



The APOSTLE

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

February 2022

It's Getting Brighter! Yea!

It is the season of the church year we call Epiphany. It comes from a Greek word that means a manifestation or appearance. For us, of course, Jesus is THE manifestation or appearance. So this is our worship season to explore who Jesus is and how he begins to live out his mission and ministry.

It is also the time of year when the day stays lighter longer. Noticeably. Yea!

Which actually also got me to thinking about Jesus.

In other words, Epiphany is a season of enlightenment.



The gift of God in human form offers all of us the gift of light. Jesus' life, mission, and ministry were intended to shed light on God. In what ways, you might be wondering?

Well, first off, it sheds light on God's amazing love for us. Why else would he bother to come be a human being? God's love for us is so persistent and tenacious that he will do anything to grab our attention.

Secondly, it is Jesus who, in word and deed, shows us what God really wants us to know. It is Jesus who sheds light on God in ways that are important to see and understand. It is Jesus who opens our eyes to see God better.

Of course, this also means we have to pay attention. As the days stay lighter longer, it may take us time to recognize it because it requires us to stop, look, and notice. We have to bother.

The same is true of God. We have to bother to look. But when we do, when we look at Jesus — what he is saying and doing, it is so amazing. Jesus asks us to open our eyes and see God's profound and unshakable love for us — each of us. Jesus asks us to recognize that we are to love others in the same way. And we can because God loves us that much.

So I am just asking that during this season when we celebrate the appearance of God that each of us will take the time to open our eyes and notice Jesus — what he says and does. Just asking that we let the Light of Christ shine on us, those we love, and a world in such need of God's pervasive love. Because maybe if we bother to look and see The Light, we might become a source of light for others. Like you are for me.

So Yea for lighter longer days. Yea for the inexhaustible Light of Christ that cannot be extinguished. And Yea for a God who lights our way forward whatever paths we are traveling along.

So Yea, it's getting brighter.

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

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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=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, February 26, 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 the Last Sunday after the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, 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. You will also be able to pick up Ashes to Go for Ash Wednesday, March 2.

Ash Wednesday March 2

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy
will be held in the Church and on Zoom
at 7:30 pm.

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 14th edition of Bach at St. Bartholomew’s

Hallelujah! Thanks Be to God!

After all of these months, our Choir just returned in time for the Christmas Services! They raised their voices and filled St. Bartholomew's Church with “joyous” sounds of Hymns and Anthems. The Christmas Eve Service and the Service of Lessons and Carols were magnificently directed by our Organist and Choirmaster, Ted Davis.

During their absence due to Covid for several months each of our choir members rehearsed in their homes each Thursday evening. Then Ted, the Master of Music that he is, would put it together so that now and then we could hear them sing together as a group for our “Virtual Services.” The amount of work and time Ted put into this is “mind-boggling” to say the least.

As a church musician for forty-plus years, it meant so much when parishioners would personally thank me and our choirs for our music. After the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 26th I personally went up to the choir and thanked them for their beautiful music.

Let’s remember to be mindful of the hours of rehearsals our choirs and our Choirmaster put in each week and make a point of thanking them from time to time . A word now and then or a note of thanks takes such a short period of time, but means so much.

Let us all pray that the viruses which have plagued so many of us finally leave so that they can continue their good work of praising God through the music we so much enjoy.

Gratefully,
Barbara Yeager



Thank You, St. B's!

Dear St. Bartholomew's:

As I was writing thank you notes for gifts from my ordination I realized that there was a very important group that needed a note from me. The people of St. Bartholomew's.

I have been given so many things by this community. You welcomed me as an intern, a little uncertain and unsure in a new situation. Because of that welcome I quickly became more confident and found the path I was meant to find. You welcomed me as, truly, one of yours when I needed a new parish to sponsor my journey to the priesthood. You also welcomed my family helping them to feel comfortable in a new environment.

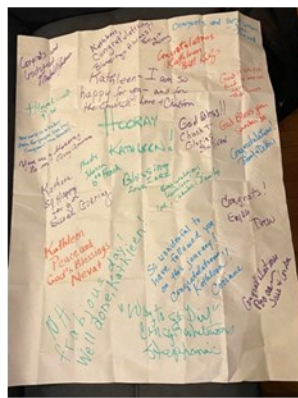
At my ordination Rev. Flo presented me with a large piece of paper that had multiple names on it of well-wishers from this amazing community. Something so very simple, but when I opened it that night I actually

cried. It currently is hanging on the wall in my room at VTS to help me remember the community that loves me.

Then, just before Christmas there was the gift presented to me by Rev. Flo. This communion kit (filled this first time from the table at St. B's) will be with me throughout my ministry. Every time I carry it with me on a pastoral visit I will carry each of you with me.

Thank you....all of you....for the caring, the welcome, and the love and light of Christ that you share all the time. It is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Peace,
The Reverend Kathleen Schotto



Candlemas 2022

Candlemas falls on February 2nd each year, a day in which the Church universal traditionally blesses its candles (in conjunction with the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, 40 days after Jesus's birth).

