



The APOSTLE

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

January 2023

A PEAK FORWARD

It's a new calendar year. What a great time to stop and take a peak forward.

On our daily walk, one of the routes we wander is past a field which has a fence. It is not a fence to prohibit entry or exit. Rather it is a fence to see past, muse about stepping through and what might be fun to go explore.

My dog Brook is especially intrigued with stopping, looking carefully and deciding whether we are going to step forward into the possibilities that await.



After all, there may be other BFFs to greet and have a romp with. There may be really important things to sniff and explore. And there may be geese to chase. Or just the chance to run and jump with joy.

So how about you? As we stand on the edge of a new year, maybe it is time for us to peak forward and to think about what we are excited about — what awaits us in 2023. Who we will meet. How we might run and dance for joy.

Jesus was an explorer. He never took his gaze off what awaited him — in the next town or the next person he would meet. He always was willing and ready to step through fences that wanted to contain him. He never let them. Instead he peaked through and stepped through to whatever new adventure awaited.

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So maybe it is worth a moment to stop, peak through and like Jesus, leap over anything that tries to constrain us. Imagine what might await such courage!

— Flo Ledyard, Rector



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!

An Invitation to Quiet Day

By Dana Rose

ALL St Bartholomew Church Members, Neighbors , Family and Friends are invited
to participate in Quiet Day 2022 on Saturday, December 31.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on 2022 and to open your heart to God's glorious kingdom in 2023.
Please join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Rose, juskit5@gmail.com, 443-878- 5813.

Date & Time — Saturday, December 31 from 10 AM to Noon

Format: In-Person

Location- Saint Bartholomew's Church

4711 Edmondson Ave, Baltimore, MD 21229

Leader – The Reverend Florence Ledyard

Topic: Mark of Cain

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

Worship on Sunday, January 1 – the First Sunday After Christmas

8:00 am: Christmas Lessons and Holy Eucharist

10:30 am: Christmas Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist



Celebrate the Epiphany —

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

We'll begin the evening with supper in the Parish House at 6:00 pm. A meal of soup, salad, bread, and dessert will be provided — but anyone is welcome to bring something to share.

Everyone is very welcome!

A Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Sutton will visit St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, January 22, 2023 (prior to his planned retirement as Diocesan Bishop in the spring of 2024).

And the congregation of The Episcopal Church of Christ the King will be joining us for worship at 10:30 am. (Christ the King was established by St. B's in the 1950s.)

Plan to be here to welcome both Bishop Sutton and our neighbor parish Christ the King.



Search for the 15th Bishop of Maryland

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and the Bishop Search Committee have announced the following slate of candidates for Bishop Coadjutor of Maryland (XV Bishop of Maryland):

The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, *Canon to the Ordinary for Transition and Church Development, Diocese of Central New York*

The Rev. Alissa Newton, *Canon for Congregational Development and Leadership Formation and Vicar, St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Kent, WA, Diocese of Olympia*

The Rev. Gregg Morris, *Rector, St. Andrew's, Downers Grove, IL, Diocese of Chicago*

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander Jr., *Rector, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria, VA, Diocese of Virginia*

Here's a link to the Bishop Search page on the Diocesan website where you can read about each of the candidates: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/bishop-search/>.



Honoring Mitch

by Flo Ledyard, Rector

Since 1979, The Reverend Maria Fedock (or as we know her — Mitch) has been serving the church as a faithful deacon. And been really good at it!

Her faith is steady and strong. Her care for us has been consistent and thoughtful. Her steadfastness in liturgy has been wonderful AND her voice has filled churches as she has sung parts of the liturgy. She is also a fund of knowledge about Baltimore, so a visit from Mitch was fun and full of stories. And she has remained always even-tempered and steady.

While she has served at multiple churches, she has been at St B's now for a l o n g time, bringing all these assets to us - in good and difficult times. Mitch has been an icon of faithful steady love of Christ and us.

