



## Light at Last

On my walk the other day I was tromping through the field behind my house. I just happened to look up toward the sky. More often I do not because I am looking down to make sure I don't step in a hole or trip over something.

But it was a sweet day, so I looked up into the sky — and saw this:



It caught me by surprise. It was not a time of the day when I might expect to see the moon. But there it was, hovering high, still present and visible even though it was not even near evening.

I think that is a lot like the church season of the Epiphany.

Epiphany is about a light shining in the darkness.

During Epiphany, Jesus becomes more and more clear about who he is and what his presence on earth means. His light gets stronger as he rises to the mission and ministry he is here to do.

Also, what I loved about seeing the moon that day was that it reminded me that even when I'm not looking for God's presence, it is still there anyway. All I have to do is look up and around to be reminded that it is there. No matter how faint it might seem, there are always evidences about of God's presence.

To be honest, I tend to spend much more time looking down so I can avoid stumbling or tripping over the "stuff" of this world. I tend to be way more focused on what to avoid or worry about.

However, seeing the moon that day gave me the gift of musing about the season of Epiphany when Jesus' light gets brighter and clearer. And it actually made me remember that God is always about even if we don't always see him or bother to even look.

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## ☞ Light at Last

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I think that is quite comforting. God really is the rising light in the world.

So as our days get brighter and longer this time of year, I invite you to look up and around to see the light of Christ hovering about — even if you don't expect to see it. Celebrate that it gets brighter and

stronger each day. I invite you to look up and around, to not be consumed by the "stuff" of this world and breathe in the joyous relief of knowing that the Light of Christ is always there — no matter what. All we have to do is just look for it.

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

## ☞ Worship

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Many thanks to all those who help make our Advent, Christmas and Epiphany celebrations happen:

for those who decorate the Church,  
for those who serve during our worship services,  
for those who invite someone to celebrate with us ...

*Thank you!*

## Worship at St. B's

Join us for worship! We worship in the Church at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Please wear a KN95 mask (available in the Church) 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=d05KWmJPZ0ZZaHlmUlRk2NiOFp6UT09>.

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.

## Celebrate the Epiphany —

*A Celtic celebration of light  
in the midst of darkness  
on Thursday, January 6  
at 7:30 pm  
in the Church and on Zoom.*

## 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 Advent Lessons and Carols
- ~ The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of Bach at St. Bartholomew’s

# Group Celebration!

by Marty Clark

I had the pleasure of attending the ordination of our own Kathleen Schotto at our Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation on Northern Parkway, Baltimore. I was asked by Kathleen to carry our beloved St. B's banner in the procession to be a symbol of her parish standing with her. Representing! Kathleen had no shortage of support, love, & backing. I glimpsed so many St. B's members aside from Kathleen's family (Margret, Martin & Jonathan) while processing with our banner — The Kulpes, Mrs. Inez, our Sr. Warden, Angel Jackson, and Beric Bernard & his mom, Kate Riley. I saw our clergy (Flo, Thelma, & Bob) there also. Kathie Clark was asked by Kathleen to assist as usher this day & she showed the Cathedral how it's done St. B's style down to having a kid with her to present the offering at the altar. Kathie's good friend, Beric of course! I'm sure I missed a few from the size of the crowd, yet the presence of St. B's was felt!



**She did it! Congrats Reverend Kathleen Marie Schotto**



What a joy to have four others from our diocese joining Kathleen on this day for ordination into the Deaconate. Our fellow St. B's parishioner, Bishop Bob Ihloff, presided over the service which included banners from other churches and plenty of fellow Christians supporting these new Deacons. This "group" ordination is a powerful reminder that St. B's is not an island oasis by herself. She is part of and supported by a Diocese of over a hundred other parishes that lean on and hold up each other as we trudge our road to glory. We now have five fresh Deacons who can help herd us along the way! Praise be to GOD!