The following two selections depict ways candles kindle how we live, move, and have our being when laced in the Light:

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My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night;
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends—
It gives a lovely light!



~~ Edna St. Vincent Millay

If you are feeling winter weary or stressed at any level these days, these verses by Ms. Millay remind us to enjoy present moments of “light” whatever and whenever they may be, for they have power to bring us joy and restore our faith.

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The light of a candle
is transferred to another candle—
spring twilight.

~~ Yosa Buson



On reading this almost-Haiku (!), I can't help but think of Christmas Eve and Easter Vigil, when the congregation passes candlelight to one another across the pews. So, too, the newly baptized receive a small candle lit from the Paschal flame to carry the Holy Spirit into the world. May these lines be a metaphor for how we care for one another socially, justice-wise, and pastorally, and reflect how the Creator of the universe cared enough to “let there be Light.”

— Janet Aldrich

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 January 25:

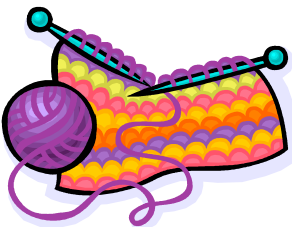
- John Schroeder presented the Treasurer's report. The Vestry approved the report as submitted.
- Michael Haynie presented the proposed 2022 budget. The Vestry approved the 2022 budget as submitted.
- Rev. Flo provided her Rector's report. She has agreed to serve as president of the Diocese of Maryland's Standing Committee.

The next regular meetings, scheduled on February 15 and 22, 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.

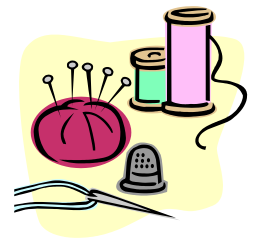
Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

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.

From the Daughters of the King

by Dana Rose

On Thursday, December 30th, the Daughters of the King hosted a virtual “Quiet Day — *How to slow down and reflect*” — which was facilitated by Joe Twist, an active member of St. B’s. Joe has served in many servant leadership roles at St. B’s including Vestry member, Faith Forum leader, and occasional preacher.

Throughout our two-hour period together we had over twenty participants. The participants were a diverse group: men and women; young and mature; family groups; members, newcomers and friends of St. B’s; and Daughters from as far south as Florida and as far west as Colorado.

Prior to December 30, Joe graciously prepared the participants for this spiritual event. And on the day of the event he guided the participants through three mini mediations. At the end of each mediation the participants had an opportunity, if so inclined, to share their thoughts, hopes, and prayers for the new year and the art of mediation.

The time spent together was reflective and restorative. The Daughters of the Margaret Rollo Chapter offer many thanks to Joe and the participants. The ability to be in community with Christ at the closing of a challenging year for many was a precious gift.

“Thank you so much for organizing and facilitating such a meaningful Quiet Day. It was a perfect way to close out 2021 and become grounded and centered for 2022”

—Participant

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).

He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God.’

— Psalm 46:11

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



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](#).





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

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATES!
Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26!**

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 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.

Adult Formation

Learning is just as important regarding our faith as for anything else. Being open to learning stuff about the Scriptures, different spiritual practices, the arts, and our local church history are all ways to know God better — which will make time with God more intriguing. So here are some offerings to take advantage of:

Faith Forum (for adults and older youth) meets on Zoom on Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:00 am. Here what's in our February line-up:

February 13 — O Hell!

“Oh Hell!!!!” What is the real meaning of hell? Where is hell located? Why is it called Hell? What is hell in the Bible? Is hell hot? Does the Bible say hell is hot? Purgatory?.....What the hell is purgatory??? Join Joe Twist as he explores hell through art, literature, and the Bible. Should You attend? **Hell Yes!!!**

February 20 — Stations of the Cross — “Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me.”

During Lent we are called to do something spiritually deepening. So this Sunday we invite you to explore the spiritual tradition of Stations of the Cross.

Led by Kathie Clark and The Reverend Kathleen Schotto

February 27 — Christian Minimalism

What is minimalism? Is it decluttering? Wearing a capsule wardrobe? Letting go of Amazon Prime? Minimalism is often described as focusing on the aspects of life that matter most and intentionally removing everything else. So then, what is Christian Minimalism? What is the connection between a minimalist lifestyle and our faith? Jesus said, “I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10) How can we live more consciously and intentionally, turning off the autopilot, and live a more minimalist yet abundant life? What awaits us if we do? Come and find out

Led by Corinne Bowmaker and The Reverend Flo Ledyard

Episcopal 102, led by The Reverend Carol Burnside, meets on Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We're currently exploring the Daily Office (The Book of Common Prayer) as personal devotion. We'll cover such topics as Psalms and Canticles; Noonday Prayer and Compline; Morning and Evening Prayer and more. 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.

Coming Up During Lent

Christianity and Racism Part Two

Wednesday Evenings during Lent
5 successive evenings beginning March 9
from 7:30 to 9:00 pm
on Zoom



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.