So we will celebrate her ministry on January 15. She will be on site so we can delight in her presence, laughter, and let her know how much we appreciate and love her back.

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](#):

- ~ Choral Evensong
- ~ Bach at St. Bartholomew’s



Sunday Worship at St. B’s

Join us for Sunday worship! We worship in the Church at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

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=d05KWmJPZOZZaHlmUlpRK2NiOFp6UT09>.

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.

For Star Gazers

Shared by Janet Aldrich

If it can be said this way: The First Epiphany was to be had by Three Kings after a star-studded journey to the manger-side of God incarnate. These were not your average desert-trekkers pursuing a geocaching hobby, but learned astrologer-astronomers prompted by international government to seek out what possible threat could be emerging yonder. Turns out, the Kings had a profound revelation in the stable, shaken to the core by a sense of Divine; visited by an angel, no less, who told them to “return home another way” to avoid reporting their findings to Herod.

There are no records of what happened to the pioneering royalty after they arrived home, but I am guessing each was moved enough in his own way and faith that he may have had a heck of a time describing the experience to his own community. This poem hints to very little of our familiar Emmanuel Epiphany, but I respectfully offer its gist as a tribute to the the unsung hero Kings: had they not unanimously heeded the whisper of the Angel, heard its sound, felt its rhythm, recognized its worth, quite profoundly known the one who spoke it, and sensed it as a promise [all my paraphrasing with profound respect to the poet!], the infant Jesus’s fate could have met a Very Different End and we would not be the collective entity we are today.

For Star Gazers

“Whisper your name,
hear its sound,
feel its rhythm,
recognize its worth
and know the one who spoke it. Long before anyone else did.

It is unique to you,
your very own
its sound is a promise
whispered among the stars,
first spoken when the universe was unfolded.

And there it is engraved,
one among a billion galaxies:
God’s covenant,
for every future,
wrapped up in your name.

Whisper it,
hear its sound,
feel its rhythm,
recognize its worth,
and hear it on the lips of the one whose promise it is”

~~ Roddy Hamilton



Handbell Choir—An Invitation to Play

The St. Bartholomew's Handbell Choir rehearses on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. If you are middle school age or older, come and join us for an exciting year of ringing. No prior musical experience is needed. Contact Willis Keeling at [410-947-5507](tel:410-947-5507) for more information.



A New Warden

By The Reverend Florence Ledyard

In the Episcopal Church, we have Wardens. Being a city parish, not my most favorite word for our top lay leadership! But it comes from our original connection with the Church of England.

At St B's we are blessed with a Senior and a Junior Warden. They are appointed by the Rector and approved by the Vestry. The Junior Warden serves for a year and a half before becoming the Senior Warden, serving for another 1.5 years.

As the senior lay leadership, they are an amazing team of faithful and thoughtful guidance for us. And they join the Rector in amazing collaborative ministry.

St B's has been blessed - literally - over the years with wonderful characters who have lent their wisdom, skills, and care for our parish to help us rise and thrive.

Which has been so true with our most recent team: Angel Jackson as Senior Warden and Michael Sarbanes as Junior Warden.

But now Angel gets to lay this ministry aside. She has been awesome. Very faithful, an absolute lover of St B's, a wise and thoughtful soul with intriguing questions to consider, a wry sense of humor, and a graciousness as she has led Vestry meetings and whatever else.

Moving now into the Senior Warden role is Michael Sarbanes. We are very lucky to have his deep faithfulness, his creative brain, his steady confidence, and his commitment to our parish during our time of transition.

AND a new Warden joins this team. Pat Williams is our new Junior Warden. A long-time member of St B's, she knows our parish well. An astute observer, Pat doesn't miss much. And in her quiet way, she offers her ideas and wisdom with strength and openness.

So yep, a new Warden, a new Warden Team, and the steady ongoing normal leadership gifts that St B's excels at.