## 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](mailto:ted@stbs-md.org)

# Song for the Feast of the Epiphany

Shared by Janet Aldrich

**T**he Angel knows . . . . Many people make, or at least aspire to make, resolutions into new calendar years. These resolutions are inspired by a hunch or discomfort with all-too familiar patterns and a desire to break them. January First has always seemed to me a pretty random, secular day to begin a resolution, given that it is just a day like all others in the grand scheme of things, and no slate is ever really cleared from one year to the next. But then up popped this “song” for Epiphany (which, conveniently, falls in the first week of our secular New Year!), with its own plea not to settle into comfort, but to journey to places to meet our needs (vs., presumably, our wants), á la the bold Magi, who ventured forth into the unknown with only a Star and warning as their guide. Put into the context of our Church year, I can better align myself with the notion of resolution, especially with an openness to enter into “the place where God is” rather than my own personal self-improvement that a traditional New Year’s resolution implies. In Epiphany, we are called to listen less to our own gumption and resolve than to an angelic voice from The Source who knows us better than we know we ourselves, that knows better the ways we need to BE in the world than we ourselves do. We don’t make this journey alone: remember, the Magi traveled as a trio (a triad!). True spiritual change cannot happen by ourselves; we need others with whom to follow the Star. This is another big difference from personal resolutions. (How lonely we know those to be at times!). Venture forth with others into this Epiphany season of Light and Wondrous Love. Follow the Star! Be open to where the road takes you. It may not be the resolve you thought it would be! The Angel knows.

## Song for the Feast of the Epiphany

Be bold like the Magi.  
Do not tarry, settling into your comfort,  
but rather set out keeping the star  
in your vision. It will lead you  
to the place you are most in need of,  
the place where God is.  
And if an angel warns you in a dream  
not to return by the old way,  
please listen.

~~ Christine Rodgers

# 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.

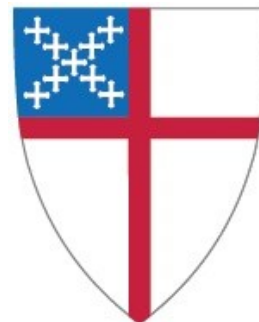
At their meeting on December 21:

- John Schroeder reviewed the financial status of the Church as we approach the end of 2021. The Vestry discussed and approved resolutions for the 2021 year-end.
- The Vestry discussed approaches to defining major maintenance and addressing maintenance in the budget.
- Rev. Flo presented new measures St. B's will be taking to control COVID-19 transmission.

The next regular meetings, scheduled on January 18 and 25,  
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.

## Volunteers Are Needed for General Convention



*by Margaret Schotto*

The 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church will take place from **July 7 to 14, 2022, in Baltimore**. These dates, which will be preceded by several days of the usual preparatory meetings and provide for eight days of legislative business, were approved after the 2021 convention had to be postponed due to COVID-19. General Convention occurs every three years and brings Episcopalians from around the world together.

This event will provide a significant boost to the downtown area bringing millions of dollars for hotels, restaurants, and tourist attractions. Information regarding the convention can be found at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/category/general-convention/>.

The convention takes many people and volunteers to make it a success and we need more volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please follow this link: <https://www.generalconvention.org/volunteer-interest>.

# From the Daughters of the King

by Dana Rose

During Advent season we were blessed to be in fellowship with our friends, St. B's family and neighbors.

Over the last couple of weeks we have visited our senior parishioners who are residing at Fairhaven Retirement Home in Sykesville and at Charlestown in Catonsville; a total of 20 parishioners. It was an absolute joy to have a short visit and to deliver some Christmas cheer ( a prayer card, a Christmas ornament, a chocolate bar, and cookies).



Many thanks to all who contributed to the Mitten & Glove Drive. **We collected over 50 mittens/gloves and 14 hats for the children and youth of 40 West.** Thank you!!!