D Group!



 **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!

Happening 15!

Faith Is a Highway — I Wanna Live It All Life Long

NEW DATES: February 25 to 27

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.



New Beginnings!

April 29—May 1

New Beginnings, a retreat for middle school youth, is a fantastic weekend at Camp Wright in Stevensville, MD. Previous New Beginners who have reached high school are the designer team and staff for the weekend. This makes for a perfect sense of what it means to be a part of the community. A whole weekend dedicated to youth working through the transitions of middle school through talks, skits and small group. A place where they can find community in Christ and mentors in high school students. Click [here](#) to register.

Keeping Up with Children's Word

by Kobey DeVale and Steve Miller

You may not have heard much about Children's Word activities lately, but that does not mean that our Kangaroos (preschool-2nd grade) and Elephants (grades 3-5) have not been working hard. Over the last two months our youngest youth have learned a lot about Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and the beginning of Jesus' ministry, as they follow the same lectionary as the rest of St. B's parishioners do.

What do the 30-40 minutes of a typical Children's Word session look like these days? Children's Word has been a hybrid delivery class since its return this September, with some Kangaroos and Elephants on site and others attending virtually via Zoom. Those on site always gather in Reverend Flo's office, with Zoomers joining them for an opening prayer, weekly check-in, and a viewing and discussion of Reverend Thelma's weekly "We are the Church" video that teaches our Kangaroos and Elephants about various things they see in the St. B's sanctuary and what those things mean. Then we do a craft or activity related to the Gospel lesson for that Sunday, in addition to reading the children's version of that Gospel lesson. Thanks to omicron, our Kangaroos and Elephants have all been zooming lately, so to simplify things we have all been meeting as one big happy Zoom class.

Our Kangaroos and Elephants were especially busy during Advent. Through Reverend Thelma's "We are the Church" videos they learned that Advent is a time of preparation. They also learned to be on the lookout for three signs of Advent at St. B's: the color blue, the Advent wreath and four candles, and the creche. They learned that we light a new candle each week, with the pink candle reminding us that Advent is a joyous season. They also learned to look for new figures appearing in the creche each Sunday, culminating with the appearance of baby Jesus on the

fourth Sunday. And our Kangaroos and Elephants learned about John the Baptist and his call to be good to each other and to repent our wrong doings. We watched several different music video versions of the Godspell song "Prepare Ye (The Way of the Lord)" and voted on our favorite; not everyone was in agreement. To prepare ourselves for the season, we made "random acts of kindness" jars that we filled with pledges to be kind to those around us in different ways, like giving hugs, doing someone else's chore, or saying something nice to someone. Hopefully these pledges were all fulfilled!

More recently, the Children's Word focus has been on the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and more specifically the Wedding at Cana and the performance of his first miracle, turning water into wine. We talked about what miracles are, why Jesus performed this particular miracle, and what miracles we may have been witness to. Usually the biggest Children's Word challenge each week is squeezing in everything we want to do in the brief time we have together; it seems like we are just getting started, when it is time to wrap things up with a closing prayer.

As a reminder, all children ages 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 craft/activity supplies to them in advance.

— Kobey and Steve are Children's Word Leaders

Support a Bill to codify our right to a healthy environment in the Maryland State Constitution

by Leah Kulp and the Creation Caretakers

In the current Maryland legislative session, Delegate Wanika Fisher (St. George's County) is sponsoring a bill to codify our right to a healthy environment in the Maryland State Constitution, the "Environmental Rights Amendment."

At the Maryland Diocesan Convention in September 2021, our diocese passed Resolution 2021-03, calling upon the MD General Assembly to pass the Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment, and also encouraging parishioners to support it:

RESOLVED, that all clergy and lay members of the Diocese of Maryland and their partners in mission be invited to become advocates for the passage of this amendment by the General Assembly and for its ratification in the general election of 2022.

Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake (of which St. B's is a member) supports The Action Network's petition online for advocating the Environmental Rights Amendment. (See the links below). Their arguments for doing so are the following:

Our state constitution is our contract between the people of Maryland and the government that represents them. Including the fundamental right to a healthful and stable environment in the state constitution changes expectations of both citizens and government about what our collective priorities and mutual responsibilities are.

The Maryland Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) recognizes "each person's fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful environment" but the policy lacks teeth and is largely dormant.

Legislators depend on their constituents to guide their priorities, so we need your signature on this petition to demonstrate that Marylanders across the state want each person's right to a healthful and stable environment to be protected on par with other civil rights.

Below are the main reasons why the right to a healthful environment needs to be protected in our state constitution.

1. It is a moral imperative to protect the basic human dignity of having a healthful environment
2. The health of the people of Maryland is negatively impacted by environmental pollution and degradation. The health disparities are more egregious in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods where environmental pollution and degradation is concentrated.
3. An Environmental Human Rights amendment would empower all Marylanders, local governments, and the state to protect and defend this fundamental right.
4. A constitutional right would be the foundation for improved laws and regulations, and act as a true guardrail to prevent the most egregious forms of harmful actions now and for future generations, providing environmental justice in our state.
5. A constitutional right, as opposed to a regular law, would ensure that environmental protection is considered among the highest obligations of the government, pursued as "a matter of the highest public priority," (per MEPA) and not merely "good public policy".