— Flo is St. B's Rector

Vestry Highlights

At the Vestry meeting on November 22:

- The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's quarterly report as presented by John Schroeder.
- Diane Mountain presented the recommendation of the Funds Committee; the Vestry approved the recommendation.
- The Vestry accepted the nomination of Pat Williams as the new Junior Warden

At the Vestry meeting on December 20:

- Vestry members confirmed the meeting schedule for 2023.
- The vestry discussed plans for filling two vacancies on the vestry.
- Vestry members confirmed the decision to repair the hole in the Parish House ceiling.

The Vestry normally meets monthly on the third and fourth Tuesday of the month.

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

If you would like to come, please contact Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Thank You!

From The Staff of 40 West Assistance and Referral Center:

On behalf of the neighbors that come to 40 West, we want to thank the Margaret Rollo Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King for organizing a collection of hats and gloves and mittens. There were 27 hats, 7 hat & glove sets, 32 pairs of gloves and 1 scarf! We thank all of you who donated items to keep our neighbors warm.



Welcome!

Almost every week, new faces join us for worship here at St. B's — some in person and others on Zoom. Some are visitors—members of our extended families, friends visiting from out of town, even sojourning Episcopalians in Baltimore for a time looking for a place to worship—but many become a more permanent part of our congregation. Every few months, we take the time to note those in our midst who are new here, but have become active parts of our worshipping community. This month we welcome Caity and Caleb Shouse.

by Bryan MacKay

Meet Caity and Caleb Shouse! Caity and Caleb came to St. B's in March, 2022, and have been here regularly ever since. In pleasant weather, these Irvington residents often walk because they live so close.

They loved helping with the Flea Market: Caleb in Electronics and Caity in Books. Caity comes from a Roman Catholic background, Caleb from community churches; they settled on their neighborhood Episcopal church (St B's!) as a compromise, and they love it here! Be sure to introduce yourself to Caity and Caleb on Sunday!



— Bryan is Chair of the Newcomers Committee

YAZ: Young Adult Zoom

by Kate Riley

An Invitation to Press Pause: Making Time to Center and Reconnect

January 7-8, 2023 at The Claggett Center

Young Adult Retreat: High School Graduates - early 30s

Cost: \$25

A single night retreat to pause day to day to life. A space to create new ways to incorporate spirituality amongst a busy schedule. With a focus on self-care while creating community amongst other emerging adults. Created and lead by young adults who are may share similar experiences.

https://episcopaldioceseofmaryland.formstack.com/forms/youngadultretreat_consent

— Kate is a member of St. B's and Canon for Youth for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

Men's Breakfast Returns!

by Marty Clark

Have you heard? It finally happened! Men of St. B's finally seized the chance & gathered for Breakfast. In person!

I've had plenty of breakfasts but not many with my St. B's men. My brothers! Mentors & friends! I've missed this. Coffee, conversation & cholesterol.

We gathered early on the second December Saturday at the Double T Diner, located at the corner of Route 40 & Rolling Road.

We did an off campus gathering so all attending could relax, converse, and focus on the food & fellowship.

As you can see, neither was lacking.

In fact we all agreed that the off campus event was so much fun we, Men of St. B's will be gathering next year, too! On the second Saturday of January, please join us again at the Double T Diner for really good food & cheerful, invigorating fellowship. We'll be exploring food in the bible and deciding on February's breakfast location.

Need more info (or a ride) contact (bjrosenberger9273@gmail.com) or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com).





2023 Women's Retreat led by Katharine Armentrout and Flo Ledyard

Friday, January 27 to Sunday, January 29, 2023

BODACIOUS WOMEN

The Bible is full of them. Bodacious women.

What made them bodacious? Did their bodaciousness matter? Are you a bodacious woman? Do you even want to be one?

Come spend a weekend exploring Jesus and some Bodacious Women. We will learn about them. Explore our own capacity for bodaciousness. And muse about what God is calling us to be as we go forward.

We will be staying at the Inn at Claggett
3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown MD 21710.