Our annual "Quiet Day" will take place on Thursday, December 30. This virtual "Quiet Day" is sponsored by our DOK Chapter and is open to all. Come join us for this Quiet Time — a time of thoughts and contemplation and a rekindling and replenishment of spirit before the new year. During this two-hour period, you will be guided through a series of

meditations, prayers, and group discussions by Joe Twist, a skilled facilitator and a member of St. B's. Here are the details:

## DOK Virtual Quiet Day



Date — **Thursday, December 30**

Time — 10 AM to Noon

Leader — Joe Twist

Topic — How to slow down to reflect

Zoom Link —

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82227796584?pwd=aTBMZjJlcWEzYTJzd2FHejYwTmzMdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 2779 6584

Passcode: 703085

Dial-in Number: 301 715 8592

Your special prayer requests are always welcome and held in confidence by our Daughters. Please send your prayer request to Glorius Sullivan via phone (410-644-8110) or email ([chgl@verizon.net](mailto:chgl@verizon.net)).

*"Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

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





# **2022 Women's Retreat led by Katharine Armentrout and Flo Ledyard**

Friday, January 28 and Saturday, January 29, 2022

## **The Edge of the World: Return, Stay, Go A Celtic Perspective**

Do you ever feel like you are standing on the edge of the world - on a precipice between what is familiar and what the future will be? Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the choices we have before us? If so, you are not alone! Our Women's Retreat will give us a chance to share our thoughts, fears, and excitement about where we are standing in the world right now and what choices we can make.

We will learn about an exquisite Celtic spiritual notion called the Edge of the World, meet people who have exemplified each possible response, and then explore our own choices .

And then we will examine spiritual practices to support wherever we choose to journey.

The retreat this year will be at St Bartholomew's Church — and via Zoom.

Please register!!! It will be really helpful and important for us to know who is coming and how.

You can register by contacting Maggie Caldwell at [mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) or call the Office (410-945-7263) and leave a message. And please let us know if you will be attending in person or on Zoom.

We will begin Friday at 7:30 pm. (Dinner will be available for those who will be on site starting at 6:30 pm.)

Saturday we will begin at 9:00 am. (Breakfast will be available at 8:00 am for those attending on site).

We will end Saturday evening.

Meals will be catered for those on site.

# Men's Retreat at the Claggett Center

## "Reconnect, Regather, Restore"

Friday, February 11 — Sunday, February 13, 2022

Join men from throughout the dioceses of Maryland and Washington for a weekend retreat designed to grow relationships with God and neighbor. Featuring keynote speaker the Rev. Rick Laribee, joyful music, home-cooked meals, fellowship around the fireplace, and more! The Men's Retreat is anchored by large-group worship, including a special Saturday Healing Service and small groups where attendees build trusting relationships and grow in their faith. Throughout the weekend, there is ample time for rest and fellowship (including the favorite all-weather cornhole tournament!)

The Rev. Rick Laribee, priest-in-charge at Christ Church, West River will offer this year's keynote sessions, celebrating a return to gathering at Claggett, in churches, and elsewhere in our lives. Explore where God has been at work in the last years, and where God is moving now.

Rick grew up on the Florida Keys — where he served as deckhand for his father, a fishing and diving guide. Thus began his life-long love for the sea.

Pastoring churches in two denominations gave Rick the opportunity to study, explore, and deeply experience the classic spiritual disciplines in community from different perspectives. In addition to teaching in American colleges, his teaching at the American University of Iraq (Sulaimania, Iraq) gave him the opportunity to study, explore, and experience the three Abrahamic religions from within birthplace in the Middle East.

A passionate traveler, Rick has explored and photographed natural, cultural, historical and religious sites in Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, Italy, China, Mexico, Central America, South America, Wales, Scotland, England, Spain, Canada, the US, and the Caribbean.

In retirement, Rick continues to enjoy sailing, speaking, writing, exploration, and discovery.

### 2021 Rates

- Single-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$275
- Double-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$240
- Single-occupancy Inn (one night): \$223
- Double-occupancy Inn (one night): \$208
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** Online access to keynote sessions: \$25

You may click [here](#) to register.

Additional information about payments, scholarships, or cancellations may be found [here](#).



# Sankofa Circle to Begin in January

by Chuck Sullivan

On January 4, 2022, the Tuesday morning Sankofa Circle will meet for 6 weeks, beginning at 11:45 am and ending at 1:15 pm. The meeting dates are January 4, 11, 18, 15 and February 1, 8. We will again be discussing the previous Sunday's sermon and when appropriate, the Sunday lessons as well.