Read more about the need for the amendment at the website of Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake:

https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/environmental_human_rights_amendment

You can read and sign the petition here:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/support-the-environmental-human-rights-amendment?source=email&>

— Leah is Chair of the Creation Caretakers

Financial Position as of December 31, 2021

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

	31-Dec	12/21	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$70,456.91	\$42,125.00	\$523,494.17	\$505,500.00
Prior Years Pledges	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$3,080.00	\$3,500.00
Future Year Pledges	(\$8,265.40)		\$0.00	
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$2,908.15	\$2,500.00	\$22,237.99	\$30,000.00
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Altar Guild Income	\$865.00	\$350.00	\$2,325.00	\$4,200.00
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$470.00	\$525.00	\$2,866.00	\$6,300.00
Special Projects Income	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$1,200.00
House Sale Income	\$0.00	\$1,333.33	\$14,710.03	\$16,000.00
Endowment Fund Disbursement	\$9,000.00	\$750.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Other Income - PPP loan forgiveness	\$0.00	\$555.58	\$0.00	\$6,667.00
Interest & Div	\$15.80	\$83.33	\$100.08	\$1,000.00
Total	\$75,450.46	\$48,613.91	\$640,613.27	\$583,367.00
Ministry Expenses				
Diocesan Pledge	\$5,983.13	\$5,983.13	\$71,798.00	\$71,798.00
KIVA MicroLoans	\$273.61	\$333.33	\$4,405.82	\$4,000.00
Communication Ministry	\$180.00	\$129.67	\$1,631.80	\$1,556.00
Daughters of the King	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$250.00	\$250.00
Education Ministry	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$798.63	\$3,000.00
Youth Pilgrimage	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Library	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$100.00
Archives	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$42.40	\$100.00
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Landscape	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$115.00	\$1,000.00
Music Ministry	\$0.00	\$416.67	\$2,208.00	\$5,000.00
Newcomers Ministry	\$0.00	\$7.58	\$0.00	\$91.00
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$590.00	\$245.00	\$1,225.26	\$2,940.00
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$0.00	\$450.67	\$2,110.00	\$5,408.00
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ministry	(\$25,155.70)	\$2,916.67	\$38,182.48	\$35,000.00
Safety & Security Committee	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$250.00
Special Projects Expense	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$269.88	\$2,000.00
Special Projects-Net	\$0.00	\$1,166.67	\$14,440.15	\$14,000.00
Stewardship Ministry	\$0.00	\$87.50	\$457.96	\$1,050.00
Worship Ministry	\$147.92	\$41.67	\$581.75	\$500.00
Vestry	\$0.00	\$133.33	\$15.00	\$1,600.00

Financial Position as of December 31, 2021 (continued)

Operating Expenses				
Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$346.46	\$250.00	\$2,989.94	\$3,000.00
Altar Guild Expenses	\$2,301.94	\$525.00	\$4,539.29	\$6,300.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$47.92	\$135.00	\$575.00
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$27,960.75	\$27,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$100.00
Office Expenses	\$795.51	\$1,437.50	\$8,996.53	\$17,250.00
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (Property)	\$0.00	\$241.67	\$2,607.90	\$2,900.00
Telephones and Utilities	\$4,238.70	\$3,431.88	\$39,838.01	\$41,182.56
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$34,655.25	\$29,929.55	\$348,955.55	\$359,154.74
Total	\$24,606.82	\$51,258.72	\$580,655.10	\$615,105.30
Net Income w/o Depreciation	\$50,843.64	(\$2,644.81)	\$59,958.17	(\$31,738.30)
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income with Depreciation	\$50,843.64	(\$2,644.81)	\$59,958.17	(\$31,738.30)

Notes on Income and Expenses:

Total Pledged Offerings YTD (current & prior year) were **\$17,574.17** more than YTD budget.

Total income was **\$26,836.55** more than budgeted for the month of December and **\$57,246.27** more than the YTD budget.

(NOTE: YTD income includes \$62,500 from the PPP loan that was "forgiven" in March 2021)

We are showing a net gain of **\$50,843.64** for the month of December and a net gain YTD of **\$59,942.37**.

(NOTE: Property reflects a reclassification of **\$31,234.00** (for roof repairs in 2021) as non-budgeted expenses paid from the Major Maintenance Fund)

Altar Guild Income YTD was less than Altar Guild Expenses by **(\$1,673.29)**.

YTD expenses include flowers, communion kits, candles, Easter lilies, and Christmas greenery & poinsettias.

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.