Single and double rooms are available, each with its own bathroom.
And our room prices are the same as last time.

Single Rate: \$275

Double Rate: \$230

Commuter: \$125

Save your space! Sign up ASAP!
Scholarships are available. Please speak to Flo.

SIGN UP NOW AND PLAN TO BE WITH US!

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

_____ Single Room

_____ Double Room (Roommate: _____)

_____ Commuter

Men's 2023 Retreat at the Claggett Center

Friday, February 3 — Sunday, February 5, 2023



Join men from across the Dioceses of Maryland and Washington for a weekend of music, fellowship, recreation, and worship. One of Claggett's longest-running retreats, find community and deepen your faith this winter.

2023 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
- Single-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$225 (under 40 discount)
- Double-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$190 (under 40 discount)
- Commuter: \$100

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

A New Sankofa Circle for a New Year

by Chuck Sullivan

On Tuesday, January 3, 2023, The Rev. Thelma Smullen and Chuck Sullivan will be leading a new 6-week ZOOM Sankofa Circle. The meeting dates are Tuesday January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7, and will start at 11:45 am and end at 1:15 pm. We will begin with a short mid-day prayer service and follow with a discussion of the previous Sunday's sermon and lessons. We also use a 2-page lectionary study guide.



Our dates this year take us through most of the Season of Epiphany. This Season was introduced to the Western Church in the 4th century. Its focus is the manifestation of Christ, beginning with the visit of the Magi and ending with the Transfiguration.

So come and join what I know will be a great and friendly discussion group.

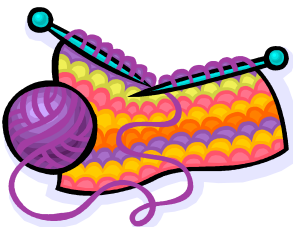
If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact The Rev. Thelma Smullen (410-336-7208 or tasmullen@gmail.com) and/or Chuck Sullivan (410-644-8110 or chgl@verizon.net).

Hope to see you there.

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.

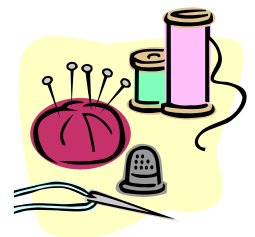


Please contact Leigh Snowden at lsnowde1@msn.com for more information or for the Zoom link.

St. B's Sewing Bees meet on the first Tuesday 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.



Chances to Learn Something

by Flo Ledyard, Rector

When we learn new things, we grow. When we learn new things, we can become more interesting. When we learn new things, life becomes more intriguing.

So we always offer opportunities to learn at St B's - for all ages. Because our faith is not simple. It is intriguing and complex and the more we know the more powerful it actually is.

Here are January's opportunities:

The Cribbery, providing childcare for infants and children up to age 5, is open on Sundays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Children's Word meets on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 am service. Just after the Epistle (Second) Reading, children in the church, age 3 through grade 5, gather with their teachers in the Undercroft.

D Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets on (mostly) alternate Sundays from 12:00 – 2:30 pm.

Episcopal 102 meets on Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We're currently reading the Gospel According to Matthew. [Here's the Zoom link.](#)

Sunday Faith Forum meets on various Sundays from 9:15 to 10:00 am. We gather to learn about different topics that impact our growth as people of faith. We will be offering this on Zoom as always — but also hopefully soon in person as well, once we have the technology set up in the Parish House so we can do both. [Here's the Zoom link.](#)

January 8: We celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. To embrace this momentous event in his life, we offer the following for our conversation.

Connection and Accountability

During the pandemic we have been experiencing wholly different ways of being connected. Some quite challenging. For sure it has been a very different world.

So what is our responsibility to be connected? And how do we even understand what it means to be connected now?

The pandemic may have caused us to pull back, to keep our distance. In some ways that has been really important as we have tried to keep each other safe and healthy. But in other ways, maybe it has created distance.

