets in, please remember to bring your unneeded **warm sweaters, coats, hats and gloves, and warmer clothes** to the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center.

We'll be refreshing the **Prayer List** on January 1. If you wish to have a name remain on the Prayer List, or if you wish to add a name, please email the Office (Office@stbs-md.org) or leave a note on the desk in the Office with the name neatly printed by Sunday, December 19. (We want to be sure all names are spelled correctly.) Thank you.

A quick look at events in the coming weeks . . .

December 26 On the First Sunday after Christmas join us for a **Service of Christmas Lessons** in the Church at 8:00 am and a **Service of Christmas Lesson and Carols and Holy Eucharist** in the Church and on Zoom at 10:30 am.

December 30 The Daughters of the King invite you to join them for a virtual "Quiet Day" from 10:00 am to noon — a time for meditation, reflection, and renewal in preparation for the New Year, led by Joe Twist. Joe will help us learn "How to slow down to reflect." Please let Dana Rose (Juskit5@gmail.com) know if you will join us. Zoom information is available on our [website](#).

January 28-29 The St. B's **Women's Retreat** takes place in the Parish House and via Zoom. Please contact Maggie (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) for additional information and to register.