St. B's 2022 Budget Highlights

by Michael Haynie

On January 25th, 2022, the Vestry of St. Bartholomew's Church passed the 2022 Operating budget. Some of the highlights of the budget are:

Income:

- Over 88% of our income is from pledges.
- Although we experienced one of the highest pledge income years in 2021 (\$523,494), the Finance Committee decided given magnitude of uncertainty with the pandemic and other issues, we would take a conservative approach and submitted a budget for pledge income of \$520,000.
- Other income lines (community use, Altar Guild special envelope giving) were adjusted to reflect the trend the past two years.
- The change in income budgeted for 2022 versus our actual finish in 2021 is an additional \$2,128 or 0.36%

Ministry Expenses:

- ◇ Ministry expenses for the most part mirrors the level of funding given in 2021 as we are optimistic our church will be fully operational at some point this year. Prayerfully, sooner than later, and we wanted to ensure these ministries had the funding to carry on their programming.
- ◇ Diocesan Pledge is the amount we pay to our Diocese to assist with their operational needs and is formulated and determined by them. Due to the pandemic, the Diocese gave relief to parishes for the past two years; however, this year we are back to the full-funding formula.
- ◇ Outreach programs show a significant increase year after year. This is where get money to subsidize any shortfall to the Outreach Fund line, the primary source of their funding for community outreach initiatives.

Operating Expenses:

- As you will see, most of the lines were funded at levels given for the prior year. Utilities are fairly exact as we look at rate increases and historic usage to get an estimate we believe will be realistic, as there are costs whether we are open fully or not.
- Office expenses was given a fairly significant bump over what was spent last year as we expect at some point be back fully in person.

Compensation:

- ◆ Compensation is straightforward and consists of salaries and related benefits such as medical insurance, life insurance, and pensions, etc. Those benefits are in accordance with the rates charged by those insurance companies.
- ◆ Salaries are recommended by the Finance team to increase annually and our basis for the increase is the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) determined by our federal government. This year it was a very well deserved 5.9% for our paid staff.

Budget Summary:

- ✓ **Our bottom-line deficit for 2022 is (-\$38,448.01)**
- ✓ Revenues are a very modest \$2,128 increase over last year's actual. (Please keep in mind Payroll Protection Program [PPP] monies were not included in the 2021 budget actuals or budget as it was not known we would receive this and not something we have or will get in the future.)
- ✓ Total expenses are a modest increase of just \$8,837 over last year's budget.
- ✓ The total budget to deficit ratio is 6.57%.
- ✓ **This budget is just under \$7,000 dollars in total deficit to what was presented last year or as a percentage of 1.15%.**

St. B's 2022 Budget Highlights (*continued*)

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- ✓ I consider this a very conservative budget as far as income. Given how traditionally we manage our ministries and operational expenses, and considering how we operated during the pandemic, many committee and ministry expenses were nominal or not used at all.

We are a church which believes in a faith-based budget. Our budgets are well thought-out and take in consideration the necessity of our paid staff (Clergy, Music Director, Sexton, Communications Coordinator, Bookkeeper, and Educational Staff) as well as making community statements with our ministries (support of Hope Harbor, Forty West Assistance and Referral Center, Kiva microloan program, and other ministries). Our main source of income is your pledge. For those of you who have submitted your pledge for this year, thank you very much. For those still in discernment, we look forward to the completion of your financial faith walk. I thank you so much for your commitment to the awesome work we do at St. Bartholomew's.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it."

—Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)

— Mike is Chair of the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Members:

Drew Brown
 Corinne Bowmaker
 Bates Churchill
 Robin Murray
 The Rev. Flo Ledyard, Rector
 Angel Jackson- Senior Warden
 Michael Sarbanes- Junior Warden
 John Schroeder- Treasurer
 John DeVale- Assistant Treasurer
 Bonnie Kutch (Vestry Rep.)
 Dick Parker- (Vestry Rep.)
 Gordon Piché (Vestry Rep.)

Status of 2022 Pledges

93 pledges have been received so far totaling \$404,247.

83 of the 123 for 2021 pledges have renewed.

10 new pledges have been offered.

AND, if everyone who has yet to pledge does at their 2021 level, our income would be \$525,471.

Pledge cards are available in the Tower Room. They're also available here on our [website](#). Or contact Maggie (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message if you would a pledge card mailed to you.

2022 Budget

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 2022 Budget

Account	Income	Actuals:				To 2022 Budget
		2018	2019	2020	2021	
40000	Pledge Income	505,851	499,077	486,126	523,494	520,000
40300	Prior Year pledges	1,155	530	12,805	3,080	5,130
40500	Open Plate	27,306	30,237	47,165	22,238	30,000
41000	Special envelope offerings	4,576	4,455	2,970	2,325	2,600
42000	Altar Guild Gifts	6,917	6,974	3,057	2,866	3,000
43000	Community Use Donations	2,313	1,916	835	300	1,000
44000	Rental income	12,575	8,412	0	0	0
46000	Special Projects	13,292	17,624	8,859	14,710	14,700
47000	Interest & Dividends	1,076	1,934	1,029	100	65
49000	House Sale income			9,000	9,000	9,000
49200	Endowment Fund disbursement	11,333			0	0
Totals		586,394	571,159	571,846	578,113	585,495