As we celebrate Jesus' baptism and therefore pretty obviously the importance of our own baptisms (if it was important for him, must be pretty important for us!) — what does our baptism require of us — especially in this new world of connectivity.

What is our faithful responsibility to one another, our community, and the world?

Hope you will join Corinne Bowmaker and Flo — and come for an interesting conversation.

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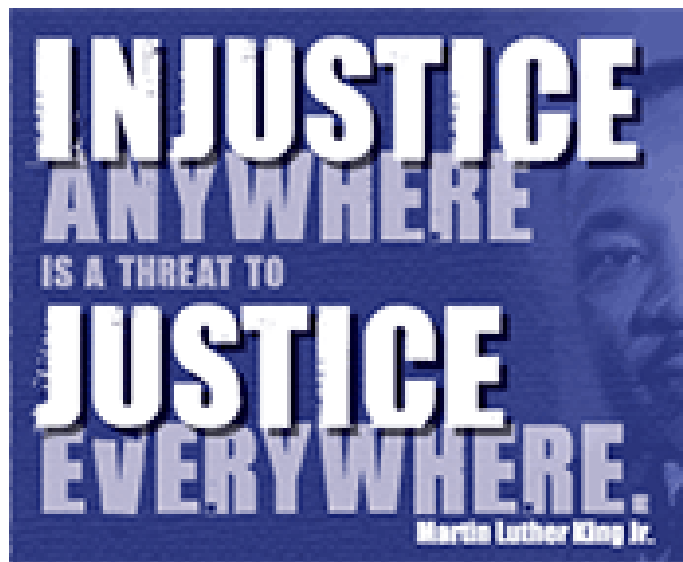
Chances to Learn Something *(continued)*

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January 15: This weekend, we are mindful of Martin Luther King Jr. as we remember, recognize, and give thanks for his vision, actions and legacy. But he is one among so very many.

Repairing the Breach

John and Thelma Smullen just recently traveled south on a Civil Rights pilgrimage. They will share with us the profound moments, learnings, and impact of this trip thus helping each of us to learn and continue to be inspired to repair the breach caused by enslavement of human beings and our country's ongoing struggle for true freedom and the respect of ALL people.



D-Group Takes a Walk

by Marty Clark

Last month, members of D-Group took a break from our bible studies and activities in the Youth House to gather on campus for a leisurely Saturday morning walk. We joined the folks of St. B's Creation Caretakers to provide some love to our St. B's campus and surrounding Edmondson Avenue.

Bundled up against the November breeze and chilly temps, a varied, multi-generational group of fellow parishioners and friends of St. B's gathered at the Youth House garage to equip ourselves with garbage patrol safety vests, pickers/grabbers, buckets, and those bags that filled quickly.

After announcements and an opening prayer, we broke out like archeologists at a dig site, ants at a picnic, crows in a corn field. D-Group and some Caretakers fanned out and wandered along the parking lot to the East Park Drive to Uplands and crossed Edmondson Avenue to clean up our neighbors' yards. Picking and filling buckets and bags along the way. I found one D-Group member between our church's east wall and a big, daunting bush filling her bucket.

Time passes so quickly and the conversations go from topic to topic and on and on as we eventually gather back at the St. B's dumpster to toss our "finds." I couldn't help but give a few high fives. I felt good! Warm. Inside and out.

Creation Caretakers are tough folks. I hear they don't mind the cold weather. I hear they plan to "love our mother" and gather to clear litter through winter. Weather permitting. If you are considering a walk, I recommend joining the Creation Caretakers one Saturday. Check all St. B's media outlets for their information.

— Marty is a D-Group Leader





Caroling with D-Group



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Get Ready for D-Group!

