

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning December 26, 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."](#)

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. Children's Word is taking a break this week. Please join us next Sunday. Newcomers, friends, and parents are always welcome to come along.

At 1:30 pm, **Olivet Baptist Church**, led by Pastor Alex Stone, worships in the Church and on Zoom.

D-Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets on Sundays in the Parish House from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. We're taking a break this week, but we'll be back next Sunday. 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 The church office is closed.

Wednesday 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>.
At 7:00 pm, a **Sankofa Circle** meets on Zoom.

Thursday 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](#).

Friday The church office is closed for the **New Year's Day** holiday.

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.

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.

It is estimated that there are 78 million people in the USA who, due to past experiences or current yearnings, are ready to be welcomed into the life of a local congregation.

So why not Invite A Friend or Neighbor to Church This Week?

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

The Creation Caretakers invite you to “Chesapeake Conversations” on Monday, January 17th 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 20th century federal highway projects. 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. You can find more information in the Flyer on page 22. Please [register HERE](#).

We will be creating a fresh 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. (We want to be sure all names are spelled correctly.) Thank you.

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

January 2 Faith Forum (for adults and older youth) gathers every other Sunday from 9:15 to 10:00 am on Zoom. This day, led by Celeste Thurston, we’ll be learning about two intriguing musicians of African descent — Scott Joplin and Gladys Bentley — strong musicians who had a pretty complicated time. Everyone is welcome! You can find the Zoom link [here](#) on our website.

January 6 We celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany**. Join us at 7:30 pm (in the Church or on Zoom) for a Celtic celebration of light in the midst of darkness.

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 or text/call at 410-440-7394, or email Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) for the Zoom link.

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.

February 11-13 The Diocesan **Men’s Retreat**, led by The Reverend Rick Larabee, takes place at the Claggett Center. You may click [here](#) to register. Additional information about payments, scholarships, or cancellations may be found [here](#).

Happening #15, for youth in grades 9—12, also takes place at the Claggett Center. Happening is a national program designed, staffed, and run by Episcopal youth! This weekend will deepen your relationship with Jesus and connections with those on similar spiritual journeys. Registration is available [here](#).

Other Groups that Meet at St. B’s

40 West Assistance and Referral Center

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

(40 West will be closed for the holidays and will re-open on January 3.)

12-Step Groups

NA Monday at 9:00 pm (Undercroft)

Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 pm (Undercroft)

AA Tuesday at 12:00 noon (Undercroft)

Other 12-Step Groups are currently meeting online.

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, office@stbs-md.org, or visit our website at www.stbartholomew.ang-md.org/.

A blazing beacon moment of the week: _____ !