not incl PPP

Account	Ministry Expenses	Actuals:				To 2022 Budget
		2018	2019	2020	2021	
70384	Pledge to Diocese of MD	70,834	72,145	67,482	71,798	74,814
60104	Kiva Micro Loan Fund	4,060	4,010	4,109	4,406	4,098
60200	Communications	362	163	2,066	1,632	1,800
60215	Daughters of the King	250	250	250	250	250
60300	Education Programs	4,226	1,465	1,089	799	1,500
60387	Youth Programs St B's Obligation	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
60390	Library	0	0	0	0	100
60391	Archives	0	0	0	42	100
60399	Parish Life	1,713	2,125	915	100	1,500
60600	Music	5,453	5,102	2,511	2,208	5,000
60700	Newcomers	246	0	64	0	91
60810	Outreach Prgrams	1,985	0	0	0	2,031
60900	Pastoral Care	39	48	89	155	100
60910	Child Care expenses	0	21	0	0	0
60930	Parish Nursing Program	525	528	525	500	500
61000	Property, Maintenance, etc	41,240	34,123	50,210	38,182	36,300
61095	Landscape Committee	1,151	3,100	142	115	1,000
61097	Safety & Security				0	125
62000	Special Projects expense	1,095	2,282	821	270	500
62035	Special Projects net for Outreach	12,197	15,342	8,038	14,440	14,200
63000	Stewardship	696	773	511	458	700
64000	Worship	386	445	501	582	500
66000	Vestry expenses	1,849	1,355	150	15	1,200
Totals		148,307	146,277	142,473	138,952	149,409

2022 Budget

Operating Expenses	Actuals:				To 2022 Budget
	2018	2019	2020	2021	
70005 Accounting/Consultant/Resources	1,255	976	773	854	1,100
70006 Altar Guild Expenses	10,425	6877	2,917	4,539	5,500
70010 Bank Fees	1,181	1188	1,671	2,136	2,300
70013 Conferences/Conventions	811	560	0	135	575
70090 Insurance Property/D&O	23,784	25481	26,752	27,960	29,100
70095 Workmen's Comp Insurance	1,198	1,161	986	969	1,320
70100 Miscellaneous Expense	0	0	0	0	100
70103 Office Expense	10,648	10,417	10,367	8,577	10,500
70135 Postage	1,402	693	1,340	420	840
70136 Office tech Support	0	0	0	0	400
70137 Property management	4,807	402	0	0	0
70140 Clergy Discretionary Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
70145 Rector's Hospitality	1,000	1000	1,000	0	1,000
70160 Rent - St. Agnes	96	48	0	0	0
70188 Property Tax Rokeby Road	5,099	2574	2,574	2,608	2,900
70205 Telephone Church, Parish House	3,479	3412	3,953	4,514	4,700
70215 Telephone Rector's Study	1,400	1400	1,400	1,455	1,455
70220 BGE Church	4,571	9808	8,912	9,484	10,200
70225 BGE Parish House	9,356	9161	7,351	7,345	8,575
70230 BGE Youth House	2,307	3,028	2,284	2,477	2,664
70244 Water - Church & Parish House	4,950	4746	4,955	5,415	5,781
70270 Heating Oil - Parish house	11,313	11,230	6,668	9,147	10,500
	102,082	97,162	86,903	91,035	102,510

Compensation Expenses	Actuals:				To 2022 Budget
	2018	2019	2020	2021	
80010 Salaries	252,791	243,723	254,517	263,753	277,839
70187 Seca Tax	6,106	6,355	6,487	6746	7,144
80910 Child Care Salaries	1,751	2183	2,403	570	2,478
80922 Sunday School Salaries	1,344	4875	5,000	2,110	1,500
70180 Medicare	11,553	10917	11,637	11,723	12,502
82000 Pensions	32,057	31,908	32,537	33,659	35,102
70045 Health Insurance	29,102	25,948	26,964	28387	29,758
81000 Continuing Education	3,770	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,950
83000 Travel Allowance	2,558	1,210	227	19	1,750
	341,032	330,817	343,472	350,667	372,024

Expenses total	591,421	574,256	572,848	580,654	623,943
Net income/(loss)	(5,027.00)	(3,097.28)	(1,002.11)	(2,541.00)	(38,448.01)

Totals:	
Income	\$ 585,495
Expenses	\$ 623,943
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (38,448)
Budget to deficit ratio: -6.57%	

Outreach News

by Kim Flash

What an outpouring of support and care from our wonderful congregation! The Outreach Committee collected 41 gift cards (as of this writing) for teachers and staff at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, across the way from St. B's. We thank every one of you who made the extra effort to pick up a gift card and get it to the church for collection. We know it's an unconventional ask, but we have been assured by the school administration that it will mean quite a lot for teachers and staff to receive these cards. As we all know, these are challenging and stressful times for those who work in schools, and every little thoughtful gesture matters.