Come join a really friendly and devoted group as we discuss what is truly important in our lives.

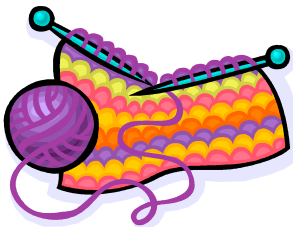
If you are interested in joining, please contact the co-leaders Bill & Leah Kulp ([wakulp@comcast.net](mailto:wakulp@comcast.net)) and Chuck Sullivan ([chgl@verizon.net](mailto:chgl@verizon.net)).




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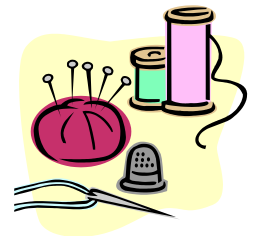
## Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

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](mailto:lsnowde1@msn.com) for more information or for the Zoom link.

St. B's Sewing Bees meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:scobleselleck@gmail.com).

# Faith Forum

by Flo Ledyard

This month we recognize the life and ministry of Martin Luther King Jr - January 17<sup>th</sup> to be exact. A figure of deep faithfulness who called out our established notions about race and then witnessed in word and deed the actual preferences of God. King challenged and encouraged us to embrace a world where God's ways would preside. This month for Adult Formation, we honor King as we explore the cost of prejudice but also the power of challenge to cause God's preferred ways to be embraced

## January 2<sup>nd</sup> — Two Intriguing Musicians

Two musicians of African descent that had such a difficult time. One you may know - Scott Joplin but perhaps not Gladys Bentley. They were strong musicians but had a pretty complicated time - for some very intriguing reasons. Struggling musicians with curious careers, they were forerunners of some of our present social conundrums. What would God have us know? Come share your opinion!

Led by Celeste Thurston

## January 16<sup>th</sup> — Controversial Stories told by Jesus

Storytelling can often be a way to share some difficult information. Jesus was really good at it! In fact, he was intentional about it which may not be our most favorite impression of him. But these stories were essential to his mission and ministry. Let's explore a couple.

Led by Flo Ledyard

## January 30<sup>th</sup> - Two Intriguing Artists

Artists influence the world in many ways we do not even recognize. Zelda Wynn Valdes was a fashion designer and costumer. Intriguing who she designed for. Alfred Hair was an African American painter. It was hard to have his paintings even seen and sold. But he was resourceful and helpful to others. Until his early unfortunate death. Intriguing stories that may surprise you but perhaps challenge our social constructs and assumptions. Come imagine what God would want us to understand.

Directed by Nicete Moodie

— Flo is St. B's Rector

# Episcopal 102 Returns on January 24

On Monday, January 24, **Episcopal 102 returns.** (We are currently taking a short break while The Reverend Carol Burnside is serving at St. Katherine’s of Alexandria.) We meet via Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Join us as we begin a six-week course on “Reading the Daily Office for Personal Devotion.” Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact The Reverend Carol Burnside at [shinyredtruck@msn.com](mailto:shinyredtruck@msn.com) or text/call at 410-440-7394, or email Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) for the Zoom link.



## The Cribbery

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

Are you interested in finding out more about the Cribbery?  
 Stop by on Sunday morning and meet our wonderful, fully-vaccinated  
 childcare provider Dona McIntyre.

## Children’s Word on Sunday Mornings



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 [Kangaroo Zoom link is here.](#) And the [Elephant Zoom link is here.](#) Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.





# D Group!



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# 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](mailto:peaceclark1@gmail.com)). Gather for fun, fellowship, and faith. Invite a friend!

### Weekly Online Gathering

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> 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>.

## Happening 15!

*Faith Is a Highway — I Wanna Live It All Life Long*  
February 11 to 13

Happening is a national program for youth in grades 9 through 12, designed, staffed, and run by Episcopal youth! This weekend will deepen your relationship with Jesus and connections with those on similar spiritual journeys. Happening takes place at the Claggett Center. Click [here](#) to register.