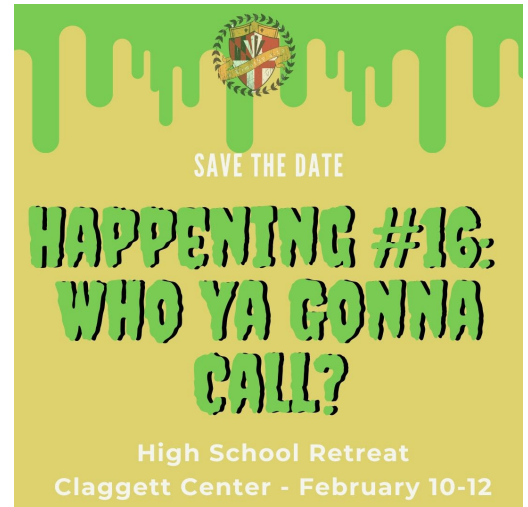
St. B's D-Group, for youth entering grades 6 through 12, meets in the Youth House from 12:00 to 2:30 pm on (mostly) alternate Sundays. January gatherings are scheduled on the 8th and 22nd. For more information, please contact Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com). Gather for fun, fellowship, and faith. Invite a friend!

Happening 16!

Who Ya Gonna Call?

February 10 to 12

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.



Children's Word

by Steve Miller and Kobey DeVale

Come to Children's Word at St. B's! Our preschool and elementary school worshipers leave the sanctuary after the Epistle (Second) reading to join teachers Kobey DeVale and Steve Miller in the Undercroft for a session that includes prayer, check-ins, a children's version of the Gospel Lesson, and a craft related to that lesson. Children's Word is guided by the Spark curriculum, which follows the same lectionary schedule as our adult lessons do.

Children return to their families during the passing of the peace. Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.

Currently Children's Word meets as a single combined, in-person class of Kangaroos (age 3-grade 2) and Elephants (grades 3-5) as we typically have 2-3

young ones of about the same age, but we will go to a two-class format if/when participation expands. And we will incorporate a Zoom component upon request, for families with children who do not attend in person at St. B's—just let us know.

Please let Kobey DeVale (kdevale@devale.net), Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu) or Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) know if you would like your child to join Children's Word, and/or if you have questions about the program or would like to be involved in any way with it.

— Steve and Kobey are Children's Word Leaders



The Cribbery

providing child care for infants and children up to age 5
from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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

Chant for Environmental Justice

From the Creation Caretakers

**No more coal
No more oil
Keep the carbon in the soil!**

— South Baltimore resident protestors at Curtis Bay, November 20, 2022
As reported by Cassidy Jensen in the Baltimore Sun December 5, 2022

Property Update

by Dave Murray



Another busy month -

- ✓ The Tower Room entrance exterior stone doorstep was replaced, eliminating a safety issue,
- ✓ The Parish House Stairway ceiling was replaced (another safety issue), plus the walls were repaired and painted,
- ✓ The Youth House garbage disposal and a smoke detector were replaced,
- ✓ Leaf Filter installed gutter filters on the chapel gutters,
- ✓ Brian used the tractor to sweep up the leaves all around the campus,
- ✓ Design work continues on the 40 West accessible entrance, new HVAC system, and church boiler replacement,
- ✓ Work is also proceeding to upgrade our church door security system and install a parking lot surveillance system — expect completion in the early spring.

Please let me know of any issues you may notice that should be handled by the Property Committee.

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee

Financial Position as of November 30, 2022

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

November 30, 2022	Current Month	Current Month	Year to Date	Year to Date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Income	43,142.16	48,791.25	453,367.72	536,703.75
Total Expenses	(48,792.92)	(51,985.13)	(567,495.45)	(571,874.86)
Difference	(5,650.76)	(3,193.88)	(114,127.73)	(35,171.11)

MLK Day of Service

by David Mountain

Saint Bartholomew's has traditionally observed the Martin Luther King Day of remembrance as a "day on" for community service, not a "day off" holiday. This year we bring back our traditional food drive for the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center on MLK day – Monday, January 16, 2023. On that day, we partner with our local neighborhoods and other 40 West churches to fill the pantry in our undercroft – our goal this year is 3000 pounds. In order to get the word out and make it easy for the local neighborhoods to donate, we will again be delivering nearly 1000 empty grocery bags with fliers attached a week in advance, and then return to pick them up on MLK day.