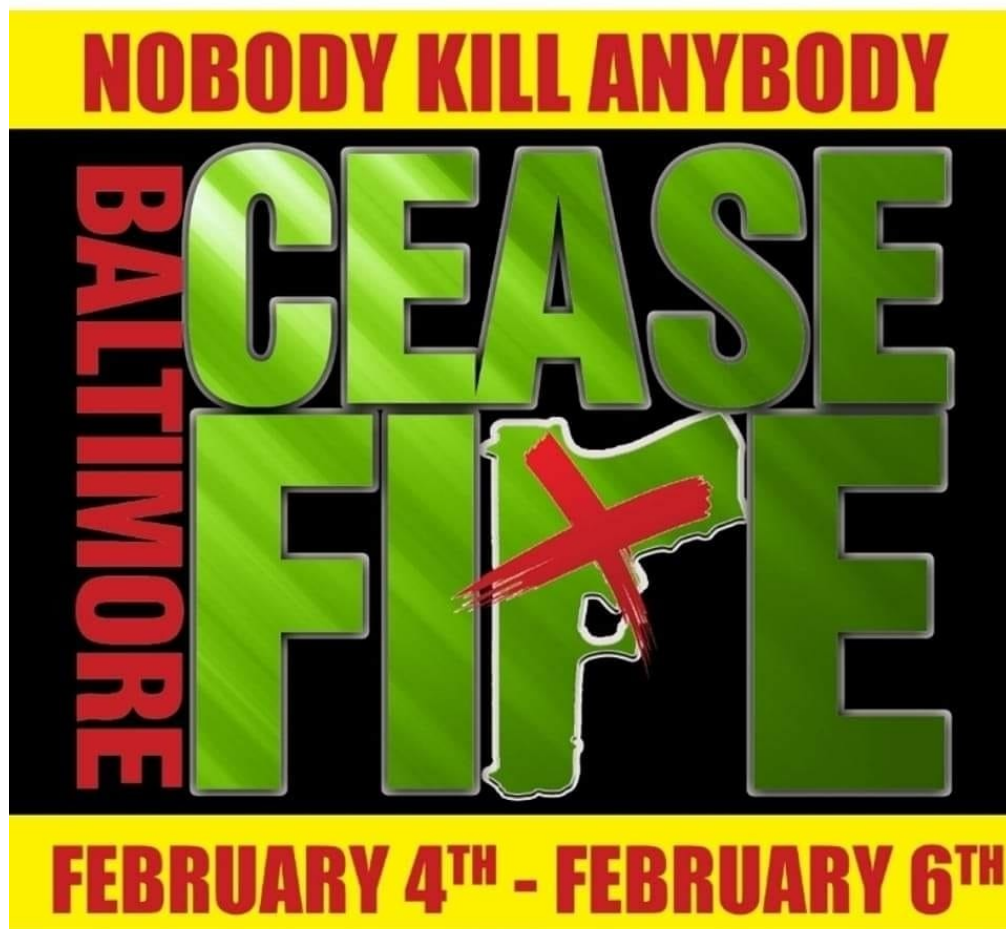
THANK YOU!

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

— Kim is co-chair of the Outreach Committee



Ceasefire Weekend



Ceasefire Weekend in Southwest opens on Friday, February 4 with a rally on the corner of Edmondson and Mount Holly from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Come join us in rain, snow, or clear, to rally for peace in our city. We will practice social distancing and request that you wear a mask. Help us to bring love and light to our city!

“Bmore2gether” with KIVA

by Margaret Schotto

KIVA loan committee meets bi-monthly to designate funds for micro-loans lent to a wide variety of people and countries. Since this group started in 2015, 227 loans have been contributed toward by St. Bartholomew's. Any repayments made by those who receive these micro-loans are then re-loaned to other individuals or groups.

While funds deposited by St. Bartholomew's totals \$25,850, our 227 loans totals \$78,050 in lending! We have funded loans in 37 different countries supporting predominately women or single parents in endeavors that will help provide them with a sustainable income after their loan is repaid. This month we looked at locations and activities that we haven't loaned to in the past.

Jordan – Radi's Group: Family businesses make a difference in the lives of all its members. Radi and Halima made it their mission to create a family business. Firstly, it is a safety measure for their children. Secondly, it brings in an income. Thirdly, it brings an extended family closer. Fourthly, with time, one of the family will become a master in the trade.

Radi's family business is an auto repairs garage. He is truly a master and wants to see his children perfect the job as well. A loan will help them get new tools for the garage. In the picture his son takes Halima's place because he works in the garage more than her. She attends to her sewing most of the time. It is a good time to get back to work after the COVID-19 crisis.

In this group: Radi, Halima

If you are interested in joining the KIVA Committee to help pick the recipients of St. B's loans, please contact Mary Buchanan Maryhb3820@gmail.com for more information and to receive the Zoom link. All are welcome!