# Stewardship Thoughts for Epiphany

by Bill Kulp

We celebrate the three foreigners each Epiphany, who followed a star and arrived in Bethlehem to worship the infant Jesus, as the spreading of the gospel moved outward into the world. Every Sunday at St. B's we end our worship service looking outward and proclaiming our desire to be our own blazing beacon beyond the borders of our sanctuary. Our stewardship includes our time, talents, and money devoted to ministry in our neighborhood and beyond.

A partial list of St. B's outreach activities includes:

- Our annual Flea Market
- Support for 40 West and Hope Harbor
- Providing space for AA and NA twelve-step programs
- Kiva loans to people around the world
- Worship and music offerings on Zoom and YouTube
- The Landscape Committee's nurturing of our property
- The green team, Creation Caretakers, picking up litter every third Saturday of the month along the Route 40 corridor
- Participation in Baltimore Ceasefire activities and diocesan prayer walks.

Remember the ways in which we seek and serve Christ when you welcome the strangers to Bethlehem this Epiphany.

— Bill is a member of the Stewardship Committee



## Some Property Updates

by Dave Murray

1. Patched the Parish House driveway where the sewer line was installed.
2. Painted the iron railings in the church office area.
3. Youth House furnace was repaired by BGE.
4. The church rear door security monitor was reconnected by Dave McClellan.
5. New couches were purchased for Flo's office by Nancy Nicaise.
6. New desks and a 4-drawer file cabinet were secured from Random Productions (free) by Scott Houghton, Ben Shaw, Alan Lane, and Dave to replace Flo's and Maggie's old desks.

Next Up: Remove the old furniture and get the new desks/couches in place; begin planning for the installation of a new accessible entrance to 40 West A&R Center; BG&E to remove bamboo by the garage.

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee

# Creation Care and Drinking Water

by Cynthia Wagner

Psalm 24:1 *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.*

As Christians, God has entrusted us with the care of God's creation. At St. B's, the Creation Care team provides opportunities for us to practice being good stewards in and around Baltimore. There are monthly trash pick-ups and one of the things we pick up a lot of is plastic bottles. While they are recyclable, it is estimated that ~70% of the bottles never get recycled. The production of the bottles themselves is energy intensive; 17 million barrels of oil are used to meet America's demand for bottled water per year.

We are fortunate to live in a country that (for the most part) has safe drinking water from our faucets. Tap water costs about \$0.02/gallon and bottled water is about \$0.64/gallon. And the government standards that are used to guarantee that tap water is safe is far more rigorous than what is required of bottled water manufacturers.

There are times when bottled water is a necessity—in disaster areas and in places where the drinking water is not safe. Luckily, most of us will rarely find ourselves in those situations. So, next time you're thirsty, consider turning on the water faucet instead of taking a drink from a plastic water bottle. And with the money you save from not buying bottled water, invest in a good reusable water bottle.

About 60% of the human body is water. Let's make sure that the water we put into those bodies doesn't destroy our home, the Earth.

— Cynthia is a member of the Creation Caretakers

## Financial Position as of November 30, 2021

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

November 30, 2021	Current Month		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Income	39,087.71	48,613.91	565,162.81	534,753.09
Total Expenses	<u>(66,764.19)</u>	<u>(51,258.76)</u>	<u>(556,048.28)</u>	<u>(563,846.58)</u>
Difference	(27,676.48)	(2,644.85)	9,114.53	(29,093.49)

# Disruption: Baltimore's Highway to Nowhere

The Creation Caretakers invite you to “Chesapeake Conversations” on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. In honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake's One Water Partnership program is hosting a virtual screening of the short environmental justice film **Disruption: Baltimore's “Highway to Nowhere”** followed by a panel discussion. Old West Baltimore was one of several of America's most vibrant Black communities that was irreparably disrupted and damaged by 20<sup>th</sup> century federal highway projects. The project destroyed 971 houses and 62 businesses and displaced 1,500 residents. This short film begins to explore the history and legacy of Baltimore's infamous “Highway to Nowhere” and the damage its construction wrought upon a once great American community. Please [register HERE](#).