This event requires a lot of up-front planning and work, and plenty of volunteer opportunities for the congregation. These are the ways you can help:

1. Sunday, January 1st. Help us staple the fliers to bags. We need 10 volunteers willing to spend about 20 minutes on this task, in the Parish House right after the 10:30 service on January 1st.
2. Sunday, January 8th. Help us deliver the empty bags to doorsteps in the local neighborhoods. We will need 15-20 volunteers willing to spend about 30 minutes on this task – pick up 50 bags

after either service on January 8th, and use supplied maps, routes and instructions for delivery over the next few days. There will be coordinators in the Parish House on the 8th to assist you with any questions or concerns.

3. Sunday, January 8th or 15th. Pick up a bag in the Parish House for yourself to return to the undercroft on MLK day. These bags will be available for pickup after either service.

4. Monday, January 16th is the Big Day! Between 9:30 am and noon, help us return to the local neighborhoods to retrieve the now filled grocery bags. We will need about 25 volunteers for this, as we travel out in groups of two or three to complete this task. There will be coordinators in the undercroft to supply maps, routes, and instructions for pickups.

If you are willing to volunteer for one (or more) of these, look for the sign-up sheets in the Parish House, or contact one of the co-leads for

this event – David Mountain (davidjmountain@ieec.org) or Amanda Harris (aharris1968@hotmail.com).

Together we can meet our goal and fill the 40W pantry – while honoring Martin Luther King with our service.

— Dave is Chair of the Outreach Committee



MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
DAY

A December to Remember

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

Our Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that William H. Webster is our new Director, effective January 1, 2023 — a wonderful way to begin the new year! Bill is a social worker who retired in 2020 with 16 years of experience as a case manager, supervisor, and as direct support staff, providing support to people with intellectual disabilities, and 8 years of experience working for a West Baltimore congregation with a focus on mission activities.

He has a MA in church ministries and a BAS in computer systems, and had a 20-year career developing and designing complex computer systems. He has served on multiple boards — including 40 West Assistance and Referral Center many years ago! — and currently serves on the Community Advisory Committee for the Maryland Center on Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger. He is enthusiastic about our Center, its mission and working with our volunteers serving our neighbors, and is looking forward to his role as Director. His years of experience in the realm of mission and ministry will gift our organization with a heart for our mission: to provide, with compassion, the basic necessities of life to neighbors in need. We joyously welcome him aboard!

December has been a busy month at our Center:

On December 8 and 12, we held our monthly federal food distribution program — “The Emergency Food Assistance Program” (TEFAP). With this federally supplied food and our pantry’s extra donations, we gave out 1656 pounds of food to 76 families.

On December 12, after our pantry closed for regular hours, parents came in to receive the Angel Tree Gifts for their children. We are delighted to report that gifts were provided for 121 children from 44 families! St. Bartholomew’s parishioners provided 66 of those gifts and other member churches of 40 West, and friends and neighbors of our Center, provided 55

gifts. Parents were so appreciative of all of our efforts to provide their children with something under the tree from Santa! So many parents shared their stories, their thankfulness at receiving the gifts with tears and joy.

We have been busy stocking our shelves as the grant from the Maryland Food Bank (MFB), and the grant from the Catonsville Women’s Giving Circle, end as of December 31. We are truly grateful for the generosity of the Maryland Food Bank for providing free food through their various grants for pantries in Maryland. It has made the difference to us and to our neighbors who need this food. On December 8, our food pick-up team brought us a delivery of 1682 pounds of food and goods for our pantry shelves, plus the TEFAP food. On December 14, our food pick-up team brought us 3256 pounds of food and goods, and on December 20, another 3450 pounds of food and goods. And speaking of our “Pick-Up Team” – the picture shows Gretchen and Dan Parry and Marilyn and Larry Henderson, who delivered the most recent deliveries.