— Margaret is a member of the KIVA Committee



Full Speed Ahead

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

As we search for a new director, our office volunteers continue to ensure that the needs of our clients are met at each visit. We are so fortunate to have these and other dedicated and committed volunteers that welcome clients to the Center, hand out fresh masks, help pick up food at the Maryland Food Bank and deliver it to our Center, pre-pack the food to distribute during office hours, stock the food shelves, update required reports, replenish the clothes closet, assist clients with BGE turnoff notices and eviction notices and in requesting COVID test kits – and whatever is needed to help keep the Center ready and able to help those in need.

The warm winter clothing, as well as other items donated to the Center, are very much in need, now that the colder weather has settled in. It is a treat to see clients find what they need from our racks and tables. These can be “spirit lifting” treasures and treats, and all of us need those now and again!

We have already set the dates for our “Pantry on the Go” Food Distribution Events held monthly in the parking lot from April through October. These events are first come, first serve and are open to all in need of food. The Maryland Food Bank (MFB) supplies food for the event and 40 West usually purchases food to add to the MFB donation to ensure a full, plentiful and well balanced “basket” of food to put into each persons’ car or cart. Our volunteers help unload approximately 5000 pounds of food each event – and lots of volunteers are needed for parking duties, packing and putting food into cars and carts!

Our clients now enjoy the donations of bagels and other treats from Einstein Bagels in Ellicott City.

Students from Mt. St. Joseph High School come to help, us usually twice per week, and folks from the neighborhood come to help us pack bags of food each month.

We have just received a grant from the Catonsville Women’s Giving Circle to help with food and utilities costs.

In February, we will begin to learn to use a new software program from the Maryland Food Bank that is expected to assist both the Maryland Food Bank and our pantry in maintaining and using data from our records.

And we received this note from someone who came to the Center:

40 West Family,

Didn’t want the year to end without letting you know how much you have helped our family with food, love, and encouraging words throughout the year! We appreciate you.

With our love, ‘KS and Family’ (Name changed)

As you can see, it’s full steam ahead, even during this transition period!

So, how can you continue to help us help others? You can help us at 40 West in these ways:

Pass the word about our need for a new director. Inquires and/or cover letters and resumes can be sent to Mrs. Glorius M. Sullivan, Chairman of the Board at chgl@verizon.net. Also, please keep us in your prayers.

We need someone who can upgrade and update our website.

We need your continued support of bringing food each Sunday and warm clothes for the closet.

Please help us to lend a hand to our neighbors. The need is real, and present in our community, and we are committed to strive to provide basic necessities and assistance in this little corner of God’s world.

You are God’s hands and heart; Be Thankful for Blessings; and be there for those in need.

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

One Straw Farm CSA Returns to St. B's



St. Bartholomew's Church will again be a pick-up site for the One Straw Farm CSA this year, with fresh fruits and vegetables arriving every Thursday afternoon between 3:30 and 7:00 pm. They are using a program to better enable the customization of your share online

each week, so you do need to register for it at the link below. You can rate your preferences ahead of time, adjust your custom box each week online, and purchase extra items if you choose. Join with your friends, purchase a share (either small, large, or jumbo), and then volunteer to staff the pick-up site a few times during the 24-week season, from June 9 – November 17, 2022. A great chance to get excellent produce, support local organic agriculture, and meet your neighbors!

2022 CSA Details:

Small Share ~ 4-5 items/week = \$420

Large Share ~ 8-9 items/week = \$744

Jumbo Share ~ 12-14 items/week = \$984

For 24 weeks (06/9—11/17)

With the new payment plan, you have a choice of paying in four installments, or paying in full at the sign-up. You can also choose to have it delivered every other week, purchase extras, put your box on hold, or move it to another week if needed. And the CSA will also offer other specials during the season.

Here is the link to join this year, be sure to use the Pickup Site button and sign up for the St. Bartholomew's location: <https://onestrawfarm.csaware.com>.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and the community in which participants provide funding for the farmer in advance in exchange for produce during the growing season. Items vary according to the season (with 30 fruits and vegetables overall). For example, greens for the whole time, strawberries and sugar snap peas in spring, tomatoes and watermelon in summer, and hard squashes in fall.

Membership is accepted throughout the growing season, members who sign up after the season has begun may do so at a prorated price. If there are at least ten shares purchased at our site, One Straw Farm will provide some produce each week for a the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center).



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

*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; Phoenix DeVale; Dana Przybyszewski; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Irene Hardy; Connie Lee; Bates Churchill; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Tijon Cox and family; Susan Lundin; Rodney Michel; the Meats and Harris families; Bonita DeVale; Fred Bolling; Michele Gorman; Michael Soderstrand; Michelle Haynie Madison; Alex Stone; Brian Wagner; 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; Gerald and Pat; Bert Halverstadt; Pat Blume; the Robinson-Madison family; Daheem Richardson; Ken and Dorris McElroy;

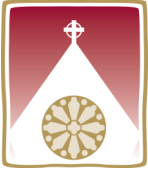
Roger Funk; James Cooper; Joe Pagano; Ken; Ingrid Sanders; Wayne Corbin; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the March issue of *The Apostle* is Tuesday, February 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.

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 or visit www.stbs-md.org.