**CHESAPEAKE**   
**CONVERSATIONS:**  
**FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES**  
**PART: 1**

**JAN 17 @ 7:00 PM**

**IN CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.,  
JOIN IPC'S - ONE WATER PARTNERSHIP FOR A  
VIRTUAL SCREENING OF BALTIMORE'S: "HIGHWAY  
TO NOWHERE". AFTER, JOIN US FOR A PANEL  
DISCUSSION AND Q&A. REGISTER BELOW.**

**[HTTPS://WWW.INTERFAITHCHESAPEAKE.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/events)**



# Outreach News

by Kim Flash

**M**any, many thanks to the St. B's parishioners (and neighborhood folks) who donated gift cards for our modified "Angel Tree" this year. Due to everyone's generosity, 114 gift cards were given out to the clients of 40 West and Hope Harbor partner families, in order to buy Christmas gifts for their children and other holiday necessities. The generosity of St. B's never fails, and we are appreciative!

Watch your weekly "What's Happening" for information on service projects for Martin Luther King Day. While 40 West is not in need of a food drive this month, there will likely be some other opportunities to recognize the importance and legacy of Dr. King.

Interested in learning more about our Outreach Committee? Contact one of the co-chairs for more information: David Mountain (<mailto:davidjmountain@ieee.org>) or Kim Flash (<mailto:keflash7@gmail.com>).

— Kim is co-chair of the Outreach Committee



# Supporting My Brother's Keeper

St. Bartholomew's continues to support My Brother's Keeper, which has been serving our neighbors in the Irvington community and the surrounding areas since the 1980s. Lunch service continues daily with a sit-down hot lunch provided one day a week and a 'Grab and Go' bagged lunch provided each day. They continue to serve 90+ meals, on most days.

Donations of items that can be used for lunch preparations are always welcome. Donations may be delivered to My Brother's Keeper, 4207 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore MD 21229. Items should be brought to the side door on Augusta Road, near the driveway. There is a doorbell, but please be patient as there is limited staff on-site. A list of their current needs is printed below. For questions or more information, please contact Bonnie Kutch ([bonnie\\_kutch@verizon.net](mailto:bonnie_kutch@verizon.net)).

Items	Quantity
Sliced Turkey	Enough for 80 people
Sliced Beef Bologna	Enough for 80 people
Sliced Ham	Enough for 80 people
Sliced Cheese 5lb box	Enough for 80 people
Mayo Packs	
Mustard Packs	
Granola Bars	
Cookies	
Drinks	
Sodas	
Oranges	
Cheese Crackers	
Potato Chips	
Sun Chips	
Pretzels	
Fruit Cups	
Fruit Gummies	
Carryout Plastic Bags	
Zip lock Plastic Sandwich Bags	

# St. B's COVID Vaccine Clinic—Part 2

by Dana Rose

We hosted our second COVID Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, December 11 in collaboration with the MD National Guard. A total of 40 shots were administered; 39 booster shots and 1 first time shot. The majority of participants requested Pfizer or Moderna; however, a few opted for J&J. The participants included church members, our neighbors, and folks who just happened to drive by.

The National Guard was formidable. They swooped in and then out with precision, efficiency, and courtesy. Thanks to St. B's member Adrienne Barnes, two lovely women from the Baltimore health department were on site to provide information about COVID and how to stay safe. In addition, they came with goodies — masks, hand sanitizer, and food. One woman reported that she received her booster shot

and walked out with a box of Rice- A- Roni! Many thanks to Inez Dodson, Claudia Twist, Celeste Thurston, David Rose, Justin Rose, and Christopher Rose who volunteered their time and hospitality. And a huge thank you to Maggie and Fred!

Although the forecast was cloudy, it was a brilliant day. Our doors were open to our neighbors. One long -ago Ten Hills neighbor just happened to be in town for a wedding, saw our doors open, and came in to look around. This gentleman was nearly in tears as he spoke about his old neighborhood and his neighbor Freda Grim, who made him sandwiches and played the organ at St. B's. What a gift!