Gretchen is a former Board member and coordinates her teams when our Food Manger Susan Lundin places our orders. Also often helping with food deliveries to 40 West is Bobby Young, brother of Tony Young, who volunteers weekly in our front office.

A December to Remember (*continued*)

And speaking of food and goods deliveries, here is a picture of some of our volunteers – Susan Lundin, Peggy Dorsey and Amanda Harris helping to receive our delivery through our “Window Delivery System!”



On December 15, in the pouring rain, we held our Christmas Meal Distribution. Even with the cold and wet weather, some hardy folks waited in their cars to receive a turkey and box of side items provided to 40 West by the Maryland Food Bank, plus another full bag of extra food and a bag of potatoes from 40 West. We set up tents to serve those waiting in cars and invited our neighbors who walked or arrived by public transit to come into the Parish House to receive their Christmas meals. The weather on Thursday kept many of our neighbors at home, but we finished distributing the meals on Friday and Monday. We gave away 76 bountiful meals totaling 3724 pounds for these Holiday Meals.

I want to give a huge THANK YOU to all our volunteer staff who helped with the Thanksgiving Meals – outside directing parking, giving out tickets, helping with registration informative, moving pre-packed bags from the Parish House to the tents, putting the meals in cars, and our food pick up crew who brought us the food – 40 West is blessed to have such dedicated volunteers who were not going to let rain and cold weather hinder their purpose to give out food to those in need.

Also, we are continuing to meet with Dave Murray and Nancy Nicaise, Project Jigsaw co-chairs, 40 West leadership, and architect Jerome Gray and project managers as we plan for our new street level handicap access door! It will be wonderful to not have to receive deliveries via the window, and to know that our neighbors will have easier access to our Center. Thankfully, we have some state grants to help with the cost of this project.

With St. Bartholomew’s Outreach Committee, we are beginning to make plans to resume the MLK Food Drive on January 16, 2023. We hope to distribute bags in the neighborhood, asking folks to fill the bags with cans and boxes of food to stock our pantry shelves, so that we can continue to provide food to our neighbors with your help.

As the year 2022 comes to a close, I am privileged to see, and know, what a difference we make in the lives of our neighbors. I am blessed beyond measure to be able to serve in this ministry with you. You all are a part of this ministry. We could not do what we do without your help.

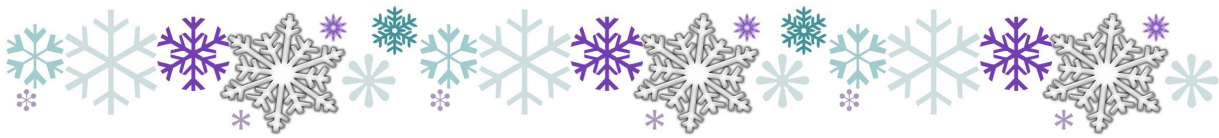
Blessings!

— *Glorius Chairman of the Board for the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center, Inc. and soon-to-be-”retired” Interim Director*



Thank you so very much to the St. B's Community and your support in making sure my students received a Thanksgiving meal! The kids were SO EXCITED to have their Thanksgiving meals brought to them and I have never seen them so excited! I am so grateful for the community and support of the St. B's church! Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!!!

With love,
Mary Claire Waterman



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



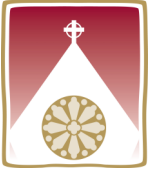
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**Newsletter
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Please e-mail articles to mcaldwell@stbs-md.org.

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.
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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:

Mostly Alternate Sundays from 9:15—10:00 am

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

During the 10:30 am service; in church

Youth Group for Grades 6—12:

Meets on most alternate Sundays at 12:00 pm in the Youth House.

Weekday Worship & Formation

Noonday Prayer is said every weekday and Saturdays at 12 noon by parishioners (at home).

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