Happy Christmas!



# Blessings

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

As the weather turns colder and the winds blow harder, we are warmed by the generosity of gifts and support given to 40 West to enable us to give to others! It's been a busy month!

Through a grant from the Maryland Food Bank of 132 Holiday Meals, and the gift of an additional 10 turkeys donated by 40 West volunteer Robert Young, and another 14 baskets brimming with turkeys and sides donated by St. B's parishioners, we distributed 88 Thanksgiving Meals on site to 40 West and Hope Harbor families on November 18. Another 68 Christmas Meals were distributed on site on December 14.

Through a grant of 100 turkeys from the Giant Food Store on Edmondson Avenue given to the Maryland Food Bank, who in turn donated those 100 turkeys to 40 West, we delivered 52 turkeys to residents of Abundant Towers II senior housing complex on Baltimore National Pike on November 22, and 8 more turkeys were given to families in our neighborhood. On December 16, we delivered the remaining 40 turkeys to residents of the nearby Allendale Apartment complex

And, with the sponsorship of St. B's Outreach Committee and St. B's parishioners and 40 West friends and neighbors, we had 114 "Angel Tree" \$25.00 Walmart gift cards to distribute to families with children to purchase gifts for their children this year.

And, thanks to the sponsorship of the Margaret Rollo Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King's "Glove and Mitten Collection", we had a total of 53 pairs of gloves/mittens and 17 hats and even some warm fuzzy socks to offer to families.

And, thanks to all who have donated, and continue to donate, gently used warm winter coats, jackets and sweaters and other items to our clothing closet to benefit our clients.

And, thanks to a grant from the Catonsville Women's Giving Circle, we were able to purchase food that was not available from the Maryland Food Bank for our pantry and also purchased additional items to add to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal Distributions.

And, thanks to Amerigroup who gave us a grant for food and supplies during COVID, and for their donation of 200 strong bags for packing the food we distribute.

And, many thanks to the Maryland Food Bank, who throughout these COVID pandemic times, continues to support us with food grants and monthly updates and information from various city and state departments working to offer help and support to us to serve those in need.

And, many, many thanks to our volunteers, who are there to welcome folks to 40 West and assist them with their needs — a truly remarkable group of volunteers from our member churches and the neighborhood!

And, thanks to Peggy McMillan, our director who has journeyed with us these past 2.5 years, through COVID times, undercroft property issues and Jigsaw renovation times, and very "not even close to normal" times, as she resigns her position at the end of December. She will truly be missed.

That's a lot of "And, Thanks", from a truly humbled and grateful volunteer staff at 40 West. We know how hard these COVID times are for all of us and we appreciate your support. We are thankful to have the opportunity to help our neighbors.

Blessings,

— *Glorius is Chair of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center, Inc.*





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



Lucy Marshall; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Mary Warfield; Jim Wright; Phoenix DeVale; Dana Przybyszewski; Cathy Brookman; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Kate Henshall; Celeste Thurston; Irene Hardy; Bonnie Kutch; Connie Lee; Bates Churchill; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Carole Novian; Tijon Cox and family; Martin Schotto; Wayne Selleck; Susan Lundin; Rodney Michel; 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; 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; Andrea Barnard; Amanda Sanders, Darren and Ingrid; Barbara and Danny Honaker; Richard; Terry McIntosh; Art Smith; Jane Jeffrey; Bernard Keels; Nancy Maziarczyk; Young Sam; Sherry; Natalie Conway; Suzanne Zaremba; Bert Halverstadt; Elaine Collins; Pat Blume; Greg and Bonnie Golden; John and Janice; Jan Addison; Shelley Wiley; Ann Eichelman; the Robinson-Madison family; Daheem Richardson; Ken and Dorris McElroy; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

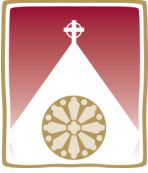
**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**

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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.

Childcare is 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.

**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: Meets on Sundays at 4:30 pm—in the Parish House.

#### 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](mailto:office@stbs-md.org) or visit [www.stbs-md.org](http://www.stbs-md.org).